

Famous People of Illinois

<u>Illinoisan</u>	<u>Career</u>
Wallace C. Abbott	Physician/Scientist
Jane Addams	Social Reformer
John Peter Altgeld	Politician
Philip Armour	Industrialist
Louis Armstrong	Jazz Musician
Mary Bartelme	Judge
Jack Benny	Comedian
Mary Ann Bickerdyke	Civil War Nurse
Black Hawk	Sauk Indian Chief
Gwendolyn Brooks	Poet
William Jennings Bryan	Politician
Jane Byrne	Chicago's 1st Women Mayor
Harry Caray	Sports Announcer
John Chancellor	Television Commentator
George Rogers Clark	Frontiersman
Hillary Rodham Clinton	First Lady
Nat "King" Cole	Singer/Pianist
Charles A. Comiskey	Baseball Club Owner
Jimmy Connors	Tennis Champion
Richard J. Daley Sr.	Mayor of Chicago
Clarence Darrow	Famous Criminal Lawyer
Miles Davis	Musician
John Deere	Plow Manufacturer
Walt Disney	Cartoonist/Founder of Disney Company
Stephen Douglas	Lawyer/Politician
Jean Baptiste Point Du Sable	First Permanent Black Settler of Chicago
Enrico Fermi	Physicist
George Washington Ferris	Engineer/Inventor of the Ferris Wheel
Marshall Field	Retailer
Betty Ford	First Lady
Harrison Ford	Actor/Director
Bob Fosse	Choreographer
Betty Friedan	Feminist
Benny Goodman	Musician
Harold "Red" Grange	Football Player

Ulysses S. Grant	Civil War General/President
George Stanley Halas	Coach/Founder of Chicago Bears
Lorraine Hansberry	Playwright
Ben Hecht	Journalist
Ernest Hemingway	Novelist
Burl Ives	Singer
Mahalia Jackson	Gospel singer
Louis Jolliet	French Canadian Explorer
Mary Harris Jones	Organizer/Fighter for Working Person
Quincy Jones	Composer
Michael Jordan	Athlete/Chicago Bulls
Ray Kroc	McDonald's/Entrepreneur
Sieur de La Salle	French Explorer
Mary Todd Lincoln	First Lady
Mary Livermore	Suffragette/Social Reformer
Father Jacques Marquette	Priest/Missionary
Edgar Lee Masters	Poet
Marlee Matlin	Youngest Oscar Winner
Cyrus H. McCormick	Entrepreneur/Plow
Mary McDowell	Social Reformer
Harriet Monroe	Poet/Author
Barack Obama	President
Michelle Obama	First Lady
William Butler Ogden	Chicago's First Mayor
Lottie O'Neill	1st Women in IL General Assembly
Potter Palmer	Merchant
Walter Payton	Chicago Bears Football Player
Allan Pinkerton	Detective
Chief Pontiac	Ottawa Indian Leader
George Pullman	Inventor
Ronald Reagan	Actor/President
Mike Royko	Writer
Carl Sandburg	Poet/Writer
John G. Shedd	Entrepreneur
Philip Sheridan	Civil War General

Shel Silverstein	Children's Books Author
Upton Sinclair	Author
Mike Singletary	Football Player
Sir Georg Solti	Conductor for Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Sammy Sosa	Baseball Player
Adlai Stevenson I	Politician
Louis Sullivan	Architect
Gloria Swanson	Actress
Lorado Taft	Sculptor
Dr. Mary Harris Thompson	Medical Doctor/Reformer
Melvin Van Peebles	Playwright
Myrtle Norton Walgreen	Business person
Aaron Montgomery Ward	Merchant/Mail Order Business
Harold Washington	Chicago's 1st Black Mayor
Ida B. Wells	Social Reformer
Frances Willard	Social Reformer
Oprah Winfrey	Humanitarian/Television Personality
Frank Lloyd Wright	Architect
William Wrigley	Baseball Club Owner
Florenz Ziegfeld	Theatrical Producer

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If there is a Famous Illinoisan not on this list that is of interest to you, please feel free to request him or her for your report. The homeroom teacher must approve all Famous Illinoisans prior to beginning your research and report.