

Ida Guy Oral History Transcript

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Biographical Note:

Ida Drake Garnett Guy, born 28 July 1892, was the daughter of Ida Lee Drake Garnett and Dr. James H. Garnett. James H. Garnett was a former slave, born on the Carter Plantation in Cartersville, Georgia, in 1847. He graduated from Oberlin College in 1883 and then taught at several colleges and seminaries, Arkansas Baptist College in Little Rock; Sequin [Guadalupe] College in Sequin, Texas; Houston Academy in Houston, Texas; and the Western College in Macon, Missouri and served as the President of American Baptist Seminary. After retiring from teaching, Garnett worked as the first probation officer in the Gary Public Schools and he started the first Boy Scout movement in Gary Indiana. Garnett died in 1947, a few weeks from his 100th birthday. Ida Guy's mother, Ida Lee Drake Garnett was born in Missouri and talk at Western College in Macon Missouri. Guy had one brother, James M., born in Texas, about 1897. Ida Garnett Guy was a teacher in Lake County Indiana for 53 years. She married Roscoe D. Guy, a mortician and funeral home owner in Gary Indiana. She died 22 January, 1973 in Gary Indiana.

Sources: Oral History Transcript, August, 1969

Oral History Transcript, Roscoe D. Guy, August, 1969

The Post-Tribune (Gary) Jan 25, 1973 pg. B8

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Scope and Content:

Reuben Olson interviewed Ida Guy in her home, while they looked through boxes of memorabilia concerning her father, Dr. James H. Garnett. She tells how her father left the plantation during the Civil War, following the Union soldiers during Union General Sherman's "March to the Sea." Once Garnett arrived in New York State, he enlisted in the 26 Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry.

Ida Garnett Guy was born in 1892 while her father was president of the University of Louisville. She speaks briefly about teaching in the Gary School System, and about her own life.

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