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**DELORES NOLCOX
ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW, 21 MAY 1979**

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Lyles Station, Indiana, dates back to the early 1840s when a Tennessee slave-owner freed slaves Joshua and Sanford Lyles. The two brothers moved to Indiana, settled near the Illinois border and established a prosperous farm. After the Civil War, the brothers returned to Tennessee and encouraged newly freed slaves to join them in Indiana. Their efforts were successful. In 1870 Joshua Lyles donated five acres of land to the railroad in exchange for a train station that allowed the people of Lyles Station to export goods.

By 1886, the community was prospering, complete with a post office, school, lumber mill, and the Wayman Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church. The spring of 1913 brought tragedy to the community when the Patoka River flooded and devastated the town. Many of the towns' residents fled to Terra Haute and Indianapolis, abandoning Lyles Station.

Many families maintained ties with the town, including the extended Nolcox family.

Sources:

Information in collection

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Shaw, Bill. "A Beacon of History," *Indianapolis Star* 2 February 1997.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains the oral history interview of Delores Nolcox and her family. The interview was conducted by Jean Spears on 21 May 1979. A former schoolteacher and community activist, Spears has been especially involved in historic preservation. She was instrumental in the development of Ransom Place, an Indianapolis neighborhood. In the interview, the Nolcox family talks about Lyles Station, their neighbors, and agriculture. She discusses her uncle Matthias Nolcox, as well as her other relatives.

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