



MASTER PORTRAIT PAINTER LARRY WALKER







Master portrait artist Larry Walker was born in Memphis, TN. In 1975, Walker was awarded a full scholarship to the Memphis College of Art, where he received his four years of formal art training. After college, he received many national awards and recognitions: one of his most notable achievements is the national **Grumbacher Art Award**. This prestigious award is only given to elite artists in the United States of America for outstanding abilities in the field of fine arts. Walker is committed to motivating young artists to help them develop confidence through the world of art. In 1998 considered the most requested artist for eight years in the Artist-In-The-School program - Arts Memphis. Walker is currently the host of a weekly FaceBook video presentation called **“Amazing Monday.”**

In 1990, Walker produced a popular five year run community arts television Talkshow entitled Personal Portrait,, which aired on Memphis cable television community channel.

In 1994, the Tennessee Historic Council in Nashville commissioned Walker to create a 30” X 36” oil painting of civil rights activist and newspaper publisher Ida B. Wells. The original painting is still hanging in the Tennessee State Capital in Nashville as a part of the Tennessee Historic Council’s permanent historic art collection.



In 2011, Walker was personally asked by former Mayor Willie W. Herenton, the first elected African American Mayor of Memphis, to paint his official portrait for the Memphis Hall of Mayors. During that same year, Walker was also commissioned by the Memphis Shelby County office to paint a portrait of former Shelby County Mayor AC Wharton for the Shelby County Hall of Mayors.

Walker’s commitment to motivate and help develop the talents of young people has made him one of the most requested visual artists to participate in the Artists-in-the-School program, sponsored by the Memphis Arts Council. The artist is also an inventor, who believes he will one day have a product that will make history and make a difference in the lives of people as his art has done for years. In 2018, Walker is scheduled to release the first deluxe acrylic paint set that promotes art and tourism in the state of Tennessee. His goal for the next three years is to market the arts and tourism in America and abroad.

This product is currently available online at:



Maxine Smith





Maxine Smith left her mark in Memphis during the Civil Rights Movement, from helping to organize desegregation of Memphis Public schools in 1960 to serving on the coordinating committee for the 1968 Memphis sanitation workers' strike.

The stories immortalize her work, and now a portrait of Smith will continue keeping those memories alive.

The Metropolitan Baptist Church, which commissioned the portrait, unveiled the work at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library. Master portrait artist Larry Walker painted the portrait which is displayed in the Shelby room at the Memphis main library location.

Smith was the former executive secretary for the Memphis Branch of the NAACP and former Memphis City School Board member. She was also a member of the board of directors for many charitable and civic organizations including The National Civil Rights Museum, the NAACP, the Women's Foundation for Greater Memphis and the National Kidney Foundation.

Between 1969 and 1972, Smith organized the "Black Monday" student boycotts. She also escorted the first 13 Memphis children to school after the desegregation in 1960.



A portrait of Judge Rita Stotts was unveiled during ceremonies in 2012, the event was held in the south hallway of the Shelby County Courthouse, 140 Adams Ave. A grand reception followed the unveiling ceremony. Judge Stotts was on the Circuit Court, Division IV, from May 2000 until her death in January 2009. All members of the legal community were in attendance.





The official portrait of former
**Memphis Mayor
Dr. Willie W. Herenton**
was unveiled in the Memphis City Hall of
Mayors. The former mayor was assisted in
unveiling his portrait by his 90-year-old
mother.

"I remember that night at the Peabody,"
said Herenton. "Memphis will never be the
same.

Herenton stands out as an example of
progress as the city's first and longest serv-
ing African American mayor.

"I grew up like 12 blocks from here, and
never dreamed I would be the mayor of
this city," said Herenton.

Herenton was quick to point out the
differences between his portrait and the
others. The three before his are in a gold

frame, but his is black and gold.

This is also the first time an African Ameri-
can artist's work has hung in the Hall of
Mayors. Larry Walker was commissioned to
paint the portrait. He said he has been beg-
ging for the job for 18 years.

"The meaning is kind of overwhelming for
me because I remember telling my mother,
and I told her, 'Mom, it happened,'" said
Walker.

Herenton's mother helped him remove
the black cloth that covered the portrait. The
painting shows Herenton in his former office
with the American flag and the seals for
Memphis and Shelby County behind him.

The portrait cost the city \$10,500. The for-
mer mayor had to sit four times for it to be
completed.



Former
Memphis and Shelby County Mayor
A C Wharton

The former mayor's unveiling of his official portrait — or, as he put it, his "framing."

More than 200 people crowded the city's Hall of Mayors for the unveiling, which followed addresses by Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland, attorney Ricky Wilkins and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Bernice Donald, retired Shelby County Circuit Court Judge George Brown and Wharton. In the audience were county Mayor Mark Luttrell, former county mayor Bill Morris and former city mayor Dick Hackett, among numerous other city and county officials.

Wharton, who succeeded Memphis Mayor Willie Herenton in 2009 and Jim Rout as Shelby County mayor in 2002, said he hoped he would be remembered not just for the portrait hanging in the Hall of Mayors but for his actions.

The city paid artist Larry Walker \$10,500 for the portrait, which shows Wharton in front of City Hall and the Civic Plaza's clock tower, its hands set to the number of years Wharton served as Memphis and Shelby County mayor.



We are all an important part of our family's history.

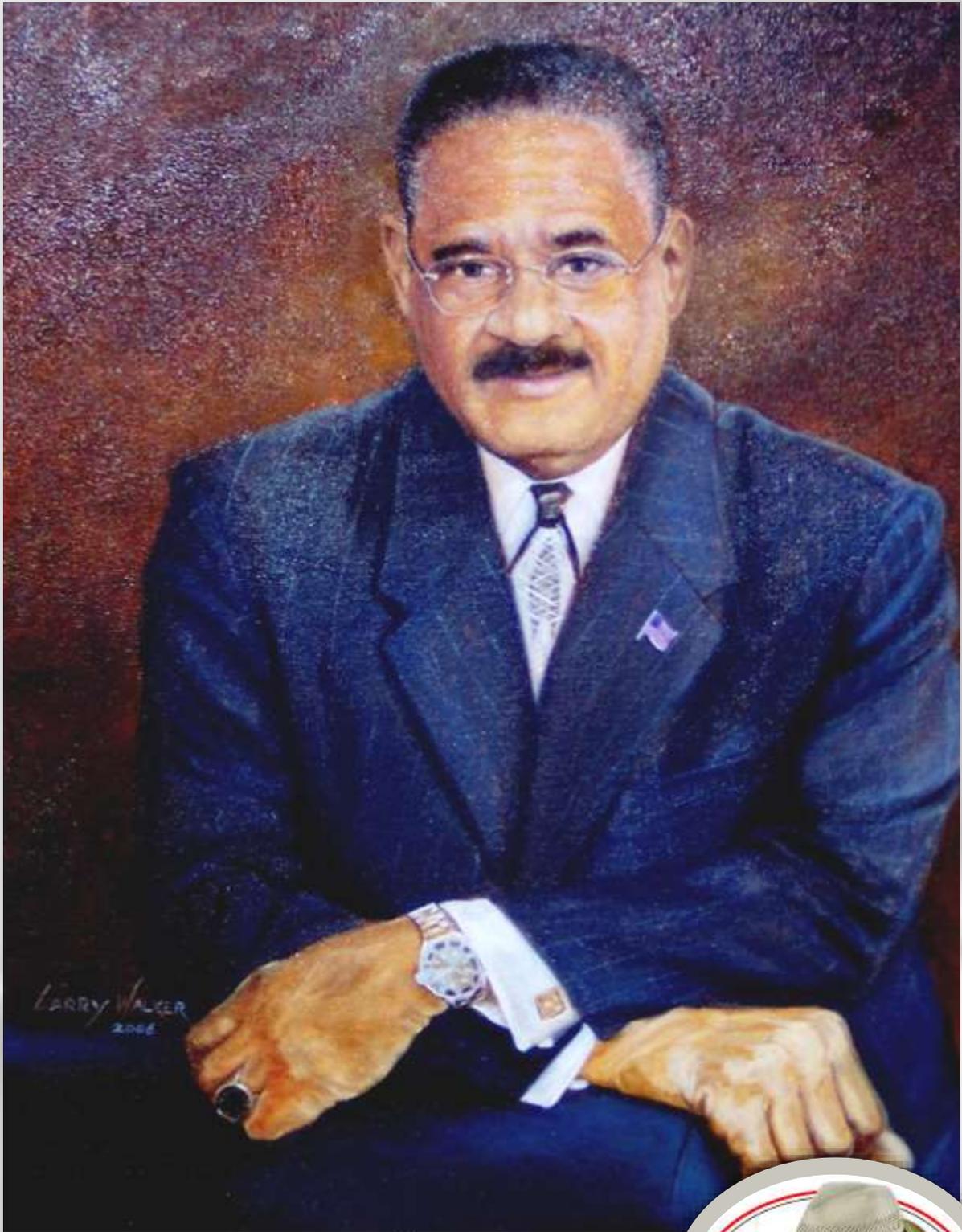
Distinguished trial lawyer, Jock Smith has been recognized as one of America's top civil litigators. Attorney Smith wins a landmark \$1.6 billion verdict against Southwestern Life Insurance for a mother of three (Whittaker v. Southwestern Life Insurance Company). This verdict was reported as the single largest verdict in the nation in the National Law Journal and Lawyers Weekly USA (2004), and the verdict remains the largest civil

verdict obtained by an African American lawyer who was a victim of fraud (Whittaker v. Southwestern Life Insurance Company). This verdict was reported as the single largest verdict obtained by an African American lawyer who was a victim of fraud (Whittaker v. Southwestern Life Insurance Company).



Oil portrait on canvas of prominent Attorney Jock Smith, Co-Founder of **The Cochran Firm.**

Mr. Smith passed away January 8, 2012. However his mark in America's history will be remembered by future generations.



Cliff Dates, Entrepreneur & philanthropist





Dr. Tyrone Adam Burroughs





The Late Evangelist Nettie Rogers





Pastor/Dr. Bartholomew Orr





Mr. & Mrs. Downy





Denise Perino





A Few Amazing Portrait Commissions - Unveiling History

Mayor AC Wharton—Former City of Memphis Mayor & Shelby County Mayor

Mayor W.W. Herenton—Former Mayor of Memphis

Dr. Rodric Miller—President/Owner of Miller Dental Health

Dr. Tyrone Burroughs—President/CEO of First Choice Marketing & Sales

Cliff Dates - President/CEO of CDA Security,

The late A. Maceo Walker—President/CEO of Universal Life Ins. Co. & Tri-State Bank of Memphis,

The late Maxine Smith - Civil rights activist,

The late Ernest Withers, Sr. - Renowned Photo Journalist,

H. Art Gilliam Jr.—President/CEO of WLOK FM and Gilliam Communications,

Rufus Thomas— radio personality & music entertainer,

Apostle Perry Maples - Apostolic Deliverance Temple Church,

The late Nesbie Alston of Full Gospel Temple and his wife **Dr. Betty J. Alston**,

Rev. James Netters—pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church,

Dr. Fred Lofton— former pastor of Metropolitan Baptist church,

Dr. H.O. Kneeland Jr.—pastor of Union Valley Baptist church,

The late Memphis Judge Rita Stotts,

Attorney Jock Smith—History making attorney The Cochran Firm,

and the list goes on.



Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks





44th President Barack Obama





Portrait Commission Price List

The prices below are one subject prices.

Oil Painting

Standard	18" X 24"	\$5,000
Executive	30" X 36"	\$9,000
Corporate	3ft X 4ft	\$13,000
Corporate Full	4ft X 6ft	\$25,000

Color Pastels

Standard Size 18" X 24" \$850.
(Prices for larger sizes and additional subjects in portrait.)

Sepia-Tone or Black & White Charcoal

Standard Size 18" X 24" \$225.
(Prices for larger sizes and additional subjects in portrait.)



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