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## GEORGIA GIANAKOS BUCHANAN ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW AND TRANSCRIPT, 2015

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Georgia Gianakos Buchanan was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1926. As the daughter of Greek immigrants, Paul John Gianakos and Stella Varouni, she grew up south of Indianapolis's Military Park in an area commonly known as the foreign district ("the District" to those who lived there), where immigrants predominantly from Eastern Europe and the Balkan region resided during the first half of the twentieth century. She attended Oscar C. McCulloch Public School No. 5 and Charles E. Emmerich Manual Training High School before her family moved to Indianapolis's North Side, where she then graduated from Shortridge High School in 1944. After graduating from Butler University in 1948 with a degree in journalism, she pursued a career with the *Indianapolis Star* and the *Indianapolis News* from 1949 to 1955, writing first in the promotion department and then becoming the radio-TV-movie editor in 1951. Throughout her career with the newspaper, she met and interviewed numerous musical performers and actors, including Rosemary Clooney, Jack Benny, Rock Hudson, and Cary Grant.

Ms. Buchanan married her first husband, Lee G. Hadin, in 1955 and they soon moved to Washington, DC. While there, she worked for Fulton Lewis Jr. at the Mutual Broadcasting System as a news assistant from 1955 to 1963. After the birth of her son, Bryan, she and her husband moved back to Indianapolis; they divorced in 1974. From 1970 to 1974, she worked for Sylvia Bowman as editor of Twayne's United States Authors series. She met Judge Paul H. Buchanan Jr. and they married in 1974; they divorced in 1986. During the late twentieth century and the early twenty-first century, she volunteered and fund-raised as well as served on a number of the boards of directors for various non-profit organizations in Indianapolis, such as Special Olympics, Mental Health Association, The Indiana Children's Wish Fund, Indiana Repertory Theatre, and Conner Prairie Interactive History Park.

Throughout the years, Ms. Buchanan has written a number of newspaper articles as well as authored two books—*Paved with Gold* (1979) and *428-1/2...My Journey Beyond the Railroad Tracks: A Memoir* (2012). Currently, she and son Bryan reside in Indianapolis.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The following interview is one of a series devoted to collecting life stories from remarkable people whose involvement in Indiana business, politics, religion, education, and philanthropy continues to enhance the Indiana community. Through these individual lives, we can witness the development of Indiana's recent past and better understand Indiana's history from a personal and professional perspective, as illustrated by each individual's contributions to Indiana and their personal connections to all Hoosiers.

This manuscript was transcribed from a digitally recorded interview conducted on June 16, 2015, at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Wendy L. Adams, Indiana Historical Society's (IHS) director of oral history. Data Logistic Co. transcribed the interview in 2015, and Ms. Adams lightly edited the transcript in 2016. The interview, which includes the audio recording and the transcript, is housed at the William H. Smith Memorial Library, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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