

# BOOKS

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**NEGROES WHO HELPED BUILD AMERICA.**  
Madeline Robinson Stratton, Ginn & Company, 1965.

HERE IS A SAMPLE of a book published to supplement social studies text books. It is one of a series by Ginn and Company, called, "Social Science Enrichment Books." Joseph E. Penn, Supervising Director of the Department of History of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia, states in the preface that "... in this new era, America is challenged to pause and re-evaluate its interpretation of equality."

He continues, "Many people believe that full equality for the Negro American will come as more is known about his role in American history. If we regard history as the story of people, places, and events, then it would seem that biographies are an important part of the mainstream of history."

Because Mrs. Stratton believes that knowledge leads to understanding, and that one way to learn is to read about the lives and times of great men and women, the author has provided in this book new and exciting material about the Negro's role in the development of the American way of life. She discusses contributions that range from pioneers and explorers in the new world to astronauts in the space age; from a nineteenth century pioneer in heart surgery to a twentieth century pioneer in plasma research; from an educator of slave origin to a world statesman.



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**NEGROES WHO HELPED BUILD AMERICA** is written primarily for young people. It is meant to be a source of knowledge and inspiration to all young people in America. May the knowledge you gain from reading it give you renewed faith in the heritage of all Americans --the right of each individual to direct the course of his life, and to develop fully his talents and interests. May the biographies of these men and women inspire you to set higher goals for yourself, realizing that the future of America will depend on, and be shaped by, the contributions of all its citizens. May you be encouraged to strive unceasingly to reach the goals which you set for yourself. Let the character of these men and women be for you an example of citizenship at its best. Allow their strength and endurance to be for you a source of energy when you feel discouraged. Let knowledge of their persistence enable you to be faithful to the tasks which you undertake. Let their courage to search into the unknown lead you to explore wider horizons.

When you finish this book and look about you at the activities of the Negro American, you will know that he is not a newcomer to our country's history. The only thing new about his service to his country is that now he has greater opportunity to serve, and a greater chance to receive recognition for his achievement. The Negro's participation in a wider variety of occupations and fields of endeavor is new only because doors have been opened for him that once were closed. As doors continue to be opened, and as more and more people take advantage of the opportunities before them, the Negro American's plea for equality will not go unheard."

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## AKA Chapter Makes Bow At Autumn Tea



THETA THETA OMEGA CHAPTER SISTERS of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority are pictured at their recent introductory Autumn Tea held at the Doolittle Recreation Center as was reported by the VOICE's "Eddy Kim last week. Shown above from left to right are: Marilyn Brooks, Jacqueline Hoggard, Margaret Crawford, Betty Foshee, and Lois Bolden. . . In the photo below, reading from left to right, are sorority members: Lorraine Hall, Barbara Kirkland, Florene White, Jeanne Penn, and Dottie Von Phul.



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