



# George W. Brackenridge: Maverick Philanthropist

*Marilyn Mcadams Sibley*

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

# George W. Brackenridge: Maverick Philanthropist

*Marilyn McAdams Sibley*

## **George W. Brackenridge: Maverick Philanthropist** Marilyn McAdams Sibley

George W. Brackenridge (1832–1920) was a paradox to his fellow Texans. A Republican in a solidly Democratic state, a financier in a cattleman's country, a Prohibitionist in the goodtime town of San Antonio, he devoted his energies to making a fortune only to give it to philanthropic causes.

Indiana born, Brackenridge came to Texas in 1853, but left the state during the Civil War to serve as U.S. Treasury agent and engage in the wartime cotton trade. Later he settled in San Antonio, where he founded a bank and invested in railroads, utilities, and other enterprises.

Some of Brackenridge's contemporaries never forgave him for his Civil War career, but others knew him as a public-spirited citizen, educator, and advocate of civil rights. He cared little for what others thought of him. Yet, he confided once in a rare interview that his fondest ambition was to leave the world a better place for his having lived in it. To this end, he gave generously of himself and his means.

His best-known benefaction is Brackenridge Park, which he gave to the city of San Antonio, but most of his contributions were in the field of education. As regent of the University of Texas for more than twenty-five years, he gave the institution its first dormitory, a large tract of land in Austin, and innumerable smaller gifts. He also offered to underwrite the expenses of the University when Governor James E. Ferguson vetoed the appropriation bill for 1917–1919.

Other educational institutions to benefit from his largess were the public schools of San Antonio, a Negro college in Seguin, and the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. In addition, he assisted individual students, especially women, through scholarships and loans.

Believing that the betterment of humanity lay in education, Brackenridge arranged for the continuation of his philanthropies. By his will he created the George W. Brackenridge Foundation, the first of its kind in Texas and one of the first in the United States.

Marilyn McAdams Sibley's study of George W. Brackenridge is the first biography of an important and, for his time, unusual Texan. It presents new material concerning the Mexican cotton trade during the Civil War, on the beginnings of banking in Texas, and on higher education in Texas.

 [Download George W. Brackenridge: Maverick Philanthropist ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online George W. Brackenridge: Maverick Philanthropist ...pdf](#)

## **Download and Read Free Online George W. Brackenridge: Maverick Philanthropist Marilyn Mcadams Sibley**

---

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Joe North:**

Why don't make it to be your habit? Right now, try to ready your time to do the important behave, like looking for your favorite guide and reading a publication. Beside you can solve your long lasting problem; you can add your knowledge by the guide entitled George W. Brackenridge: Maverick Philanthropist. Try to the actual book George W. Brackenridge: Maverick Philanthropist as your buddy. It means that it can for being your friend when you really feel alone and beside that of course make you smarter than in the past. Yeah, it is very fortunated for yourself. The book makes you a lot more confidence because you can know anything by the book. So , let's make new experience and also knowledge with this book.

#### **Clyde Traynor:**

Nowadays reading books be a little more than want or need but also work as a life style. This reading behavior give you lot of advantages. Associate programs you got of course the knowledge the particular information inside the book that improve your knowledge and information. The info you get based on what kind of e-book you read, if you want send more knowledge just go with training books but if you want experience happy read one together with theme for entertaining for example comic or novel. Typically the George W. Brackenridge: Maverick Philanthropist is kind of reserve which is giving the reader unpredictable experience.

#### **Jesus Allgood:**

The e-book with title George W. Brackenridge: Maverick Philanthropist has lot of information that you can learn it. You can get a lot of profit after read this book. This specific book exist new knowledge the information that exist in this guide represented the condition of the world today. That is important to yo7u to understand how the improvement of the world. This book will bring you within new era of the internationalization. You can read the e-book on the smart phone, so you can read the item anywhere you want.

#### **Barry Bennett:**

In this particular era which is the greater person or who has ability to do something more are more precious than other. Do you want to become certainly one of it? It is just simple strategy to have that. What you must do is just spending your time very little but quite enough to get a look at some books. One of several books in the top collection in your reading list is definitely George W. Brackenridge: Maverick Philanthropist. This book that is certainly qualified as The Hungry Mountains can get you closer in getting precious person. By looking way up and review this guide you can get many advantages.

**Download and Read Online George W. Brackenridge: Maverick Philanthropist Marilyn Mcadams Sibley #JL84FSR3IN6**

## **Read George W. Brackenridge: Maverick Philanthropist by Marilyn Mcadams Sibley for online ebook**

George W. Brackenridge: Maverick Philanthropist by Marilyn Mcadams Sibley Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read George W. Brackenridge: Maverick Philanthropist by Marilyn Mcadams Sibley books to read online.

### **Online George W. Brackenridge: Maverick Philanthropist by Marilyn Mcadams Sibley ebook PDF download**

**George W. Brackenridge: Maverick Philanthropist by Marilyn Mcadams Sibley Doc**

**George W. Brackenridge: Maverick Philanthropist by Marilyn Mcadams Sibley Mobipocket**

**George W. Brackenridge: Maverick Philanthropist by Marilyn Mcadams Sibley EPub**