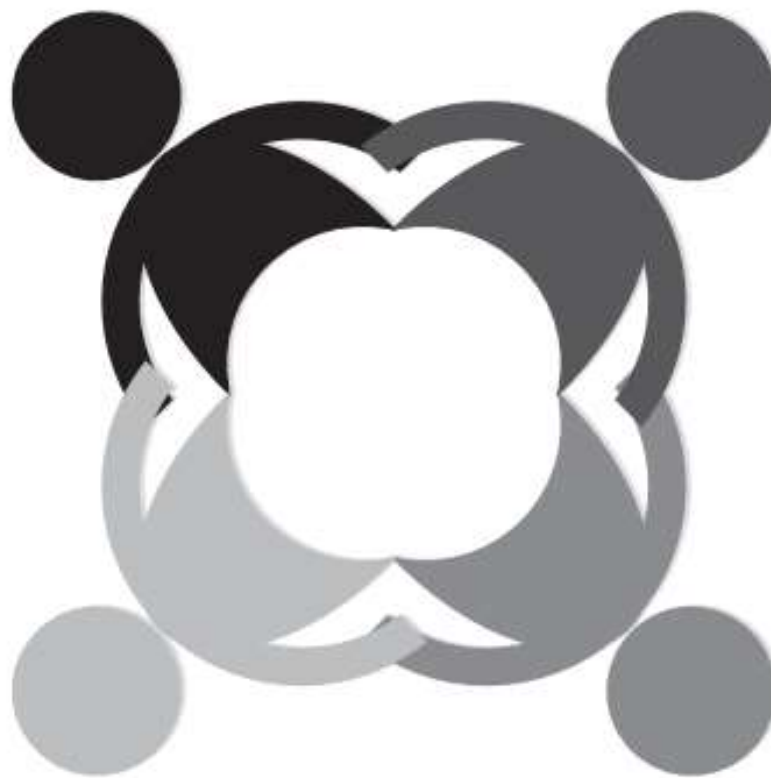


# TRAILBLAZERS IN AMES HISTORY!



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## George Washington Carver 1846 - 1943



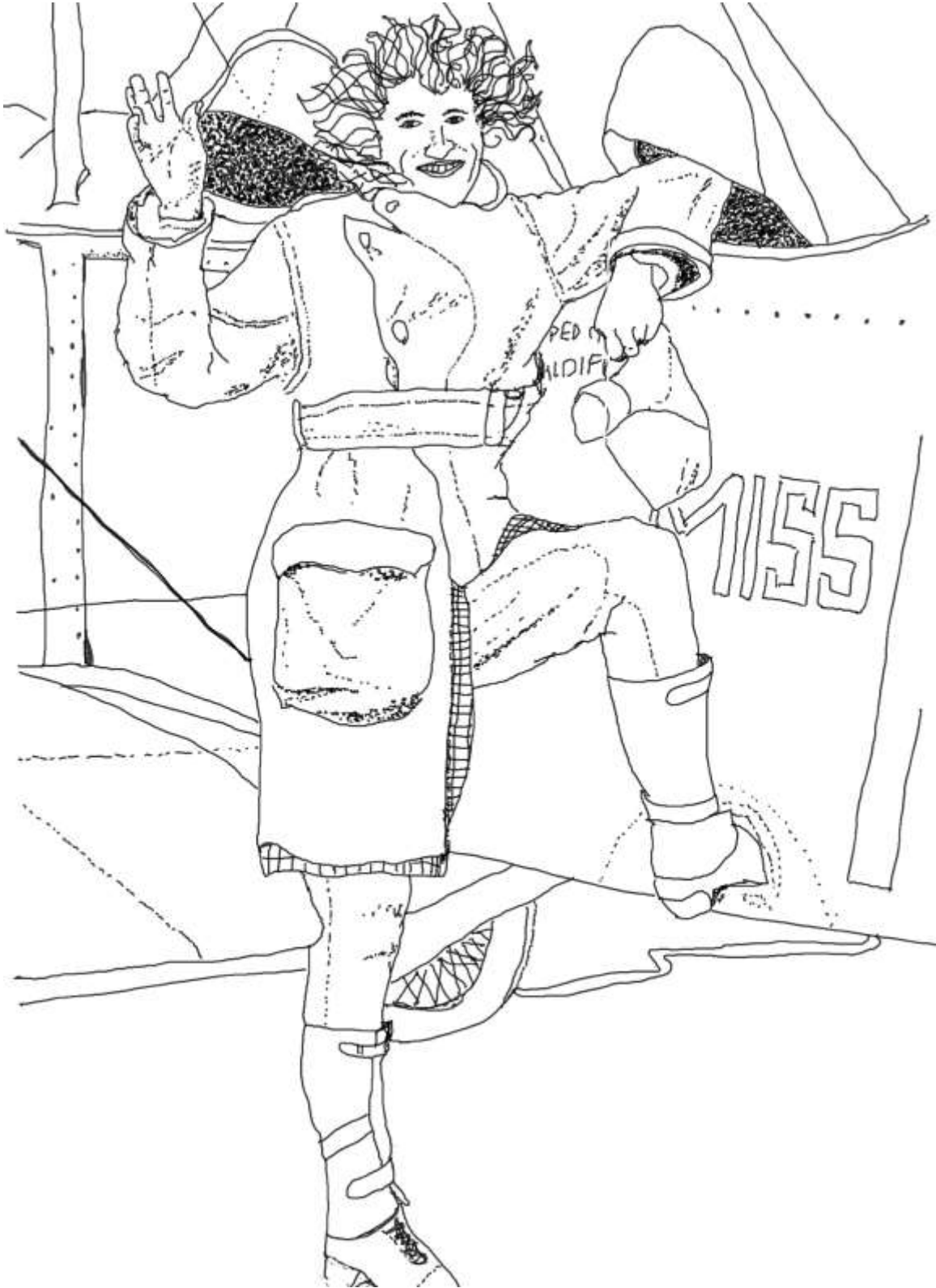
George Washington Carver was the first Black student to attend Iowa State College, graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1894 and a master's degree in 1896. Carver later taught at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, conducting groundbreaking research on peanuts, sweet potatoes, and other crops that could serve as alternatives to cotton.

**Ada Hayden**  
**1884 - 1950**



Ada Hayden was the first woman to earn a Doctor of Philosophy degree at Iowa State College (ISC). She was a pioneer in prairie conservation and served as faculty and curator of the ISC herbarium, adding more than 40,000 specimens to its collection. In 2004, Ada Hayden Heritage Park was dedicated in her honor.

## Neta Snook Southern 1896 - 1991



Neta Snook Southern, pioneer aviatrix, graduated from Ames High School in 1915 and attended Iowa State College. Neta is believed to be the first licensed woman pilot in Iowa. She later became a licensed flight instructor in California, where she taught Amelia Earhart to fly.

**James Herman Banning**  
**1900 - 1933**



James Herman Banning, who moved to Ames in 1919 to attend Iowa State College, was the first Black person to receive a pilot's license from the U.S. Department of Commerce. Banning and mechanic Thomas C. Allen were the first Black aviators to complete a transcontinental flight.

**Jack Trice**  
**1902 - 1923**



In 1922, Jack Trice became the first Black athlete at Iowa State College. In addition to succeeding in track and field, he excelled in the classroom and joined the football team. During his first away game, he sustained racially-motivated injuries, including a broken collarbone, but refused to leave the game. Two days later, Trice died from internal injuries. In 1997, the ISU stadium was renamed "Jack Trice Stadium," becoming the first Division 1-A football stadium named for a Black person.

**Helen LeBaron Hilton**  
**1910 - 1993**



Helen LeBaron Hilton became Dean of the College of Home Economics at Iowa State University and later served on state and national commissions and panels. In 1966, she was the first woman elected to the Ames City Council.

**Russell George Pounds**  
**1920 - 2005**



In 1971, Russell George Pounds was the first Black man elected to the Ames City Council. After retiring from the U.S. Army as Chief Warrant Officer, Pounds went on to become an Assistant Professor of Economics at Iowa State University. He served and led groups including the Ames Human Relations Commission, the Iowa Civil Liberties Union, the National League of Cities, and the ISU Black Cultural Center.



**Lee Fellingner**  
**1923 - 1998**



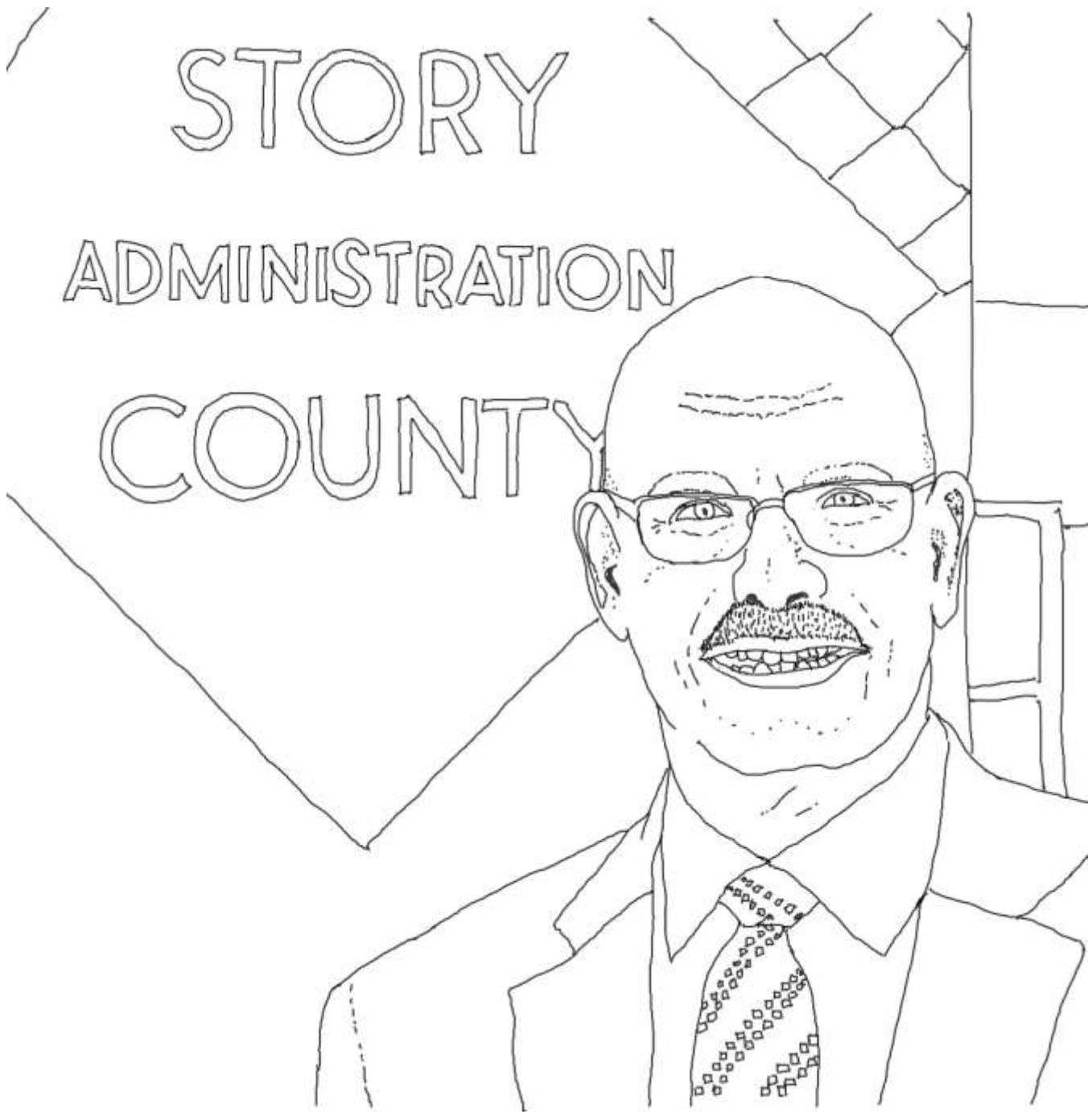
Lee Fellingner was the first woman elected mayor of Ames. During World War II, she worked on the Manhattan Project, later joining the math faculty at Iowa State College. After representing the second ward on the Ames City Council, she ran for mayor and won the 1976 election.

## Lauro Cavazos 1927 - 2022



Born in Texas, Lauro Cavazos moved to Ames to pursue a Ph.D. in physiology at Iowa State University. He went on to become Dean of Tufts University School of Medicine and President of Texas Tech University. In 1988, he was appointed to be the 4<sup>th</sup> United States Secretary of Education, becoming the first Hispanic to serve in the United States Cabinet in any position.

**Wayne Clinton**  
**1941 – Present**



Upon moving to Ames in 1966, Wayne Clinton became the first Black teacher at Ames Middle School. After retiring, he was elected to the Story County Board of Supervisors, where he served for 16 years. His contributions to the community have been recognized with the Humanitarian Award in 1997 and his induction into the Iowa African American Hall of Fame in 2017.

## Jane Smiley 1949 – Present



While working as a Professor of English at Iowa State University, Jane Smiley became the first woman from Ames to win the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1992 for her bestselling novel *A Thousand Acres*. She was later elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

**Anita Rollins**  
**1954 – Present**



An Iowa native, Anita Shelton Rollins has served the City of Ames in two elected positions: Ames Community School District Board of Directors and Ames City Council. She is the first Black woman to serve on the City Council.

**David Martin**  
**1965 – Present**



Born and raised in Ames, David Martin earned a PhD in Computer Science from Boston University after graduating from Iowa State University. In 2017, he became the first openly gay person to be elected to City Council, focusing on issues like internet access, climate action, and community planning during his term.

**Bee Nguyễn**  
**1981 – Present**



Bee Nguyễn was born in Ames to Vietnamese refugee parents. She later moved to Georgia, where she became the first Vietnamese-American to win election to the Georgia House and the first Asian-American Democratic woman to hold a state office in Georgia.

## Harrison Barnes 1992 – Present



Born in Ames, Harrison Barnes led the Ames High School basketball team to back-to-back state championship wins. After playing for the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, he became the first person of color from Ames High School to be drafted to the NBA. In his third professional season with the Golden State Warriors, he won the NBA championship, becoming the first person ever from Ames to do so.





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