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## NOTABLE RILEY COUNTIANS

This list of notable people associated with Riley County and Ft. Riley (through birth, residence, or other association) who have achieved distinction at the state, national, or international level, is expanded from the “150 Riley County Notables from the Last 150 Years” list compiled by Kevin G. Olson for the Manhattan/Riley County sesquicentennial commemoration in 2005 with the assistance of the staff of the Riley County Historical Museum, the C150! Heritage Committee, Riley County Historical Society Board of Directors and the Riley County Historical Museum Board of Trustees.

There are likely other individuals who belong on this list. If you have suggestions for additions, or corrections, please inform the Riley County Historical Museum, 2309 Claflin Manhattan, Kansas 66502, (785) 565-6490, or contact us through our web site [www.rileycountyks.gov](http://www.rileycountyks.gov).

**Abbott, Edmund C.** – Served as District Attorney and U.S. Attorney in New Mexico Territory; elected first judge in New Mexico after statehood, 1911. Colonel in the National Guard; commanded troops guarding New Mexico border from raids by “Pancho” Villa, 1916. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Graduate of Kansas State, 1893.

**Alexander, Grover Cleveland (Pete/Alex)** – Hall of Fame major league baseball player. Born February 26, 1887, at Elba, Nebraska; died November 4, 1950. Served at Camp Funston, 1918, married Amy M. Arrants on May 31, 1918, at the Riley County Courthouse.

**Allen, Henry J.** – Kansas Governor, 1919-23; U.S. Senator, Kansas, 1929-30. Born September 11, 1868; died January 17, 1950. Lived in Manhattan and published the *Manhattan Nationalist* newspaper before acquiring ownership of newspapers statewide.

**Alley, Kirstie** – Movie and television actress. Starred in television shows “Cheers,” 1987-93, and “Veronica’s Closet,” 1997-2000. Won two Emmy Awards and a Golden Globe Award. Attended Kansas State, 1974.

**Ambrose, Stephen E.** – Historian, professor, author. Professor at Kansas State, 1970.

**Anderson, John A.** – College President and U.S. Congressman. President of Kansas State Agricultural College, 1873-78; U.S. Congressman, 1879-91.

**Anderson - Jordon, Teri** – Athlete, runner. World Record holder in ten mile run, 1972; American record 5,000 meter run; Kansas State University Athletics Hall of Fame. From Leonardville, Kansas.

**Arthur, Charles** – Attorney, Legislator. Speaker of the Kansas House, 1963-64; Manhattan resident.

**Ashbrook, Harriette** – Novelist, Mystery Writer. Also wrote under the name Susannah Shane. Born in Manhattan, 1898.

**Auker, Eldon** – Major league baseball player. Born September 21, 1910 in Norcatur, Kansas, died August 4, 2006 in Vero Beach, Florida, ashes spread over a park in Kansas City. Inducted into the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame, Kansas State Athletics Hall of Fame 1969. Named to Sports Illustrated Top 50 greatest sports figures of the century in the State of Kansas. First K-State Player to play in Major League Baseball. Played for the Detroit Tigers 1933 – 1938, the Boston Red Sox 1939, and the St. Louis Browns 1940 – 1942. Played on 1935 World Series Champions Detroit Tigers. At the time of his death, he was the oldest living player to have struck out Babe Ruth. Wrote memoir entitled "Sleeper Cars and Flannel Uniforms." Graduate of Kansas State, 1933.

**Babcock, Barbara** – Actress. Starred in television shows "Dallas," 1978-82, and "Hill Street Blues," 1981-85. Won Emmy Award. Born in Fort Riley, Kansas, 1937.

**Bachman, Charles** – Football coach. Enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame. Head coach at Kansas State, 1920-27.

**Baker, LaVerne** – First African American woman to receive a Ph.D. from Wichita State University. Graduate of Manhattan High School.

**Baker, W. (Walter) Thane** – Olympian, track, 1952, 1956. Winner of gold (1956), silver (1952, 1956) and bronze (1956) medals. Enshrined in Track and Field Hall of Fame. Enshrined in the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHAA) Hall of Fame, 1977; Graduate of Kansas State, 1953.

**Baker, William (Bill)** – Football player. Enshrined in the Washburn University Football Hall of Fame. Graduate of Manhattan High School.

**Balderson, Steve** – Filmmaker. Born January 19, 1975. Graduate of Manhattan High School, 1993. Attended Kansas State.

**Bailey, Dawayne** – Musician. Played with Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band, 1982-86; Chicago, 1986-95; Veronique Sanson, 1998-2000; among other musical accomplishments. Grew up in Manhattan, graduated from Manhattan High School, 1972.

**Beach, Ross/Marianna Kistler** – Businessman/woman, Philanthropist. Ross Beach was born February 22, 1918 in Abilene. He was inducted into the Kansas Business Hall of

Fame, 1999.. Married Marianna Kistler of Manhattan June 1, 1941. Both are graduates of KSU. Ross and Marianna Beach donated funds to build the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art at Kansas State University.

**Billings, Josh** – Major league baseball player. Manager of the 1943 Kenosha Comets in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (popularized in the movie "A League of Their Own"). Attended Kansas State, 1910-12.

**Bishop, Herbert H. (Herb)**- Educator. Inducted into Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) Hall of Fame, 1977.

**Blackman, Rolando** – Basketball player, Olympian. All-Star NBA player. Member of the 1980 Olympic basketball team that did not participate in the Olympics due to U.S. boycott. Graduate of Kansas State, 1996.

**Boakai, Joseph** – Politician. Vice President-elect of Liberia. Attended Kansas State, 1976.

**Bolerjack, Craig** – Sports announcer. Play-by-play and studio announcer for CBS. Graduate of Kansas State, 1981.

**Boozer, Bob** – Olympian, basketball (1960) gold medal winner. First player selected in the 1959 NBA draft. Graduate of Kansas State, 1959.

**Breese, Quentin (Baby)** – Boxer. Challenged for light welterweight title in 1941. James Cagney's double in the movie "Conquest." Born in Leonardville, July 8, 1918. Lived in Manhattan. Died August 21, 1962.

**Brock, Fred** – Journalist, author, Professor. Business Editor, New York Times, author of two New York Times guides to retirement; Professor Kansas State.

**Brockovich, Erin** – Activist, subject of the Academy Award-winning movie "Erin Brockovich." Attended Kansas State.

**Brownback, Sam** – U.S. Senator, Kansas, 1996-current. Graduate of Kansas State, 1979. Attorney in Manhattan, 1982-86.

**Busset, Glenn** – Extension/ 4-H Agent. National 4-H Hall of Fame, 2005

**Butterfield, David A.** – Founder of Butterfield Overland Despatch, a stagecoach line running between Atchison and Denver 1865-66. Early settler in Manhattan.

**Buzenberg, Bill** – Journalist. Former V.P. of News at National Public Radio; awarded Edward R. Murrow Award and RFK Journalism Award. Graduate of Kansas State, 1969.

**Cabell, Enos**- Baseball Player. Born October 8, 1949 at Ft. Riley, Kansas. Played for Baltimore Orioles 1972.

**Callahan, John H.** – Congressional Medal of Honor recipient (Civil War). Lived in Manhattan; buried in Sunset Cemetery, Manhattan.

**Carlin, John** – Kansas Governor, 1979-87; Archivist of the United States, 1995-2005, Professor Kansas State 2005-. Graduate of Kansas State, 1962. Riley County resident.

**Carlson, Frank** – U.S. Senator, Kansas, 1950-69; Kansas Governor, 1947-50; U.S. Congressman, 1935-47. Attended Kansas State.

**Casement, Dan** – Rancher, stockman. Enshrined in the Cowboy Hall of Fame. Owned Juniata Ranch just outside of Manhattan.

**Champ, Minnie Howell** – First African-American woman to graduate from Kansas State, 1901.

**Clark, Steve** – Football player. Played in the NFL. Graduate of Kansas State, 1981. Teacher and coach in Manhattan schools, 1984-2004.

**Clevenger, Z.G.** – Athletic Director, coach. Pioneering athletic director. Hall of Fame football player. Indiana University's highest athletic award is named in his honor. Kansas State Athletic Director and coach, 1916-20.

**Close, Jr., Del** – Comedian, actor, improvisation innovator. Inventor of the "Harold" long form improvisation; founding member of the Compass Players St. Louis; performer and director of Second City, Chicago; performer with The Committee, San Francisco; co-founder of ImprovOlympic, Chicago. Born in Manhattan, March 9, 1934; died March 3, 1999. Attended Manhattan schools and Kansas State.

**Colbert, Jim** – Professional golfer. Graduate of Kansas State, 1964. Built Colbert Hills Golf Course in Manhattan.

**Congelton, William (Bill)** –Coach, teacher. Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) Hall of Fame, 2002; cross country coach at Manhattan High School.

**Crawford, Nelson Antrim** – Journalist, author, professor. Published several books, edited several magazines and books. Born May 4, 1888, died June 30, 1963 in Topeka, Kansas. Professor at Kansas State, 1914-25.

**Dary, David** – Author, journalist, lecturer, professor. Literary awards include 2 Western Writers of America Spur Awards. Born in Manhattan, 1934. Graduate of Manhattan High School, 1952. Graduate of Kansas State.

**Davis, Frank Marshall** – Poet, journalist. Editor of several newspapers; leading African-American poet. Winner of the Julius Rosenwald Fellowship in Poetry 1937; Born December 31, 1905 Arkansas City, Kansas, died 1987; Attended Kansas State, 1924-26, 1929-30.

**Davis, Kenneth S.** – Author, professor. Author of numerous works of history. Awarded the Francis Parkman Prize, nominated for the National Book Award. Graduate of Manhattan High School. Graduate of Kansas State, professor at Kansas State.

**de Vivaldi, Charles F.** – Publisher, Diplomat. Claimed to be an Italian Count. Published first newspaper in Manhattan, *The Western Kansas Express* in 1859. Appointed U.S. Consul to Santos, Brazil in 1861. Published literary journal in Brazil in 1870s.

**Dewey, Earle S.** – Stage, vaudeville, and film actor. Appeared in more than 40 movies. Born in Manhattan, June 2, 1881. Died February 5, 1950.

**Dudly, Frances Larson (Francey)**- Publisher. Born in Manhattan 1947, graduate of Manhattan High School, 1965. Publisher of Florists' Review magazine (established 1897) since 1987, publisher Super Floral Retailing since 2002, book publisher through Florists' Review Enterprises.

**Edgerton, Glen** – Major General; Governor-General of Panama, 1940-44. Built the Alaska road, oversaw the rehabilitation of the White House under President Truman. Born April 17, 1887, in Parkerville, Kansas. Graduate of Kansas State, 1904. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Ehlers, Walter** – Congressional Medal of Honor recipient (WWII). Attended Riley High School, lived in Manhattan and St. George.

**Eisenhower, Milton** – University administrator. President of Kansas State College, 1943-50; President of Penn State University; President of Johns Hopkins University.. Brother of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Married to Helen Eakin of Manhattan. Graduate of Kansas State, 1924.

**Ekart, Jim**- Musician. Lived in Manhattan, attended Lucky High School, Manhattan. Inducted into the Kansas Music Hall of Fame, 2006 as a member of the band Spider and the Crabs.

**Erpelding, Lambert** – Inventor. Chief inventor at McCormick Works (later International Harvester), 1838-84. Bought farm outside of Leonardville in the 1870s. Retired to Leonardville, 1884; buried at Leonardville.

**Ethridge, Kamie** – Olympian, Basketball Coach. Kansas State U Associate Head Women's Basketball Coach 1996- 2005. Olympic gold medal 1988, basketball; gold medals in 1986 Goodwill games, 1986 World Championships; 1987 Pan American

Games; Player on University of Texas National Championship team 1986 (undefeated 34 – 0); played professionally in Italian basketball league; inducted into Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame, 2002.

**Fairchild, David** – Botanist, explorer. Worked for U.S.D.A. exploring the world's jungles for plants that could be cultivated in the U.S. Credited with bringing to the U.S.: flowering cherry, Chinese soy bean, pistachios, nectarines, bamboo, avocados, and horseradish. Recipient of the George Robert White medal awarded by the Massachusetts Horticulture Society (1931.) Married Alexander Graham Bell’s daughter Daisy. Reared in Manhattan; graduate of Kansas State, 1888.

**Finney, Joan McInroy** – Kansas Governor, 1991-95. Graduate of Manhattan High School, 1942.

**Fisher, Roy** – Journalist. Editor of Chicago Daily News; Dean of University of Missouri School of Journalism. Nominated for two Pulitzer Prizes. Graduate of Kansas State, 1940.

**Fitzwater, Marlin** – Press Secretary for U.S. Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. Consultant for television show "The West Wing." Graduate of Kansas State, 1965.

**Foveaux, Jessie Lee Brown** – Memoirist. Warner Books paid more than \$1 million to publish her memoir "Any Given Day." She was featured on “60 Minutes” and “The Rosie O’Donnell Show.” She was born March 18, 1899 and died October 23, 1999. She lived in Manhattan, 1910-15, 1917-99.

**Fox, Philip** – Astronomer. First director of the Adler Planetarium in Chicago, the first planetarium in the U.S., 1929-37. Head of Dearborn Observatory, 1909-29; Director of Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, 1937-42. Colonel in the U.S. Army. Born in Manhattan, 1878. Graduate of Kansas State, 1897, 1901.

**Fritz, Steve** – Olympian, Track Coach. Fourth place decathlon 1996 Olympics; Kansas State Graduate 1990; Kansas State assistant track coach. Born November 1, 1967, Salina, Kansas.

**Gardner, Jack** – Basketball coach. Enshrined in Basketball Hall of Fame. Head coach at Kansas State, 1939-42, 1946-53.

**Giles, Brian** – Major league baseball player. Played with the New York Mets in 1983. Born in Manhattan, 1960.

**Giles, George** – All-Star Negro League baseball player. Lived in Manhattan. Buried in Sunset Cemetery.

**Glasscock, Kent** – Legislator. Speaker of the Kansas House, 2001-03; Manhattan Mayor. Graduate of Kansas State.

**Green, Nehemiah** – Fourth Kansas Governor, 1868-69; Lt. Governor 1866-68. Lived in Manhattan; buried in Sunset Cemetery.

**Goodnow, Isaac** – Educator, Founder of Kansas State University and Manhattan, Kansas. First elected Superintendent of Public Instruction in Kansas, 1862. Member of the Kansas House of Representatives. Born in Whitingham, Vermont, 1814; died in Manhattan, 1894; buried in Sunset Cemetery.

**Gove, Grenville Luewelen (Lew)** – Soldier. Capt. G.L. (Lew) Gove was born September 12, 1841 in Massachusetts died November 7, 1864 at Olathe, Kansas, buried in Sunset Cemetery, Manhattan. Volunteered as a private in Co. F. 6<sup>th</sup> Kansas Volunteer Cavalry in 1861, was commissioned 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in Co. G. 11<sup>th</sup> Kansas Volunteer Cavalry 1862, promoted to Captain May 1864. Lew Gove Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, Manhattan, Kansas and Gove County, Kansas were named in his honor.

**Griffin, Albert** – National temperance lecturer, newspaper editor, author. Founder of the Anti-Saloon Republican League. Lived in Manhattan, 1856-65, 1867-88. Died 1908, Topeka, Kansas; buried in Sunset Cemetery.

**Guthridge, Bill** – Basketball coach. Head coach at North Carolina 1998-; National Coach of the Year, 1998; Kansas Basketball Hall of Fame (Kansas Coaches Association) 1994; Assistant coach, Kansas State, 1962-67. Graduate of Kansas State, 1960, 1963.

**Hall, William Logan** – Forester, U.S. Forest Service. Co-founded Society of American Foresters, 1900. Organized Shevlin- Hixson Company, a reforestation company now owned by Crown Pacific Partners (2005). Graduate of Kansas State 1898, 1899.

**Harbord, James** – Major General; Chief of Staff for American Expeditionary Forces in World War I; President of RCA, 1922-30; and Chairman of the Board of RCA, 1930-47. Attended Manhattan schools; graduate of Kansas State, 1886. Instructor at Kansas State, 1887-88. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Harlan, Hal E.** – Attorney, Legislator. Speaker of the Kansas House 1931-32. Manhattan resident.

**Harper, Charles W. (Chuck)**- Attorney, Muscian. Law Practice in Manhattan Kansas . Inducted into the Kansas Music Hall of Fame, 2006 as a member of the band Spider and the Crabs.

**Harrison, Kenny** – Olympian, triple jump (1996) gold medal winner. Attended Kansas State.

**Hartman, Jack**- Coach. Men and Women Basketball Coach 1970 – 1986 Kansas State U, Coach of U.S. gold medal Pan American games team, 1983; Coach of the Year, National Association of Basketball Coaches, 1980 – 1981; Coach Coffeyville Jr. College (1955 – 1962) won Junior College National Championship 1961 – 62; Coach of Southern Illinois University 1962 – 1970, won the National Invitational Tournament 1967. Died 1998.

**Harvey, James M.** – Fifth Kansas Governor, 1869-73; U.S. Senator, Kansas, 1874-77. Lived at Magic, in Riley County.

**Hayden, Mike** – Kansas Governor, 1987-90; Kansas Secretary of Wildlife and Parks. Graduate of Kansas State, 1966.

**Haylett, Ward** – Track coach. Enshrined in the National Track and Field Hall of Fame. Enshrined in the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHAA) Hall of Fame, 1979; Head coach at Kansas State, 1928-63.

**Hess, Jared** – Filmmaker. Wrote and directed 2004 movie "Napoleon Dynamite." Attended Manhattan High School.

**Holden, Jonathan** – Poet, Professor. First Poet Laureate of Kansas, 2005. Professor at Kansas State, 1978-present.

**Holthus, Mitch** – Sports announcer. Radio voice of Kansas City Chiefs. Voice of the Kansas State Wildcats, 1983-96. Graduate of Kansas State, 1979, 1980.

**Huntington, Anna Seaton** – Olympian, rowing (1992) bronze medal winner. Member of first all-women America's Cup crew, enshrined in Harvard Athletics Hall of Fame. Graduate of Manhattan High School.

**Jardine, William M.** – President of Kansas State College, 1918-25; U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, 1925-29; Treasurer of the State of Kansas, 1932-34.

**Jump, Gordon** – Actor. Starred in television show "WKRP in Cincinnati," 1978-82. Graduate of Kansas State, 1957. Began broadcasting career in Manhattan.

**Keady, Gene** – Basketball Coach. Coach at Purdue, 1980-2005; National Coach of the Year, 1984, 1994, 1996, 2000. Graduate of Kansas State, 1958, 1964.

**Keele, Randall** – One of the first African-Americans elected to a position in local government in Kansas; served on Manhattan's School Board for two terms, 1903.

**Kellerman, William** – Botanist, professor. World renowned expert on mycology (fungi and fungus caused diseases). While a professor at Kansas State founded the "Journal of Mycology" in 1885. Professor at Kansas State, 1883-91.



**Keys, Martha Elizabeth** – U.S. Congresswoman, 1975-79; Assistant Secretary of Education, 1980-81. Manhattan resident.

**Killough, Lee** – Author. Nominated for Hugo Award. Work included in "One Hundred Great Science Fiction Short Stories" edited by Isaac Asimov. Manhattan resident.

**Kimball, Solon Toothaker** – Anthropologist, Professor. Performed groundbreaking and award-winning research; President of the American Ethnological Society. Awarded Guggenheim Fellowship, 1966. Born in Manhattan, 1909. Graduate of Kansas State, 1930.

**Knorr, Fritz G.** – Coach. National Wrestling Hall of Fame "Lifetime Service to Wrestling" award, 2005. Kansas State University wrestling coach, father of Kansas Kids Wrestling.

**Kraft, Scott** – Journalist, editor. National editor for Los Angeles Times (2005); graduate Kansas State 1977.

**Kruger, Lon** – Basketball player, coach. Head coach at Kansas State, 1986-90. Head coach for Florida, Illinois, UNLV; head coach in the NBA. Graduate of Kansas State, 1975.

**Lee, H.B. (Bebe)** – Athletic Director. Enshrined in the National Association of Directors of Athletics Hall of Fame. Kansas State Athletic Director, 1956-69.

**Lilley, John M.** - Professor, University President. Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences at KSU 1976 – 1980. President of Pennsylvania State University, Erie Campus, 1981-2001, President of University of Nevada- Reno 2001- 2005, President Baylor University 2005.

**Longren, A.K.** – Aviator, manufactured the first airplane in Kansas. Born in Leonardville area, 1882; buried in the Leonardville cemetery.

**Mallon, George** – Congressional Medal of Honor recipient (WWI). Lived in Ogden.

**McGraw, Jon** – Football player. Academic All-American at Kansas State. Plays in the NFL. Graduate of Riley County High School. Graduate of Kansas State, 2002.

**McKay, Claude** – Author, poet. Leader of Harlem Renaissance and the “Negro Literary Renaissance.” His poem "If We Must Die" was adopted as rallying cry by Winston Churchill during WWII: "If we must die, O let us nobly die, so that our precious blood may not be shed in vain." Attended Kansas State.

**McMillin, Alvin (Bo)** – Football player, coach. Hall of Fame football player. NFL head coach. Inventor of the “cockeyed T” football formation. Head coach at Kansas State, 1928-33.

**Mead, Albert E.** – Governor of Washington State, 1905-09. Born in Manhattan, December 14, 1861.

**Miller, A.Q. (Alexander Quintella "Quin") Sr.**- Journalist. Born February 7, 1874 in Washington County near Palmer, Kansas, died December 29, 1959. Editor and Publisher Clifton (Kansas) News 1895 – 1897; Riley (Kansas) Regent 1897 – 1900, Associate in Victor (Colorado) Daily Times and other Victor Daily Corporation papers 1900 – 1904, editor and publisher of the Belleville (Kansas) Telegraph 1904—1959. Inducted into the Kansas Newspaper Hall of Fame, 1964. Chief Clerk United States Senate (1930); National Counselor to the United States Chamber of Commerce; State Counselor to the Kansas Chamber of Commerce; Past President U.S. 81 Pan-American Highway, U.S. 36 Highway Association; Kansas Good Roads Association; Kansas Editorial Association (1940); Division Chief U.S. Bureau of Internal Revenue; Chair of the Kansas State Board of Correction (1910), Kansas Public Works Advisory Committee (1934). Kansas State University School of Journalism and Mass Communications named in honor of A.Q. Miller, 1987.

**Miller, Charley (Kansas Charley)** – First person executed by the State of Wyoming. Born November 20, 1874, in New York City; lived in Leonardville and Randolph, Kansas, 1888; hung April 22, 1892.

**Miller, Steve**- Coach, President of Professional Bowlers' Association, 2000-05; former Nike executive; Kansas State track coach, 1981- 86; Kansas State Athletic Director, 1986-89; U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches' Association Hall of Fame, 2005.

**Mitchell, Dean** – Artist. Award-winning artist had some of his earliest solo shows in Manhattan; dealt exclusively through Manhattan's Strecker Art Gallery for a time.

**Morrison, Frank B.** – Nebraska Governor, 1961-67. Born May 20, 1905, in Golden, Colorado; died April 19, 2004. Graduate of Manhattan High School.

**Mudge, Benjamin F.**- Professor, Scientist. Born August 11, 1817 in Orrington, Penobscot Maine, died November 21, 1879. Professor at Kansas State Agricultural College 1866 – 1874. Lecturer at Kansas University 1879. 1864-65 State Geologist of Kansas. Mayor of Lynn Massachusetts and Quindaro, Kansas. Discovered forty-five new species of fossils including Ichthyornis dispar, a fossil bird with teeth. President of Kansas State Teachers Association, 1867. Founder and President of the Kansas Academy of Science 1868 – 1879. Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Honored as free state pioneer of Kansas with his name posted in the Kansas House of Representatives, Topeka. Credited with teaching one of the first classes of entomology in the United States

**Murdock, Margaret Thompson** – Olympian, three position small-bore rifle shooting (1976) silver medal winner. First marksman to win a medal in Olympic history. Graduate of Kansas State, 1965.

**Myers, Richard** – General; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 2001-2005; Professor, Kansas State 2005. Graduate of Kansas State, 1965.

**Nichols, Ernest Fox** – Physicist, professor. President of Dartmouth College, 1909-16; President of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1921-22. Graduate of Kansas State, 1888.

**Oberheim, Tom** – Synthesis pioneer. Inventor of a number of innovative electronic music products including the first polyphonic music synthesizer, the first phase shifter and ring modulator for the performing musician, the first completely programmable music synthesizer and the first electronic music system that incorporated a synchronized music synthesizer, digital sequencer, and digital drum machine. Graduate of Manhattan High School.

**Ohno, Mitsugi** – Master Glassblower. National/international recognition in the field of glassblowing; architectural art sculptures on exhibit in a number of places. Employed at Kansas State, 1961-96.

**Paddleford, Clementine** – Nationally-syndicated foods writer. Born in Riley County. Graduate of Kansas State, 1921.

**Park, George S.** – Founder of Manhattan, Kansas State University, Parkville, Missouri, and Park University.

**Parker, Richard Bordeaux** – Diplomat. Expert on Middle East politics, recipient of American Foreign Service Association's Lifetime Contributions to American Diplomacy Award. Graduate of Kansas State, 1943, 1948.

**Patee, Clarence** – Vaudeville actor, newspaper publisher/editor/printer, owner of the first movie house in Kansas (The Patee in Lawrence). Founded the *Manhattan Enterprise* newspaper with Alfred Lee Runyan (Damon Runyon's father). Born in Manhattan, attended Manhattan schools.

**Peterson, Cassandra (Elvira)** – Actress. Born in Manhattan, September 17, 1949.

**Poole, William D.** – Rancher, developer. Enshrined in the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. Born 1829, died 1911, buried at Sunset Cemetery.

**Pope, Willis T.** – Horticulturalist, Professor. Horticulturalist at University of Hawaii; First President of University of Hawaii Board of Regents, 1907-08; Superintendent of Public Instruction in Hawaii, 1910-13; Pope Laboratory at University of Hawaii- Manoa is named in his honor. Graduate of Kansas State, 1898.

**Porter, William A. (Bill)** – Businessman, inventor. Founder of E\*Trade 1992; founder of International Securities Exchange; holder of numerous patents; graduate of Kansas State (M.A. Physics.)

**Potts, Merlin** – Champion horseshoe pitcher. Won nine consecutive state horseshoe titles; enshrined in Kansas State Horseshoe Hall of Fame. From Leonardville area.

**Purcell, Edward Benton (E.B.)** – Businessman. Founded dry goods store in Manhattan, 1866, and Manhattan Bank, 1870. Owned Topeka Daily Capital Publishing Company. Director of Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, 1884-94. Town of Purcell, Oklahoma is named in his honor. Lived in Manhattan from 1866 until death in 1924. Buried in Sunset Cemetery.

**Quayle, William A. (Bishop/Willie Gill)** – Minister, speaker, author, bible collector, President of Baker University, distantly related to former Vice President Dan Quayle. Lived in Manhattan with his uncle Rev. Gill; attended Kansas State.

**Randolph, Thomas** – Football player. All-American at Kansas State. Played in the NFL. Graduate of Manhattan High School, 1990. Graduate of Kansas State, 1994.

**Rehfeld, George W.** – Inventor of the Rehfeld jetty. Born June 18, 1880, died January 4, 1962, buried in Sunset Cemetery, Manhattan.

**Richard, Deb** – Professional golfer. Enshrined in University of Florida Hall of Fame; enshrined in the Kansas Golf Hall of Fame 2006; Kansas Junior Girls Champion, 1979; Kansas State High School State Champion 1979, 1980, 1981; Won Kansas Women's Amateur title 1982, 1983, 1984; won United States Amateur Championship, 1984; second in NCAA golf tournament playing for University of Florida, 1985, three time All American. On the LPGA tour she has won over 2 million dollars and has been a five time winner. Graduate of Manhattan High School, 1980.

**Richmond, Mitch** – Olympian, basketball (1988, 1996). Winner of bronze (1988) and gold (1996) medals. All-Star NBA player. Graduate of Kansas State, 1988.

**Riley, Ivan** – Olympian, hurdles (1924) bronze medal winner. Attended Kansas State.

**Roark, Helen Wills Moody**- Olympian, Tennis Champion. Winner of two Olympic gold medals ,1924; 31 Grand Slam titles; ranked number 1 USTA 1923- 1925; Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year 1935; inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame, 1959; inducted into the International Tennis Association Women's Collegiate Tennis Hall of Fame, 1996; lived in Manhattan 1942 with her husband Lieut. Aidan Roark, staff officer on the faculty of the Cavalry School at Ft. Riley.

**Roberts, Pat** – U.S. Congressman, 1980-96; U.S. Senator, Kansas, 1996-present. Graduate of Kansas State, 1958.

**Robinson, Harold** – Broke the "color barrier" in the Big 7 Conference; was first African-American scholarship athlete in the league. Inducted into the K-State Athletics Hall of Fame, 2004. Born in Manhattan, 1930. Graduate of Manhattan High School, 1948. Attended Kansas State.

**Robinson, John Winter** – First Secretary of State for Kansas, 1861-62 (impeached.) Settler in Manhattan; President of Manhattan Town Association. Died December 10, 1863, buried in Sunset Cemetery, Manhattan.

**Rogers, John B.**-Architect. Born July 22, 1922 in Nebraska. Graduate of Manhattan High School, 1940. Graduate of Kansas State U. Also received degrees from University of Texas and University of Colorado. Partner and principal emeritus of RNL Design, begun in 1956 as John B. Rogers, Architect then joined in 1961 by Jerome Nagel and in 1966 by Victor Langhart. Fellow, American Institute of Architects, 1979; AIA Colorado Architect of the Year, 1991; silver medal from the Western Mountain Region of AIA for contributions to the area. Among buildings he designed are: Denver Service Center for Mountain Bell (also known as the Qwest Communications office tower), Colorado State Judicial Heritage Center Complex, and the Rocky Mountain News Building.

**Rolls, Damian** – Major league baseball player. Born September 15, 1977 in Manhattan. Played for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 2000.

**Romig, Thomas** – Major General, top ranking attorney in the Army, 2001-05. Born in Manhattan, 1948. Graduate of Manhattan High School, 1966. Graduate of Kansas State, 1970.

**Runyon, Damon (Alfred Damon Runyan)** – Journalist, author. Enshrined in the International Boxing Hall of Fame for his writing on boxing. His distinctive writing style inspired the word "Runyonese" defined in the Oxford English Dictionary. Born in Manhattan, October 3, 1880; died December 10, 1946. His ashes were scattered over Broadway.

**Ryan, Larry** – Kansas Secretary of State, 1949-51. The only Democrat to hold the office of Kansas Secretary of State. Manhattan resident.

**Salter, Susan Medora Kinsey** – First woman Mayor in the United States (Argonia, Kansas). Attended Kansas State, 1878-80.

**Schepp, Albert & Herman** – Inventors (hay hook and other items). Lived in Riley County. Albert Schepp was born April 20, 1883 and died August 19, 1974. Herman Schepp was born December 8, 1880 and died August 8, 1959. Both are buried in Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Riley County.

**Schmidt, Conrad** – Congressional Medal of Honor recipient (Civil War). Born February 27, 1830, died December 26, 1908, buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Ogden, Kansas.

**Seaton, Edward** – Publisher Manhattan Mercury. Born February 5, 1943. President, American Society of Newspaper Editors, 1998 – 1999; President, Inter American Press Association, 1989 – 1990; former Chair of the Pulitzer Prize Board.

**Seaton, Fredrick (Fred)** – U.S. Senator, Nebraska, 1951-52; Secretary of the Interior, 1956-61. Grew up in Manhattan; Graduate of Kansas State, 1931.

**Shannon, Fred** – Professor, author. Awarded Pulitzer Prize for History in 1929 while professor of history and government at Kansas State.

**Silva, Michael J.**- Brigadier General, United States Army Reserve. Commanding General of the 411<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade based in New Windsor, New York (2006), recipient of the Legion of merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Meritorious Service medals, Joint Commendation medal, six Army Commendation Medals and the Army Achievement Award. He is a senior parachutist and Army Ranger qualified. 1974 Manhattan High School graduate, 1978 U.S. Military Academy, West Point graduate, masters degrees in business administration and strategic studies.

**Sisson, Edward O.** – Writer, professor. President of University of Montana, 1917-21; Director of Bradley University, 1897-1904. Prominent member of turn-of-the-century character-education movement. Graduate of Kansas State, 1886.

**Skujyte, Austra** – Olympian, heptathlon (2004) silver medal winner, 2000 Sydney Olympics, 12<sup>th</sup> place. Graduate of Kansas State, 2003; assistant coach at Kansas State.

**Slaughter, John** – Professor, Educator, University President/Chancellor. President and CEO, National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering; Professor, University of Southern California 1999- 2000; President, Occidental College 1988 – 99; Chancellor, University of Maryland 1982 – 88; Director of the National Science Foundation, 1980 – 82; Member of the National Academy of Engineering. Graduate of Kansas State, 1956.

**Smith, George W.** – Co-founder of Sertoma Club International, Physician. Sertoma International began as Cooperative Club in Kansas City in 1912. Born 1873, grew up in Manhattan, died June 29m 1951 in California, buried in Sunset Cemetery, Manhattan.

**Snyder, Bill** – Football coach. National Coach of the Year, 1998. Head coach at Kansas State, 1989-2005.

**Spani, Gary** – Football player. Enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame, 2002, and Kansas City Chiefs Hall of Fame, 2003. Graduate of Manhattan High School, 1974. Graduate of Kansas State, 1978.

**Stearman, Lloyd** – Aviator, airplane designer. Teamed with Walter Beech and Clyde Cessna to found Travel Air Manufacturing Company; President of Lockheed Aircraft; enshrined in the National Aviation Hall of Fame. Attended Kansas State, 1917-18.

**Stensland, Inger (Inger Stevens)** – Movie and television actress. Starred in the television show “The Farmer’s Daughter,” 1963-66. Won Golden Globe Award and nominated for two Emmy Awards. Born October 19, 1934, in Sweden. Graduate of Manhattan High School, 1952. Died April 29, 1970.

**Stoessel, Walter J.** – Diplomat. U.S. Ambassador to Poland, 1968-72; Soviet Union, 1973-76; Germany, 1976-81. Deputy Secretary of State. Born in Manhattan, 1920. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Swingle, Walter T.** – Botanist, executive at U.S.D.A. Developed date industry in the U.S. Worked on hybridizing and invented the Minneola tangelo. Attended Manhattan schools; graduate of Kansas State, 1890.

**Switzer, Veryl** – Athlete, Higher Education Administrator. Kansas State High School Activities Association Hall of Fame inductee 1995; Big 8 Sports Writers Hall of Fame; Kansas Sports Hall of Fame inductee 1990; drafted #4 in NFL 1954 draft, player with the Green Bay Packers 1954/55, Canadian Football League 1958/60; Executive Director Earl Woods National Youth Golf Academy 2000-; graduate of Kansas State, administrator with Kansas State.

**Tabor, Horace** – Millionaire owner of Colorado silver mines, U.S. Senator from Colorado for 30 days in 1883. Born November 26, 1830; died April 10, 1899. Lived in Riley County (Tabor Valley), 1855-59.

**Thoburn, Joseph B.** – Historian, Professor. Settler in Oklahoma Territory; early civic leader in Oklahoma City. Wrote first standard history of Oklahoma, 1908. Professor of History at Oklahoma University. Graduate of Kansas State, 1893; Manhattan resident.

**Vanderbilt, Gloria** – Designer, heiress, mother of newsman Anderson Cooper. Lived in Manhattan, 1942, while her husband was stationed at Ft. Riley.

**Waldorf, Lynn (Pappy)** – Football coach. Enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame. Head coach at Kansas State, 1934.

**Wauthier, Ray** – Coach. Enshrined in the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) Hall of Fame, 1992; enshrined in the Albion College Hall of Fame, 1991; Kansas State Head Golf Coach 1980 – 1986.

**Wexler, Jerry** – Journalist, music producer, partner at Atlantic Records. Coined the term “Rhythm and Blues.” Enshrined in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, 1987. Graduate of Kansas State, 1947.

**Whitford, Harry Nichols** – Botanist. Surveyed and created first complete maps of Canadian forests; world authority on rubber production. Born in Manhattan, 1872. Graduate of Kansas State, 1890.

**Wilder, Charlotte Frances Felt** – Author of religious essays and books. Lived in Manhattan. Died December 3, 1916; buried in Sunset Cemetery.

**Williston, Samuel Wendall** – Scientist, founder and dean of KU School of Medicine. Attended Manhattan schools; graduate of Kansas State, 1872. Buried in Sunset Cemetery.

**Wilson, Craig** – Major league baseball player; Olympian, baseball (1992). Graduate of Kansas State.

**Winter, Fred (Tex)** – Basketball coach. National Coach of the Year, 1959. Head coach at Kansas State 1953-68.

**Woodford Lee** – Coach. National Wrestling Hall of Fame "Lifetime Service to Wrestling" award, 2005. Manhattan High School wrestling coach.

**Woods, Earl** – Athlete; career military (Green Beret); father/manager of golfer Tiger Woods. First African American baseball player in the Big Seven Conference, played for K-State 1952. Born and reared in Manhattan. Graduate of Manhattan High School, 1949, and Kansas State. Born March 5, 1932, died May 3, 2006, buried in Manhattan Sunset Cemetery.