

Francis B. Fogg
September 21, 1795 – April 13, 1880
Mary Middleton Rutledge Fogg
June 18, 1801 – March 15, 1872

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Francis Brinley Fogg was born in Brooklyn, Connecticut on September 21, 1795, son of Daniel and Deborah Brinley Fogg. As a young man, Francis B. Fogg studied law with his relative Senator Hunter of Newport, Rhode Island. He moved to Columbia, Tennessee in 1818 and then moved again to Nashville. He married Mary Middleton Rutledge on October 15, 1823.

Mary, daughter of Major Henry and Septima Sexta Middleton Rutledge, was born in Charleston, South Carolina on June 18, 1801. Both of Mary's grandfathers, from South Carolina, had been Signers of the Declaration of Independence. With her parents, she moved to Nashville in 1820. In 1829, the Foggs and the Rutledges were founders of Christ Church, the first Episcopal parish in Nashville. Mrs. Fogg was known as "the Mother of Christ Church," and Francis Fogg served as a Vestryman from 1829 until his death in 1880. Their home was across from Christ Church, on the corner at High & Church streets. (Today 6th Avenue corner of Nashville Public Library).

Francis Fogg was a noted lawyer, long-time Trustee of the University of Nashville and promoter, along with Alfred Hume, of a public school system in Nashville. On the corner of Spruce & Broad (now 8th Avenue North & Broadway), Hume School for 12 grades, first public school in the town, opened in 1855. Fogg High School opened in 1875 on an adjoining lot. The two schools merged into Hume-Fogg High School and opened on Broadway in a new building in 1912. The school was named in honor of Alfred Hume and Francis B. Fogg.

Mrs. Rutledge and Mrs. Fogg were instrumental in starting the School of Industry for training of destitute young women and in establishing the Protestant Orphan Asylum. Mary Fogg's obituary stated in part "in all benevolent and charitable enterprises, her zeal was untiring." She was a noted writer of science, fiction and poetry. The Fogg's three children all died young. Their last child, Lt. Henry M. R. Fogg, aide-de-camp to Confederate General Felix Zollicoffer, was killed at the Battle of Mill Springs (Fishing Creek), near present-day Nancy, Kentucky. His body was returned home by the Nashville & Chattanooga Railway. His funeral, conducted at Christ Church by Rt. Rev. Bishop Otey, was followed by burial at City Cemetery. General Zollicoffer's body was also returned to Nashville for his funeral and burial at City Cemetery. Mary Fogg died in 1872 and Francis B. Fogg in 1880 with burial in the Rutledge family lot at City Cemetery

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