

RUTH HODGE

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Ruth E. Hodge is a native of Virginia and moved to Williamsport, Pennsylvania in 1953. She graduated from Williamsport Area High and Lycoming College in Williamsport, earning a BS de-

gree in Business Administration. She married Marcus Hodge in 1959 and moved to Carlisle Pa. She began employment at Carlisle Barracks in 1960; retiring in 1993 after working at the Army War College Library for twenty years and the US Army Military History Institute for thirteen years, as a Librarian. She received a Masters Degree in Library Science from Shippensburg in 1972. She has always been interested in history, particularly African American history and military history. While employed at the US Army War College Institute, in 1992 and 1993, she spearheaded two conferences on "The African American and World War II". It was the first time such a conference had brought together African Americans, men and women, who served in World War II.

Upon retirement from the Dept. of the Army, she joined the staff at the Pennsylvania State Archives as an Archivist. In 2000, her work, Guide to African American Resources at the Pennsylvania State Archives, was published and received the MARAC (Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference) Frederic M. Miller Findings Aids Award.

Mrs. Hodge also researches local history. During the 250th anniversary of Cumberland County, PA, she contributed to the following publications: Faith Communities: The Religious Heritage of Cumberland County; Pictorial History of Carlisle, and 250 Years of the Arts in Cumberland County.

Mrs. Hodge is the recipient of numerous awards, to include the Department of the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service in 1992, Special award from the 92nd Infantry Division, World War II Association; Special award from the "Buffalo Rangers" (555th Nickels); Award presented by the Association of Black Women Historians; "Citizen of the Year" award from the Harrisburg African American History Museum; award from the African American Historical and Genealogical Society; the US Colored Troops Institute for Local History and Family Research President's Award; Award presented at the - Underground Railroad Conference at Dickinson College by State Representative William Gabig; honored by the Pennsylvania Commission for Women presented by Attorney Rendell; and a Proclamation from the Cumberland County Commissioners in recognition of the Pennsylvania Commission for Women award.

She is a life member and Board member of the Association for the Study of African Life and History; a life member of the National Council of Negro Women; a life member of the African American Historical and Genealogical Society. Also have membership with the following: Buffalo Soldiers Association, 92nd Regiment Association; Cumberland County Historical Society; African American Museum of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Historical Association, and a founding member of the U.S. Colored Troops Institute.

Mrs. Hodge serves on many Boards and involved in many community causes. She was responsible for the naming of Carlisle's West Building of the Carlisle Educational Center in honor of Emma Thompson McGowan; the first public building to be named after a woman.