

**OKLAHOMA'S FIRST LADIES  
FROM TERRITORIAL DAYS TO  
THE PRESENT TIME**

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**FIRST LADIES OF OKLAHOMA TERRITORY**

Marietta Swayzee Steele, 1890-1891  
Wife of George Washington Steele

Ada S. Gilmore Martin, 1891-1892  
Wife of Robert Martin, acting governor

No first lady, 1892-1893  
Governor Abraham Jefferson Seay

Jennie B. York Renfrow, 1893-1897  
Wife of William Cary Renfrow

Mary Elizabeth Bartlett Barnes, 1897-1901  
Wife of Cassius McDonald Barnes

Delphina White Jenkins, 1901  
Wife of William Miller Jenkins

Mary Cleaver Grimes, 1901  
Wife of William C. Grimes, acting governor

Eva Shartel Ferguson, 1901-1906  
Wife of Thompson Benton Ferguson

Matilda Evans Frantz, 1906-1907  
Wife of Frank Frantz

## **FIRST LADIES OF OKLAHOMA**

Lillian Elizabeth Gallup Haskell, 1907-1911  
Wife of Charles Nathaniel Haskell

No first lady, 1911-1915  
Lee Cruce

No first lady, 1915-1919  
Robert Lee Williams

Isabelle Butler Robertson, 1919-1923  
Wife of James Brooks Ayers Robertson

Madeleine Orrick Walton, 1923  
Wife of Jack Callaway Walton

Lula C. (Lou) Strang Trapp, 1923-1927  
Wife of Martin Edwin Trapp

Ethel Littleton Johnston, 1927-1929  
Wife of Henry Simpson Johnston

Amy Arnold Holloway, 1929-1931  
Wife of William Judson Holloway

Mary Alice Hearrell Murray, 1931-1935  
Wife of William Henry "Alfalfa Bill" Murray

Lydie Roberts Marland, 1935-1939  
Wife of Ernest Whitworth Marland

Myrtle Ellenberger Phillips, 1939-1943  
Wife of Leon Chase Phillips

Grayce Breene Kerr, 1943-1947  
Wife of Robert Samuel Kerr, Sr.

Jessica Grimm Turner, 1947-1951  
Wife of Roy Joseph Turner

**FIRST LADIES OF OKLAHOMA** (CONT'D)

Willie Emerson Murray, 1951-1955  
Wife of Johnston Murray

Emma Mae Purser Gary, 1955-1959  
Wife of Raymond Dancel Gary

Jeannette Bartleson Edmondson, 1959-1963  
Wife of James Howard Edmondson

Shirley Osborn Bellmon, 1963-1967  
Wife of Henry Louis Bellmon

Ann Smith Bartlett, 1967-1971  
Wife of Dewey Follett Bartlett

Jo Evans Hall, 1971-1975  
Wife of David Hall

Janna Lou Little Boren, 1975  
Wife of David Lyle Boren

Molly Shi Boren, 1977-1979  
Wife of David Lyle Boren

Donna Skinner Nigh, 1979-1987  
Wife of George Patterson Nigh

Shirley Osborn Bellmon, 1987-1991  
Wife of Henry Louis Bellmon

Rhonda Walters, 1991-1995  
Wife of David Lee Walters

Cathy Keating, 1995-2003  
Wife of Francis (Frank) Anthony Keating

Kim Blain Henry, 2003-present  
Wife of Brad Henry



**DID YOU KNOW?**



Prior to becoming Oklahoma's First Lady in 2003, Kim Henry enjoyed a career as a high school history and government teacher in the Shawnee Public Schools. As First Lady, Henry has been a strong advocate of the Success by 6® school readiness program and of libraries.

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