



Josephine Silone YATES

Josephine Silone Yates (ca. 1859-1912) was a renowned teacher, writer, and outspoken advocate for racial equality. A native of New York, she moved to Jefferson City, Missouri, to teach at the Lincoln Institute. Josephine later married and moved to Kansas City, where she became active in the women's club movement and taught at Lincoln High School. In 1893, she co-founded the Kansas City Women's League, which eventually merged with the National Association of Colored Women. Josephine used her platform as the NACW's president to uplift her fellow women, and she published articles on a variety of topics ranging from economics to Russian literature.