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**MATTHIAS NOLCOX
ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW, CA. 1979**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Matthias Nolcox was born 4 April 1886. He was born and grew up in Lyles Station, Indiana. He graduated from Terre Haute Normal School, and attended Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind. When he was nineteen years old, he became the principal of the high school in Patoka, Ind. He returned to school, majoring in chemistry and math at Indiana University with the view to be a doctor. After graduating from IU, he did postgraduate work at the University of California.

In 1922 Nolcox began teaching at Indianapolis School 26. That year he married a woman named Marie, with whom he had two sons and one daughter: Rudolph, Vernona, and Noble. During the summers, he took courses at Harvard, eventually earning his PhD in education in 1927. After graduation, he went to Europe to study at Oxford and to examine European educational systems. He returned to Indianapolis, where he became the principal of the newly formed Crispus Attucks High School.

Nolcox died in June 1985.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains a DVD transfer of the original cassette tape and a transcript of an oral history interview that Jean Spears conducted with Matthais Nolcox in 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, Nolcox talks about growing up in Lyles Station, his family, his educational background, and his experiences in Europe.

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