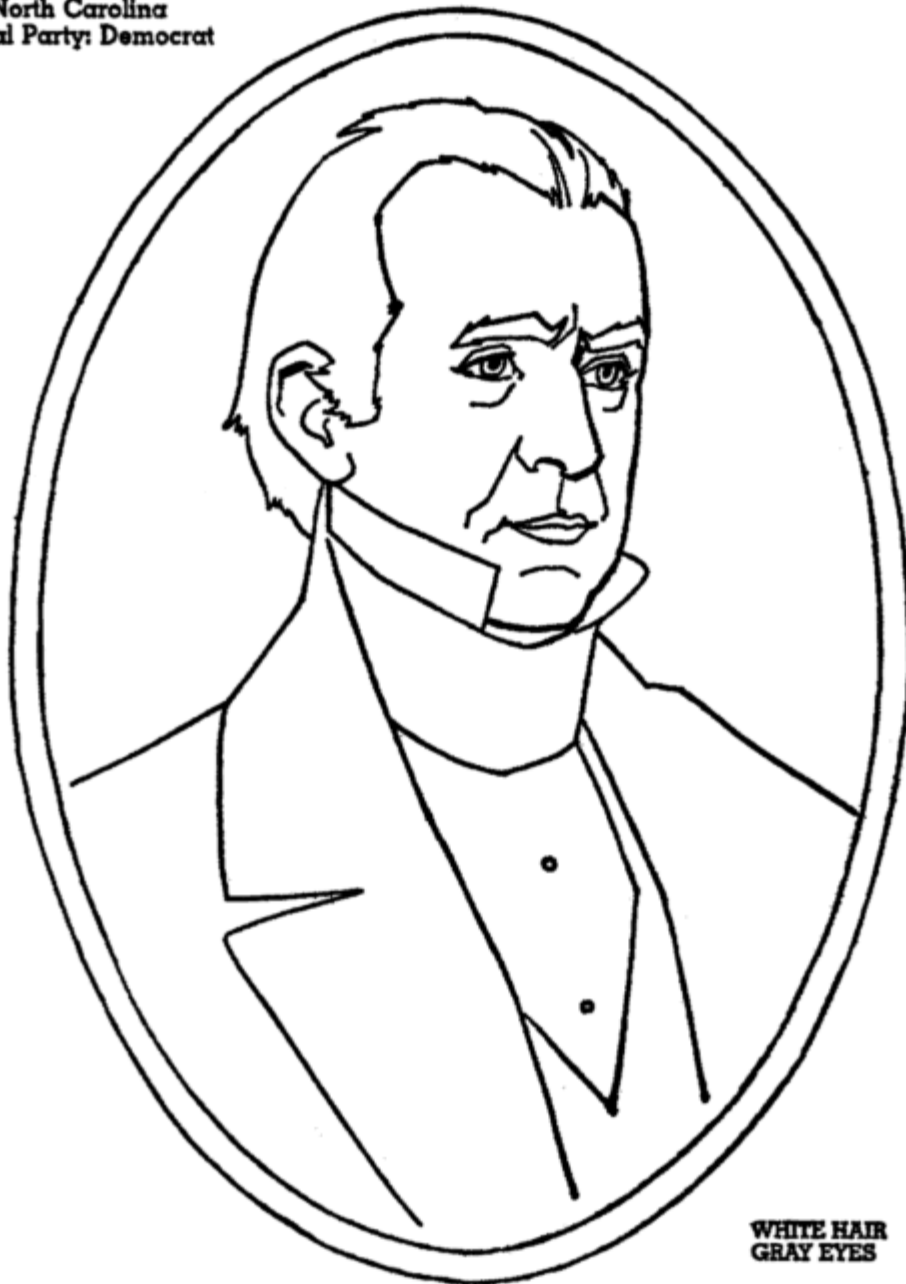


**JAMES KNOX POLK**  
**Term: 1845 - 1849**  
**Born: North Carolina**  
**Political Party: Democrat**



**WHITE HAIR**  
**GRAY EYES**

News of James Knox Polk's election was delivered on the newly invented telegraph. During his term of office, Texas, California, Oregon and New Mexico were added to the Union, earning him the title of one of America's great expansionists.