



THE
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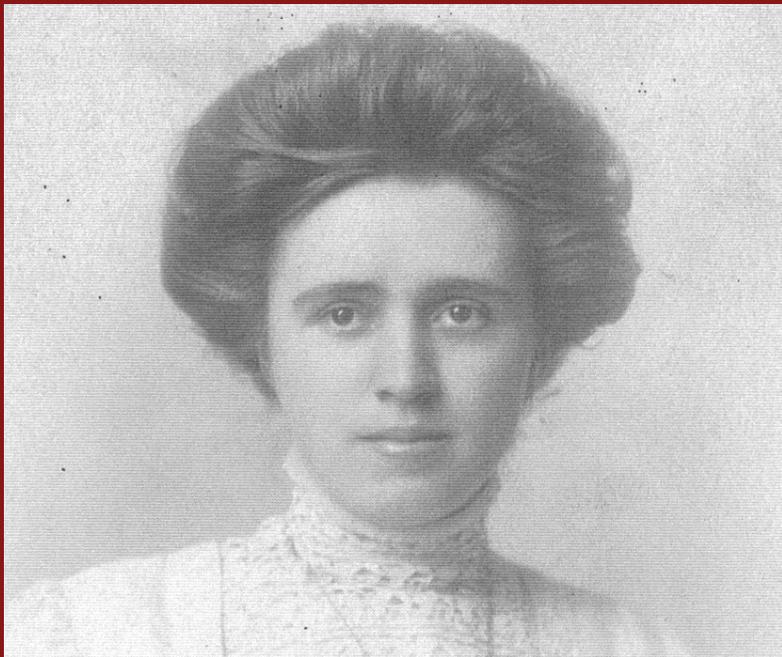


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3. **Annie Daugherty**, African American midwife that worked in Black Mountain in the early 20th century, b. 1888 d.1959
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5. **Bob Ingle**, Entrepreneur and grocer, founded Ingles markets in Black Mountain, b. 1933 d. 2011
6. **Brad Daugherty**, born in Black Mountain, played basketball at Owen High school, UNC Chapel Hill and for the Cleveland Cavaliers, now owns a stock car racing team, b. 1965
7. **Brad Johnson**, born in Black Mountain, played football at Owen High School and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers b. 1968
8. **Buckminster Fuller**, American architect and teacher at Black Mountain College, inventor of the geodesic dome, b. 1895 d. 1983
9. **Charles D. Owen Sr.** Co-founder of the Beacon Manufacturing company and relocated it to Swannanoa, NC. B. 1875 d. 1937
10. **Claudia McGraw**, Known often as “The Apron Lady” for making beautiful and Nationally known aprons, she ran a tea house in Black Mountain and sold her aprons to actresses and dignitaries. B.1891 d.1986

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11. **Daniel Boone**, American frontiersman, one of the first people to settle in the Yadkin valley of North Carolina, Married Rebecca, a woman from NC, b. 1734 d.1819
12. **Davy Crockett**, Tennessee congressman, frontiersman, married Elizabeth Patton, a woman from Buncombe County, died at the Alamo, b. 1786 d.1836
13. **Douglass Elington**, North Carolina born, Beaux Arts trained architect who created a number of Art Deco style buildings in Asheville, NC, b. 1886 d. 1960
14. **E.W. Grove**, Born in East Tennessee began a pharmaceutical company then became a hotelier in WNC, b. 1850 d. 1927
15. **E.W. Pearson**, Community leader, civil rights activist and entrepreneur who lived in West Asheville, b. 1872 d. 1946
16. **Edith Vanderbilt**, Wife of George Vanderbilt, a progressive activist for education and conservation, b. 1873 d. 1958
17. **Elisha Mitchell**, Scientist, naturalist, theologian. Mt. Mitchell is named for him after he perished attempting to prove its height, b. 1793 d.1857.
18. **Elizabeth Blackwell**, The first woman to become a Medical Doctor in the United States, began her studies in Asheville, b. 1821 d.1910

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19. **Frederick Law Olmsted**, American naturalist and landscape architect helped create the grounds of the Biltmore Estate, b. 1822 d.1903
20. **George Avery**, Born into slavery in Asheville, served in the United States 40th Infantry, Colored Troops during the Civil War, b.1846 d. 1938.
21. **George Vanderbilt**, A railroad baron, he moved to western North Carolina in the 1890's and commissioned the construction of the Biltmore Estate, b. 1862 d. 1914
22. **Harriet Styles**, Community leader, naturalist, and founder of the Swannanoa Valley Museum, b.1920 d. 2014
23. **Isaac Dickson**, Born into slavery in central North Carolina, he moved to WNC and became an important community leader, helping to establish the YMI, was elected the first African American on the Asheville School board, b. 1830? d. 1919
24. **Jacob Lawrence**, African American Artist and teacher at Black Mountain college, famous for his "Migration" series depicting African Americans moving from the South to the North in the early 20th century, b. 1917 d. 2000
25. **John Myra Stepp**, Born into slavery in Black Mountain he became a proponent of education and was elected to the Buncombe County School Board, b. 1850 d. 1955

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26. **Josef Albers**, German American painter and teacher at Black Mountain College, b. 1888 d. 1976
27. **Lillian "Exum" Clement Stafford**, Born in Black Mountain, became the first female legislator in the South, b. 1886 d.1925
28. **Madelon "Glory" Battle Hancock**, Raised in Asheville, Madelon moved to England with her husband. When WWI started she volunteered as a nurse and served all four years of the war. She was the most decorated nurse of the war, b. 1881 d. 1930
29. **Marcus L. Martin**, Known for his fiddle playing, he was hired at Beacon Manufacturing co. to entertain employees, b. 1881 d.1974
30. **Margaret Slagle**, Was elected the first female mayor in Black Mountain, b.1922 d.2004
31. **Nina Simone**, Born in Tryon and educated in Asheville, Nina was a famous soul, jazz, R&B singer and civil rights activist, b. 1933 d.2003
32. **Rachel Davidson**, one of the first white settlers in western North Carolina, fled hostile Native Americans with an enslaved teenager, Liza and her baby in 1784, b. 177? d. unknown
33. **Rafael Guastavino**, Spanish born and Beaux Arts trained tile maker and architect. Came to the US in the

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1880's. Completed work on the Biltmore Estate, and designed the Basilica of St. Lawrence in Asheville, retired in Black Mountain, b. 1842 d.1908

34. **Roberta Flack**, Born in Black Mountain, a famous R&B and Jazz singer, b. 1937
35. **Ron Rash**, Southern American novelist, poet, and professor, b. 1953.
36. **Roy Williams**, Born in Marion, began his coaching career at Owen High School, now coach of UNC Tar Heels Basketball team, b. 1950.
37. **Ruth Bell Graham**, Wife of Billy Graham, born to missionary doctor parents in China, moved to Montreat to complete high school, became a successful author, b. 1920 d.2007.
38. **Samuel Davidson**, First white settler in the Swannanoa Valley, killed by hostile Native Americans in 1784, b. 176? d. 1784
39. **Sarah Gudger**, Born into slavery, Sarah was interviewed by the Federal Writers Project in 1937 as one of the oldest participants (about 120), her story provides insight into the lives of enslaved people of Buncombe County. b. 1816? d. 1938.

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40. **Sequoyah**, A Cherokee silversmith who invented the first written writing system for the Cherokee people, b. 1770 d. 1843
41. **Thomas Wolfe**, Asheville born novelist and playwright, famous for writing books that his hometown found somewhat insulting, b.1900 d. 1938
42. **Warlassies**, Owen High School basketball team went undefeated for five years straight, 1964-1969.
43. **Wilma Dykeman**, Buncombe county native author, philanthropist and civic leader, b. 1920 d. 2006.
44. **Zebulon B. Vance**, North Carolina Civil War Governor and Gilded Age leader, born in western North Carolina, b. 1830 d. 1894.