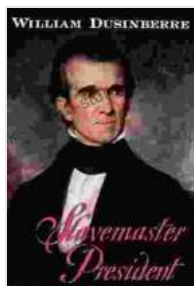


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James K. Polk was the 11th President of the United States. He served from 1845 to 1849. During his presidency, the United States acquired the Oregon Territory and the Mexican Cession, which included California and New Mexico. Polk was also a slave owner, and he owned over 100 slaves at his plantation in Mississippi.

Polk was born in North Carolina in 1795. He was the son of a slave owner, and he grew up on a plantation. Polk studied law and became a successful lawyer. He entered politics and served in the Tennessee legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1844, Polk was nominated for president by the Democratic Party. He ran on a platform of expansionism, promising to acquire new territory for the

United States. Polk won the election and became president in 1845.

As president, Polk pursued an aggressive foreign policy. He annexed the Republic of Texas and negotiated the Oregon Treaty with Great Britain, which gave the United States control of the Oregon Territory. Polk also led the United States into the Mexican-American War. The war resulted in the United States acquiring the Mexican Cession, which included California and New Mexico.

Polk's presidency was also marked by controversy over slavery. Polk was a slave owner, and he supported the expansion of slavery into new territories. He signed the Fugitive Slave Act, which made it a crime to help escaped slaves. Polk's support for slavery alienated many Northerners, and it contributed to the growing tensions between the North and the South.

Polk left office in 1849. He died in 1849, just a few months after leaving office. Polk is a controversial figure in American history. He is remembered for his accomplishments as president, but he is also criticized for his support of slavery.

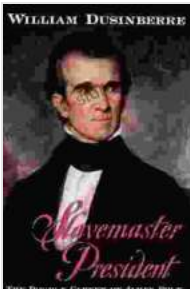
Assessment of Polk's Legacy

Polk's legacy is complex. He was a successful president who expanded the territory of the United States. However, he was also a slave owner who supported the expansion of slavery. Polk's legacy is still debated today. Some historians view him as a great president, while others view him as a flawed figure who contributed to the outbreak of the Civil War.

There is no doubt that Polk was a significant figure in American history. He was the 11th President of the United States, and he served during a time of

great expansion and change. Polk's accomplishments as president are undeniable, but his support for slavery is a stain on his legacy.

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