

## OKLAHOMA HALL OF FAME

**T**he Oklahoma Hall of Fame recognizes current and former residents, living or deceased, who have performed outstanding service to humanity, to the State of Oklahoma, and to the United States or an individual who is not a resident of Oklahoma but whose work has brought honor or distinction to the heritage of the state.

The Oklahoma Hall of Fame was established in 1927 and the first class of inductees was honored in 1928. As of November 2005, 138 women have been inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame representing nearly 23 percent of the 604 total inductees. The largest number of women were inducted during the 1930s when 43 of the 148 (or 29 percent) of the inductees were women. With the exception of the 1970s when 23 percent of the inductees were women, the percentage of women by decade has been between 18-19 percent since the 1960s. Women have become a higher percentage of the work force and their professional contributions have increased, but their representation in the Oklahoma Hall of Fame does not reflect their growing influence in all aspects of life.

The Hall of Fame is located at the Oklahoma Heritage Association, 201 NW 14th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73103; <http://www.oklahomaheritage.com>

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**Elizabeth Fulton Hester**

Inducted 1928

Muskogee

Civic leader; teacher in Chickasaw and Choctaw schools; nurse for the Confederate Army

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma



**Alice Mary Robertson**

Inducted 1929

Muskogee

Second woman to sit in the U.S. House of Representatives; first to represent Oklahoma

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma



**Alice Brown Davis**

Inducted 1930

Wewoka

Appointed by President Harding as first woman chief of the Seminole Tribe

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma

**Annette Ross Hume**

Inducted 1930

Anadarko

Civic leader active in Presbyterian missionary work and genealogical research



**Laura Abigail Clubb**

Inducted 1931

Kaw City

Philanthropist and well-known art collector



**Madaline Conklin**

Inducted 1933

Oklahoma City

Youngest person elected Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star; appointed superintendent of the State Industrial School for Girls under Governor Robert Williams





**Eva Shartel Ferguson**

Inducted 1933

Kingfisher

Publisher of the *Watonga Republican* newspaper; a First Lady of the Oklahoma Territory



**Mrs. Bella Gibbons**

Inducted 1933

Goodland

Educator with almost 40 years of continuous service at Goodland Indian orphanage in Choctaw County



**Una Lee Roberts**

Inducted 1933

Oklahoma City

Civic leader and assistant to Oklahoma Secretary of State R. A. Sneed

**Angie Russell**

Inducted 1933

Oklahoma City

First matron of the State Industrial School in Pauls Valley; founder of the State Industrial School for Girls in Oklahoma City



**Maude Richman Calvert**

Inducted 1934

Oklahoma City

Educator; State Supervisor for Home Economics; textbook author; and editor of *Oklahoma Parent-Teacher* magazine



**Emma Hartsell Estill Harbour, Ph.D.**

Inducted 1934

Edmond

Professor and chairman of the Social Studies Division at Central State University (now University of Central Oklahoma); state president of the American Association of University Women





**Francis F. Threadgill**

Inducted 1934

Oklahoma City

Civic leader and president of the Oklahoma Territorial and State Federation of Women's Clubs



**Clara C. Waters**

Inducted 1934

Pawnee

Warden of the Granite Reformatory for Boys; local and state political activist



**Czarina Colbert Conlan**

Inducted 1935

Oklahoma City

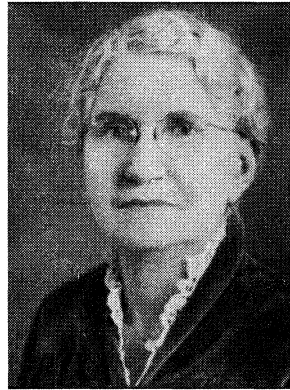
Cultural and civic leader of Choctaw descent; Served on the Oklahoma Historical Society staff for more than 20 years.

**Etta Dale**

Inducted 1935

El Reno

Educator who taught in the El Reno Schools for fifty years



**Edith Johnson**

Inducted 1935

Oklahoma City

Journalist who wrote for the *Daily Oklahoman* for forty years; civic leader



**Roberta Campbell Lawson**

Inducted 1935

Nowata

Civic and cultural leader who served as the President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; popular interpreter of songs of the Delaware tribe





**Ida M. McFarlin**

Inducted 1935

Tulsa

Philanthropist best known for gifts to churches and the University of Tulsa



**Jennie Harris Oliver**

Inducted 1935

Fallis

Poet Laureate of Oklahoma and creator of the “Mokey Delano” series popularized in film by Metro Goldwyn Mayer



**Winnie M. Sanger, M.D.**

Inducted 1935

Oklahoma City

Physician and medical inspector in the public schools



**Sister Mary Frances Troy**

Inducted 1935

Oklahoma City

Educator; missionary; Roman Catholic sister  
of Sisters of Mercy



**Alice M. David**

Inducted 1936

Oklahoma City

Temperance educator and women's suffragist



**Rachel Caroline Eaton, Ph.D.**

Inducted 1936

Claremore

Cherokee historian; author; educator; elected  
superintendent of Rogers County schools





**Annette Blackburn Ehler**

Inducted 1936

Hennessey

Civic leader; newspaper publisher; women's suffragist; one of the first women elected mayor in Oklahoma



**Mary Alice Sitton Miller**

Inducted 1936

El Reno

Civic leader and active member of Eastern Star and the Women's Christian Temperance Union



**Mabel Bourne Bassett**

Inducted 1937

Sapulpa

Social reformer and six-term elected Commissioner of Charities and Corrections

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma

**Dorothea Bishop Dale**

Inducted 1937

Oklahoma City

Secretary of the Oklahoma Library Commission (now Oklahoma Department of Libraries) from 1919-1950; president of the Oklahoma Library Association



**Ida Ferguson**

Inducted 1937

El Reno

Charter member of the Oklahoma State Nurses Association and active in all aspects of nursing



**Lucia Loomis Ferguson**

Inducted 1937

Tulsa

Author of "The Women's View," a column that ran for more than thirty years with the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain; civic leader who helped organize Planned Parenthood in Tulsa





**Lilah D. Lindsey**

Inducted 1937

Tulsa

First Creek woman to earn a college degree; school teacher and administrator; civic leader



**Margaret McVean**

Inducted 1937

Oklahoma City

One of the earliest women lawyers; her 1902 practice focused on title and corporate law



**Jessie Elizabeth Randolph Moore**

Inducted 1937

Wayne

Chickasaw Indian appointed Deputy Supreme Court Clerk in 1914 and admitted to the Oklahoma Bar in 1923; headed the Women's Division of Emergency Relief in Oklahoma City during the 1930s

**Minnie Shockley**

Inducted 1937

Alva

Educator and administrator; Dean of Women at Northwestern Oklahoma State College from 1917-1941



**Ida Belle Wright**

Inducted 1937

Atoka

Educator; civic leader; organizer of the first club for women in the Choctaw Nation



**Maimie Lee Robinson (Mrs. Virgil) Browne**

Inducted 1938

Oklahoma City

Founder and first president of Planned Parenthood of Oklahoma City

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma





**Carolyn Thomas Foreman**

Inducted 1938

Muskogee

Indian and regional historian who, with her husband Grant Foreman, wrote over 20 books and numerous articles on Oklahoma history. Grant Foreman was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1934, making them the first husband and wife to be inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame

*Photo courtesy of Thomas Foreman Historic Home, Muskogee, OK*

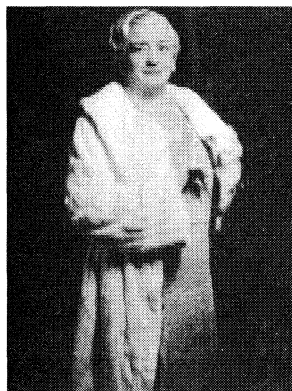


**Abbie B. Hillerman**

Inducted 1938

Tulsa

Temperance activist known as “the mother of prohibition” and credited with the clause in Oklahoma’s constitution that had it join the Union as a prohibition state



**Jane Gibson Phillips**

Inducted 1938

Bartlesville

Philanthropist; civic leader; founder of the Jane Phillips Sorority

**Anna Luella Witteman**

Inducted 1938

Oklahoma City

Community leader who worked with unwed mothers in Kansas and Oklahoma for more than 50 years

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma



**Nancy Katherine "Nannie" Daniel Fite**

Inducted 1939

Tahlequah

Woman suffragist; Democratic Party activist; and 1940 Democratic National Convention delegate



**Lillie Gallup Haskell**

Inducted 1939

Muskogee

The first First Lady of the state of Oklahoma and organizer of the Betsy Ross Association of Oklahoma, which made the first Oklahoma flag





**Blanch W. Lucas**

Inducted 1939

Ponca City

Woman suffragist; Democratic National  
Convention delegate; Ponca City postmaster



**Meta Chestnutt Sager**

Inducted 1939

Minco

Educator who established the first school  
in Silver City and a 21-room school in  
Minco, where she taught for 30 years



**Kathryn Van Leuven**

Inducted 1939

Oklahoma City

Probate lawyer and Assistant Attorney  
General of Oklahoma



**Nannie Hutchens Cleveland**

Inducted 1940

Darlington

First superintendent of the Cheyenne-Arapahoe government school in Darlington



**Letitia P. Ledbetter**

Inducted 1940

Ardmore

Civic leader known for her work in educational and club circles



**Anna Lewis, Ph.D.**

Inducted 1940

Chickasha

First woman to receive a Ph.D. degree from the University of Oklahoma; head of the history department at the Oklahoma College for Women



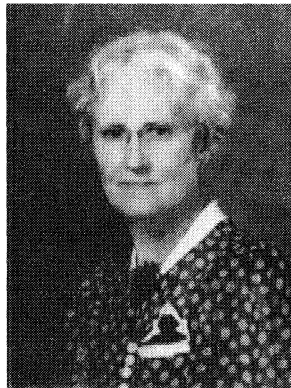


**Alma Jessie Neill, Ph.D.**

Inducted 1940

Norman

Professor of Physiology at the University of Oklahoma from 1920-1941



**Lutie Hailey Walcott**

Inducted 1940

Ardmore

Served as commissioner and secretary of the Pension Department under three Oklahoma governors; president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy



**Muriel H. Wright**

Inducted 1940

Lehigh

Oklahoma and Choctaw historian; author of twelve books

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma

**Ella Lamb Classen**

Inducted 1941

Oklahoma City

Civic leader; land developer; philanthropist

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**Gladys Anderson Emerson, Ph.D.**

Inducted 1943

El Reno

Head of the nutritional sciences department at the University of California; head of the department of animal research at Merck Institute of Animal Research; national president of Iota Sigma Pi, a women's honorary chemical society



**Janie West Robertson Stewart**

Inducted 1943

Muskogee

Superintendent of the Oklahoma School for the Blind from 1925-1946





**Frances Dinsmore Davis**

Inducted 1946

Chickasha

Dean of Fine Arts at Oklahoma College for Women and drama educator



**Yvonne Choteau Terekhov**

Inducted 1947

Norman

Native American ballerina who enjoyed an international performing career and built the dance program at the University of Oklahoma

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma



**Mattie Watts Kime**

Inducted 1948

Enid

Skilled landscape artist who painted the scenes of north central Oklahoma

**Nina Kay Gore**

Inducted 1949

Lawton

Wife of blind senator Thomas P. Gore whose skill in identifying people and arranging her household helped compensate for the senator's handicap



**Irene Bowers Sells**

Inducted 1949

Oklahoma City

Society editor for 45 years for (successively) the *Daily Oklahoman*, the *Oklahoma City Times*, the *Oklahoma News*, and the *Oklahoma City Advertiser*



**Angie E. Debo, Ph.D.**

Inducted 1950

Marshall

Historian; author; and Native American activist who pioneered the field of ethno-history

See also Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame

*Photo courtesy of Oklahoma State Library*





**Perle Skirvin Mesta**

Inducted 1951

Oklahoma City

Civic leader; international hostess; and women's rights activist

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma



**Pearle Sayre**

Inducted 1953

Ardmore

Republican party leader and activist who served on the national executive committee of the Republican Party for 20 years



**Nan Sheets**

Inducted 1953

Oklahoma City

Painter; museum administrator; and the person most credited with establishing the Art Museum in Oklahoma City

**Louise McMahan**

Inducted 1954

Lawton

Music teacher; major collector of state archival treasures and historical artifacts



**Maud Lorton Myers**

Inducted 1954

Tulsa

Civic leader and founding patron of many cultural institutions including the Tulsa Philharmonic, Tulsa Opera, and Philbrook Art Center



**Annetta A. Childs**

Inducted 1955

Tulsa

Civic leader and philanthropist





**Nora Amaryllis Talbot**

Inducted 1956

Stillwater

Dean of the School of Home Economics at Oklahoma A&M College (now Oklahoma State University) for 27 years and early developer of home economics courses for men



**Mary Thompson Te Ata Fisher**

Inducted 1957

Tishomingo

Chickasaw Indian who gained national and international fame for her beautiful and artistic performance interpretations of Indian culture



**Anna Terre Scruggs**

Inducted 1957

Enid

Superintendent of the Enid State School (now the Northern Oklahoma Resource Center) and mental health administrator



**Alice Lee Marriott**

Inducted 1958

Oklahoma City

Author of over twenty books on biography, ethnology, history, and folklore of Oklahoma; first woman selected to the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame (1973)



**Lucile Rayburn Page** (Mrs. Charles L. Page)

Inducted 1958

Sand Springs

Humanitarian and civic leader who built the Sand Springs Home (for orphans) and the Widow's Colony; established the industrial area that grew into Sand Springs



**Della Duncan Brown**

Inducted 1959

Oklahoma City

President of two leading retail stores in Oklahoma City and Tulsa; civic and professional leader





**Bess B. Truitt**  
Inducted 1959  
Enid  
Poet laureate of Oklahoma



**Natalie Overall Warren**  
Inducted 1959  
Tulsa  
Civic leader who devoted herself to organizations serving less fortunate women and children



**Ruth Wilson Hurley**  
Inducted 1960  
Tulsa  
Civic leader who made contributions to social service and arts organizations in Oklahoma, Washington DC, and New Mexico

**Anna B. Korn**

Inducted 1960

El Reno

Wrote the legislation establishing November 16 as Oklahoma Day; established the Oklahoma Memorial Association and Hall of Fame



**Jennie Stucker Dahlgren**

Inducted 1962

Oklahoma City

Served in the Secretary of State's office under 13 governors eventually becoming Assistant Secretary of State



**Carol Daube Sutton**

Inducted 1963

Ardmore

Civic leader and local philanthropist





**Merle Newby Buttram**

Inducted 1964

Oklahoma City

Civic leader; violinist who established the string music program in the Oklahoma City public schools; Oklahoma Mother of the Year (1961)



**Madame Ramon Vinay (Tessie Mobley)**

Inducted 1964

Ardmore

Opera star of Chickasaw heritage known as “Lushanya” or the “sweet singing bird;” Selected to sing at the 1937 coronation of England’s King George VI



**Mabelle Kennedy**

Inducted 1965

Pawhuska

Public servant; banker; and rancher who served as National Democratic Chairwoman for Oklahoma and was appointed United States assistant treasurer by President Truman in 1951

**Anita Bryant Green**

Inducted 1966

Tulsa

Actress and U.S.O. entertainer who began her career as Miss Oklahoma (1958) and was first runner-up in the Miss America pageant in the same year



**Leta Mae McFarlin Chapman**

Inducted 1967

Tulsa

Civic leader and philanthropist who, with her husband, J.A. Chapman, supported many medical and higher education institutions including the University of Tulsa McFarlin Library. She and her mother, Ida McFarlin (1935), became the first mother and daughter inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma



**August I. Carson Metcalfe**

Inducted 1968

Durham

Painter known as the “sagebrush artist” and the Grandma Moses of Oklahoma





**Grace Steele Woodward**

Inducted 1968

Tulsa

Professional writer whose work included *The Cherokees* (OU Press, 1963), which was required reading for many years in Oklahoma schools



**Mex Rodman Frates**

Inducted 1969

Oklahoma City

Civic activist who took leadership roles in a large number of cultural, social, civic and philanthropic organizations.



**Dannie Bea James Hightower**

Inducted 1969

Oklahoma City

Founder of the Oklahoma Arts and Humanities Council; civic leader

**Edna Hoffman Bowman**

Inducted 1970

Kingfisher

Director and Treasurer of the Oklahoma  
Historical Society, civic leader



**Mildred M. Andrews Boggess**

Inducted 1971

Norman

Concert organist; distinguished professor of  
music at the University of Oklahoma

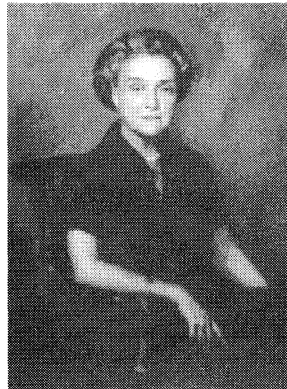


**Pauline McFarlin Walter**

Inducted 1971

Tulsa

Civic leader; philanthropist. She and her sister  
Leta McFarlin Chapman (1967) became the  
first sisters to be inducted into the Oklahoma  
Hall of Fame



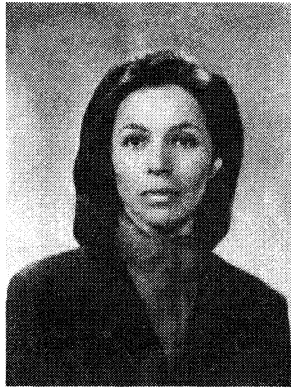


**Christine W. Hitch**

Inducted 1972

Guymon

Civic leader; pioneer of the Oklahoma Panhandle; rancher; and, with her husband Henry C. Hitch, founder of several organizations with a focus on preserving the history of the Panhandle



**Maria Tallchief Paschen**

Inducted 1972

Fairfax

Osage ballerina of international acclaim who is recognized especially for the roles created for her by legendary choreographer George Ballanchine

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma



**Frances Rosser Brown**

Inducted 1973

Muskogee

Civic leader; writer; creator of the Five Civilized Tribes Museum



**Betty Lee Anthony Zahn**

Inducted 1973

Oklahoma City

Civic leader best known for her work with the YWCA; American Mother of the Year (1971)



**Kathleen P. Westby**

Inducted 1974

Tulsa

Civic leader and promoter of the arts both in Tulsa and across Oklahoma



**Eleanor Blake Kirkpatrick**

Inducted 1975

Oklahoma City

Civic leader; philanthropist; promoter of the arts; and leader in the Oklahoma Arts League, the organization that ultimately went on to found the Oklahoma City Museum of Art

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma.





**Lela O'Toole, Ph.D.**

Inducted 1975

Stillwater

Dean of the Home Economics Division at Oklahoma State University who was the first to internationalize home economics education



**Harriet G. Barclay, Ph.D.**

Inducted 1976

Tulsa

Botanist; international field researcher; head of the Botany Department at the University of Tulsa

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma



**Jerrie Cobb**

Inducted 1976

Ponca City

Accomplished aviator and test pilot who became the first woman to complete astronaut training and qualify for space flight

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma

**Merle Montgomery, Ph.D.**

Inducted 1976

Davidson

Musician; music publisher; and promoter of American music during the U.S. bicentennial



**Inez Lunsford Silberg**

Inducted 1977

Oklahoma City

Voice teacher, coach and performer; director of Opera Theater at Oklahoma City University



**Mary Johnston Head Evans**

Inducted 1978

Oklahoma City

Civic leader; university trustee; and corporate board leader including service as Vice-Chairman of the Board of AMTRAK





**Mary Eddy Neal Jones**

Inducted 1978

Oklahoma City

Business woman; civic leader; philanthropist who, with her husband Fred Jones, Sr., contributed the funds to establish the Fred Jones, Jr. Memorial Art Center at the University of Oklahoma



**Christine Holland Anthony Browne**

Inducted 1979

Oklahoma City

Civic leader and first among women in Oklahoma in election to a major corporate board (OG&E), the Board of the Chamber of Commerce, and appointment as Branch Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank



**Moscelyne Larkin Jasinski**

Inducted 1979

Tulsa

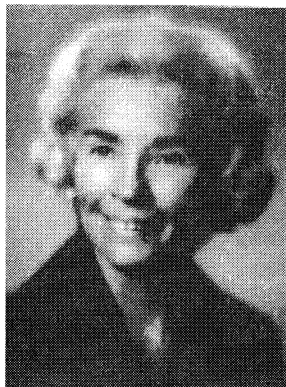
Ballerina of Shawnee-Peoria descent who danced with the original Ballet Russe and established the Tulsa Ballet Theater with her husband, dancer Roman Jasinski

**Marion Briscoe DeVore**

Inducted 1980

Oklahoma City

Arts advocate who became the first woman president of the Festival of the Arts, the Oklahoma City Arts Council, and the Oklahoma Art Center



**Patience Latting**

Inducted 1980

Oklahoma City

First woman to become mayor of a major city (1971) when elected mayor of Oklahoma City

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma



**Juanita Kidd Stout**

Inducted 1981

Wewoka

Jurist and first African-American woman in the United States to be elected to the bench when she became judge of the Common Pleas Court in Philadelphia. Also the first African-American woman to be inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame

See also Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame





**Jeane Duane Jordan Kirkpatrick, Ph.D.**

Inducted 1982

Duncan

American Ambassador to the United Nations; scholar; political writer; historian; and presidential advisor on foreign policy

See also Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame



**Roberta Knie**

Inducted 1982

Cordell

Opera soprano who has achieved national and international fame as a performer and teacher



**Patti Page**

Inducted 1983

Claremore

Singer and popular performer who gained national fame with her major pop and country crossover hit "Tennessee Waltz;" pioneer of multiple voice overdubbing technique

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma

**Jacqueline L. Carey**

Inducted 1984

Oklahoma City

Civic leader active in the Junior League at the state and national levels, and leader in church, arts, and other civic organizations



**Gloria Twine Chisum, Ph.D.**

Inducted 1984

Muskogee

Distinguished research psychologist; educator; inventor; consultant to all branches of the military; and recognized authority on visual problems associated with the operation of high-performance aircraft



**Vida Chenoweth, Ph.D.**

Inducted 1985

Enid

Internationally acclaimed concert marimbist and recording artist who was the first to play the marimba in Carnegie Hall; ethnomusicologist; linguist who helped create the first translation of the New Testament into the Usarufa language of New Guinea





**Nancy Frantz Davies**

Inducted 1986

Enid

Civic leader and first woman appointed to the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents and the first woman to chair that board

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma



**Marilyn Harris**

Inducted 1987

Oklahoma City

Award winning short story writer and novelist whose works include her Eden series of historical novels sold to British television



**Jeane Porter Hester, M.D.**

Inducted 1987

Chickasha

Physician; research scientist; and consultant who has gained an international reputation for her work in the field of supportive therapy and treatment of acute and chronic leukemia



**Patricia June Wilson Wheeler**

Inducted 1988

Tulsa

Civic leader; corporate executive

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available

**Kay Starr**

Inducted 1988

Daugherty

Singer and entertainer who began her professional career at 13 and sang with Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, and the Glenn Miller Orchestra while recording numerous hits such as "Wheel of Fortune"

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma



**Virginia Thomas Austin**

Inducted 1989

Oklahoma City

Civic leader who has served nationally and locally including a two-year term as the President and CEO of the Association of Junior Leagues, Inc., an international organization with over 180,000 members





**Marjorie Tallchief Skibine**

Inducted 1991

Fairfax

Osage Indian and one of Oklahoma's five renowned Indian ballerinas; first American ballerina to join the Paris Opera Ballet; and the first American after World War II to dance in the Bolshoi Ballet Theater in Moscow



**Helen Robson Walton**

Inducted 1992

Claremore

Civic, religious, and philanthropic leader whose work, with her husband Sam Walton, has focused on her adopted state of Arkansas, her alma mater the University of Oklahoma, and the United Presbyterian Church USA, in which she has held offices at all levels in their Women's Organization

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma



**Martha Griffin White**

Inducted 1992

Muskogee

Chairman of Griffin Television and Griffin Food Co.; active civic leader who has been the driving force behind many cultural organizations including the Five Civilized Tribes Museum and the Oklahoma Arts Council

**Jane Bienfang Harlow**

Inducted 1993

Oklahoma City

Civic leader and philanthropist whose work has especially benefited libraries, the arts, and the University of Oklahoma



**Wilma Mankiller**

Inducted 1994

Tahlequah

First woman elected as Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma; national advocate for women and Native Americans

See also Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame



**Mary Jane Noble**

Inducted 1995

Ardmore

Civic leader and philanthropist with involvement in many educational, humanities, and church organizations





**Alma Wilson**

Inducted 1996

Oklahoma City

Jurist and first woman to be named Justice of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma (1982) and Chief Justice (1995)

See also Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fam



**Ann Simmons Alspaugh**

Inducted 1997

Oklahoma City

Civic leader; philanthropist recognized for her involvement with the arts, education, and medicine



**Wanda L. Bass**

Inducted 1998

McAlester

Banker; philanthropist; major supporter of the arts in Oklahoma and cultural projects in McAlester

See also Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame

**Reba McEntire**

Inducted 1998

Stringtown

One of the most popular female country music artists of all time whose philanthropic and humanitarian work in state and out has been widely recognized

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma



**Jean G. Gumerson**

Inducted 1999

Oklahoma City

Civic leader whose work as president of the Presbyterian Health Foundation funded millions of dollars in grants annually to health organizations in Oklahoma notably the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center



**Hannah D. Atkins**

Inducted 2000

Oklahoma City

Public servant and first African-American woman elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives (1968-1980); appointed as a special representative to the United Nations by President Carter; appointed Secretary for Social Services and Secretary of State by Governor Henry Bellmon

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**Roxana Lorton**

Inducted 2001

Tulsa

Civic and cultural leader; philanthropist who has provided leadership to numerous arts organizations

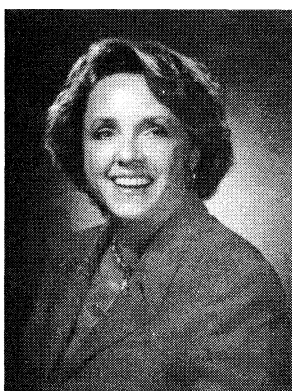


**Josie Freede**

Inducted 2002

Oklahoma City

Philanthropist; arts leader



**Milann Siegfried**

Inducted 2003

Tulsa

Civic leader; philanthropist; and first woman to chair the board of several educational and medical organizations

**Molly Shi Boren**

Inducted 2004

Norman

Civic leader; jurist; and the only woman to have served as first lady of both Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma

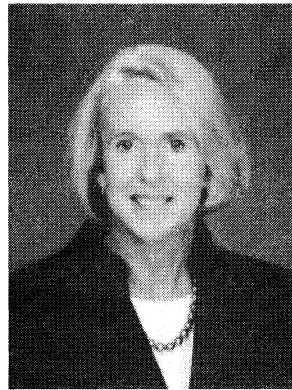


**Christy Gaylord Everest**

Inducted 2004

Oklahoma City

Chairman and CEO of the Oklahoma Publishing Co.; civic leader



**Leona Mitchell**

Inducted 2004

Enid

Internationally renowned opera lyric soprano who has been a long-time favorite at the Metropolitan Opera where she has performed numerous lead roles including "Aida" which she has performed over 200 times.

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**Nancy Payne Ellis**  
Inducted 2005  
Oklahoma City

Philanthropist, civic leader; and first woman to chair the Oklahoma State University Foundation.

*Photo courtesy of Oklahoma State University*



### DID YOU KNOW?

Alice Mary Robertson, elected to Congress in 1920, was only the second woman to sit in the House of Representatives. (page 110)

Mabel Bassett was elected six times Oklahoma Commissioner of Charities and Corrections. (page 118)

Yvonne Choteau, Maria Tallchief, Marjorie Tallchief, Moscelyne Larkin, and Rosella Hightower were the Five Indian Ballerinas portrayed in the Capitol rotunda mural. (pages 128, 144, 150, 234, 262)

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