

WAS FREEDOM DEAD OR ONLY SLEEPING? (Indiana Heritage Research Grant #95-3031)

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 folder

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NOTES: The research paper in this collection was completed in compliance with an Indiana Heritage Research Grant, #95-3031. The grantee was the Northern Indiana Center for History, 808 West Washington Avenue, South Bend, Indiana 46601.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Northern Indiana Center for History applied for and received an Indiana Heritage Research Grant (IHRG) from the Indiana Humanities Council and the Indiana Historical Society. The purpose of the grant was to complete a project, "Was Freedom Dead or Only Sleeping," an overview of African Americans in La Porte County before 1870. The project researcher was Terry Douglas Goldsworthy. According to the grant abstract, several products would result from the project: 1) research findings to be submitted to *Black History News & Notes* or the *Indiana Magazine of History* for publication consideration; 2) compilation of population census index and abstract of all La Porte County African Americans that appear in the 1840, 1850, 1860, and 1870 censuses; and 3) slide lecture program of introduction of African Americans in the county and non-African Americans reaction to issues of race and slavery. [Program to be made available to school teachers (grades 4 to 12), local organizations, and churches, etc. Copies to be deposited at the Northern Indiana Center for History (in the Education Department and the Vincent Bendix Library) and at the media center of the La Porte High School.)].

Source: Materials in the collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection, contained in one folder, has three parts. There is a one-sheet abstract, an unpublished manuscript, and an index to four United States decennial censuses. The abstract outlines the project. It includes the project title and number, the project sponsor and address, and a summary of the planned results of the project. A ten-page manuscript entitled "Was Freedom Dead or Only Sleeping?: the pre 1870 African American Rural Communities of La Porte County, Indiana," by Terry Douglas Goldsworthy names William Greenwood alias Randall, a free black man, as the first known African American in the county. His name appears in the La Porte County Commissioners records in 1834. Goldsworthy identifies Banks, Henderson, and Clear Lake as three African American rural communities that evolve in the county during the 1830s, 1850s, and 1860s, respectively. The final item in the folder is an index and abstract of all African Americans in La Porte County who appear in the 1840 to 1870 United States Population Schedules.

CATALOGING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Northern Indiana Center for History

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Afro-Americans--Indiana--La Porte County--History

La Porte County (Ind.)--Population--History

La Porte County (Ind.)--Race relations

ADDED ENTRIES: Goldsworthy, Terry Douglas

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