

ABSTRACT

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Bronty Liverpool-Williams

This dissertation unearths and analyzes the history of Vincentian women between 1900 and 2000. It pays particular attention to the socio-economic and political conditions which shaped their lives and which they in turn impacted upon. Its central thematic focus rests on an evaluation of their participation in the workforce, protest and resistance, education, trade unionism and politics, and the development of the women's movement. These are discussed against the backdrop of the historical processes that characterized the islands. While the general histories of St. Vincent and the Grenadines treated women as the silent others, this thesis gives voice to their experiences.

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