

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Hannah H. Thomas

PERSON

Thomas, Hannah H., 1916-

Alternative Names: Thomas, Hannah Hawkins, 1916-;

Life Dates: December 25, 1916-

Place of Birth: Lauderdale, Alabama

Residence: Cincinnati, OH

Occupations: Civic Activist; Elementary School Teacher

Biographical Note

Civic activist and elementary school teacher Hannah H. Thomas was born in Florence, Alabama on December 25, 1916. The eighth of ten children, she is the daughter of Evernee Hubbard and Everett N. Hawkins. Thomas graduated from Burrell High School in Florence, Alabama in 1939 and earned her B.S. degree in education from Alabama A & M University in 1951. She later earned her M.S. degree in education from the University of Cincinnati in 1964.

Thomas taught school for more than ten years in Alabama, and was given a Teacher of the Year award in 1956 before she moved to Cincinnati in 1958. She taught in the public schools in Cincinnati for twenty-two years. Although officially retired from teaching, she continues working as an educator. She also founded Cincinnati's African American Heritage Day and the Sojourner Truth Drama Group.

Thomas has received many awards and honors, including her selection as one of 200 Greater Cincinnatians during the bicentennial in 1988, a Cincinnati Enquirer Woman of the Year Award in 1992, and the Zeta Phi Beta, the Beta Zeta Zeta Chapter, Woman of the Year Award in 1998. Thomas is also listed in America's Registry of Outstanding Professionals and Who's Who in the World.

Hannah H. Thomas was interviewed by The HistoryMakers March 15, 2005.

Related Entries

Hubbard, Evernee [CHILDOf]
Mother

Hawkins, Everett N. [CHILDOf]
Father

Hawkins, Daisy [SIBLINGOF]
Sister

Hawkins, Everett []

Hawkins, Lizzie Lou [SIBLINGOF]
Sister

Hawkins, Willis Nelson [SIBLINGOF]
Brother

Hawkins, Pauline [SIBLINGOF]
Sister

Hawkins Joe [SIBLINGOF]
Brother

Hawkins, James Francis [SIBLINGOF]
Brother

Thomas, Monroe []
Ex-husband

Kenneth []
Nephew

Teresa []
Niece

Burrell High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to 1939]

high school diploma

Alabama A&M University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to 1951]

Bachelors

University of Cincinnati [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to 1964]

Masters

Laurderdale County Board of Education [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1948 to 1958]

Teacher

Lincoln Heights Board of Education [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1958 to 1964]

Teacher

Cincinnati Board of Education [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1964 to 1980]

Teacher

Harriet Beecher Stowe Historical and Cultural Association [MEMBEROF]
President

NAACP [MEMBEROF]

Member

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