

# Notable People of Mount Vernon

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Pine, Theodore. 1828 – 1905. Painter and engraver.

Poitier, Sidney. 1927 – . Academy Award winning actor (Lillies of the Field, In the Heat of the Night). Bought a house in MTV in 1956.

Powell, Jr., Adam Clayton. 1908 – 1972. Baptist pastor and Congressman representing Harlem, 1945 – 1960. He owned a house in MTV c. 1960.

Power, Marie. 1902 – 1973. Opera singer. Lived in MTV 1930 – 1934.

Rand, Olivia. ? – 1898. Actress. Died in MTV.

Rashad, Phylicia. 1948 – . Tony Award winning actress (Cosby Show, Raisin in the Sun). Long time resident of MTV.

Rauscher, William. ? – 1962. Silent film actor. Lived at 121 Dell Avenue.

Richardson, Ron. 1952 – 1995. Tony Award winning actor (Big River). Lived in an apartment in MTV.

Root, Wayne Allyn. 1961 – . TV political commentator and politician. Born in MTV.

Rudge, William Edward. 1876 – 1931. Fine press printer.

Sarnoff, David. President of RCA and NBC. 1891 – 1971. Lived in MTV 1921 – ?

Sattin, Tina. 1928 – 2004. Actress. Founded the Mount Vernon Fine Arts Cultural Center. Moved to MTV in the 1950s.

Saunders, Grace. 1915 – 1951. Vaudevillian. Lived at 110 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Schawlow, Arthur Leonard. 1921 – 1999. Nobel Prize (1981) winning physicist. Born in MTV.

Shabazz, Betty. 1934 – 1997. Educator and civil rights advocate. She was the wife of Malcolm X. Lived and died in MTV.

Shean, Al. 1868 – 1949. Comedian.

Serrill, Milton. Sculptor.

Simms, Hal. 1919 – 2002. TV announcer.

Simone, Nina. 1933 – 2003. Singer, songwriter, pianist, arranger, and civil rights activist. Lived in MTV 1961 – 2003.

Singleton, Kenneth Wayne. 1947 – . Professional baseball player and television sports commentator. Raised in MTV.

Smooth, J. B. 1965 – . Actor (Curb Your Enthusiasm). Raised in MTV.

Stander, Lionel Jay. 1908 – 1994. Actor (Hart to Hart), political and labor activist.

Sure!, Al. B. 1968 – . Singer and producer. Born in MTV. MTV HS.

Taft, Dr. Charles Sabin. 1835 – 1900. Attended President Lincoln at Ford's Theater. Died in MTV.

Taylor, Laurette. 1883 – 1946. Actress (The Glass Menagerie). Lived at 317 Rich Avenue, 1903 – 1904.

Tomkins, Joan. 1915 – 2005. Actress (Popi, Sam Benedict). A. B. Davis. Lived on Overhill Road.

Tweed, William M. "Boss." 1823 – 1878. Political "boss" of New York's Tammany Hall. Home located on the present site of the Community Church at the Circle.

Washington, Jr., Denzel Hayes. 1954 – . Golden Globe, Tony and Academy Award winning actor (Glory, Training Day). Born in MTV, attended Pennington – Grimes Elementary School and Boys Club.

Werle, Barbara. 1928 – 2013. Actress (Seconds, Battle of the Bulge). Born in MTV.

White, Elwyn Brooks "E. B." 1899 – 1985. Award winning author (Charlotte's Web, Stuart Little). Won Presidential Medal of Freedom. Born in MTV.

Williams, Gus. 1953 – . Professional basketball player. Born in MTV. MTV HS.

Williams, Thomas Ray. 1954 – 2013. Professional basketball player. Born in MTV. MTV HS.

Wittstein, Ed. 1929 – 2011. Costume and set designer. Born in MTV.

Woods, Sylvia. 1926 – 2012. Restaurateur who co – founded the landmark restaurant Sylvia's in Harlem. Lived and died in MTV.

A.D.O R. (born Eddie Castellanos). Hip hop artist. Grew up in MTV.

Abzug, Bella. 1920 – 1998. Congresswoman. Lived in MTV as a child.

Akeju, Camille. Director of the Anacostia Community Museum. Grew up in MTV.

Albano, Lou. 1933 – . Professional wrestler and manager. Grew up in MTV.

Allen, Debbie. 1950 – . Singer and Actress (Fame).

Allen, Robert. 1906 – 1998. Actor (The Awful Truth).

Angelini, Sal. Boxer, Junior Lightweight.

Angello, Joe. All American football player.

Babcock, Harry. Olympic pole vaulting.

Bailey, James Anthony. 1847 – 1906. Circus showman (Barnum and Bailey Circus). Bailey died at his estate on Lincoln and N. Columbus Avenues, the current location of the Park Lane Apartments.

Barber, Wilfred C. 1903 – 1935. Pulitzer Prize (1936, posthumous) winning correspondent. MTV HS.

Bissell, George E. 1839 – 1920. Sculptor.

Bogart, Humphry. 1899 – 1957. Academy Award winning actor (African Queen, Casablanca). Lived at 169 No. Fulton Avenue in 1902.

Branca, Ralph. 1926 – . Professional baseball player. Born in MTV.

Brophy, John C. Westchester County Boxing Champ.

Brown, Reed. 1897 – 1962. Radio and TV actor. Lived at 54 S. Second Avenue.

Buchwald, Art. 1925 – 2007. Pulitzer Prize (1982) winning columnist. Born in MTV.

Burke, Billie. Actress (Wizard of Oz, Topper).

Cantor, Eddie. 1892 – 1964. Vaudevillian and actor (Whoopee!). Lived at Park and Sidney Avenue, 1921 – 1925.

Cardasis, Jimmy. 1968 Olympic Gold Medal U.S. Baseball Team.

Carney, Art. 1918 – 2003. Academy Award winning actor (Harry and Tonto, Honey-mooners). Born in MTV. ABD HS.

Casarella, Caz. Professional baseball player.

Chase, David. 1945 – . Writer, director and television producer. Born in MTV.

Cherson, Stan. Professional football player.

Clark, Dick. 1929 – 2012. Television personality. Born in MTV. ABD HS.

Cody, Lew. 1884 – 1934. Actor of the silent screen.

Combs, Sean (Puff Daddy). 1969 – . Rapper, record producer, actor, and entrepreneur.

Crider, John. 1905 – ? Pulitzer Prize (1948) reporter and editorialist. Born in MTV.

Dailey, Cass. 1915 – 1975. Actress, singer and comedian.

Darling, Grace. 1893 – 1963. Actress of the silent screen Lived at 124 Claremont Avenue.

Davis, Ossie. 1917 – 2005. Actor, writer and director (I'm Not Rappaport, Miss Ever's Boys).

Dee, Ruby. 1922 – 2014. Actress and writer (Buck and the Preacher, Do the Right Thing).

DMX (born Earl Simmons). 1970 – . Rapper. Born in MTV. Grew up in MTV.

Drummond, Andre. 1993 – . Professional basketball player. Born in MTV.

Easley, Damion. 1969 – . Professional baseball player. Moved to MTV at age 5

Emes, Edward L. Track champion, 1902.

Fairstein, Linda. 1947 – . Prosecutor and author. Born in MTV.

Feinberg, William. 1920 – 2014. Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals. MTV HS.

Ferrell, Edward "DJ Eddie F". 1968 – . Record producer, songwriter, and executive. Born in MTV.

Finkelstein, Edward S. 1925 – 2014. Chairman and president of Macys. MTV HS.

Fischer, Nat. 1887 – 1972. Editor of Ring Magazine. Lived in MTV in the 1930s.

Forman, Bill. 1915 – ? Radio actor (The Whistler). Born in MTV.

Franklin, Irene. 1876 – 1941. Actress and vaudevillian. (The Garden of Allah).

Fresella, Leo. Golden Gloves, 1920, 1930.

Gardner, Jack. 1876 – 1929. Vaudevillian. Lived on Primrose Avenue between Gramatan and Westchester Avenues.

Gay, Edward. 1837 – 1928. Painter. Murals in Doric Hall of MTV Public Library. Lived and died in MTV.

Givens, Robin. 1964 – . Actress. Raised in MTV.

Gordon, Ben. 1983 – . Professional basketball player. MTV HS.

Gould, Mark. Principle trumpet of the Metropolitan Opera 1974 – 2003. MTV HS.

Haines, Larry. 1918 – 2003. Emmy Award winning actor (Search for Tomorrow). Born in MTV.

Harris, Mark. 1922 – . Author. Born in MTV. MTV HS. Raised in MTV.

Hart, William. 1823 – 1894. Painter in collection of Metropolitan Museum of Art. Lived and died in MTV.

Heavy D (born Dwight Errington Myers). 1967 – 2011. Rapper.

Heinz, W. C.. 1915 – 2008. Sportswriter, war correspondent, and author.

Hess, Victor Francis. 1883 – 1964. Nobel Prize (1936) winning physicist. Died in MTV.

Imperioli, Michael. 1966 – . Emmy winning actor (Sopranos). Born and raised in MTV.

Jerry Vale. 1930 – 2014. Singer. Worked as a singing shoeshine boy in John's Barber Shop in MTV.

Johnson, Kay. 1904 – 1975. Actress (film – 1930s). Born in MTV.

Kelly, Roz. 1943 – . Actress (Happy Days). Born in MTV.

Kurtzman, Harvey. 1924 – 1993. Cartoonist (Mad Magazine, Little Annie Fannie). Lived on Douglas Place.

La Rosa, Julius. 1930 – . Singer (Julius La Rosa Show). Lived at 53 Fredrick Place, 1958.

LaPadula, John. Coupe Mondiale winning accordionist. Lived at 152 Chester Street.

Lever, Hayley. 1875 – 1958. Painter. Studio in MTV 1928 – 1958. Died in MTV.

MacKay, Beton. 1875 – 1975. Conservationist and planner. Lived in MTV as youth.

Manners, David. 1900 – 1998. Actor (Dracula, Bill of Divorcement). Lived at 108 Hillside Avenue, 1910 – 1912.

Marks, Johnny. 1909 – 1985. Songwriter (Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer). Born in MTV.

McCray, Carlton Lamont "Scooter" 1960 – . Professional basketball player. Born in MTV. MTV HS.

McCray, Rodney Earl. 1961 – . Professional basketball player. Born in MTV. MTV HS.

Mills, Stephanie. 1957 – . Soul singer and actress (The Wiz). Lived at 273 Primrose, 1976 – 1984.

Moore, Lowes Lee. 1957 – . Professional basketball player. MTV HS. Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Mount Vernon.

Morgan, Robin. January 29, 1941 – Poet, author, political theorist and activist, journalist, lecturer and child actress (Mama). Lived at 50 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

Morris, Chester. 1901 – 1970. Actor (Boston Blackie). Lincoln School and MTV HS.

Morris, Howie. 1919 – 2005. Comic Actor (Andy Griffith Show, Jetsons). Lincoln School.

Mosbacher Sr., Robert Adam. 1927 – 2010. U.S. Secretary of Commerce. Born in MTV.

Mosca, Sal. 1927 – 2007. Jazz pianist. Born in MTV.

Moses, Thomas G. 1856 – 1934. Painter.

O'Brien, Neil. 1890 – 1954. Star minstrel performer.

O'Connor, William Barnes. World High Jump Champion.

O'Neill, Jennifer. 1948 – . Actress (Summer of '42, Rio Lobo).

O'Keefe, Michael. 1955 – . Actor (The Great Santini). Born in MTV.

Patterson, Floyd. 1935 – 2006. Professional boxer. Won world heavyweight title in 1956 while living in MTV.

Phillips, Peter (Pete Rock) 1970 – . Hip hop performer and producer. Moved to MTV at age 7.