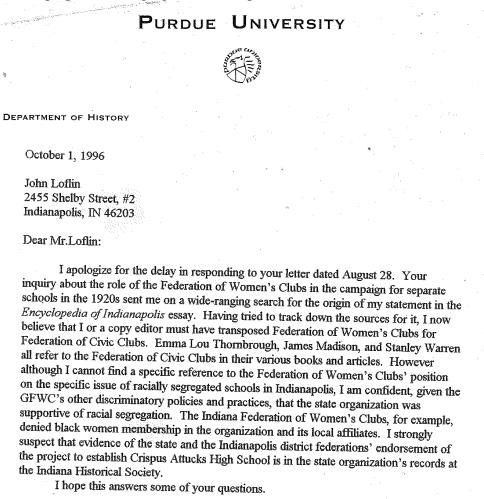
## The Indiana Federation of Women's Clubs: What part did they play in segregating schools and neighborhoods in Indianapolis?

In regard to the creation of an Indianapolis Jim Crow public school system and city during the 1920s, most instigators were educated, religious, community-minded successful men. Many were members of Indy's <u>Federation of Civic Clubs</u>. Others were with Indy's <u>Chamber of Commerce</u> and <u>Citizens School Committee</u>.

This letter from Purdue Prof. Nancy Gabin about the <u>Indiana Federation of Women's Clubs</u> hints at the role of women. Further research is needed to see if, when, how, and to what extent these clubs and other organized women's groups, whose membership were Indiana's and Indy's society-minded and well-connected "whose who," helped create and perpetuate a segregated Indianapolis.



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