Legendary Ladies of Lincoln: Margaret Bush Wilson

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Margaret Bush Wilson was a woman of highly exceptional stature. She accomplished much in her life; the most prominent being the first female on the N.A.A.C.P. national board of Directors. Much of her career consisted of civil rights and urban development.

Before Mrs. Wilson focused on her civil rights path, she was valedictorian of her graduating high school class. After completing her high school career, she began to study abroad, traveling to over six countries. These included: England, France, Ceylon, Japan, and her most extraordinary visit to India. Here Margaret met and spoke with Mahatma Gandhi which fueled her passion of the civil rights movement in the United States.

Mrs. Wilson pursued a law degree at Lincoln University Law School after completing her Bachelor’s at Talladega University. Margaret possessed a strong spirit and compassion towards humanity and is a Civil Rights icon. Mrs. Wilson passed away in 2009.