

Famous Kansan's

Dr. Forrest C. "Phog" Allen -- Winningest college basketball for many years, surpassed by Adolph Rupp in 1967, coached for 46 years (771 wins and 223 losses), K U, retired in 1956, Coached by Dr. James Naismith, Allen Field House is named for him.

Kirstie Alley -- Television Star, Actress, from Wichita, Wichita North West Graduate, Movie Credits -- Look Who's . . . , television -- Cheers and Veronica's Closet.

Ed Asner -- Actor, Kansas City, "Lou Grant" from Mary Tyler More, *The Closer* with Tom Selleck, President of Screen Actors Guild Several years.

Debra Dene Barnes -- Moran, Second Miss Kansas to become Miss. America in 1967. Music degree from PSU , Now a Baptist Minister in Carthage, Missouri.

Olive Ann Beech -- "*First Lady of Aviation*" -
- Wife of Walter Beech, 1950 Chairman and CEO of Beech Aircraft until 1982 -- took Beech from 10 employees to 10,000.

Walter H. Beech -- 1914 joined Clyde Cessna and Lloyd Stearman in Travel Air Company. 1921 Beech Aircraft founded. Died 1950.

Blackbear Bosin -- Kiowa Comanche Indian Artist, Southwest art, *Keeper of the Plains* 44 foot statue in Wichita

John Brown -- Abolitionist "Bleeding Kansas," Lived near Osawatomie, Very strong beliefs,

Deborah Bryant -- Overland Park, 1965 Miss America, First from Kansas

Arthur Capper -- Garnett, Founded the nations third largest publishing house, Capper Publications. Later served as Governor and Senator for Kansas.

Daniel and Frank Carney -- (brothers) Wichita, Founders of Pizza Hut restaurants franchises. Sold the Corporate rights to Pepsico, 1977.

George Washington Carver -- Born, Diamond, Missouri, Slave, lived and was educated in Fort Scott. Research Southern Agriculture, Professor at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. "The Peanut guy"

Clyde Cessna -- Wichita, Partner in Travel Air Company, 1927 -- founded Cessna Air Company.

Wilt Chamberlain -- Basketball player for the University of Kansas, Named to 7 all American teams, as a sophomore. NBA Standout, 100 points in a single game. Died October 12, 1999

Jesse Chisholm -- ranchers, trader, Indian trail finder, and a colorful Frontiersman, Chisholm trail is named for him.

Walter P. Chrysler -- Wamego, 1916 President of Buick Motor Company and V. P. for General Motors, 1925 Founded Chrysler Cooperation Nations 3rd largest Motor company.

William F. (Buffalo Bill) Cody -- Hunter and trader, Killed over 3000 buffalo in 8 months period. 1880's Wild west show.

William C. Coleman -- Wichita, Lanterns, outdoor equipment, heating and cooling equipment. former Mayor of Wichita.

Francisco Vasquez de Coronado -- First white man in Kansas, 1541, Wichita Indians

Glenn Cunningham Badly burned in school fire -- never walk again, 1938 set the world record for the mile with a 4 minute 4.4 seconds. U.S. Olympic star, and Track star for KU

John Stueart Curry -- Artist, Controversial murals in Capital building of Kansas and several National building. "Saturday Evening Post,"

Charles Curtis -- Eugene, near Topeka, born in a log cabin, U. S. Senator, and in 1928 only Kansan to be elected Vice President of the United States. Part Kansa Indian.

Lt. Col. George A. Custer -- "Boy General" West Point Graduate, General at 24, Assigned to Fort Riley, lead 7th Calvary regiment.

Robert Dole -- Russell, Senator from Kansas from 1968 to 1996. Noted for Senate career in the 1980's, Majority and Minority leader, 1996 Presidential Candidate.

Amelia Earhart -- Atchison, First women to fly solo across the Atlantic. disappeared over the pacific 1937.

Wyatt Earp -- Gunfighter, Lawman, 1880's Dodge City. Legend from TV and Movies

Dwight David Eisenhower -- Abilene, Born Dennison, Texas, U. S. Military Academy at West Point. Supreme Allied commander in Europe & NATO commander in WW II, 1952 elected 34th President of the United States, Served 2 four year terms. Died 1969.

Dr. Milton Eisenhower -- President of Kansas State University, then Pennsylvania State University, and John Hopkins University. Medical Doctor who gave advise to Presidents' Franklin Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Lyndon Johnson. Died 1985

Major General Joe Henry Engle -- Chapman, 1966 Astronaut, Space shuttle flights, 1977 and 1981.

Ron Evans -- Chanute, Command module pilot for Apollo 17 Set the lunar orbit space walk record.

Jeff Farrell -- Wichita, 400 and 800 meter relay teams, anchor man, in 1960 Olympics' (Gold) 6 days after emergency Appendectomy.

Olive White Garvey -- Humanitarian, Arkansas City, lots of charity work in and around Wichita. Health research center in Wichita.

Charles Wesley Goodlander -- came to Kansas from Pennsylvania, 1860's . Fort Scott, Carpenter (some of the Fort), contractor, Lumber yard, saw mill, flour mill, later a orphanage at the Fort, and Scholarships at the JUCO.

Georgia Neese Clark Gray -- Actress, turned political activist then Bank manager, 1930's help elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1948 appointed 1st women treasurer of the UNITED STATES.

Fred Harvey -- Harvey house restaurants, Santa Fe railroad, Harvey Girls

Steven Hawley -- Salina, KU Graduate, Astronaut commander of Hubble Space telescope mission 1990.

James (Wild Bill) Hickok -- Scout for Custer, Marshall for Abilene 1880's, Famous "Wild West" Gunfighter, died in card game.

Dr. Brewster Higley -- pioneer Doctor in Smith County, Wrote poem "My Western Home" -- HOME ON THE RANGE

Cyrus K. Holliday -- Pennsylvania railroader, Organized the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe railroad, Founding father of Topeka, Donated land for the State Capitol.

John H. (Doc) Holliday -- famous citizen of Dodge City, Dentist, gambler, and gunman, friend of Wyatt Earp.

John J. Ingalls -- Atchison, One of our first two Senators, Writer, Wrote our state Motto. "Ad Astra Per Aspera,".

William Inge -- Independence, KU graduate, Writer, Play write, Pulitzer Prize winner for "Come back Little Sheba."

E.W. "Billy" Ingram -- Wichita, Hamburger Stand in White Castle Food Corporation, 1921.

Col. James Jabara -- Wichita, World's first jet ace (pilot who shoots down five enemy air crafts) May 20, 1959

Cornelius Jansen -- Prussian Diplomat, Mennonite Brought Turkey Red Wheat to Kansas.

Don Johnson --Wichita, Actor, Stared in *Miami Vice* and *Nash Bridges*.

Martin and Osa Johnson -- Chanute, Photographers and Lectured, middle 1930's, on African adventures and life, Museum in Chanute.

Walter (Big Train) Johnson -- Born at Humboldt, moved to Coffeyville, Baseball pitcher for the Washington Senators, won 416 game in 20 years, Member of hall of Fame, and First Century All team 1999.

Nancy Landon Kassebaum (Baker) --Topeka, Daughter of Alf Landon, First Women Senator elected in own right, 1978. Served until 1996. Very influential in human rights and Adolescent issues.

Emmett Kelly -- Sedan, Best known for his *sad face clowns* in silent movies.

Stan Kenton -- Wichita Pioneer in progressive jazz, world famous musician.

Charles G. and Fred Koch -- Wichita, Fred father and founder of Koch Industries, Inc. Charles was his son, They build Koch into the worlds largest privately held corporation. They have several engineering and Petroleum holdings.

Alfred M. Landon -- Independence, Republican governor elected in 1934 (only one in the nation) 1936 Republican National Committee nomination for President. Lost to Roosevelt. Father of Nancy Landon.

James H. Lane -- to Lawrence in 1855, Democratic, active in Free State movement, One of our first two senators. General in Civil War.

Mary Elizabeth Lease -- Wichita, "Yelling Mary" Active in Populist Party, Speak from the pulpit, Founder of Hypathia Club.

Lutie A. Lytle -- Topeka, first african American Women admitted to practice law in the U. S. 1897

William (Bat) Materson --Famous marshal of Dodge City, 1877, later went to New York City and became a sports writer.

Joseph G. McCoy -- Illinois cattle dealer who set up the loading station in Abilene. Famous for the Chisholm Trail.

Hattie McDaniel -- Wichita, Actress, most famous role as Mammy on "Gone with the Wind."

Jotham Meeker --Published first newspaper in Kansas. Shawnee Sun, also published English / Indian translation hymnals and papers.

Dr. C. F. Menninger -- Two son and himself founded the Famous Menninger Clinic in Topeka, They are to the psychiatry medicine what the Mayo family is to physical medicine.

Billy Mills -- Sioux Indian orphan, went to Haskell Institute, in Lawrence, later went to KU, Big eight champion runner, 1964 Olympic gold medal winner in the 10,000 meter run. Movie "Running Brave," made about his life.

Dr. James A. Naismith --Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1898 at a YMCA he invented Basketball, went on to coach at KU, only KU basketball coach with a losing record. Most successful student Phog Allen

Carry A. Nation -- Medicine Lodge, Famous temperance crusader of the late 1800's and early 1900's. Attached bars with a hatchet, stones, and destroyed lots of liquor.

Al Oerter -- Discus thrower for KU, He won the gold medal in the discus four consecutive Olympic games, 1956,60,64,and 68. He also qualified for the 1972,76,80,and 84 Olympic teams.

Gordon Parks -- Fort Scott, one of fifteen children, Went to live with sister in Chicago, became famous for his photographs, writing, and films. Filmed his Autobiography "The Learning Tree" in Fort Scott.

Captain R. L. Pitts -- Wichita, First African American officer to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Bravery in October 1968, during Vietnam.

William C. Quantrill -- Confederate guerrilla, leader of the Bushwhacker, and the raid on Lawrence. August 1863. Fled to Kentucky where he was killed.

Frederic Remington --Butler County, Famous western artist, did a lot of south western prints. Several of his paintings have been featured in Nelson Atkins museum in KC, and The Indian Center in Wichita.

Charles G. Robinson -- Massachusetts, Came to Kansas After Kansas-Nebraska Act, Founded of Lawrence, Topeka, and Manhattan, First Elected Governor of Kansas.

John Riggins -- Washington Redskins Quarterback -- Kansas University all-star.

Adolph Rupp -- Kansas University Basketball Great, Halstead Basketball Coach Kentucky University 1967 All time leading coach NCAA 4 time coach of year and 4 national championships

Jim Ryun -- Wichita East Senior set World Record mile 3:51.1 Half-mile 1:44.9 Silver medal in 1968 Olympics, Currently U.S. House of Representative for Kansas's second district.

Suanna Salter -- Argonia, first women mayor in U. S., 1887.

Barry Sanders -- Wichita, Oklahoma State Football 1988 Heisman Trophy, Former Detroit Lion, NFL leading Running back, very involved with community.

Gale Sayers -- Wichita, Kansas University Football, Chicago Bear, 1968 NFL Rookie of the year, Running Back, First African American/ White room mates in NFL. Tennessee Athletic Director, Dean.

Harry Sinclair -- Independence, College Drop out., Sinclair oil -- Green Dinosaur, Millionaire at 35, Death at 72 company sold for 1.2 Billion.

Benjamin (pap) Singleton -- Former Slave, Exoduster, Used to break up mine strikes in late 1880's.

Lucy Hobbs Taylor -- Lawrence, first women dentist in world, 1867.

Capt. Margaret Thompson -- Topeka, Kansas State University 2 time all-American, Marksmanship, 1965 Navy Cup -- first women.

Clyde Tombaugh -- Burdett, found Pluto,

Vivian Vance -- Cherryvale, Actress, Ethel Mertz, "I love Lucy"

Eugene Ware -- Fort Scott, Author -- Ironquill, lawyer, Soldier, Statesman.

William Allen White -- Emporia, Newspaper Editor, "What's the matter with Kansas", Sage of Emporia, School of Journalism.

Charles Evan Whittaker -- Troy, 1957 Appointed Supreme Court Justice, becoming 1st Kansan's, Part of Brown v. BOE

Laura Ingalls Wilder -- Independence, Author, Little house on the Prairie.

Wendell Willkie -- Coffeyville, Republican nominee for President in 1940, defeated by FDR

Lenette Woodard -- Wichita, University of Kansas basketball great, 3,649 points in her career -- averaged 26.3 per game., 1984 lead women's basketball to first gold in Olympics., 1985 1st women member of Harlem Globe Trotters, Currently Athletic Director for KC,MO, public schools, and Executive Vice-President for WNBA.

Harry Woodring -- Neodesha, Governor 1928, Secretary of War for FDR 1936 to 1940.

Lyle Yost -- Hesston, Inventor Farm Machinery, Fonder of Hesston Corporation, Unloading grain auger.

Maurice Greene -- Kansas City, World Record holder in the men's 100meter sprint. Olympic Gold Medalist.