



Lincoln School Mothers

The Lincoln Mothers were a group of African-American mothers who fought for school integration of Hillsboro Elementary Schools in 1954. For two years, the mothers and their children marched every day, despite segregationist redistricting, cross burnings and legal threats. Their lawsuit against the school board was the first northern test case of the historic *Brown v. Board of Education* decision of 1954, which had declared school segregation unconstitutional. The efforts of these mothers helped not only end segregation in Hillsboro, but their efforts and sacrifice ended segregation in other northern cities. The march was organized by Imogene Curtis, and also included Della Blakey, Gertrude Clemons, Glea Clemons, Roxie Clemons, Dellia Cumberland, Zella Mae Cumberland, Zora Cumberland, Francis Curtis, Selicka Dent, Alberta Goins, Alberta Jewett, Norma Rollins, Minnie Speech, Maxine Thomas, Sallie Williams, Elsie Steward Young, Joanne Zimmerman and Nellie Zimmerman. *(note: photos of each mother have not been acquired—these photos represent all of the courageous women who marched)*



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