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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Emma Lou Thornbrough (1913-1994), an Indianapolis native, graduated from Butler University with both a B.A. and an M.A. She went on to the University of Michigan where she received her Ph.D. in 1946. Following graduation, Thornbrough began teaching at Butler until her retirement in 1983. During her career at Butler, she held visiting appointments at Indiana University and Case Western Reserve University.

Thornbrough's research is exemplified in her two main works: *The Negro in Indiana before 1900* (1957) and *Indiana in the Civil War* (1965). She engaged the community by writing numerous articles focusing on United States constitutional history and race as a central force in the nation's development. Thornbrough was also active in various community organizations including the Organization of American Historians, Southern Historical Association, Indiana Historical Society, Indiana Association of Historians, Indiana Alpha Association of Phi Beta Kappa, American Association of University Professors, Indiana Civil Liberties Union, Indianapolis Council of World Affairs, Indianapolis NAACP, and the Indianapolis Human Relations Council.

Sources:

Barrows, Robert G., Paul R. Hanson, and Peter J. Sehlinger. "Memorial Tribute to Emma Lou Thornbrough," *Indiana Magazine of History* 91.1 (1995): 2-3.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains the unfinished manuscript written by Emma Lou Thornbrough called "Indiana Blacks in the Twentieth Century." It includes a lengthy introduction/notes as well as eight chapters. Meant to be a sequel to her book *The Negro in Indiana before 1900*, *Indiana Blacks in the Twentieth Century* was published posthumously after Lana Ruegamer edited and added a final chapter to Thornbrough's work.

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