

ALEXANDER KNOX

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ACTOR PLAYWRIGHT NOVELIST JOURNALIST

Alexander Knox was born in Strathroy in 1907. His father, the Reverend W.J. Knox, served as minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Albert Street in Strathroy at the time of Alexander's birth.

The Knox family eventually moved to London, Ontario, where in 1925 Alexander enrolled at the University of Western Ontario. At UWO Alexander studied English, was a member of the Hesperian Club, and starred in the title role of a student production of *Hamlet*.

Alexander continued acting on stage, in television and in cinema, and would go on to star as American President Woodrow Wilson in the 1944 film *Wilson*, for which he won a Golden Globe and was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Actor.

In addition to his illustrious acting career, Knox was also a prolific writer, penning adventure novels set in the Great Lakes region, as well as essays and screenplays. In 1981 he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from UWO, and shortly thereafter he retired to his homes in London, England and Berwick-upon-Tweed, England, where he passed away in 1995 at the age of 88.



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Above: Alexander Knox as Woodrow Wilson in *Wilson* (1944).

Below: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Strathroy, Ontario, c. 1900.