



**Myra Brown Robinson**  
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Myra Brown was born in Fort Worth, Texas in 1919. With plans to become a schoolteacher, she headed west to attend the University of California at Los Angeles. However, the Great Depression forced her back home, where she found employment with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In 1942, she married Bob Robinson, who formed Robinson Drilling with his father, Glenn. Bob was the toolpusher, Glenn was the landman, and Myra kept the books. After Bob's untimely death in 1972, Myra had to learn the business overnight. With her keen business sense and help from the company's loyal employees, she kept the doors open when other contractors were closing down, even through the crash of 1982. She is credited with excelling in the male-dominated oil business because of her intelligence, hard work, persistence, and ability to adapt to constant change. Myra Robinson is one of the few women in the U.S. to head an oil drilling company, the first woman to receive the Top Hand Award and the second woman inducted into the Petroleum Hall of Fame.