



This symbolic group portrait—which unites Senators Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, and John C. Calhoun—celebrates the legislative efforts to preserve the Union, most notably the Compromise of 1850. Webster stands with his hand resting on the “Constitution of the United States of America.”

Senator Calhoun, holding a quill, looks on near the center; seated next to him is Henry Clay. Other prominent politicians and military leaders of the day also appear. The print reflects the hopeful sentiments of a nation that recently averted war and also draws on patriotic themes: a winged goddess Liberty flies down from an Olympian temple inscribed “America” to crown the gathering with an olive branch; while a laurel-crowned bust of George Washington holds a copy of the Constitution in place. The print was published two years after the 1850 Compromise, no doubt to take advantage of this legislative achievement and to celebrate the life of the three principals (all were deceased by the end of 1852; Webster died last, on October 24, 1852). Nearly a decade after the print was published, it was reissued with alterations reflecting the changing political environment (38.00018.001, p. 254). Several of the faces were removed and replaced with more pro-Union public figures. Most notably, the head of Calhoun was supplanted with a portrait of Abraham Lincoln. 🌀



**Union.**

Henry S. Sadd after painting by Tompkins H. Matteson

William Pate, 1852

Mezzotint, hand-colored

19 ½ x 26 ½ inches (49.5 x 67.3 cm)

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**Portraits of United States Senators.**

Gulick, Pierson, and Wright  
 Gleason's Pictorial Drawing-Room Companion, 02/05/1853  
 Wood engraving, black and white  
 13 3/8 x 9 1/2 inches (34.9 x 24.8 cm)  
 Cat. no. 38.00370.001a

(left to right, top) Soule, Pierre  
 Hale, John P.  
 Clemens, Jeremiah  
 (center) Dawson, William C.  
 Mangum, Willie P.  
 Chase, Salmon P.  
 (bottom) Douglas, Stephen A.  
 Cass, Lewis  
 Sumner, Charles



**Portraits of United States Senators.**

Gulick, Pierson, and Wright  
 Gleason's Pictorial Drawing-Room Companion, 02/05/1853  
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 13 3/8 x 9 1/2 inches (34.6 x 24.4 cm)  
 Cat. no. 38.00370.001b

(left to right, top) Butler, Andrew P.  
 Seward, William H.  
 Brooke, Walker  
 (center) Hamlin, Hannibal  
 Cooper, James  
 Felch, Alpheus  
 (bottom) Charlton, Robert M.  
 Morton, Jackson  
 Upham, William



### Portraits of United States Senators.

Pierson

*Gleason's Pictorial Drawing-Room Companion*, 02/19/1853

Wood engraving, black and white

13 ½ x 9 ⅜ inches (34.3 x 23.8 cm)

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(left to right, top) Houston, Samuel

Weller, John B.

Cathcart, Charles W.

(center) Clarke, John H.

Shields, James

James, Charles T.

(bottom) Foot, Solomon

Norris, Moses, Jr.

Davis, John



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(left to right, top) Miller, Jacob W.

Wade, Benjamin F.

Spruance, Presley

(center) Dixon, Archibald

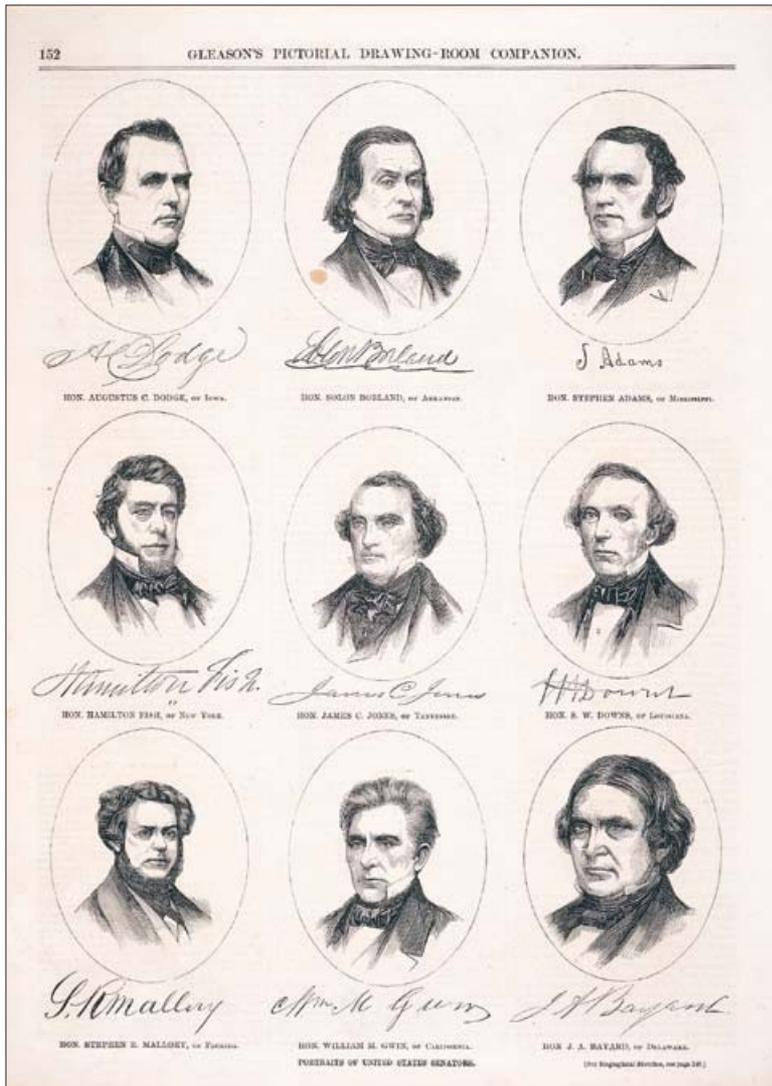
Rusk, Thomas J.

Pearce, James A.

(bottom) Underwood, Joseph R.

Smith, Truman

Bradbury, James W.



**Portraits of United States Senators.**

William J. Peirce  
 Gleason's Pictorial Drawing-Room Companion, ca. 1853  
 Wood engraving, black and white  
 13 3/4 x 9 1/2 inches (34.9 x 24.1 cm)  
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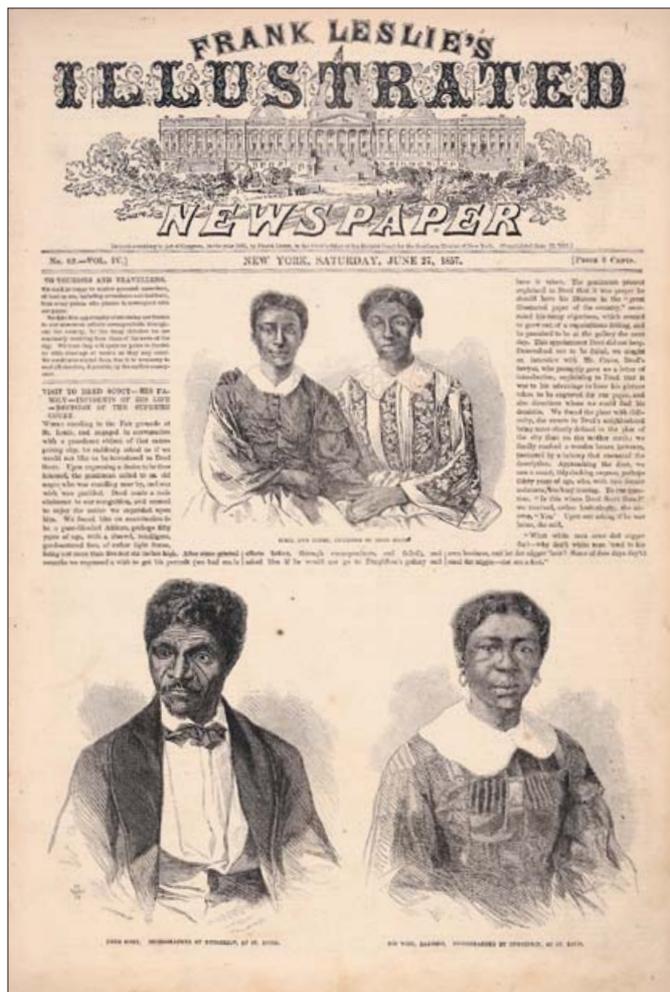
(left to right, top) Dodge, Augustus C.  
 Borland, Solon  
 Adams, Stephen  
 (center) Fish, Hamilton  
 Jones, James C.  
 Downs, Solomon W.  
 (bottom) Mallory, Stephen R.  
 Gwin, William M.  
 Bayard, James A., Jr.



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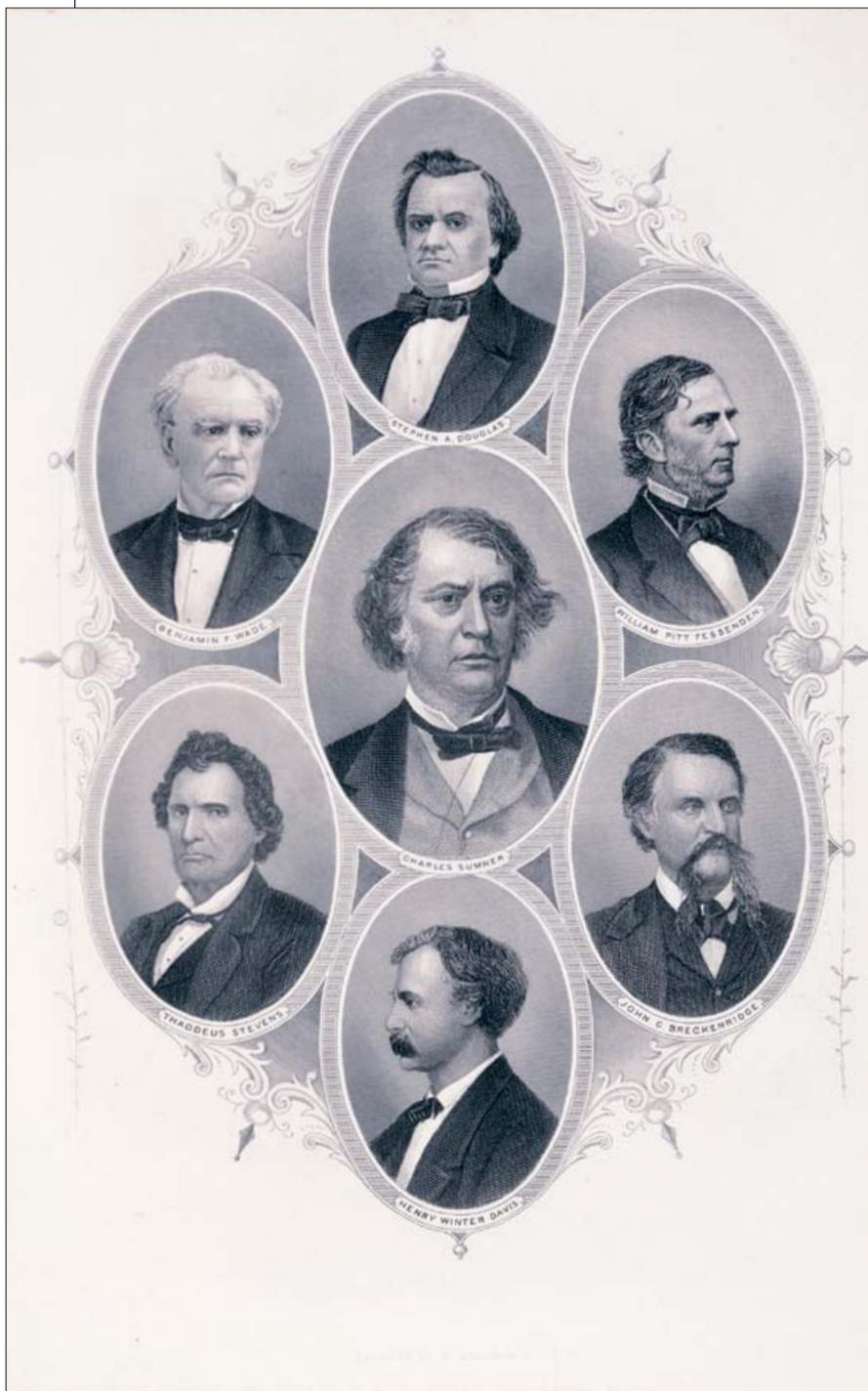
(left to right, top) Bell, John  
 Toucey, Isaac  
 Stockton, Robert F.  
 (center) Bright, Jesse D.  
 Mason, James M.  
 Brodhead, Richard  
 (bottom) Jones, George W.  
 De Saussure, William F.  
 Dodge, Henry



**[Dred Scott and His Family]**

Holcomb and Joseph H. Brightly after S. W. after photographs by Fitzgibbon  
 Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, 06/27/1857  
 Wood engraving, black and white  
 10 7/8 x 9 5/8 inches (27.6 x 24.4 cm)  
 Cat. no. 38.00372.001

(left to right, top) Scott, Eliza  
 Scott, Lizzie  
 (bottom) Scott, Dred  
 Scott, Harriet



**[U.S. Senators and Representatives]**

W. Wellstood & Co.  
 Unidentified, ca. 1860  
 Metal engraving, black and white  
 8 1/4 x 5 3/4 inches (21.0 x 14.6 cm)  
 Cat. no. 38.00842.001

(clockwise from top) Douglas, Stephen A.  
 Fessenden, William P.  
 Breckinridge, John C.  
 Davis, Henry W.  
 Stevens, Thaddeus  
 Wade, Benjamin F.  
 (center) Sumner, Charles