

# **Famous People with connections to Southbridge**

**William Leonard Marcy "To the Victor Belong the Spoils", Gov. of New York  
Born in Southbridge**

**George Thorndike Angell (Born in Southbridge- 1823 –  
Founder of Mass Society Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**

**Frederick Douglass - May 6, 1842**

**William G. Putney (Born in Southbridge in 1842) -Civil War Veteran / Author**

**Fr. Michael Earls (1875-1937), author**

**P T Barnum visited Southbridge with his Greatest Show on Earth on May 29 1876 -  
some 6,000 people were estimated to have attended the shows.**

**Frank Parsons Political Scientist / Southbridge resident / Art Teacher - 1870's**

**John Tanner 54th Mass Regiment Mustered in Southbridge**

**Widow of General Custer: Mrs. Elizabeth Custer on March 10, 1892 visit to Southbridge to talk at YMCA**

**Frank Renaud (The Great Reno )– Escape artist jump July 4, 1910**

**Frederick Law Olmstead- Architect (viewed Mary E Wells Bld 1919)**

**Rudolph Valentino -Actor 11-May-1923**

**Norman Rockwell Artist (6 Paintings commissioned by AO)' 1920's**

**Glenn Miller- Band Leader 20-Jan-1939**

**Sir Alexander Flemming (Inventor of Penicillin) visits AO in 1945**

**Richard Rodgers -Composer 1955**

**Oscar Hammerstein -Lyricist 1955**

**Mike Todd -Producer / Todd AO 1955**

**Elizabeth Taylor -Actress (Mike Todds Wife) 1955**

**Merrill "Mezzie" Barber- Olympic Skier /Sonja Heine roll on slopes in Sun Valley Serenade" / Worked at AO in 1950s**

**Big Bird (Carroll Spinney) - 1950s to present**

**Ted Williams - 1960**

**Lorin Hollander -Concert Pianist 1963**

**Grace Morley Once married to Montel Williams - 1975**

**Bambi Jones / Doris Morley - 1975**

**Dorothy Hamil -Olympic Gold Medalist - skating 1977**

**Dorothy Lamour -Actress Oct-51**

**Von Trapp Family – Date unknown**

**Tex Benekee -Sax Player (Glenn Miller) Jan-52**

**John F. Kennedy (President) –Sept 30, 1958**

**Jackie Kennedy Onassis (First Lady) – Sept 30, 1958**

**Rose Kennedy - 1960**

**Alfred Hitchcock - Movie Director 1960s**

**Ted Kennedy -Politician 1962/2000**

**Rudy Vallee -Singer 1962**

**Eddie Feigner- Softball 1969**

**Grace Morley (Former Southbridge Resident in 1970's) and ex wife of Montel**

**Williams 1970's ; photos of Grace in Jack and the Beanstalk (Gateway Players 1975)**

**Arthur Ashe -Tennis Pro 1976?**

**Bob Griese -Football Star 1977?**

**Montel Williams- TV Star 1999?**

**Conan O'Brien -Late Night TV 2000**

**Brian Dennehy -Actor 2000**

**Christa Delcamp- 7NEWS Anchor/Reporter started at WESO**

**Mish Michaels - Reported on 50th Anniversary of the Flood of 1955 - August 2005**

**Elizabeth Letendre - American Idol (Season 3)**

**Bill Murray - Actor 2007**

**Gregory McGuire -Author of book Wicked 2006**

**William Mann -Author of book Kate 2007**

**Jeff Hecht Author of City of Light, Fiber Optics began in Southbridge**

**Gordon Ramsay – Hotel Hell Nov 2015**

**Visitors to OSV:**

**Julie Andrews - Singer / Actress Movie Hawaii 1965**

**Max Von Sydow- Actor Movie Hawaii 1965**

**Carroll O'Conner - Actor in Hawaii / All in the Family 1965**

**Torin Thatcher - Actor Movie Hawaii 1965**

**Merv Griffin TV Show 1967**

**Arthur Treacher TV Show 1967**

**Barbara Eden TV Actress - I Dream of Jeannie 1967**

**Trish VanDevere Actress (Wife of George C Scott) – Summer Stock at Merry Go**

**Round Theatre 1967**

**Harvey Korman**