

**(No Kansas Honorees submitted for 2004-2007)**

# 2008

## KSDAR Women in American History Honorees

### Katie Lou Hart Armitage

- Honored Date: 5/16/09
- State: KS
- City: Lawrence
- Chapter: Betty Washington
- Birth: 11/25/32
- Died:



BA from Baylor University; MA in American History from Univ. of Kansas; has made presentations in Lawrence for various historical occasions including Langston Hughes Symposium, reenactment of Julia Louise Lovejoy for Kansas Humanities Council; Conducts tours of Oakhill Cemetery, Quantrill's Raid for Civil War on the Western Frontier in Lawrence each August; her publications include: 19th Century Houses in Lawrence, Kansas, Embattled Lawrence: Conflict and Community.

# 2009

## KSDAR Women in American History Honorees

### Mary Burchill

- Honored Date: 5-22-2010
- State: KS
- City: Lawrence
- Chapter: Betty Washington
- Birth: 09-04-2035
- Died:



BA from University of Kansas & Masters in Library Science from Emporia State Univ. Retired from KU Law School as Associate Director of School of Law Library. Seasonal Park Ranger at Bandelier National Monument in New Mexico for 6 years. While at Bandelier researched and wrote "Lady of the Canyon: Evelyn Cecil Frey, published by Otowi Crossing Press, a biography of a woman who was a pioneer Bandelier in New Mexico. Also wrote and published, "A Fan's Guide to KU Basketball in Allen Fieldhouse." Currently writing a book on Elizabeth Miller Watkins who was a generous benefactor of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, and the University of Kansas.

# 2010

## KSDAR Women in American History Honorees

### Margaret Miller Butcher PHD

- Honored Date: 01-12-2013
- State: KS
- City: Dodge City
- Chapter: Dodge City
- Birth: 10-11-1907
- Died:



Margaret holds her B.S. and M.S. in Radio/TV/Film and Mass Communication and doctorate in Communication and Multicultural Education. Margaret teaches at the collegiate level currently teaching full time on line and conducted and presented her original research on "Ethnocentrism and Intercultural Willingness to Communicate" at more than 40 regional, national and international conferences. A member and founding president of Blue Star Mothers of Southwest Kansas, American Legion Auxiliary, Legion Riders, Smokey Hills Public Television, Dodge City Chamber of Commerce, 2nd Avenue Art Guild and Dodge City Area Women's Chamber of Commerce's 2012 Woman of the Year.

**(No Kansas Honorees submitted for 2011-2012)**

# 2013

## KSDAR Women in American History Honorees

### Deborah Cope Barker

- Honored Date: 06-08-2013
- State: KS
- City: Ottawa
- Chapter: General Edward Hand
- Birth: 1-14-1951
- Died:



Founded Ottawa Community Arts Council in 1984 and built it into an institution that continues successfully today. Became Director of Franklin County Historical Society in 1991 and has instituted strategic planning for her board and is pursuing museum accreditation. She has obtained grants totaling over \$1,000,000 for improvement to Old Depot Museum and Dietrich Cabin. She was instrumental in the development of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area and continues to be active in it organization. She is currently board chair of Franklin County Convention & Visitor Bureau and is Vice Chair of Kansas Historical Foundation that supports Kansas Historical Society.

**(No Kansas Honorees submitted for 2014-2015)**

# 2016

## KSDAR Women in American History Honorees

### Brenda Katherine (Braun) Meder

- Honored Date: 3-18-2017
- State: KS
- City: Hays
- Chapter: Courtney- Spalding
- Birth: 11-04-1956
- Died:



Brenda Meder has served as the Executive Director of the Hays Arts Council for 25 years, the oldest community arts council in Kansas. She was instrumental in launching community events such as the seasonal Hays Art Walks and expanding “Famous Figures”, an annual historical performance contest for 5th graders. Brenda also has developed school outreach programs such as “How Freedom Works”, a presentation on the functions of the branches of government and their role in the process of turning a bill into a law. Brenda promotes women in history with her first-person historical portrayals of Emily Dickinson and Abigail Adams.

# 2017

## KSDAR Women in American History Honorees

### Nancy Jo Greef Cramer

- Honored Date: 05-06-2017
- State: KS
- City: Miami County
- Chapter: Marais des Cygnes
- Birth: 7-20-1931
- Died:



Nancy is a published author and authoritarian on WWI. She has served as a volunteer at the National WWI Museum located in Kansas City, MO, for many years and has documented numerous family stories provided to her by Museum visitors. Currently, she has written and published four books about World War I (“Unheard Voices, Untold Stories Vol. I and II”; “A Student Guide to WWI”, and a children’s book “Beko the Little French Dog”) and is in process of writing fifth book on retreat of Serbian army in 1915. Additionally, she has published numerous articles on various topics in Kansas City STAR and Raymore, Mo. Journal; and educational journals. She has received various awards from Chamber and MNEA for leadership and business activities. Presented numerous programs on in-house TV at Foxwood Springs Center while a resident there.

# 2018

## KSDAR Women in American History Honorees

### Margaret Hill McCarter

- Honored Date: 03-02-2019
- State: KS
- City: Wichita
- Chapter: Flores del Sol
- Birth: 5/2/1860
- Died: 8-31-1938



Margaret Hill McCarter was a 20th century educator, novelist and orator. In 1894, she founded Western Sorosis, a women's club. She was a staunch Republican who was invited to speak at the 1920 Republican National Convention in Chicago, thus becoming the first woman ever to do so. She was a suffragette believing that women's rights could best be expressed through the ballot. Mrs. McCarter became the best known and highest paid novelist in Kansas for her time. Her novels were historical fiction tales about Kansas. During her career she was awarded with honorary doctorates in literature from Washburn University and the College of Emporia; both in Kansas. Margaret Hill McCarter Elementary School in Topeka memorializes this Kansas author.

# 2019

## KSDAR Women in American History Honorees

### Angela O. Bates

- Honored Date: 4-20-2019
- State: KS
- City: Hays
- Chapter: Courtney- Spalding
- Birth: 11-11-1952
- Died:



Angela Bates, a decedent of Nicodemus, Kansas' original 1877 settlers, is the executive director and founder of the Nicodemus Historical Society. Ms. Bates was instrumental in gaining Nicodemus' National Historic Site designation and is a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Angela presents educational programs nationwide covering the history of Nicodemus, Exodusters and black towns of the West, Buffalo Soldiers, and black women in the West. Angela has authored fourth-grade curriculum for Kansas schools covering the history of African Americans as well as a children's book series, "Adventures of Nicodemus Annie", which focuses on the history of Nicodemus.

### Anna Laura Hill

- Honored Date: 11-09-2019
- State: KS
- City: Clay Center
- Chapter: Nathan Edson
- Birth: 11/17/1878
- Died: 1963



Anna Laura Hill, 1878-1963, was a placing agent for the Children's Aid Society from 1903 to the 1930s during the Orphan Train Movement. In 1907 she became a Western Placing Agent, placing thousands of children in homes throughout the United States. She cataloged 163 trips placing over 2,100 children. In the 1920's she was the District Superintendent for Kansas. Today, she would be known as a Foster Care Social Worker. Her work with the Children's Aid Society helped children in need of loving homes and affected American History. Today, one in twenty-five Americans has ties to the Orphan Train Movement. Anna Laura Hill, NSDAR #177749 was proud of her 5 Revolutionary War Patriots and was a member of the Chemung Chapter, NSDAR, Elmira, New York from 1922 until her death in 1963.

## Carrie Nation

- Honored Date: 02-10-2020
- State: KS
- City: Manhattan
- Chapter: Polly Ogden
- Birth: 11/ 25/1846
- Died: 06-09-1911



Carrie Nation's temperance work began in Medicine Lodge, Kansas with her founding a Woman's Christian Temperance Union branch and campaigning to enforce Kansas' ban on liquor sales. Her methods escalated from simple protests to using rocks and hatchets to destroy saloon stock. Arrested 30 times, she paid her fines from lecture-tour fees and souvenir hatchets sales. Nation also conducted women's rights marches in Topeka, Kansas. Nation died in Evergreen Place Hospital, Leavenworth, Kansas on June 9, 1911. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union purchased the Carrie Nation House in Medicine Lodge that was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1976.

## Hattie McDaniel

- Honored Date: 02-10-2020
- State: KS
- City: Manhattan
- Chapter: Polly Ogden
- Birth: 6/10/1895
- Died: 10-26-1952



Hattie McDaniel was an American actress, singer-songwriter, and comedian. Best known for playing "Mammy" in *Gone with the Wind* (1939), she won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress, the first nomination and win by a black entertainer. She was the first African-American to attend the ceremony as a guest, not a servant. Born in Wichita, Kansas to former slaves, she was the youngest of 13 children. McDaniel was the most famous of black homeowners who organized the black West Adams, Los Angeles, California (Sugar Hill) residents who saved their homes in a restrictive covenant case.

## Nancy Landon Kassebaum Baker

- Honored Date: 02-10-2020
- State: KS
- City: Manhattan
- Chapter: Polly Ogden
- Birth: 7-29-1932
- Died:



Nancy Landon Kassebaum Baker, American politician representing Kansas in the United States Senate from 1978 to 1997. A Kansas native, Kassebaum graduated from Topeka High School. She earned her bachelor degree from the University of Kansas and her master's degree in diplomatic history from the University of Michigan. In 1978, Kassebaum was the first woman elected to a full term in the Senate without her husband having previously served in Congress and the first woman to represent Kansas in the Senate. She won re-election in 1984 and 1990. When sworn into the Senate, she was the only female Senator.

## Lilla Day Moore Monroe

- Honored Date: 11-09-2019
- State: KS
- City: Topeka
- Chapter: Topeka
- Birth: 3/19/1885
- Died:



Lilla Day Moore was the daughter of Ephraim and Rachael Moore. She married Lee Monroe in 1858, who was an attorney in Wakeeney, KS. Lilla worked as a law clerk in her husband's office and studied law at home. She passed the bar and was admitted to practice on February 7, 1894 and admitted to the Kansas State Supreme Court on May 7, 1895. She was president of the Kansas State Suffrage Association and served from 1908-1912. This was a critical period where KS women gained the right to vote. Monroe served as the head of the lobbying efforts for 27 years as a member of the Good Government Club of Topeka. As a journalist, she established and edited the Club Woman and the Kansas Woman's Journal and brought together the experiences of the pioneer woman.

# 2020

## KSDAR Women in American History Honorees

### Flo Vesta Knisely Menninger

- Honored Date: Mar-21
- State: KS
- City: De Soto
- Chapter: John & Hattie Possum
- Birth: 4/23/1863 Dillsburg, York County, PA
- Died: 2/9/1945 Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas



Flora (Flo) Vesta Knisely Menninger was the mother of the famous psychiatrists Dr. Karl A. Menninger and Dr. William Claire Menninger of the Menninger Clinic, Topeka, KS, and now in Houston, TX. She born in Pennsylvania in 1863 and came to Kansas in 1878 with her family. In 1886, she graduated from Campbell University. With an insatiable hunger for obtaining and distributing knowledge, especially of the Bible, in 1898, she wrote her own Bible study. Response was overwhelming and has continued for 122 years across American and other nations. She dies in 1945 and her Menninger Bible Study continues.

### Betty Jenkins Bendorf

- Honored Date: 6-19-2020
- State: KS
- City: Paola
- Chapter: Marais des Cygnes
- Birth: 7/24/1932 Chillicothe, MO

Died:



In 1983, began her distinguished career with the Miami County Museum, Historical and Genealogical Societies. She was President and Treasurer of the Genealogical Society, and on the Board of Directors of the Historical Society. Additionally, she acted as Museum Coordinator, a six day a week position, for a number of years. For the last approximately twenty years, she has been the Museum's Librarian. She was instrumental in developing the Miami County Cemetery and Barn books and the "Paola, Kansas 150 Year Timeline" book. She served as Kansas State DAR Registrar and State Chairman of the Seimes Microfilm Center, The Flag of the USA, Genealogical Records and Project Patriot Committees.

## Monica Murnan

- Honored Date: 3-15-2021
- State: KS
- City: Pittsburg
- Chapter: Oceanus Hopkins
- Birth: 5-26-1966
- Died:



Monica Murnan earned both her Bachelors and Master's Degree in Education from PSU. She began her career as a kindergarten and 1st grade teacher for Wichita Public Schools and founded the Family Resource Center (The Center) in 1995. She currently serves as Director of Student Support Services at Greenbush Education Service Center and has brought more than \$14 million in grant funding to the Community. She was elected in 2016 to serve the 3rd House District in the Kansas Legislature. She has also served as Pittsburg City Commissioner, Mayor, Board of Trustees Member of the Pittsburg Public Library, Interim CEO- Community Health Center of SEK, Past President, and Board of Directors for the PSU National Alumni Association.

# 2021

## KSDAR Women in American History Honorees

### Phoebe (Phebe) Barrett VanVliet

- Honored Date: 09-11-2021
- State: KS
- City: Marysville
- Chapter: Arthur Barrett
- Birth: 09/13/1858 near Barrett KS
- Died: 04-01-1951



On July 26, 1928, Phoebe Barrett VanVliet hosted a luncheon for twenty friends/relatives in Barrett KS. Assisted by the Kansas State Regent, the Arthur Barrett DAR Chapter was organized and named after VanVliet's Great-Grandfather, Arthur Barrett. As organizing Regent, VanVliet secured a portion of Barrett land for a park and was instrumental in helping the Chapter erect a monument signifying the intersecting of the Pikes Peak/Oregon Trail. In 1920, she was a delegate to the Democratic Convention in San Francisco. She was a past Matron of the Frankfort Palace OES, Episcopal Church member, and correspondent for the Women's Relief Auxiliary and member of the Striving Lodge, supporting Temperance.

### Bethany Lynn Root

- Honored Date: May-21
- State: KS
- City: Atchison
- Chapter: Atchison
- Birth: 4/18/1983 Warren, Ohio
- Died: 7-16-2017



Bethany embodied the spirit of this tribute. She graduated from IUPUI and began teaching special education, mentoring students at an inner-city School. She became a role model for women in underrepresented fields. She managed a custom motorcycle shop, became a commercial pilot, owned a business, and managed the Amelia Earhart Airport working to restore its vitality. She recruited instructors, planned airshows and fly-ins, beautified the grounds, and improved facilities. Everyone wanted to be around this intelligent, positive, forward-looking woman. Bethany inspired girls and women to become aviators, to let nothing stand in their way of taking flight. Her legacy in the community is embodied by the monument "Root to Rise" located on Main Street in Atchison, Kansas.

## Lottie Findley Law

- Honored Date: 01-10-2022
- State: KS
- City: Hays
- Chapter: Courtney- Spalding
- Birth: 6/2/1879 Lyndon, Osage County, KS
- Died: 7/7/1964 Larned, Pawnee County, KS, burial Hill City, KS



Born into a Kansas farm family, Lottie was only ten when her mother died. It was then her desire to become a physician was born. For a few years she taught rural school before attending the Medical College in Kansas City. After residency in Vienna, Austria, she returned to Morland where her medical practice spanned 50 years, 1902-1952. During WW I, she was the county's only physician. Known for her compassion, Lottie had an infirmary in her home, drove one of the county's first automobiles, and was an advocate for Women's Suffrage. Her nurse described her as a "peppery pioneer".

## Jerilyn Davis Shute

- Honored Date: 03-08-2022
- State: KS
- City: Mankato
- Chapter: Desire Tobey Sears
- Birth: 12/1934 Topeka, KS
- Died:



Jerilyn Davis Shute is honored for her work researching, compiling and authoring *Prairie Jewels: Schools, Churches, Post Offices and Cemeteries of Jewell County, Kansas*. The book contains pictures, essays and anecdotes about more than three hundred schools and churches, historic and extant, that were part of the landscape of Jewell County. The locations of the nearly seventy Jewell County post offices plus the men and women who served as postmasters and postmistresses are included. Finally, the book cites the names and locations of the over seventy cemeteries in Jewell County. A valuable collection of fast fading Jewell County history.

## Erma Parsons Dillon

- Honored Date: 03-08-2022
- State: KS
- City: Mankato
- Chapter: Desire Tobey Sears
- Birth: 8/3/1934 Miltonvale, KS
- Died:



Erma Parsons Dillon is honored for her work researching, compiling and authoring *Prairie Jewels: Schools, Churches, Post Offices and Cemeteries of Jewell County, Kansas*. The book contains pictures, essays and anecdotes about more than three hundred schools and churches, historic and extant, that were part of the landscape of Jewell County. The locations of the nearly seventy Jewell County post offices plus the men and women who served as postmasters and postmistresses are included. Finally, the book cites the names and locations of the over seventy cemeteries in Jewell County. A valuable collection of fast fading Jewell County history.

## Nadine L. Schmidt Apley

- Honored Date: 4-13-2021
- State: KS
- City: Larned
- Chapter: Fort Larned
- Birth: 4/17/1935 Colby, KS
- Died:

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Nadine earned a BS in Home Economics and a Masters in Dietetics and Institutional Management from Kansas State University. She was office manager at Apley Veterinary Clinic working alongside her husband Dr. A. D. Apley. For the 4-H Club, she started the county dog project and served on the state 4-H Extension Board. At the Larned State Hospital, she established a weekly visiting pet program for the Children and Adolescent wards and served on the Citizens Advisory Committee. She has served as a Deacon for the Larned Presbyterian Church and has been a volunteer for school activities and DAR programs and projects.

## Nellie Morgan von der Heiden

- Honored Date: 10-09-2021
- State: KS
- City: Newton
- Chapter: Newton
- Birth: 6/19/1881 Walton, KS
- Died: 11/15/1972 Newton KS



Joined Newton KSDAR on February 1, 1934. Was NW Kansas District secretary and Regent of the Newton Chapter. She was Kansas State Regent (1950 – 1952) She collected money from state chapters for the Valley Forge Bell Tower. She supported the St. Francis Boys Home in Ellsworth, KS and was instrumental in organizing the Kansas Chapter of the American Cancer Society. Nellie von der Heiden was an active member in the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Kansas. She also belonged to the P.E.O. – Philanthropic Educational Organization. She was a past President of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas in 1945. Mrs. Von der Heiden was a secretary of Kansas Historical Society and was their director in 1955 and 1962.

## Fannie Geiger Thompson

- Honored Date: 3-30-2022
- State: KS
- City: Shawnee Mission
- Chapter: Shawnee Mission
- Birth: 1/1/1857 Marti's Ferry, OH
- Died: 2-17-1903



As we celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail, we would like to honor Fannie Geiger Thompson. It was her enthusiasm and persistence that first awakened interest in the subject of marking the Santa Fe Trail with a line of monument's across the state of Kansas. As KSDAR Regent in 1902, she introduced this dream. Her great-grandfather was Lieutenant William Wallace who was with Washington's army during the winter at Valley Forge. She naturally inherited an intense love of country which made her conspicuous as a DAR member. Her untimely death prevented her from seeing the completion of her dream.

# 2022

## KSDAR Women in American History Honorees

### Mary Catherine "Cathy" Haney

- Honored Date: October 16, 2022
- State: KS
- City: Clay Center
- Chapter: Nathan Edson
- Birth: 4 July, 1940 Broughton, Kansas
- Died: 21 June, 2016 Salina, Kansas



Cathy Haney, "The Hat Lady," was the driving force behind the Clay County Historical Museum and Society for 40 years. To say "The Hat Lady" had many hats is an understatement. She was a curator, a searcher of history, and a researcher of Clay County, Kansas. Her ideas and sources came from all over the United States as she traveled whenever she could. She portrayed in costume early women settlers of Clay County for area clubs and associations. She made Kansas Day celebrations especially memorable for Clay Center 4th Graders by recreating a one room school teacher in the historic District 41 Clay County School House.

### Mildred Schindler Janzen

- Honored Date: 06-11-2022
- State: KS
- City: Clay Center
- Chapter: Nathan Edson
- Birth: 3/1/1929 Great Bend, KS
- Died:



Mildred Schlinder Janzen, DAR Medal of Honor Recipient, was born to German immigrant parents in Kansas. At 6 months, her family returned to Germany. The family remained intact throughout WW II; however, the Russians invaded their farm on 1 Feb., 1945. She was sent to a Russian Army laundry camp and her father was taken by the Russian Army, and not seen again. Mildred's American Birth Certificate wasn't lost, and eventually she returned to Kansas where she finished high school, married and had four children. Her memoir "Surviving Hitler, Evading Stalin" tells her story of living under those two regimes.

## Clarina Irene Nichols (nee Howard)

- Honored Date: November 3, 2022
- State: KS
- City: Leawood
- Chapter: Sagamore
- Birth: January 25, 1810, West Townshend, Vermont
- Died: January 11, 1885, California



Nichols was an early advocate for women's rights. While fulfilling the traditional roles of wife, mother, and homemaker, and often supporting her family by her superlative skills as a needlewoman, she researched and wrote about the injustices done to women by laws governing property, contracts, inheritance, and domestic relations. She gained a wide audience as a journalist and speaker in Vermont and throughout the East. In 1854 she decided to move with her family to the Kansas Territory in order to influence the laws of the soon-to-be state to provide more equal treatment of women. When the Kansas Territory was drafting a proposed constitution in 1859, she successfully advocated for provisions that would ease women's legal disabilities. She was also a dedicated abolitionist and supported the Kansas free-state cause. She lived for several years in the free-state port town of Quindaro, Kansas, where she assisted runaway slaves.

# 2023

## KSDAR Women in American History Honorees

### Dr. Celia Ann Herbert Dayton

- Honored Date: May 2023
- State: KS
- City: Stillwell
- Chapter: Three Trails West
- Birth: 24 June 1815 - Herkimer County, NY
- Died: 8 November 1895 - Spring Hill, Kansas



Spring Hill, Kansas was home of the first female doctor in Kansas. Dr. Celia AnHerbert Dayton, born in NY, 1815, served her community until death at age 80. She graduated med school in Chicago. Known as Annie to the community, she was respected and beloved. There were claims that she had ties to the Underground Railroad. She married Amon Dayton in 1831. Her adopted son, Dr. Hiram Eugene Dayton, age 25, was executed as a spy during the Civil War after he infiltrated Quantrill's gang. Celia was laid to rest at the Spring Hill, Kansas cemetery November 18, 1895.

### Dr. Martha Marie Madtson

- Honored Date: March 13, 2023
- State: KS
- City: Mankato
- Chapter: Desire Tobey Sears
- Birth: 14 July 1881, Bergen, Norway
- Died: 30 September 1951, Topeka, Kansas



Martha Marie Madtson (1881-1951) was born in Norway and died in Topeka, Kansas. Immigrating in 1883, her family settled in Beloit, Kansas. Madtson learned English then graduated as valedictorian of Beloit High School's Class of 1901. That achievement earned her a years education at Topeka's Washburn University. An A.B. degree in 1905 from Washburn started her pursuit of a medical degree. The degree was earned from the University of Michigan in 1915, the only female in the class. Madtson practiced medicine in Beloit from 1915 to 1946. Her will established a scholarship for women at Washburn which is still awarded.

## Tess Watson

- Honored Date: April 17, 2023
- State: KS
- City: Pittsburg
- Chapter: Oceanus Hopkins
- Birth: 3/26/1969 Joplin, Missouri
- Died:



Tess Watson is the founder of Dream Big Little One Association. DBLO was founded in November 2019. To date the program has provided over 1,100 beds and bedding to children in the area, free of charge. Working alongside area agencies DBLO and Tess provide love and a sense of self-worth to the children through the distribution of these beds. This gives area children hope at a brighter future. Tess Watson was chosen as a Woman of distinction through the Pittsburg Kansas Chamber of Commerce. This award has brought more awareness to a serious need for our rural area community children.

## Mary Bannister Frisch

- Honored Date: December 11, 2023
- State: KS
- City: Shawnee Mission
- Chapter: Mission Hills
- Birth: August 28 Huntington, West Virginia
- Died:



One hundred seven years to the date after the founding of NSDAR, Mary Bannister Frisch joined DAR. Since then, she has served the Society at the chapter, state and national levels. Following her term as Kansas State Regent, she was elected Vice President General and Registrar General. She is currently active as an Honorary Vice President General. Her encouraging attitude and enthusiasm for all things DAR has inspired many in her Mission Hills Chapter and those whose lives she has touched nationally. She has been an entrepreneur and a licensed realtor but her greatest achievements have been in service to our country through DAR.

## Lucy Hobbs Taylor

- Honored Date: 2023
- State: VA -KS
- City: Virginia Beach - Stilwell
- Chapter: Adam Thoroughgood- Three Trails West
- Birth: 14 Mar 1833 Constable NY
- Died: 3 Oct 1910 Lawrence, KS



Lucy Taylor was born in upstate New York, where she became a teacher. In 1866, after battling her way into a man's world, Lucy graduated Ohio College of Dental Surgery as the first American woman to earn a degree in Dental Surgery. She and her husband James moved to Lawrence, Kansas, and opened the finest dental practice in the state. Lucy was active in civic and political causes and became an ardent supporter of the women's suffrage movement. After her husband's death in 1886 she retired after four decades. In 1983, the AAWD posthumously honored Dr. Taylor by naming their most prestigious annual award "The Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award."

# 2024

## Andrea Warren

- Honored Date: June 7, 2024, at the National Orphan Train Celebration
- State: KS
- City: Clay Center
- Chapter: Nathan Edson
- Birth: 30 October 1946 Norfolk, Nebraska
- Died:



Andrea Warren, 2004 William Allen White Children's Book Award winner for "Surviving Hitler", 2010 Kansas Notable Book for "Under Siege" and in 2016 for "The Boy Who Became Buffalo Bill" has done much as a non-fiction writer to preserve history for young people. Some of her subjects are of a young girl growing up on the prairie, Orphan Train riders, a young man who survived American Japanese Internment camps, and Amerasian children fleeing Vietnam at the end of the Vietnam War. She adapted her book "Surviving Hitler" into a play which was performed at The White Theater in Kansas City.

## Georgia Greenleaf

- Honored Date: June 7, 2024
- State: KS
- City: Clay Center
- Chapter: Nathan Edson
- Birth: 18 March 1885 Lebanon, Missouri
- Died: 3 November, 1970 Lebanon, Missouri



Georgia Greenleaf - CAS Agent

Georgia Greenleaf, 1885-1970, was a social work pioneer. She received an A.B. Degree in Public Administration from Missouri University. She attended New York School of Social Work, Ohio State University, and University of Chicago. In Chicago, she worked with Hull House co-founder Jane Addams and Secretary for the Southern Tier Children's Home, Elmira, New York. Her responsibilities in Missouri included: Superintendent of Public Welfare in LaClede, Children Placing Agent for Missouri State Board of Charities, Methodist Orphans Home Association in Saint Louis, and a Children's Aid Society Resident placing Agent for Missouri. She dedicated her life to the well-being of children. Since Georgia Greenleaf was a Resident Agent in Missouri for the Children's Aid Society of New York City which was connected to the Orphan Train movement, the Nathan Edson Chapter presented the award at the 21st Annual Celebration of Orphan Train Riders in Concordia, Kansas.

## Susan Lyn Sutton

- Honored Date: June 7, 2024
- State: KS
- City: Clay Center
- Chapter: Nathan Edson
- Birth: 26 May, 1948 Dodge City, Kansas
- Died:



Sutton was a faculty member of Cloud County Community College for thirty-nine years and was Dean of Humanities, covering English, Speech, and Theatre. She was instrumental in starting the Cook Lecture Series and The National Orphan Train Museum to Concordia. She wrote and directed *The Chosen*, a play depicting the placement of orphans. Sutton was a member of Humanities Kansas and received an Education Award from Kansas Native Sons and Daughters. She is dedicated to preserving local history. She has served on the boards of the Brown Grand Theatre, as president of National Orphan Train Museum, and Concordia WWII POW Camp Museum. The award was presented during the Museum for annual celebration of the Orphan Train Riders.