

Katheryne T. Whittemore

1899-1981

Ascribed with several descriptors, including *Founding Mother of Buffalo State College*; “*Grand Lady*” of Geography; and, most recently, “*Buffalo State’s real-life Indiana Jones*”, Katheryne Whittemore’s story is a fascinating one that is archived, in part, here.

Dr. Whittemore is seen as the founding member of the current Department of Geography & Planning. The Katheryne Whittemore Award is the departments most prestigious award given to the most outstanding senior.



Katheryne T. Whittemore Source: The Elms (1942)

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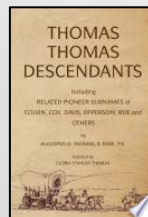
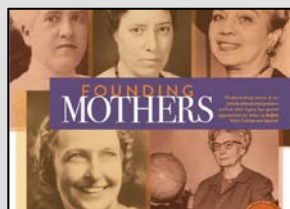
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