

African-American Pioneers in Veterinary Medicine

Phi Beta Sigma Symposium

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Presented with Kimathi Choma



History of Kansas and KSAC

- 1853 - Fort Riley established
- 1855 - Manhattan was founded
- 1858 - Bluemont Central College
 - A classical college
 - Rev. Joseph Denison: President
- 1861 - Kansas becomes a state
- 1862 - Morrill Land Grant Act
- 1863 - KSAC - Feb 16, 1863



Bluemont Central College

Phi Beta Sigma Delta Chapter (1917-1935)



Phi Beta Sigma House (2006)



First African-American Graduate at KSAC (George Washington Owens)

- 1875 – Born on farm near Alma
- 1896 – Enrolled at KSAC
- 1899 – First Black Graduate
 - 1899 – Tuskegee Institute
 - 1900 – Charge of dairy herd and creamery
- 1908 – Virginia State College
 - 1918 – Organized Voc Ag in Virginia
 - 1920 – State Teacher-Trainer
 - 1927 – Wrote constitution for New Farmers of America
 - 1932 – Agriculture Building – Owens Hall



Second African-American Graduate at KSAC

Minnie (Howell) Champe

- 1878 – Born Strawberry Plains, Tennessee
- 1886 – Moved to Manhattan, Kansas
- 1896 – Enrolled at KSAC
 - 1896 – Member, Ionian Literary Society
- 1901 – Graduated from KSAC
 - B.S. in Domestic Science
 - Senior thesis – Healthful Homes
- 1901 – Topeka Industrial Institute
- 1905 – Taught in Manhattan schools
- 1906 – Sumner High School, KC
- 1925 – Virginia State College
- 1931 – Head of Home Economics, Southern University



KSU Archives

Pioneer African-American Veterinarians

- 1889 – Henry Stockton Lewis – Harvard
- 1897 – Robert F. Parker – Indiana Veterinary College
- 1897 – Augustus Nathaniel Lushington – Penn
- 1899 – Thomas Madison Doram - McKillip
- 1907 – John Baxter Taylor - Penn
- 1912 – John William Brown – KSAC
- 1912 – Kirksey L. Curd – Cornell
 - M.D. University of Pennsylvania
- 1923 – Frederick Douglass Patterson – ISU
 - 1935 President of Tuskegee
- 1949 – Alfreda Johnson Webb – Tuskegee
- 1957 – Matthew Jenkins - Tuskegee
- 1975 – Michael Blackwell – Tuskegee
 - Assistant Surgeon General USPHS
 - 2000 - Dean, University of Tennessee
- 1991 – Debbye Turner – Univ of Missouri
 - 1990 – Miss America, CBS News

A Historical Overview of African-American Veterinarians in the U.S.: 1889-2000

- Eugene W. Adams
- J. Vet. Med. Educ. 31(4):409-413, 2004.
- From 1889-1948, there were only 70 African-American graduates in veterinary medicine.
- K-State led the way with 22 graduates.
- Ohio State was second with 14 graduates.

Dr. John William Brown

- Ft Scott High School
- Entered KSAC at age 16
- DVM: 1912, KSAC
- Tuskegee Institute: 1912-13
- World War I: 1917-18
- Private practice in Ft Scott
- USDA – Meat Inspection
- Fort Scott National Cemetery







Dr. F.S. Schoenleber

- 1905 - Kansas State Agric College
 - State Veterinarian
 - Professor of Veterinary Medicine
- 1905 - Established 4-year curriculum
- 1905 – Div. of VM in College of Ag
- 1907 – First class of seven graduates
- 1907 – Veterinary Building
 - Leasure Hall - 1969
- 1907 – Legislative Practice Act



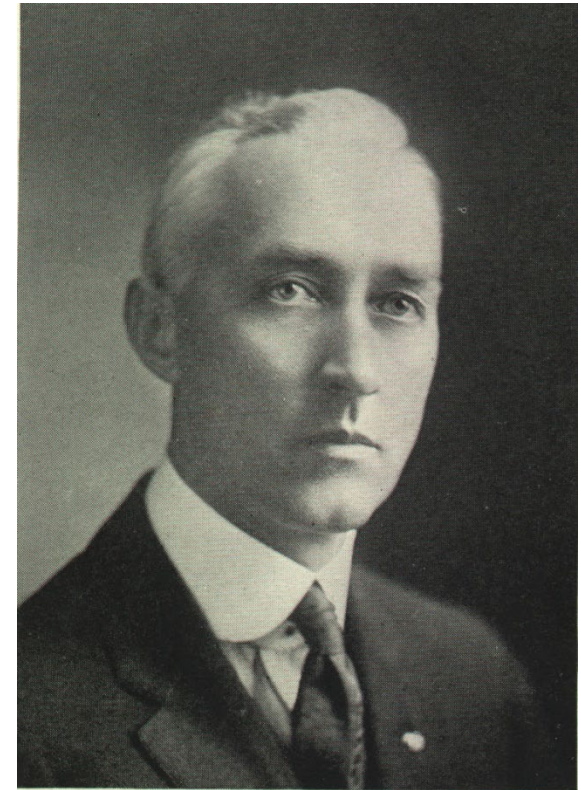
Leasure Hall - 1908



9840 Veterinary Hall, K. S. A. C., Manhattan, Kans.

Dr. R. R. Dykstra

- 1911: Veterinary Inspector, Bureau of Animal Industry
- 1911: KSAC
 - 1911: Assistant Professor of Veterinary Medicine
 - 1913: Professor of Surgery
 - 1917: Acting Head, Department of Vet Med
 - 1918: Kansas State Board of Agriculture
 - 1919: Head, Department of Vet Med
 - 1919: Dean, Division of Veterinary Medicine
 - First dean of veterinary medicine at Kansas State



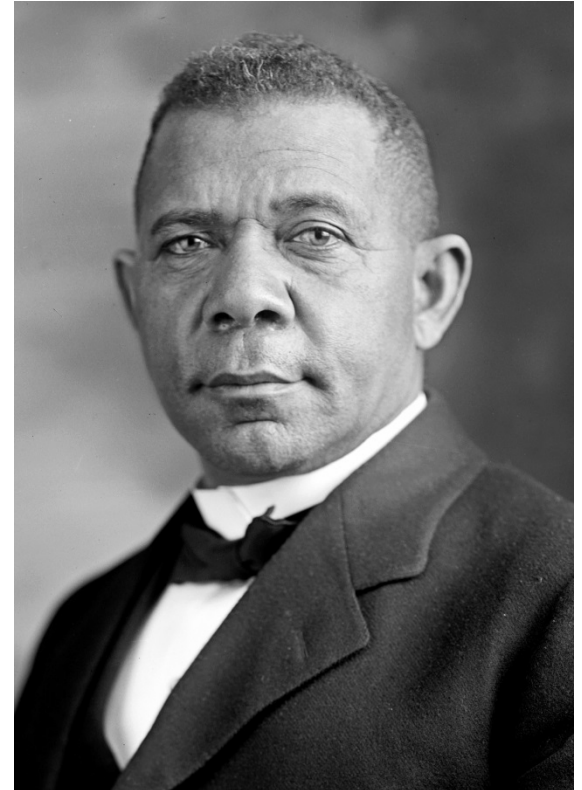
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Tuskegee Connection

- Dr. John W. Brown (KSAC 1912)
- Dr. Thomas G. Perry (KSAC 1921)
- Dr. Theodore S. Williams (KSC 1935)
- Dr. Lloyd B. Mabiley (KSC 1938)
- Dr. Wade O. Brinker (KSC 1939)
- Dr. Eugene W. Adams (KSC 1944)
- Dr. Raymond C. Williams (KSC 1946)
- Dr. Walter C. Bowie (KSC 1947)
- Dr. Earl H. Brown (KSC 1947)

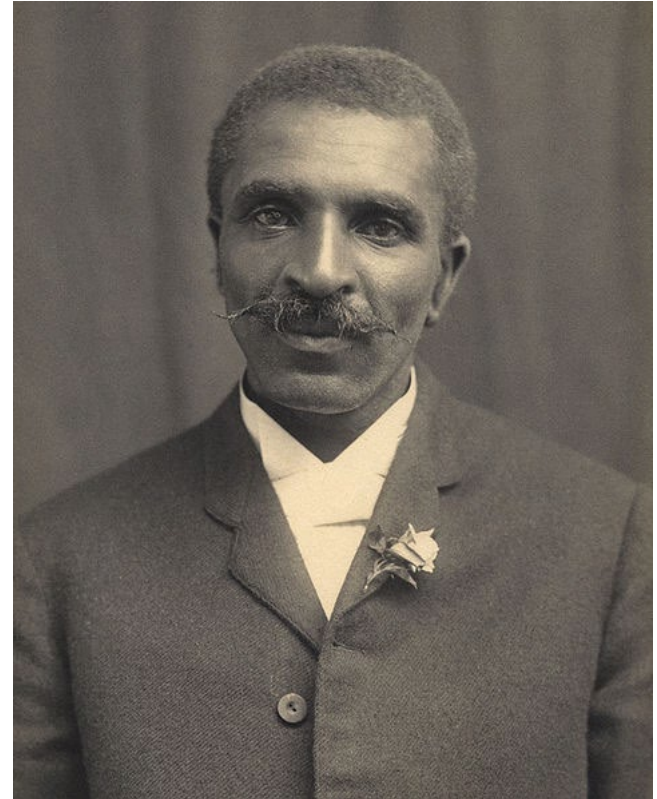
Tuskegee University

- 1881 Founded in a church
- Tuskegee Institute
- Booker T. Washington
 - First president
 - 1881-1915
- Robert Moton
 - Second President
 - 1915-1935
- Frederick Patterson
 - Third President
 - 1935-1953



George Washington Carver

- 1864 born in Missouri
- Minneapolis HS, KS
- 1886 Highland College
- 1890 Simpson College
- 1891 Iowa State College
- 1896 Tuskegee



Frederick Douglass Patterson

- 1901 Born in D.C.
- 1923 DVM Iowa State
- 1927 M.S. Iowa State
- 1932 PhD Cornell
- 1935 President of Tuskegee
- 1944 Founder United Negro College Fund
- 1988 Presidential Medal of Freedom



John L. Campbell

- 1918 – DVM Degree
- Protégé of George Washington Carver
- Voorhees Industrial College
- Veterinarian for USDA
- Founder Church of Good Shepherd
 - United Church of Christ in Chicago
 - Superintendent of church school
- Morgan Park Savings and Loan Assoc
 - 40 Years in financial leadership
- 1975 – KSU Medallion Award

Class of 1921



Clifford Gallagher



Hilborn Hall Groat



Joseph Alvin Bogue



Homer Corley Boyd



Ray James Weinheimer



Edgar Hugh Berger



Lee Ashton Scott



Howard Lewis Gingry



Rex Dean Bushong

Class

of 1921



Fintan Oliver Killian



Benjamin Finley Caphan



Fred Emerson



Louis Doyce Bate



Everett Alonzo Tunnickliff



William Lewis Hard



Jennings Elliott Williams



Stuart Lawrence Hunt



John Fendenburg



Chauncey Elms Sawyer



Chester A. King



Thomas Gilbert Perry



Jerry Dillard Jarman



Isaac Frank Cote



Marion Manning Williams



Benjamin F. Pfister

Veterinary Division

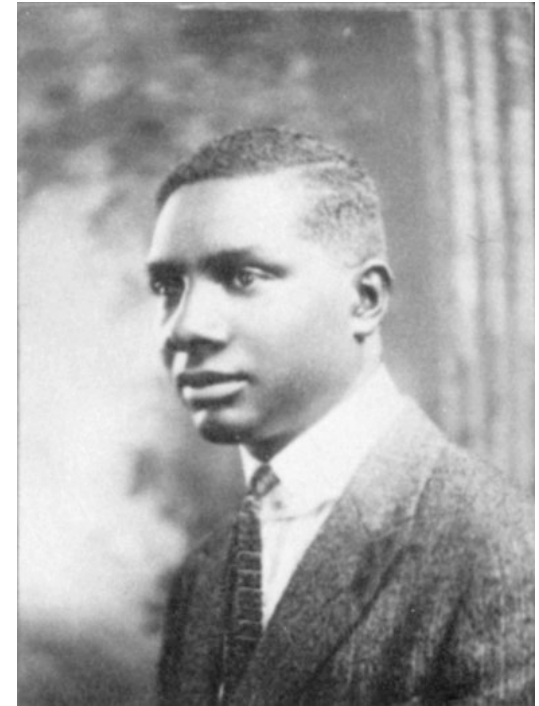
Dr. Thomas G. Perry

- 1890: Born June 8, 1890, Higginsville, MO
- 1910: Lincoln High School, KC, Honor Student
- 1921: DVM degree - KSAC
- 1921-45: Perry Small Animal Hospital, Wichita
- 1945-52: Head, Dept. of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery, Tuskegee Institute
- 1952: Small animal practice, Knoxville, Tennessee
- 1974: Died in Claremont, Los Angeles, CA.



Dr. Jerry D. Jarmon

- 1890 or 1895: Born in Alabama
- Prep school – Tuskegee
- 1916: Entered KSAC
- 1921: DVM degree - KSAC
- 1923: Teacher, Agricultural & Industrial State Normal School
 - Nashville, TN
- 1930: USDA – NY
- 1970: Died, Jamaica, Queens, NY





G.L. Krieger



R.W. Boone



R.M. Williams

Raymond M. Williams



C.J. Coon



A.J. Miller



J.P. Burke



E.E. Hodgson

Class of



E.C. McCulloch

1924



G.T. Bronson

George Thomas Bronson



E.P. Frank



R.Q. Javier



E.F. Hoover



G.R. Killian



G.L. Martin

Veterinary

Division

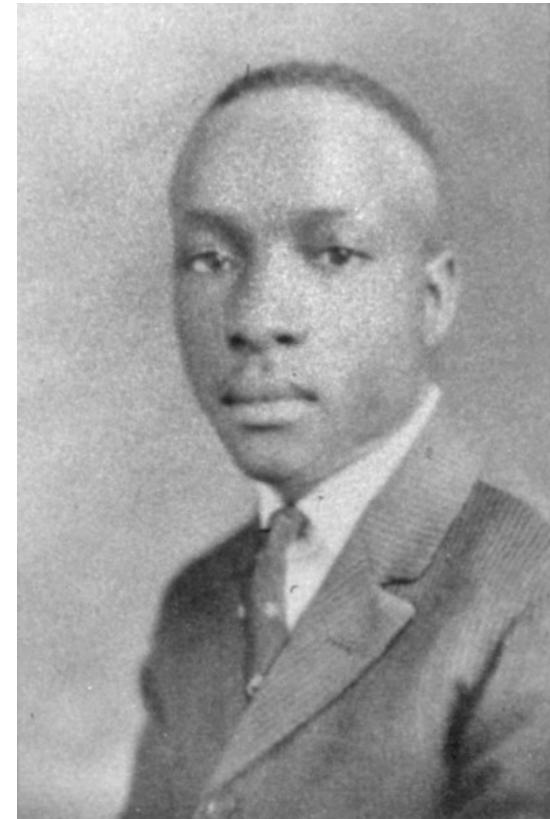
Dr. George Thomas Bronson

- 1899: Born in Kansas
- 1918: Registered WWI draft
- 1919: Waldo High School
- 1919: Entered KSAC
- 1923: Commissioned 2nd Lt
 - Veterinary Officers Reserve Corps
- 1924: DVM degree - KSAC
- 1924: Assistant to Dr. Perry (1921)
- 1966: Died in Wichita



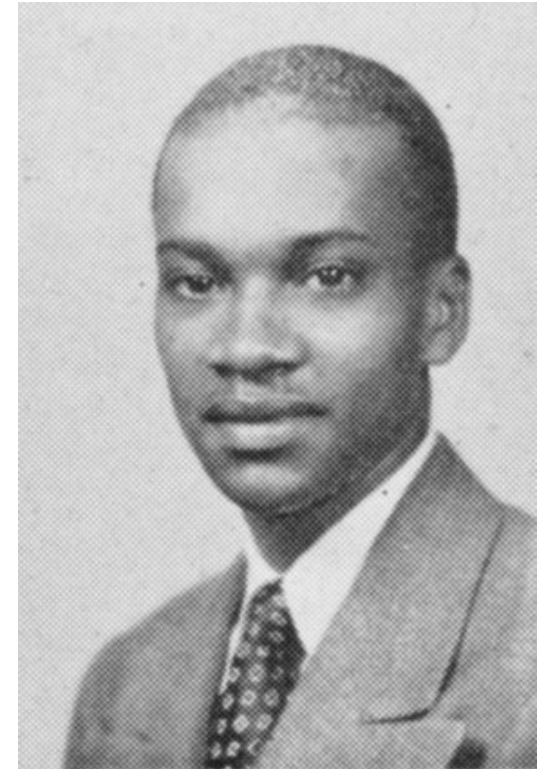
Dr. Raymond M. Williams

- 1902: Born in Texas
- 1919: Lincoln High School, KC
- 1919: Entered KSAC
- 1924: DVM – KSAC
- 1930 Census: Veterinarian in a packing house in Kansas City
- USDA – Meat Inspection Division
 - Served for 46 years
 - KC – Denver - St. Louis – Chicago
- 1973: Died in Chicago



Dr. Raymond C. Williams

- 1946: DVM degree, KSC
- 1946: Dept. of Anatomy, Tuskegee
- 1950: Head, Dept. of Anatomy
- 1946: UN Relief and Rehabilitation Agency
- 1955: M.S. degree, Cornell Univ.
- 1961: Ph.D. degree, Cornell Univ.
- 1963: Norden Teaching Award
- 1969: President, Am. Assoc. of Anatomists
- 1992: Retired from Tuskegee





W.S. Neal



J.A. Jones



O.E. Walgren



C.H. Mobley



C.B. Krone

Cornelius H. Mobley
(Minnesota)
of 1926



P.R. Carter

Class

of 1926



Herman Farley



J.E. Berthelson



W. Wisnicky



V.E. Hurtig



W.L. Perrott

Veterinary Division

Dr. Cornelius Henry Mobiley

- 1904: Born in Kansas
- 1922: Sumner High School, KC
- 1922: Entered KSAC
- 1926: DVM degree, KSAC
- 1930: USDA – Ramsey, MN
 - Veterinarian
 - Meat Packing Plant
- 1977: Died, Ramsey, MN



Dr. Lloyd B. Mobiley

- 1915: Born in KC
- 1938: DVM degree, KSC
- 1938: BAI-USDA
- 1944: U.S. Army Veterinary Corps
- 1945: Head, Dept. of Anatomy, Tuskegee Institute
- 1952: Head, Dept. of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery
- 1956: Private practice
- 1977: Leavenworth Nat Cemetery





Ellmore F. Sanders



Ramon A. Acevedo



Norman H. Howell

Norman H.
Howell
Kansas City

**Class of
1927**



Carl F. Graves



Horace A. Mills

Veterinary Division

Dr. Norman Hamilton Howell

- 1905: Born in Kansas
- 1923: Sumner H.S, KC
- 1923: Entered KSAC
- 1927: DVM degree, KSAC
- 1930: USDA, Ramsey, MN
 - Veterinarian
 - Meat Packing Plant
- 1972: Died in South Pasadena, Los Angeles, CA



Class of 1935



Chas F. Prechal D.M. Howard Chas. D. Stafford Lillis D. Wempe O.P. Fischer ST. Zickelsoe Arthur W. Danon Wilson Dekkershoff T.L. Milenbruck L.E. Osler V.A. Thomson J.I. Covington W.W. Williams



E.O. Wiseman Samuel Kolsa II Paul D. Toos

Division of Veterinary Medicine - 1935 - Kansas State College



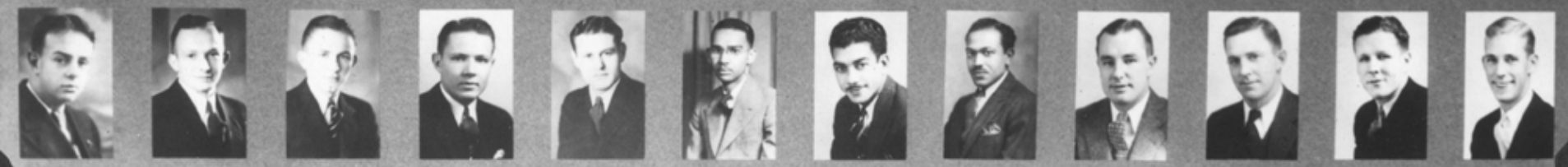
G.H. Madden L.A. Danner Colman Wood



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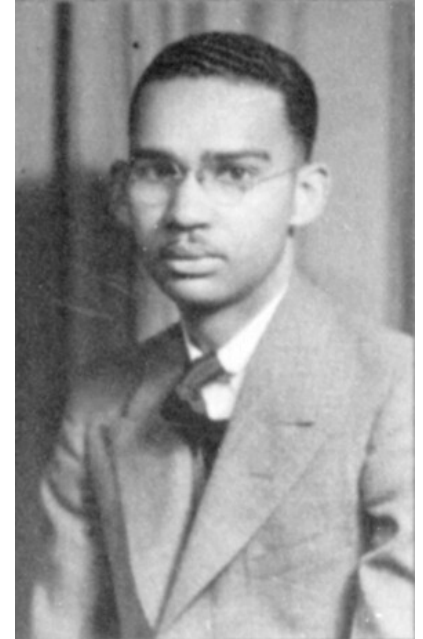
Edward Frahm John E. D. Mowr W.F. Waddell Clarence Schmidt C.C. Vierling G.M. Bly Hubert D. Hein Roy F. Miller Don G. Kelley J.T. Spring F.A. Story W.E. Osterholtz



L.L. Picot, III L.C. Donat J.G. Brock Don L. Mace W.J. Jewell T.O. Williams E. A. Pérez Monroe Dalton O.G. Asbill W.H. Wozell Leonard W. Hibbs George M. Z...

Dr. Theodore S. Williams

- 1935: DVM degree, KSC
- 1936: Prairie View College
- 1936: USDA
- 1945-51: Head of Veterinary Pathology and Parasitology at Tuskegee
- 1946: M.S. degree, Iowa State Univ
- 1947-72: Dean of Tuskegee
- 1959: Distinguished Service Award, KSU
- 1963: Norden Dist Teaching Award
- 1968: President, AAVMC
- 1991: Williams Veterinary Medical Library at Tuskegee



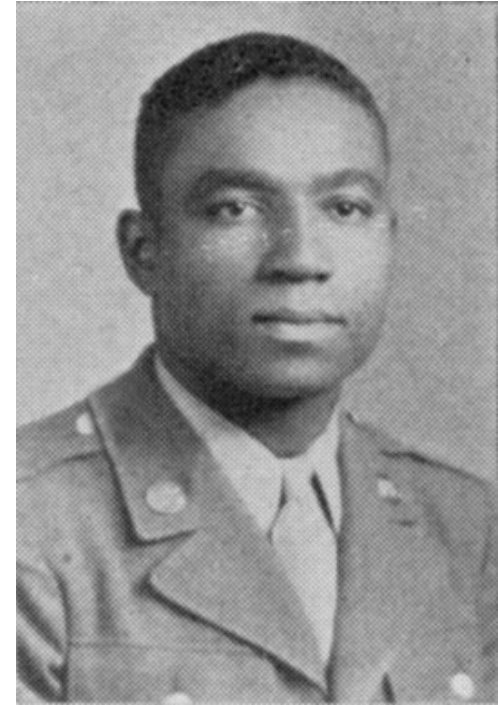
Dr. Monroe Balton

- 1935: DVM degree, KSC
- First with Dr. Perry (1921)
 - Wichita Stockyards
 - Riverside Zoo
 - Wichita Country Club
- Balton Small Animal Hospital
 - Olive Ann Beech – Aviation
 - Emerson McAdams
- Michael Balton - oldest son
 - Scrap metal, tugboat, barge business
 - Co-Chair KSU Diversity Advisory Council



Dr. Eugene W. Adams

- 1944: DVM degree, KSC
- 1944: USDA
- 1951: Dept of Pathology and Parasitology, Tuskegee
- 1957: M.S. degree, Cornell University
- 1957: Head, Dept of Pathology and Parasitology
- 1962: PhD degree from Cornell University
- 1964: Norden Teaching Award
- 1970: Professor and Head, Dept of Pathology and Public Health, Ahmadu Bello University in Nigeria
- 1972: Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Tuskegee
- 1978: Distinguished Faculty Award, Tuskegee
- 1983: Vice Provost and Director, International Programs



Dr. Alfred N. Poindexter

- 1945: DVM degree, KSC
- 1945: Adjunct Lecturer, Prairie View A&M
- 1947: Professor and Veterinarian, Prairie View
- 1947: TVMA
- 1992: Outstanding Black Agriculturist
- 1996: Texas Heritage Hall of Honor
- 1996: George Washing Carver Award for Public Service from Tuskegee
- 2004: Oldest practicing African-American veterinarian in the United States – 59 years of service to Prairie View A&M
- 2005: KSU Alumni Recognition Award





Z.O. PUMPHREY



RUTH KASLOW



C. E. MOLES



J.A. PARKER



J.A. DIAZ



S. D. NORD



P.A. OLIVER



ORDEIA GEISLER



F.M. SANTIAGO



C.E. REHFELD



J.S. HERVEY

School of Veterinary Medicine
Feb. 4, 1947
Kansas State College



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F.A. YORK



I. WILLIAMS



S. NARTSKY



J.C. HUBBS



W. SCHWARTZ



M.L. JOHNSON



O.F. LUKE



H.W. RONK



M.A. NORBY



C.W. INGIRE



D.M. WARREN



J.W. BARRY



E.H. BROWN



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R.L. CORNELL



H.W. KINARD



A.L. KELLY



D.G. LOW



C.E. HARDIN



R.W. FOGELMAN



G.O. HOWELL



Dr. Earl H. Brown

- 1947: DVM degree, KSC
- 1947: Dept of Large Animal Medicine and Surgery, Tuskegee
- 1948: Dept of Physiology and Pharmacology, Tuskegee
- 1954: Small animal practice
- 1983: Director of Animal Technology Program, Omaha College of Health Careers



Dr. Walter C. Bowie

- 1947: D.V.M. degree, KSC
- 1947: Head, Dept of Physiol and Pharm at Tuskegee
- 1955: M.S. degree - Cornell
- 1960: Ph.D degree - Cornell
- 1964: Cardiovascular Center
 - Moton Field
 - Tuskegee Airmen Flight Program
- 1971: Associate Dean
- 1972-90: Dean
- 1984: D.Sc. Degree - KSU
- 1993: Alumni Fellow - KSU
- 2002: Williams-Bowie Hall - Tuskegee



Dr. Donald E. Jackson

- Born August 17, 1926 in Kansas City
- 1944: Charles Sumner High School, KC
- 1944: Tuskegee Air Cadet, Class 45H
- 1951: DVM from KSC
- 1951: Assisted Dr. George Bronson (1924)
- 1957: Opened All Pets Clinic in Wichita
- 1991: Advisory Board, Bank IV, Wichita
- 2001: Retired
- 2007: KSU Alumni Recognition Award
- Boy Scouts of America



(Photo courtesy of Donald E. Jackson)

Donald Jackson as an air cadet, 1945

From The History Makers

KSU African-American Graduates

- 1912 – John Brown
- 1916 – Richard Chatman
- 1918 – John Campbell
- 1921 – Thomas Perry
- 1921 – Jerry Jarmon
- 1924 – Raymond M. Williams
- 1924 – George Bronson
- 1926 – Cornelius Mobiley
- 1927 – Norman Howell
- 1929 – Francisco Taberner
- 1935 – Theodore Williams
- 1935 – Monroe Balton
- 1937 – Robert Cotton
- 1937 – Maurice Crouch
- 1938 – Lloyd Mobiley
- 1943 – Terrence McDonald
- 1943 – William Jamison
- 1944 – Eugene Adams
- 1945 – Alfred Poindexter
- 1946 – Raymond C. Williams
- 1947 – Earl Brown
- 1947 – Walter Bowie
- 1947 – G. Odell Howell
- 1950 – Leonard Goodloe

KSU African-American Graduates

- 1950 – Robert H. Williams
- 1951 – Donald Jackson
- 1951 – Leslie Billingsley
- 1954 – Robert Allen
- 1954 – Soronda Swann
- 1956 – Theodore Sims
- 1960 – Robert Lewis
- 1966 – Nathaniel Adejunmobi
- 1968 – Kenneth Onyia
- 1974 – Arthur DeHart
- 1979 – Curtis Hightower
- 1981 – Lawrence Craig
- 1983 – Brenda Mason*
- 1993 – Victor Oppenheimer
- 1995 – Kevin Collins
- 1998 – Errick Clayborn
- 2002 – Tiffany Lewis
- 2007 – Kimathi Choma
- 2008 – Pilar Wendell
- 2011 – Meredith Cruse
- 2011 – Rebecca Lee
- 2012 - Johna Wallace
- 2014 – Crystal Drakes
- 2014 – Jamila McKenzie
- 2015 – Bridgete Sharpe
- 2016 - Ashley Cole

Pioneer African-American Veterinarians

- 1889 – Henry Stockton Lewis, Harvard
- 1897 – Robert F. Harper, IVC
- 1897 – Augustus Nathaniel Lushington, Penn
- 1899 – Thomas Madison Doram - McKillip
- 1907 – John Baxter Taylor, Penn
- 1912 – John William Brown – KSAC
- 1935 – William Waddell - Penn
- 1949 – Alfreda Johnson Webb – Tuskegee
- 1957 – Matthew Jenkins - Tuskegee
- 1975 – Michael Blackwell – Tuskegee
 - Assistant Surgeon General USPHS
 - 2000 - Dean, University of Tennessee
- 1987 – Estella Jones – LSU - USPHS
- 1991 – Debbye Turner – University of Missouri
 - 1990 – Miss America

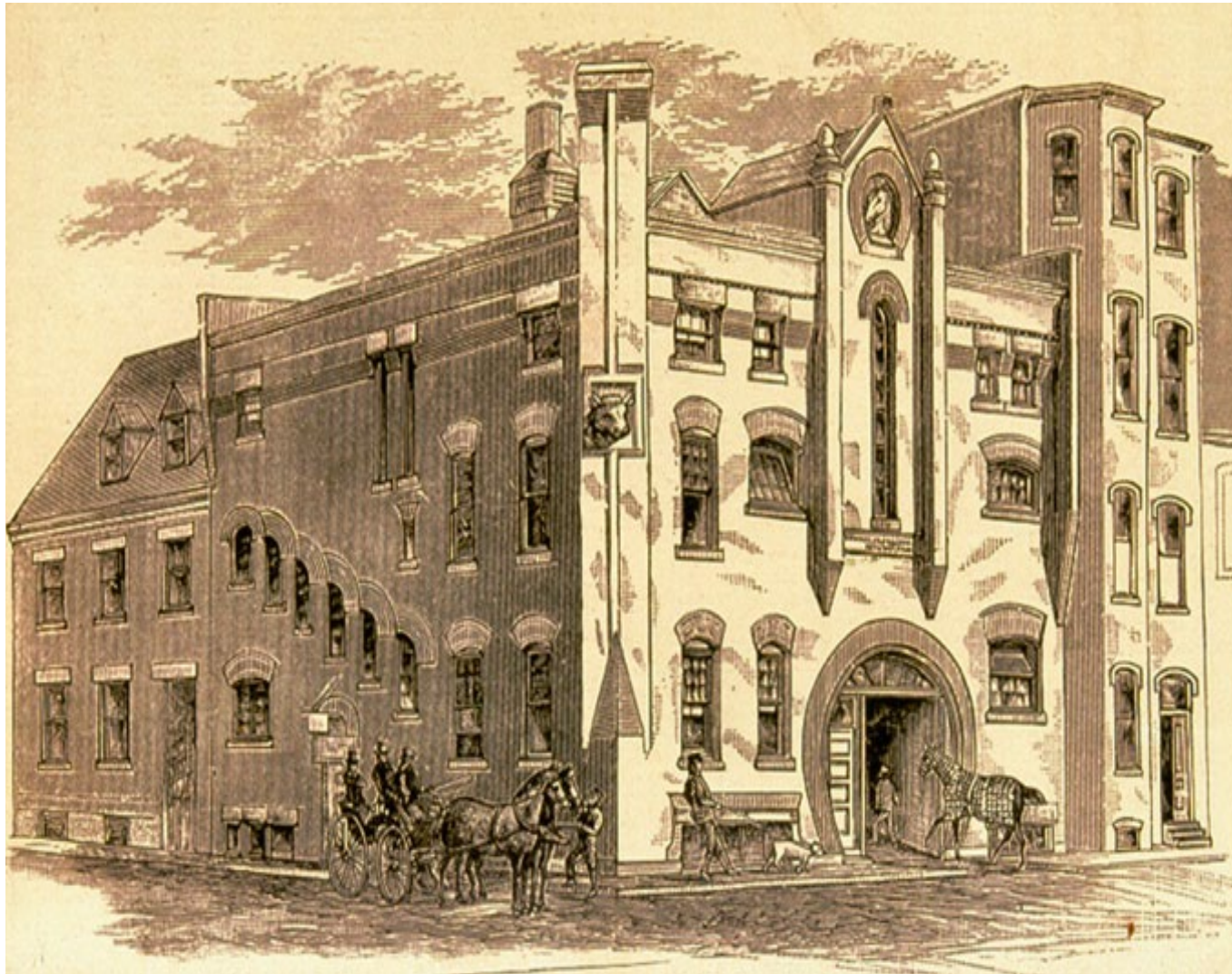
Henry Stockton Lewis, Sr.

- 1858-1922
- Father: Hair dresser
- 1885: Enrolled Harvard School Vet Med
- 1889: Harvard School of Veterinary Medicine
- 1889: Chelsea, Massachusetts
 - Private practice
 - Mass. Board of Veterinary Registration
- Vet Heritage: 25(1)5-6, 2002

Harvard School of Veterinary Medicine

(From Harvard Medical Library)

(The Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine)



Charles Parker Lyman

- Graduate of Veterinary College in Edinburgh
- Taught at Massachusetts Agricultural College
- 1877-79: President, USVMA
- 1882: Professor of Harvard School of Vet Med
- 1886: Dean, Harvard School of Vet Med
- 1882-1902: 128 graduates



Augustus Nathaniel Lushington

- 1869: Born in Trinidad
- 1894: B.S. Cornell University
- 1897: VMD, University of Pennsylvania
- 1897-99: Private practice, Philadelphia
- 1899-1902: Bell Mead Indust & Ag College
 - Rock Castle, Virginia
 - Instructor, Veterinary Sanitation and Hygiene
- 1902-39: Private Practice, Lynchburg, VA



Robert F. Harper

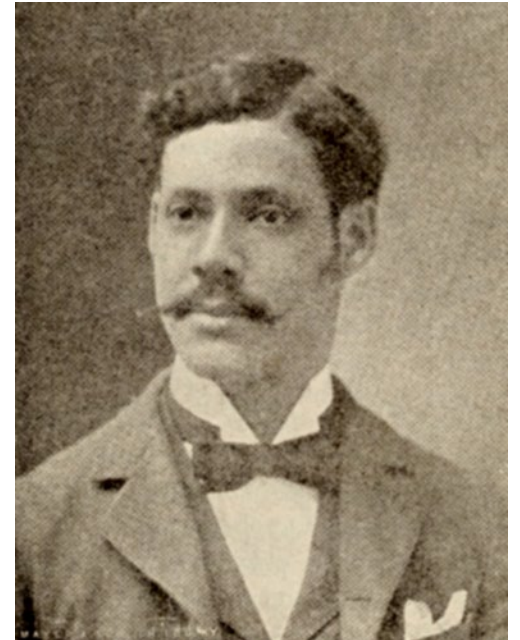
- 1875 - Born in Snow Hill, North Carolina
- 1888 - Moved to Crawfordsville, Indiana
- 1897 - Graduated from IVC
- Practiced in Indianapolis
- City Veterinary Surgeon
- Member, IVMA
- Died 1935



DR. ROBERT F. HARPER.

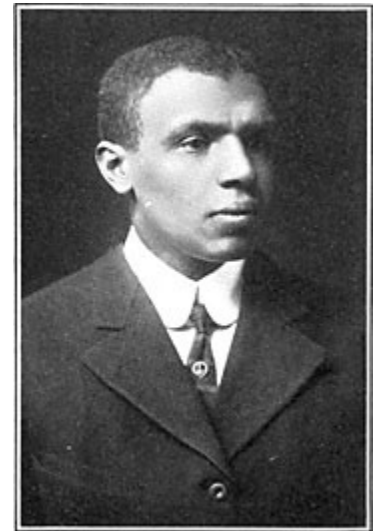
Thomas Madison Doram

- 1871 Born in Danville, Kentucky
- 1892 Eckstein Norton Institute
- 1899 MDV, McKillip Veterinary College
- 1899 Evanston, Illinois
- 1902 Danville, Kentucky
- 1941 Died of pneumonia



John Baxter Taylor (1882-1908)

- 1903: Enrolled in Wharton School at Penn
- 1905: Enrolled in School of Veterinary Medicine
- 1908: VMD from University of Pennsylvania
- 1903-08: Varsity Track Team
 - 1903: World record in 440
 - 1908: Olympic gold medal in England
 - First African-American Olympic Gold
- 1908: Died of typhoid pneumonia



Penn's 1904 Track Team



Matthew Jenkins

(1933-2019)

- 1933 – Born in Alabama
- 1957 – DVM from Tuskegee
- 1967 – U.S. Air Force
- 1959 – Veterinary Practice in LA
- 1980 – 18 Mobile-Home Parks
- 2013 – Interim President, Tuskegee
- 2019 – Died in Long Beach

Dr. Donna Alexander

- 1974 New Jersey's Junior Miss
- 1974 Breck Girl Shampoo
- 1978 B.S. University of Pennsylvania
- 1982 D.V.M. University of Pennsylvania
- Head, Cook County Animal and Rabies Control
- 2018 Died of Cancer at age 60



Estella Jones

- 1989 – LSU School of Veterinary Medicine
- 199? – World Health Organization
- 199? – Institute for Primate Research in Nairobi, Kenya
- 200? – Baylor College of Medicine, Houston
- 2017 – Tick-Borne Disease Working Group
- 2020 – Rear Admiral, USPHS
- 2020 – Assistant Surgeon General. USPHS
- 2020 – Food and Drug Administration
 - Deputy Director, Counterterrorism and Emerging Threats

Debbie Turner-Bell

- 1965 – Born in Hawaii
- 1989 – Miss Missouri
- 1990 – Miss America
- 1991 – DVM – Univ Missouri
- 1995 – NBC – Show Me St. Louis
- 2001 – CBS – The Early Show
- Animal Planet
- Pianist, singer, percussionist



Danielle Spencer

- 1965 Born in Trenton, New Jersey
- 1976 Actress in “What’s Happening
- 1977 Car accident
- 1979 UC Davis
- 1985 What’s Happening Now
- 1996 DVM Tuskegee University
- 1997 As Good as It Gets
- 2001 Peter Rabbit and the Crucifix
- 2014 Smithsonian Museum



Dr. Jotello Festiri Soga

South Africa's First Black Veterinarian

- 1865 Born in South Africa
- 1886 Edinburgh College of Vet Med
- 1886 Royal College of Vet Surgeons
 - Gold Medal in Botany
- 1889 Colonial Vet Surg Cape of Good Hope
- 1890 Eradication of Rinderpest
- 2009 Library Univ Pretoria named in his honor
- Member of Xhosa group





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• COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE •
A CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE

1905 - 2005