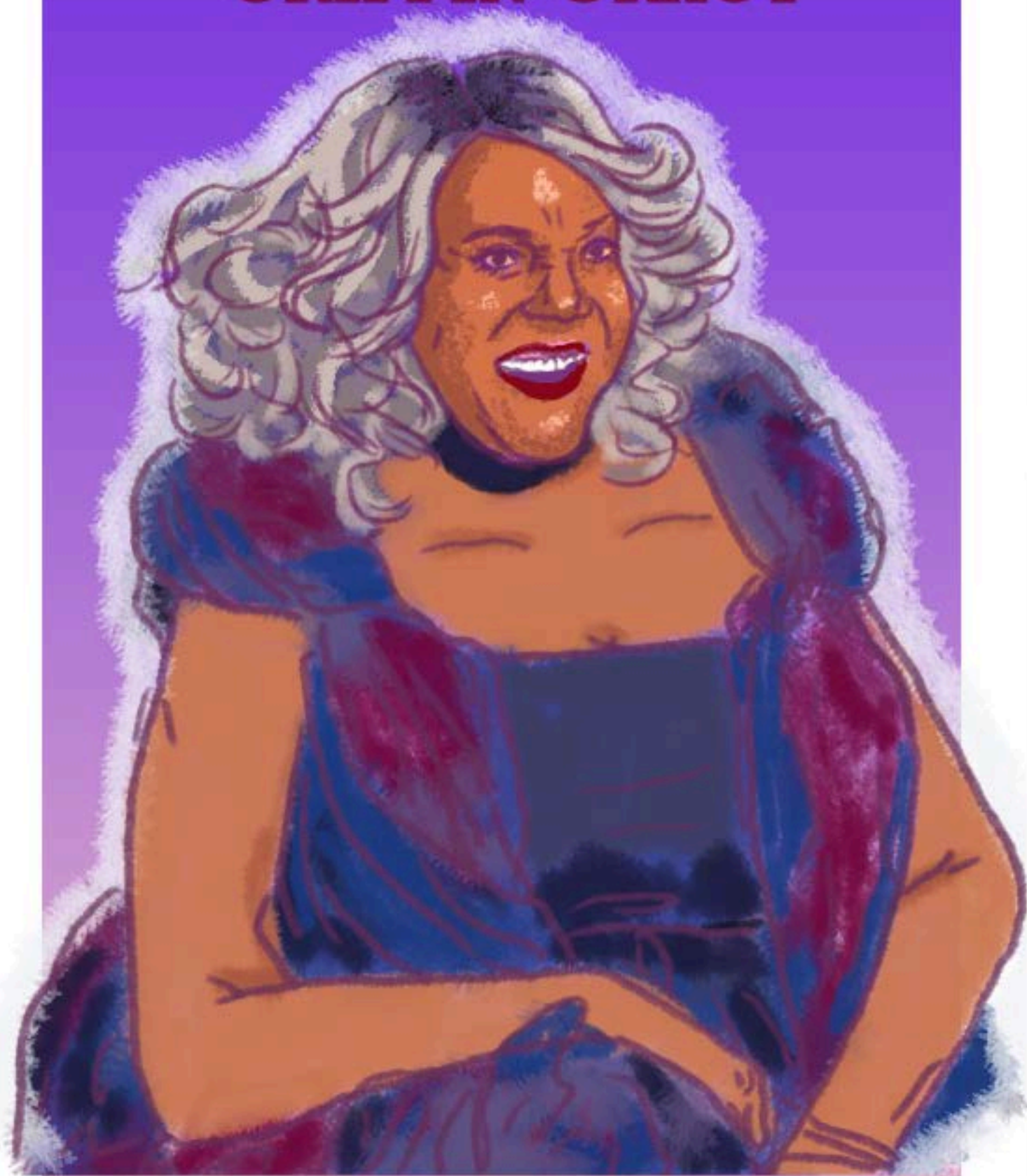


**MISS MAJOR
GRIFFIN-GRACY**



1. I took part in the Stonewall Uprising in New York City.

2. I served as the Executive Director of the Transgender Gender Variant and Intersex Justice Project in San Francisco.

3. I was born on the South Side of Chicago on October 25, 1940.

4. I was the subject of a documentary on my life entitled *Major!*

5. I supplied medical resources and aid to those affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

6. I advocate for transgender and gender non-conforming people who are incarcerated.

7. I came out as a transgender in the 1950s; I'm a self-proclaimed feminist and raised five sons.

8. I was pushed out of two colleges due to my gender expression and identity.

9. I participated in the drag ball scene as a young person; I described it like going to an Oscar show today!

**LUCY HICKS
ANDERSON**



1. I was born in Waddy, Kentucky in 1886.

2. I was tried in criminal court for fraud, and for “impersonating a woman” on my marriage license.

3. I’m one of the earliest recorded Black trans people in U.S. history.

4. I became a socialite in the early 20th century, throwing lavish dinner parties, welcome events for newcomers to town, and giving generously to charity my whole life.

5. I was barred from staying in Oxnard, California following some of my convictions.

6. I’ve worked as a talented chef, and even won a few baking contests in my day!

7. I sold liquor illegally during the Prohibition Era and even ran a successful speakeasy

8. I changed my name at age 16 and moved away from home.

9. I died in Los Angeles at the age of 68, where I had quietly lived the last years of my life with my beloved husband.

Charley Parkhurst



1. I was born in Sharon, Vermont in 1812, but became orphaned and was taken to New Hampshire as a young child.

2. I ran away from an orphanage, became a stable hand in Rhode Island, learning how to drive a stagecoach and eventually, up to six horses.

3. I have many nicknames, including "One-Eyed Charley" and "Six-Horse Charley".

4. When I was in my 30's, I went to California to seek my fortune as a horse driver, a job made popular by the Gold Rush.

5. I drove passengers, carried mail, and dealt with rough and dangerous conditions (including some close calls with bandits) on early trails in Northern California.

6. In California, I lost the use of one of my eyes after being kicked by a horse.

7. A monument was built at my Watsonville, California gravesite in 1955, as well as a plaque at the Soquel, California fire station where I just may have voted in 1868.

8. After years of driving the trails, railroads began to cut into my business, and I became a lumberman and a farmer, even raising some chickens.

9. My identity as a trans person wasn't discovered by the public until after my death in 1879.

RYKA AOKI



1. I am Japanese-American; my dad is a mechanic from Hawai'i.

2. I'm a professor of English at Santa Monica College.

3. I'm a former national judo champion and founded the International Transgender Martial Arts Alliance. I was also head judo coach at Cornell University and UCLA.

4. I have a blackbelt, and teach self-defense; I see it as a way of giving back to my community and empowering trans people, especially trans women like me.

5. I play the piano and the violin (I learned the violin so I could write about playing it in one of my books!)

6. I'm the winner of the Academy of American Poets' University Award.

7. I'm a two-time Lambda Award finalist for my books *Seasonal Velocities* and *He Mele a Hilo (A Hilo Song)*.

8. I was honored by the California State Senate for "extraordinary commitment to the visibility and well-being of Transgender people."

9. I am a writer of many poems, pieces, and novels, including *Light From Uncommon Stars* which came out in 2021.