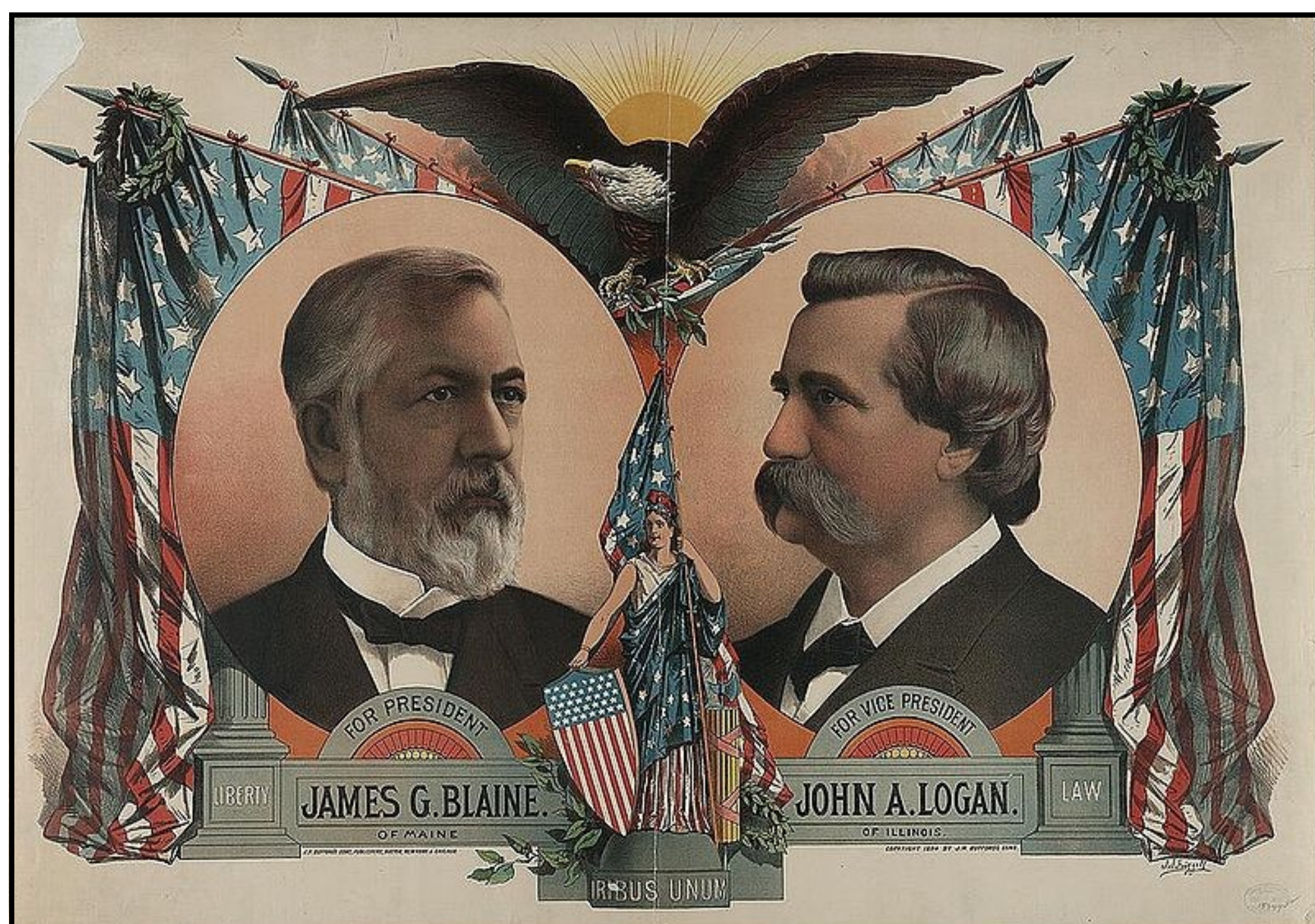


James G. Blaine

National Leader & Namesake of the City



Poster from Blaine's 1884 Campaign for U.S. President. Vice Presidential candidate is John A. Logan, Senator from Illinois



Blaine Campaign Pin

James Blaine's Notable Accomplishments

Proposed 14th Amendment to the Constitution giving representation based on population rather than the number of voters in each state

Founded what is now known as the Organization of American States (OAS) to improve commerce

Wrote historical work, *Twenty Years of Congress*, in his later years

Other places named for James Blaine

Cities and counties in Maine, Idaho, Pennsylvania, Montana, Nebraska and Oklahoma

Chicago fine arts school & elementary school in Philadelphia

Maine Governor's Mansion—Blaine House—owned by Blaine and donated to the state by his daughter, Harriet



Why Blaine?

In 1877, Blaine Township was established and at the suggestion of Moses Ripley, was named in honor of James G. Blaine, a politician from Ripley's home state of Maine.

At the first township election, Ripley was named Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. He served in subsequent township offices before moving to Fridley and later, Rochester.



JAMES BLAINE TIMELINE

- 1830 Born in West Brownsville, Pennsylvania to Ephraim L. Blaine and Maria Gillespie Blaine
- 1847 Graduated from Washington College in Pennsylvania (now Washington and Jefferson College)
- 1850 (June 30) Married Harriet Stanwood; 7 children
- 1852-1854 Taught at Pennsylvania Institute for the Blind while studying law
- 1854 Settled in Augusta, Maine (Harriet's home state)
- 1859-1862 Editor of the *Kennebec Journal* and later, the *Portland Advertiser*
Member of the Maine State House of Representatives and Speaker of the State House, 1861-1862
- 1863-1876 Member, U.S. House of Representatives and Speaker of the U.S. House, 1869-1875
- 1876 Lost Republican nomination for U.S. President
- 1876-1881 Appointed to U.S. Senate in 1876, re-elected 1877
- 1880 Lost Republican nomination for U.S. President
- 1881 U.S. Secretary of State under James Garfield and Chester Arthur
- 1884 Republican candidate for President
Lost to Grover Cleveland
- 1889-1892 U.S. Secretary of State under Benjamin Harrison
- 1892 Lost Republican nomination for U.S. President (at Republican National Convention in Minneapolis)
- 1893 (Jan 27) Died of a heart attack in Washington, DC.
Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Washington, DC
- 1920 Reinterred at Blaine Memorial Park in Augusta, Maine

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