

Kentucky Innovations



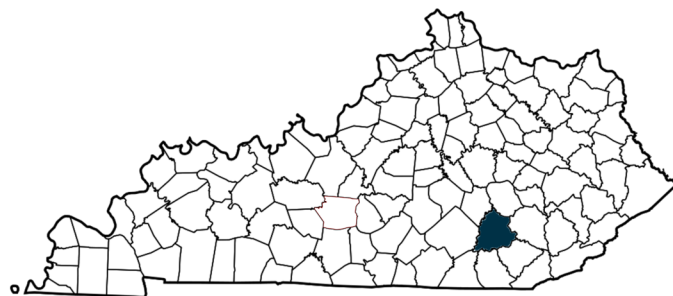
Bust of Harland Sanders by Barney Bright. KHS Collection.

Colonel Harland Sanders

When it comes to Kentucky innovators, few are as famous as Colonel Harland Sanders, the founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken.

An early entrepreneur, Sanders had several career changes before making his name as a service station owner and restaurateur in **Corbin**. He innovated pressure-frying chicken and helped create the business model of franchising, which is now in use worldwide.

In the early 1950s, Sanders franchised his secret recipe. Within a decade, there were nearly 600 Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants across the nation. In 1969, he sold KFC but remained as the brand ambassador until his death in 1980. Today, his image remains part of the KFC brand, making him one of the world's most famous Kentuckians.



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