

"Heroes of the Colored Race," 1881

The print shows head-and-shoulders portraits of Blanche Kelso Bruce (left), Frederick Douglass (center) and Hiram Rhoades Revels (right) surrounded by scenes of African-American life.

The image also features portraits of Jno. R. Lynch (top left), Abraham Lincoln (top center left), James A. Garfield (top center), Ulysses S. Grant (top center right), Joseph H. Rainey (top right), Charles E. Nash (bottom right), John Brown (bottom center) and Robert Smalls (bottom left).

There are also four scenes in the corners of the print. On the upper left, there are slaves working in the cotton fields of the South. On upper right, there are African-American soldiers fighting for the Union during the Civil War. The bottom left image shows African Americans celebrating with the words "Receiving the News of the Emancipation" below. The image in the bottom right shows African-American children studying in a classroom with the words "Studying the Lessons" featured below.

The print commemorates men prominent in and representative of the advancement of African-American civil rights movement of the 19th century.