Bibliography of Indiana Women's History Books and Articles

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Actresses

Baxter, Anne
*A Hollywood actress and Broadway star from Michigan City, Indiana.
  The autobiography of Anne Baxter. 384 pages.
  A biography of Anne Baxter. No footnotes, but extensive bibliography. 296 pages.
  A short biographical sketch of Anne Baxter. Suggested readings but no footnotes.

Dunne, Irene
*Hollywood actress and singer who grew up in Madison, Indiana.
  Biography of Irene Dunne. Includes bibliographical references. 217 pages.
  A biography and bibliography of Irene Dunne. Includes bibliographic references. 312 pages.

Lombard, Carole
*Hollywood actress from Fort Wayne, Indiana who was best known from her comedic roles.
  A biography of Lombard that examines her life and films. Includes bibliographical references. 264 pages.
  Recounts the last days of Hoosier actress Carole Lombard, who died in a plane crash following a tour to sell war bonds. Suggested readings but no footnotes.
  Biography of Clark Gable and Carole Lombard, focusing particularly on their marriage. 189 pages.
  A biography of Carole Lombard. Includes bibliographical references. 159 pages.
  A biography and bibliography of Carole Lombard. Includes bibliographical references. 167 pages.
  A biography of Carole Lombard and discussion of her films. Bibliographical references included. 192 pages.
  A detailed biography of Carole Lombard. 324 pages.

Miscellaneous
  A biographical sketch of Marjorie Main, a Hollywood actress from Indiana best known for her fictional character, "Ma Kettle." No footnotes.


**Artists**


Hughes, Frances E. "Amalia Kussner: High Priestess of the Daintiest of Arts." *Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History* 2 no. 4 (Fall 1990): 38-45. Offers a biographical sketch of Kussner, a painter of miniature portraits. Kussner, a native of Terre Haute, painted portraits of many wealthy individuals and aristocrats both in the Untied States and Europe. Offers list of suggested readings, but no footnotes.


Perry, Rosalind Webster. "Marie Webster: Marion's Master Quilter." *Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History* 3 no. 2 (Spring 1991): 28-31. A biographical sketch of Marie Webster, one of the most influential quilt designers of the twentieth century, prepared by her granddaughter. At the time this article was written, her quilts were on exhibit at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Webster was the author of a prominent quilt book, *Quilts: Their Story and How to Make Them*.


Biographical sketch of Janet Payne Bowles, an artist during the early twentieth century who worked with metal to create artistic jewelry and accessories. No footnotes or suggested readings.

**Authors/Journalists**

**Flanner, Janet**

*Writer and journalist who spent many years in Paris as a correspondent for the New Yorker Magazine.*


Includes a discussion of Janet Flanner. Bibliographical references included. 189 pages.


A memoir of Janet Flanner. 318 pages.


Includes a biography of Janet Flanner. Bibliographical references included. 426 pages.


A biography of Janet Flanner. Includes bibliographical references. 361 pages.


A biographical sketch of author Janet Flanner. Suggested readings but no footnotes.

**Fox, Lillian Thomas**

*Early African American journalist in Indianapolis.*


A biographical sketch of Lillian Thomas Fox.


A biography of Lillian Thomas Fox. Includes bibliographical references.

**Kimbrough, Emily**

*Popular writer and author of film scripts from Muncie, Indiana.*


A biographical sketch of Kimbrough. Offers suggested readings but no footnotes.

**Miscellaneous**


This seven page article discusses the work of poets Alice and Phoebe Cary while they were living in Oxford, Indiana. Footnotes provide additional comments, but do not divulge sources.
Miss Viny (Aunt Tiny) became a character in the book *Lovely Mary* (1903) by author Alice Hegar Rice. Rice had visited Viny's garden while staying in the Martinsville sanitarium. Suggested readings but no footnotes.

A biographical sketch of Beulah Gray, an early female newspaper editor in Indiana. No footnotes or suggested readings.

A history of women journalists in Indiana, including biographical sketches. 240 pages.

Biographical sketch of Jeannette Nolan, an author from Evansville. No footnotes or suggested readings.

Excerpt from Pickrell's book-length biography of Emma Molloy, the first woman newspaper editor in Northern Indiana.

Pickrell, Martha M. *Emma Speaks Out: Life and Writings of Emma Molloy (1839-1907).* Carmel, IN: Guild Press of Indiana, 1999.
Biography including some of Molloy's writings and speeches. Includes bibliographical references. 162 pages.

A book-length biography of author Edith Hamilton, who is most famous for her works on ancient Greece and Rome. 174 pages.

A biographical sketch of Julia Dumont, who, according to Meredith Nicholson, was "the first Hoosier to become known beyond the state for imaginative writing". She died 1857. Footnotes provided.


A biographical sketch of Edith Hamilton, the sister of Alice Hamilton, an early female physician in Indiana. Hamilton became the head mistress of Bryn Maur College in Baltimore, and later became a noted author. Suggested readings but no footnotes.

**Porter, Gene Stratton**

*Popular author and naturalist from Indiana.*

A history of the Wabash Valley region of Indiana including a biographical sketch of author Gene Stratton Porter.

Describes historic sites devoted to Stratton Porter in Indiana.


Discusses Stratton-Porter's film production company. Offers suggested readings but no footnotes.


Long, Judith Reick. "Gene Stratton Porter: the Hum of Life." Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History 2 no. 3 (Summer 1990): 40-47. Long offers a short biographical sketch of Porter along with an excerpt from her famous novel, Strike at Shane's. No footnote, but provides a list of additional readings.


Strauss, Juliet V.
*A journalist from Rockville, Indiana, best known for her regular column in the Ladies Home Journal, titled "The Ideas of a Plain Country Woman." She also worked to preserve Turkey Run as a state park.


Biography – Compilations


**Education**


**General Biography**

**Beard, Mary Ritter**

*An early historian of women's history who was born in Indianapolis and attended DePauw University.*


**Blaker, Eliza**

*Opened one of the first free kindergartens in Indianapolis, which provided schooling for African American children.*


**Earhart, Amelia**

*Faculty member at Purdue University and first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. She later died in a plane accident.*


A biography of Amelia Earhart. Includes bibliographical references. 489 pages.
A biography of Amelia Earhart. Bibliographical references included. 321 pages.
A biography of Amelia Earhart. Includes bibliographical references. 420 pages.
A reminiscence written by Amelia Earhart's husband. 294 pages.
A biography of Amelia Earhart. Includes bibliographical references. 321 pages.
A biography of Amelia Earhart. Includes bibliographical references. 239 pages.

**Hamilton, Alice**

*Early twentieth century female physician in Indiana.*
An autobiography of Alice Hamilton. 433 pages.
A biography and compilation of the letters of Alice Hamilton. Includes bibliographical references. 460 pages.
Biographical sketch of Alice Hamilton, who began her career in 1910. No footnotes.

**Harper, Ida Husted**

*Suffrage historian and official biographer of Susan B. Anthony from Terre Haute, Indiana.*
Indexes over three hundred articles written by Harper that are owned by the Vigo County Public Library. 43 pages.
Short biography of Ida Husted Harper. Pamphlet.
Discusses Harper's feminist writings that appeared in newspapers while she lived in Terre Haute, Indiana. Footnotes included.

**Miscellaneous**
A biography of Albion Fellows Bacon, who worked for housing reform in Indiana. Footnotes included. 229 pages.
Barrows, Robert G. "Indiana Bookshelf: Beauty for Ashes: Albion Fellows Bacon."
An excerpt from the book-length biography of Albion Fellows Bacon, this article focuses on her transformation into a reformer, as detailed in her book, *Beauty for Ashes.*
Barrows, Robert G. "The Homes of Indiana: Albion Fellows Bacon and Housing Reform Legislation, 1907-1917."
A summary of Bacon's work between 1907 and 1917. Footnotes included.
Barrows, Robert G., Paul R. Hanson, and Peter J. Sehlinger. "Memorial Tribute to Emma Lou Thornbrough."
A remembrance of historian Emma Lou Thornbrough. No footnotes.

Biographical sketch of Meredith, the first woman in the United States to give public lectures on agricultural matters. She was also an active clubwoman and the first female member of Purdue University's board of trustees. No footnotes.

A biographical sketch of journalist Esther Griffin White, a founding member of the Indiana Women's Press Club. Footnotes included.

Biographical sketches of sisters Albion Fellows Bacon and Annie Fellows Johnson, both of whom crusaded for house reform. Annie also penned the popular Little Colonel stories. Suggested readings but no footnotes.

A short remembrance of Caroline Dunn, a librarian at the Indiana Historical Society.

A biographical sketch of Agnes Hamilton, a settlement house worker. Footnotes included.

Part 1 of a reprint of selected diary entries of Mrs. Lydia B. Bacon, who lived in Vincennes, IN for one year between 1811-1812 and kept a diary of her experiences.

Part 2 of Mrs. Lydia B. Bacon's diary entries.

Schenck reminisces about her family's hired cook, Sallie, providing details about the work of a hired servant in turn-of-the-century Indiana. No footnotes.

Danna, Mrs. A.V. "Mary Wright, Pioneer Musician of Switzerland County." Indiana Magazine of History 24 no. 1 (March 1928): 26-33.
Mrs. Danna offers a short (8 page) biographical sketch of Mary Wright, an accomplished pianist who resided in Switzerland County. Footnotes provide additional comments, but do not divulge sources.

A brief overview of Enlightened Woman, a book written by M. Elna W. Haverfield, M.D., in 1882. Haverfield received her medical training from the Central College of Physicians and Surgeons in Indianapolis.

A list of works written by Thornbrough.

The story of the life and death of Florence Taggart, the daughter of Indianapolis politician and mayor Thomas Taggart, who died in a yacht accident. No footnotes or suggested readings.

A biographical sketch of writer Jessamyn West. Footnotes included.

A biographical sketch of a long-time contributor to the Indiana Magazine of History. No footnotes.
Hoover, Dwight W. "Daisy Douglas Barr: From Quaker to Klan "Kluckeress." Indiana Magazine of History 87 no. 2 (June 1991): 171-210.  A biographical sketch of Barr, who first became famous in Muncie as a prohibitionist and later as a member of the KKK. Footnotes included.


Lane, James B. "Triumph over travail: the Katherine Hyndman Story." Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History 18 no. 1 (Winter 2006): 36-41.  Recounts the story of Katherine Hyndman, a Croatian immigrant residing in Gary, Indiana, who was jailed in October 1952 because of her ties to the Communist party. No footnotes.

Lasselle, Charles B. "Judge Charles B. Lasselle's Notes on Alice of Old Vincennes." Indiana Magazine of History 4 no. 2 (June 1908): 81-5.  In this five page article, Lasselle describes the character of Alice depicted in Maurice Thompson's story, Alice of Old Vincennes. Lasselle gives a short biographical sketch of Mary Shannon, the girl whose story inspired Thompson's fictional Alice. Shannon was captured by Indians, but managed to escape to Vincennes, where her story became a local legend. Footnotes provide additional comments, but do not divulge sources.


A short sketch of historian Emma Lou Thornbrough. No footnotes.


In May 1971, Betty Cadou, an Indianapolis journalist, became the first woman to gain the necessary permission to access the pits and garages at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Price discusses Cadou's efforts to open the race track to women. Offers suggested readings but no footnotes.


A biographical sketch of Ozahshinquck, the daughter of Frances Slocum. Suggested readings but no footnotes.


A biographical sketch of Thornbrough, an Indiana Historical Society staff member, on occasion of her retirement.


A biographical sketch of an early Indiana Historical Society staff member. Footnotes provided.


A biographical sketch of Riker, who was a historian and editor for the Indiana Historical Bureau and the Indiana Historical Society. Footnotes included.


Biographical sketch of the wife of William Henry Harrison. Suggested readings but no footnotes.


A biographical sketch of the Quaker humanitarian and reformer. Footnotes included.


A biography of Edna Mae Barnes Martin, an activist on Indianapolis's East Side, who started a center for youth in the African American community. Includes bibliographical sources. 198 pages.


An excerpt from her book-length biography about Barnes.


Biographical sketch of Zerelda Wallace, a crusader for temperance and women's rights. Suggested readings, but no footnotes.


A biography and compilation of correspondence of Eliza Julia Flower. Includes bibliographical references. 173 pages.


A biography of Mary Hamilton Swindler, a nationally recognized classical archaeologist from Bloomington. No footnotes.

**Sewall, May Wright**

Indianapolis educator, suffragette, peace activist, and clubwoman.


A book-length biography of May Wright Sewall. Includes full citations. 199 pages.
Boomhower, Ray E. "Indiana Bookshelf: 'The Last Enemy is Destroyed': May Wright Sewall and Neither Dead Nor Sleeping." Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History 14 no. 2 (Spring 2002): 26-33.
Abbreviates on Sewall's book about her communications with her dead husband Theodore. No footnotes or suggested readings.

Sewall's many accomplishments included the her work to create the International Council of Women. Besides a short biography, Garlin provides an account of the formation and work of the council. 55 pages.

Sewall's account of her communications with her dead husband, Theodore.

A biographical sketch of Sewall. Includes footnotes.

Slocum, Frances
* Frances Slocum was captured by Indians as a young girl, raised as a member of the tribe, and later married a native named Shepoconah and moved to Indiana

A biography of Frances Slocum. Includes bibliographical references. 172 pages.

This five-page article provides a brief biographical sketch of Frances Slocum. No footnotes.

Meginness, John Franklin. Biography of Frances Slocum, the Lost Sister of Wyoming.
A reprint of an early biography of France Slocum. Includes some bibliographical references. 238 pages.

A reminiscence written by Slocum's brother. 48 pages.

Winter was a pioneer artist in Indiana. He painted a portrait of Frances Slocum. This issue of the Indiana Magazine of History provides a reprint of a letter that he had written offering a description of Slocum. No footnotes.

An epic poem detailing the life of Frances Slocum. 43 pages.

Walker, Madam C. J.
*Successful entrepreneur who began a line of hair care products for African American women.

A biography of Madam C. J. Walker. Includes bibliographical references. 415 pages.

Included in this larger discussion of African American businesses is a biographical sketch of Madame C. J. Walker. Footnotes included.

A biographical sketch of Walker. Offers suggestions for further reading, but no footnotes.

Biography of Walker. Includes bibliographical references. 481 pages.
Wright, Frances  
*Frances Wright was a social reformer and crusader for women's rights. She lived in Robert Dale Owen's utopian community in New Harmony, Indiana for several years in the 1820s. Wright is considered to be Indiana's first feminist, and worked to advance the rights of women in Indiana.*


**General History**


Law/Lawyers


Shields, Vivian Sue and Suzanne Melanie Buchko. "Antoinette Dakin Leach: A Woman Before the Bar." Valparaiso University Law Review 28 (Summer 1994): 1189-230. Trained in law, Antoinette Dakin Leach challenged Indiana's constitution that barred women from practicing as lawyers, and won her case, thus opening the practice of law to women in Indiana. This article provides a biographical sketch with footnotes.


Memories of Hoosier Homemakers Series


Regional Indiana

Ashendel, Anita J. *She is the Man of the Concern: Entrepreneurial Women in the Ohio Valley, 1790-1860.* Thesis, PhD, Purdue University, 1997.
Demonstrates women's activity in the merchant community since Indiana's Frontier days. Includes bibliographical references. 168 pages.

A brief discussion of the life of early female settlers in Fort Wayne. 36 pages.

Biographical sketches of several Fort Wayne women. Includes bibliographies.

Provides a history of women's activity in Lafayette during the Progressive Era. Footnotes included.

Discusses women, children, and their work between 1860 and 1920 in Indianapolis. Footnotes included.

Describes the lives of early twentieth century female industrial workers in Fort Wayne. Footnotes included.

A history of the native women from the Great Lakes region that includes present day Indiana who married French traders. Includes bibliographical references. 234 pages.

Religious Orders

Guerin, Mother Theodore
*Catholic nun who came to Indiana in 1840 and founded the Sisters of Providence religious order at St. Mary-of-the-Woods Indiana.*

An updated version of Burton's 1959 biography of Mother Theodore Guerin, titled *Faith is the Substance.* 269 pages.

A shorter biography of Mother Theodore Guerin. 94 pages.

A short biographical sketch of Mother Theodore Guerin. Suggested readings but no footnotes.

A biography of Mother Theodore Guerin. Includes bibliographical references. 175 pages.

A compilation of Mother Theodore Guerin's writings. 452 pages.
Miscellaneous
A history of the Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters of Huntington, Indiana. Includes bibliographical references.
A history of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, a religious order of nuns affiliated with the University of Notre Dame. Includes bibliographical references. 268 pages.
Discusses southern Indiana women's activity within the Pentecostal church. Includes bibliographical references. 159 pages.

Social Movements
A summary of women's reform efforts. Includes bibliographical references.
Part two discusses the activities of female members of the KKK in Indiana and offers biographical sketches of some influential female members. 228 pages.
Surveys temperance reform activity in Indiana, specifically focusing on women's involvement.
Surveys temperance reform activity in Indiana, specifically focusing on women's involvement.
A history of Indiana's Woman's Christian Temperance Union. 206 pages.
Includes a description of women at New Harmony, Indiana. Bibliographical references. 219 pages.
A summary of Indiana women's reform activities during the Progressive Era. Includes bibliographical references. 290 pages.

Sports
A history of high school women's sports in Indiana. Includes bibliographical references. 266 pages.
A history of women who played baseball, beginning at the turn of the twentieth century. No footnotes or suggested readings.
Suffrage/Women's Rights


War


Rodgers, Thomas D. "Hoosier Women and the Civil War Home Front." Indiana Magazine of History 97 no. 2 (June 2001): 105-128
A summary of women's activity during the Civil War. Footnotes included.


**Women's Clubs**


A history of the Minerva Club, one of the earliest women's study clubs in the state. No footnotes or bibliography. 219 pages.

Examines the activity of the Athenaeum Turnverein Women's Auxiliary, a German-American society. Includes bibliographical references. 190 pages.

A short historical description of the work of the Indianapolis section of the National Council of Jewish Women, compiled by its members. 31 pages.

A history of the activities of the Indiana Federation of Clubs in the 1940s-1960s. No footnotes. 52 pages.

A transcription of selected minutes of the Edgeworthalean Society, one of the earliest women's study clubs in the state. Minutes in the archives of Indiana University.