Many peonies are named in honor of a loved one while others are named to commemorate an event or a famous person. A number of the peonies in the Peony Garden are named after famous ladies in history. See if you can find all of these famous ladies in the Peony Garden. Can you find other peonies in the garden named after famous people?
Famous Ladies

1. **Edith Lyttelton**

Edith Lyttelton (1865-1948) was a British World War I era activist, a novelist, and a spiritualist. She gave assistance to the unemployed in London, and she served on the War Refugees Committee during World War I. Later, Lyttelton became the Deputy Director of the Women’s Branch of the Ministry of Agriculture. Lyttelton was appointed Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1917 and Dame Grand Cross in 1929.

2. **Mrs. Edward Harding**

Alice Harding was a gardener and writer of the early 20th century. She lived on Burnley Farm in Plainfield, New Jersey where she collected, tested, and evaluated the finest new peony varieties. Edward Harding had a rose, an iris, two French hybrid lilacs, a tree peony, and two herbaceous peonies named in her honor.

3. **Lady Alexandra Duff**

Lady Alexandra Duff (1891) was the granddaughter of King Edward VII. She served as a nurse at St. Mary’s Hospital in Paddington, and she worked on the behalf of local hospitals in South Africa. Lady Alexandra Duff had many honors bestowed upon her including Royal Red Cross 1st Class, Dame Grand Cross of the Most Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Royal Family Order of King Edward VII, and the Royal Family Order of King George V.

4. **Fanny Crosby**

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) was an American lyricist best known for her Protestant Christian hymns. She was stricken blind as a baby when an incompetent doctor treated her for inflammation of the eyes. She attended the New York Institution for the Blind for twelve years and remained there as a teacher for eleven more. Fanny was friends with almost every president during her lifetime and wrote more than 8,000 hymns.

5. **Marguerite Gerard**

Marguerite Gerard (1761-1837) was a leading French female artist. She learned much of what she knew from her brother-in-law, artist Jean-Honore. Marguerite painted in a precise, romantic style, often depicting domestic scenes and scenes of the wealthy enjoying a care-free life. Napoleon purchased her only contemporary history painting and commissioned her to paint others.

6. **Sarah Bernhardt**

Sarah Bernhardt (1844-1923) was a French stage and early film actress. She was brought up in a convent and began acting at age 18. She started her stage career in comic theatre and burlesque and eventually moved on to film. Sarah Bernhardt was made a member of France’s Legion of Honor in 1914. She also helped organize a military hospital during the Franco-Prussian War during the 1870s.

7. **Eleanor Roosevelt**

Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962) was the first lady in the United States from 1933 to 1945. She supported the New Deal reforms put in place by her husband, and she was an advocate for civil rights. Eleanor Roosevelt also helped begin the second wave of feminism when she was on JFK’s committee – the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women.

8. **Florence Nightingale**

Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) was born in Florence, Italy. Nightingale decided to devote her life to nursing in 1844. She worked to reform military hospitals and improve medical care and living conditions for soldiers and the poor. After 1860, Nightingale’s health prevented her from physically working as a nurse, but she continued her activism through her writings. She was awarded many medals of Honor for her service.

9. **Phoebe Cary**

Phoebe Cary (1824-1871) was an American poet and champion of women’s rights. She and her sister, Alice, began publishing poetry together, but eventually they were both publishing their own volumes. Cary also edited a newspaper published by Susan B. Anthony.

10. **Martha Bulloch**

Martha Bulloch (1835-1884) was the mother of U.S. president Theodore Roosevelt. She went by “Mittie”, and was a true Southern Belle. It is rumored that the character, Scarlett O’Hara, in Gone with the Wind, is modeled after Mittie. She married Theodore Roosevelt, Sr. in 1853. Mittie died of typhoid in 1884.