



## Minnie Howell Champe (1878-1948)

Minnie Howell Champe was the first African-American woman to graduate from Kansas State in 1901. While in college, she was elected to the Ionian Literary Society, which focused on literature, music, and art. After her graduation she taught school in Kansas City, Topeka, and Virginia before returning to Manhattan to teach at the Douglass School. She was on the Board of the Douglass Center USO during World War II, and served as Director of the Center in 1946. She was a member of the League of Women Voters.