



## Kentucky Roadside Markers

In the 2002 publication *ROADSIDE HISTORY: A Guide to Kentucky Highway Markers*, compiled by Dianne Wells, there are 2071 markers described. Of those, 60 are dedicated to a woman.

Approximately 58 other markers mention a woman, often as “wife of” or “mother of” or “sister of”

### WOMEN AS PRIMARY DESIGNEE

- p. 1 Todd House. Home of Mary Todd Lincoln 578 W. Main St., Lexington
- p. 2 Mary Todd Lincoln. ...wife of...house where born 12/13/1818 & spent her childhood...  
511 W. Short St, Lexington
- p. 10 Jane Lampton House. ...Girlhood home...wife of...mother of “Mark Twain, KY 55, 80, Columbia
- p. 13 Mary Ingles. Said to be first white woman in KY....Silver Grove, KY 8 at Oak St., Campbell Co.
- p. 15 Jane Todd Crawford. Pioneer woman who rode horse 64 miles for operation to remove ovarian tumor in 1809. KY 61, Green Co.
- p. 15 Mother’s Day. Here, Mary Towles Sasseen Wilson in 1887 first observed Mother’s Day. Henderson School-yard, Center St. Henderson.
- p. 17 Loretto Sisters...founded by Rev. Charles Nerinckx. KY 84,327, Marion Co.
- p. 17 Loretto. Motherhouse & Novitiate of Sisters of Loretto, founded by Rev. Charles Nerinckx, KY 49,152, Marion Co.
- p. 26 Frontier Nursing. Mary Breckinridge founded...Hyden, Courthouse Lawn, US 421, Leslie Co.
- p. 28 Grave of Lucy Virgin Downs, 1769-1847. The first white child born of American parents, west of the Allegheny Mtns....Oldtown, KY 1, Greenup Co.
- p. 39 Alice Lloyd College....Alice Lloyd came from Boston, 1916, dedicating her life to education of youth in area....KY 80, Garner
- p. 40 “Aunt Julia” Marcum. Only woman, as a fighter, to receive a U.S., pension: special act of Congress, 1884...defending home against marauders...died in 1936, age 91, military funeral. Courthouse Lawn, US 25-W, Williamsburg.
- p. 50 Jenny (Jennie) Wiley. Captured by Indians in present Bland Co., VA 1787 or 89. 4 children and brother killed. A child born in captivity also killed....After nearly a year Mrs. Wiley escaped....5 mi. South of Paintsville, US 23, 460, Johnson Co.
- p. 54 Jefferson’s Sister. Rocky Hill, one mile north, home of Lucy Jefferson Lewis, youngest sister of Thomas Jefferson...3 mi. north of Smithland, US 60, KY 137, Livingston Co.
- p. 54 Hindman Settlement School. Founded by May Stone and Katherine Pettit to provide an educational opportunity for the youth of the mountains and keep them mindful of their heritage. KY 160, E. of KY 80, Knott Co.
- p. 66 Mary Ingles. Reputed to be first white woman in KY.
- p. 68 Home of Lucy Furman. Author, lecturer. Powell St., US 41, Henderson.
- p. 72 Nazareth College. Mother House of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth since 1822....Bishop John Baptist Mary David and Mother Catherine Spalding, co-founders, buried in cemetery. College entrance, N. of Bardstown
- p. 82 Science Hill School. For 114 continuous years, an outstanding school for girls... (the first principal was) Mrs. Julia A. Tevis, (who lived from)1825-1879. US 60, Washington & 6th Sts., Shelbyville
- p. 92 Clara Barton’s Visit. The organizer of the American Red Cross in 1881, Clara Barton, came to Paducah March 13, 1884..to help direct relief work during the Ohio River flood...2nd & Broadway, Paducah.
- p. 92 Moonlight Schools. Established in Rowan County, KY, in 1911, by Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, “to emancipate from illiteracy those enslaved in its bondage... Wilkinson Blvd, US 60. Morehead.
- p. 94 Elenores. Home of Elizabeth Madox Roberts, novelist, poet, 510 North Walnut, KY 53, Springfield



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- p. 99 Princess Cornblossom. Burial site of daughter of Chief Doublehead. Legend is that as a young girl she accompanied her father at signing of Treaty of Sycamore Shoals, 1775, transferring Cherokees' land between Ohio and Cumberland rivers to Transylvania Society. US 27, near Stearns.
- p. 99 Romantic 1825 Tragedy. Jereboam Beauchamp and wife Anna...To avenge her alleged seduction by Col. Solomon Sharp, Beauchamp murdered him...she was released but refused to be separated...attempted suicide by stabbing themselves...her wound fatal...he lived to be hanged that day...US 62, KY 44, Bloomfield Cemetery.
- p. 103 Saint Catharine. Cradle and Mother House of the Dominican Sisters in U.S...3 W. west of Springfield, US 150.
- p. 117 Confederate Flag of Welcome. ...Mrs. Emily Jarrett, whose husband and sons were fighting for the CSA, rushed to save the banner. Under Union gunboat fire, she had a small slave boy climb the pole, retrieve the flag, and drop it to her...the flag was laid to rest with loyal rescuer. 310 W. Broadway, Paducah.
- p. 122 Pioneer Spirit. Nearby grave of Lucy Flournoy Roberts, believed to be the first woman of French Huguenot lineage to come to this area....State Line Rd., Fulton-Graves Co. Line.
- p. 131 Kavanaugh School. Rhoda C. Kavanaugh, A.B., founder and principal 41 years. Under her direction it ranked among the nation's foremost preparatory schools for Annapolis and West Point...Woodford St., US 62, Lawrenceburg
- p. 133 Sam and Nola of Morris Fork. Samuel VanderMeer came here.....he married nurse Nola Pease. Missionaries, community builders...Morris Fork Presbyterian Church, KY 28, Morris Fork.
- p. 137 Revolutionary War Widow. Abigail, wife of General Daniel Morgan, died in 1816 and was buried in family cemetery ½ mi. south. After Morgan's death and burial in VA...Mrs. Morgan came here and lived in this area about 10 years. On KY 100, 2 mi. SE of Russellville
- p. 143 Local Authoress. Eugenia Dunlap Potts, daughter of George Dunlap, US Congressman and lawyer, was born in Garrard County in 1840 and pursued her literary career here, where she died, 1912...School grounds on Lexington St. on US 27, Lancaster
- p. 144 Bellevue, Kentucky. Incorporated March 15, 1870, on part of original land grant to Gen. James Taylor.....Hometown of Anna E. Wolfram, one of Kentucky's first women doctors.
- p. 147 Goodnight Memorial Library. Mrs. Goodnight (1858-1935), wife of I. H. Goodnight, in her will made possible the erection of this municipal building...South Main St., US 31-W, Franklin.
- p. 173 Founders Shack – 1917. Built for Alice Geddes Lloyd by Caney Creek residents to educate their children. Mrs. Lloyd worked to educate leaders for service to the people of this area...KY 899, Pippa Passes
- p. 175 Cordia School. Lotts Creek Community School was founded by Alice Slone from Caney Creek, 1933...A year later she started the Cordia High School...KY 1088, Cordia.
- p. 203 Presentation Academy. The city's first Catholic school and Louisville's oldest existing school, founded 1831, by Mother Catherine Spalding...The actress Mary Anderson attended classes in the 1870s...861 S. Fourth St., Louisville.
- p. 204 Lottie Moon (1840-1912). This dynamic Southern Baptist missionary spent almost forty years (1873-1912) teaching and ministering in China....She...taught at Caldwell Female Institute, later part of Centre College...fund named for her, 1918. First Baptist Church, 317 W. Broadway, Danville.
- p. 205 Alvan Drew School. ...Started by missionary Mrs. M.O. Everett, and named for supporter of rural education...Closed after 1947 fire...KY 15, Pine Ridge.
- p. 205 Alice Virginia Coffin. Born on this street, Alice Virginia was one of the founders of P.,E.O., an international philanthropic and educational organization for women. It began as a sorority at the Iowa Wesleyan College, 1869; owns...provides monetary assistance for education of women...Jefferson Street between Preston & Floyd Sts., Louisville.



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- p. 209 Birthplace of Carry A. Nation (reverse entitled Lady With A Hatchet). With hatchet in hand, this famous Kentuckian harassed saloon owners across U.S. Four miles from here on Carry Nation Rd. is house where she was born, 1946....began crusade there(Kansas) in 1899....gave direction to the anti-liquor movement, which led to Prohibition, 1920-33...KY 34 at Jct. With Fisher Ford Rd., Lancaster.
- p. 216 Grave of Steamboat Captain. Mary M. Miller of Louisville, a pioneer among women, was licensed as master of a steamboat on inland waters, Feb. 16, 1884...buried in Portland Cem. Bank St. W. of 34th St. at entrance to Cem., Louisville.
- p. 219 Laura Clay (1849-1941). Woman's rights leader, born here, was pre. Of KY Equal Rights Assn...Daughter of Cassius M. Clay... Her associates included Susan B. Anthony. Laura Clay buried Lexington.
- p. 220. Harriette Simpson Arnow (1908-1986). The author of such celebrated Appalachian novels as The Dollmaker and Hunter's Horn...continued to chronicle Appalachian life and people. US 27, Burnside.
- p. 221 Janice Holt Giles (1905-1979). Historical novels by this talented author..include The Enduring Hills and The Believers. Near Giles home, KY 76 and Spout Springs Rd., Adaire Co.
- p. 227 Louisville Girls High School. Serving girls' education for almost 100 years...Opened on April 7, 856 ....consolidated with Dupont Manual Boys School. Second and Lee Sts., Louisville.
- p. 229 Slave Escape. On a snowy night in January 1856, seventeen slaves fled, at foot of Main Street, across frozen Ohio River. Margaret Garner was in this group. She arrested in OH, she killed little daughter rather than see her returned to slavery....Decision fueled fires of abolition...returned to KY with master's agreement to extradite her to OH. But soon afterward Garner sent south and never heard from again. Covington, 6th & Main Sts, Kenton Co.
- p. 229 Una Merkel – Film Star. This Covington native won a Tony award in 1956 for performance in Broadway's "The Ponder Heart" and received Oscar nomination....Merkel (1903-1986) represented successful transition from silent films to "the talkies" ....Goebel Park, 5th & Philadelphia Sts., Covington.
- p. 230 Frances E. Beauchamp (1857-1923). This Madison Co. native spearheaded the antiliquor crusade in KY and was a leading figure in temperance movement nationwide....Pres. of KY Women's Christian Temperance Union...Largely through Beauchamp's efforts, a prohibition amendment in KY constitution adopted 1919. Presbyterian Church, Main St., Richmond.
- p. 231 Madeline M. Breckinridge. This descendant of Henry Clay and Ephraim McDowell...married Desha Breckinridge, editor of Lexington Herald...helped gain voting rights for women...Ratification of 19th amendment by KY legislature, 1920, largely credited to her efforts..."Ashland," the estate of Henry Clay, Lexington.
- p. 236 Irene Dunne (1898-1990). ...actress appeared on Broadway in 20s and then starred in...films..received Kennedy Center Honors in 1985. KY Center for the Arts, Louisville.
- p. 241 McCutchen Meadows. Earliest land grant is dated 1798..Issued to Elizabeth, widow of John McCutchen. Built by 1825, mansion ....On National Reg....12345 Bowling Green Rd., US 68/80, Auburn.
- p. 243 Bethlehem Academy...Sisters Harriet Gardiner, Polly Beaven, Nancy Lynch started school which Father David named...309 W. Stephen Foster Ave, Bardstown.
- p. 245 Morehead University...Founded by Mrs. Phebe Button and her son...University Blvd, Morehead.
- p. 246 Effie Waller Smith. ... poet was a daughter of former slaves....earned teaching certificate at KY State Normal School for Colored Persons...Hambley Blvd at Police Dept., Pikeville.
- p. 246 Alice Allison Dunnigan (1906-1983). ...granddaughter of slaves...gained recognition as a journalist based in Washington, D.C. and civil rights leader... Author of autobiography
- p. 247 Colored Orphan Industrial Home. Led by Mrs. E. Belle Mitchell Jackson...also a refuge for elderly women...644 Georgetown Rd., Lexington.
- p. 249 Anna Mac Clarke (1919-44). ..Clarke earned B.A. from KY State College...first black WAAC assigned to duty with all- white company as platoon commander; joined Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in 1942 ...and led fight to desegregate Douglas Air Field base theatre...Courthouse lawn, Lawrenceburg.



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- p. 257 Sarah Blanding. 1923 graduate of UK...named UK Dean of Women in 1925...became president of Vassar College from 1946-1964...UK Blanding Tower, Lexington.
- p. 257 Clay-Bullock House. ...During the Civil War, Clayton's daughter, Mary C. Bullock, ran a private school here attended by...son of Ulysses S. Grant. 528 Greenup St., Covington.
- p. 260 Site of Winnie A. Scott Hospital. ...named for Winnie A. Scott, a local teacher instrumental in its founding...only Frankfort hospital serving African Americans until desegregation of King's Daughters Hospital in 1959. 228 E. 2nd St., Frankfort.
- p. 267 Sue Bennett College...named for Madison Co. promoter...closed 1997. W. 5th and College Sts., London.

## WOMEN MENTIONED

- p. 1 Masterson's Station...when Richard and Sarah Masterson moved...presumably his spouse?  
US 421 Fayette Co.
- p. 3 Big Bone Lick. ....many visitors including...Mary Ingles... Big Bone Lick Park, KY 338, Boone Co.
- p. 5 Jeff Davis Birthplace. ...son of Samuel and Jane Coon Davis...U.S. 65, Fairview.
- p. 7 House on Hill. Built by...married Mary Keith...1 blk south US 62, 68 in Washington
- p. 8 Traveler's Rest. ... and his wife, Susannah Hart Shelby. U.S. 127, Lincoln Co.
- p. 9 Daniel Boone's Grave. ...reinterred with wife Rebecca. Frankfort Cemetery, E. Main St., Frankfort
- p. 9 Canewood. ....who married the widow Gist. KY 9, Campbell Co.
- p. 11 Lexington. ...Named in honor of....Home of Henry Clay, Mary Todd Lincoln.... US 21.
- p. 13, Greensburg Courthouse. ....Jane Todd Crawford library on 2nd floor. US 68, Greensburg.
- p. 14 Hazel Green Academy. (Who was Hazel Green?), KY 191, 203, Wolfe Co.
- p. 16 School for the Deaf. ...Rev. and Mrs. John R. Kerr served as 1st Supt. And Matron from 1823-33. 4th & Main Sts., Danville.
- p. 17 Pewee Valley. ....setting of famous "Little Colonel"...by Annie Fellows Johnston. Her stately home, "The Beeches," ½ mi. nw old L & N RR Station...., Pewee Valley.
- p. 48 A Civil War Reprisal....brothers of Mrs. Simpson... 2 mis. East of Lusby's Mill, Jct KY 1330 & Keefer Rd., Owen Co.
- p. 21 Lincoln Homestead. ...marriage bond of Thos. Hanks to Nancy Hanks, parents of Abraham Lincoln, is on file here in courthouse...Courthouse Lawn, US 150, KY 55, Springfield
- P. 28 Grave of Daniel Boone.....stands a monument to Daniel and Rebecca Boone.....
- p. 40 4-H Craft Center. ...Original cabin built on this site in a 200-acre land grant to John Abbott, 1842. Abbott and Indian wife, Ococella, lived in cabin until 1863...2 mi. W. of Hawesville, KY 334
- p. 63 Helm Cemetery. This pioneer cemetery includes graves of...Confederate Gen. Ben Hardin Helm, who with Abraham Lincoln, married half sisters Emilie and Mary Todd...Jct US 31-W & KY 447, Elizabethtown
- p. 70 Lincoln's Father Here. ...Married Nancy Hanks 1806...Courthouse lawn, KY 61, 90, Burkesville
- p. 73 Mount Saint Joseph. The first motherhouse for Sisters in Western KY. . . Mother Aloysius Willet of Union Co. elected first Superior of the autonomous Ursuline house in 1912. KY 56, St. Joseph
- p. 78 Saint Rose Priory. . . First Dominican religious house . . In 1822 Fr. Wilson founded first community of Dominican Sisters in U.S. 3 mi. W of Springfield
- p. 78 Architects Shryock. . . Designed ...Mary Todd Lincoln home on W. Main. Transylvania Campus, Broadway, Lexington
- p. 79 Hanson Home Site. Here lived five Hanson brothers...Sons of the Hon. Samuel and Matilda Hickman Hanson. Lexington Ave., US 60, Winchester
- p. 93 Jesse Head Homesite. ...he performed the marriage of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks....Lincoln Park Rd., KY 528, Springfield



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- p. 97 Old Providence Church. ...Daniel and Mary Boone baptized here...5 mi. S. Winchester-Richmond Rd., at Old Stone Rd., Clark Co.
- p. 97 Historic Riverfront. ...Clara Barton arrived, 1884, ..Riverfront near Broadway, Paducah.
- p. 118 Patriot – Pioneer. Colonel Joshua Baker.. wife, Mary Callaway, cousin of Boonesborough girls, kidnapped by Indians, 1776. Led attempt to capture Chief Tecumseh...Jct. KY 227 & 325, Owen Co.
- p. 117 Beaumont College. Col. And Mrs. Thomas Smith owned and ran this famous girls' school, which offered "art, eloquution, a conservatory of music and the strongest of literary courses in preparation for the best American and European schools."....
- p. 118 Site of Love House. ...Purchased by Maj. Thomas Love and wife...Wapping & Wilkinson Sts., Frankfort.
- p. 127 Uncle Tom Lived Here. ...one of the characters on which Harriet Beecher Stowe based her 1852 novel, Uncle Tom's Cabin...2.5 mi. E of KY 405 on US 60, Daviess Co.
- p. 139 Justice Todd House. ...Justice on the US Supreme Court, 1807-1826...His second marriage was to Lucy Payne Washington, sister of Dolly Madison, in the first recorded White House wedding, 1812.
- p. 154 Potter College. School founded 1877 as Cedar Bluff Female College near Woodburn...Western KY University, entrance to grounds of Potter College of Arts & Humanities, Bowling Green.
- p. 162 Barnett's Station. Site of one of the earliest forts...During an attack in April, 1790, two children were killed and Hannah Barnett, the ten year-old daughter of Joseph carried off and held captive for six months. 2 mi. E. on Barnett's Station Rd., just off KY 69, Hartford.
- p. 167 Sandford House. Built in early 1800s...The building housed Miss Bristow's Boarding and Day School in the 1890s. 1026 Russell St., Covington.
- p. 168 Early Congregation. The A.M.E. Church was established in Frankfort, 1839...Building and ground given by Mrs. Triplett, a white lady, to her servants...210 W. Clinton St., Frankfort.
- p. 170 Kentucky Authors. Birthplace of Rice brothers....Cale married Alice Hegan, also a distinguished Kentucky writer...303 S Main St., US 41-A, Dixon. ( no marker to her, nothing said about her works)
- p. 172 Artist-Naturalist. John James Audubon....lived in Henderson from 1810-1819...two of his children, John Woodhouse and Lucy, were born...Lucy is buried in Samuel Hopkins cemetery...John James Audubon State Park, US 41, 2 mi north of Henderson.
- p. 172 Fort Paint Lick... Jinney Adams killed by Indian Chief Thunder, 1791..., KY 52, Pt. Lick
- p. 180 Home of Capt. Nathaniel Hart. ...A key figure in the purchase of land in Kentucky from Cherokee Indians, he came to Boonesborough in 1775....His daughter, Susannah, became wife of Isaac Shelby, first and fifth Governor of KY...1 mi S of main entrance to Ft Boonesborough State Park, KY 388.
- p. 183 Grant House. From 1859 to 1873 this was the home of Jesse Root and Hannah (Simpson) Grant, parents of Gen Ulysses S. Grant....520 Greenup St., Covington.
- p. 185 Renfro Valley, Kentucky. Among those who started their careers here are...Lily May Ledford and the Coon Creek Girls. East side of entrance to Renfro Valley Barn, US 25, Renfro Valley.
- p. 187 Clinton College....Under leadership of Prof. T. N. Wells and Miss Amanda Hicks, college contributed much to the Purchase area. Hickman Elem. School, E. Clay St., KY 123, Clinton.
- p. 192 Cathedral of the Assumption. Parish first gathered in 1805...In mid-1830s Catherine Spalding founded orphanage and academy here...443 S. Fifth St., Louisville.
- p. 194 Liberty Hall. This Georgian mansion was begun in 1796, by John Brown...His wife Margaretta and Elizabeth Love began first Sunday School west of Alleghenies in garden. 218 Wilkinson, Frankfort.
- p. 195 Rep. Local Authors from KY Collection. ...Mrs. George Madden Martin...Annie Fellows Johnson...Gwen Davenport...Amelia B. Welby...Eleanor M. Kelly...4th & York Sts., Louisville.
- p. 199 Fancy Farm. ...Samuel Willett and Elizabeth Hobbs, from St. Rose's..., were first permanent Catholic settlers in 1829...KY 80, Graves Co.





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- p. 200 Mt. Horeb Presbyterian Church. This church was organized...at nearby "Cabell's Dale," home of Mary Cabell Breckinridge, widow of John Breckinridge...Iron Works Pike at Mt. Horeb Pike, Lexington.
- p. 208 McCoy Graves Here. ...resting places of Randolph McCoy, clan leader in the Hatfield-McCoy feud; wife, Sarah; their daughter and son, Roseanna...Dils Cem., Pikeville Bypass, US 23 & 119, Pikeville.
- p. 211 Beechland. On June 17, 1835, the daughter of Zachary Taylor, Sarah Knox, married Jefferson Davis in the house that originally stood on this site...
- p. 214 Early Blacksmith Shop...Begun by John and Barbara Bauer in 1870...evolved into the Bauer family restaurant...3612 Brownsboro Rd., Louisville.
- p. 239 Hawes Family Cemetery... and wife Clary Walker Hawes (1776-1848), KY 662, Yelvington.
- p. 240 Fernwood Cemetery...Mary Towles Sasseen who led her class in 1st observ of Mother's Day, May 1887...840 Madison St., Hendersonville.
- p. 252 Petersburg. Oral tradition holds that freed slave Eliza Curtis Hundley Tevis farmed here from about 1820...became a strong religious influence in the community...Indian Trail & Petersburg Rd., Louisville.
- p. 254 Buena Vista. Site of two story frame house best known as residence of...father of first lady Mary Todd Lincoln... On the reverse it reads Todd House. Mary Todd Lincoln brought her own sons on visits ...house razed in 1947...
- p. 259 Oneida Baptist Institute. The land was donated by Martha Coldiron Hogg and S.P. Hogg in September, 1899...1 Mulberry St., Oneida
- p. 265 Louisville Bar Association..... The LBA, with the Louisville Women's Club, was instrumental in establishing Louisville's Legal Aid Society...Courthouse Lawn, Louisville.
- p. 267 Site of R. McCoy House...mother Sally badly injured...KY 319, Toler.
- p. 269 Southgate Street School....school for African Americans...Elizabeth Hudson was appointed first American teacher at a salary of \$35 per month...Southgate St., Newport.
- p. 249 "Neighborhood House"...Mary Belknap donated site here, 1902...428 S. First St., Louisville.