

Celebrating the 97th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

*Ratified on August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment
granted American women the right to vote.*



Did you know?

The real Rosie the Riveter: Rose Will Monroe, is a Kentucky native.

Rose Monroe was born in Pulaski County, Kentucky. She worked on the assembly line as a riveter of B-24 and B-49 bomber airplanes. She began working at the Willow Run Aircraft Factory in Ypsilanti, Michigan, after her husband died and she needed to provide for her two young kids.

Rose played Rosie the Riveter in a patriotic movie while building military airplanes during World War II. She died in 1997 at age 77. Actor Walter Pidgeon had discovered her working on the assembly line, and this chance of fate led to her stint in a promotional film for war bonds that played in movie theaters during World War II.

About five other women inspired the Rosie the Riveter persona — including Geraldine Hoff Doyle who was the model for the iconic poster.

After the war, Rose Monroe moved to the Southern Indiana area and lived in Jeffersonville. She had a variety of jobs that included driving a cab around Southern Indiana and Louisville, working as a beautician, making slip covers for furniture and finally as a contractor building luxury homes as the owner of Rose Builders of Southern Indiana, her obituary said.

In true Rosie-the-Riveter fashion, Monroe earned her pilot's license when she was in her 50s, fulfilling a wish she had during the war. Source: *Courier-Journal*



Women Working For Change

The current exhibit showcased in the KSOB lobby documents the contributions that Kentucky women have made to the cultural, intellectual, medical and political life in Kentucky from post-Civil War years to the middle of the 20th century.

See Kentucky Women in Action

The exhibit includes both urban and rural women and highlights the achievements of well-known women, but also includes the contributions of less famous women.

Did You Know...

- **37.7% of employed women hold Managerial/Professional Occupations**
- **Approximately 27% of those working in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields in KY are women**
- **Female high school graduation rate is 94%**

Source: Kentucky Commission on Women (For reference, here is the [link](#) to their website that contains this information)