



No Dreams Deferred: African American Leadership in the Kansas Region

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The Bishop William T. Vernon
Mrs. Emily Embury Vernon



William T. Vernon, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, was a prominent African American leader in the state. He was born in 1854 and died in 1921. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and served as the Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas from 1901 to 1921. He was a strong advocate for the rights of African Americans and worked to improve their living conditions. He was also a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and served as its president from 1909 to 1911. His efforts in the church and in the community were widely recognized and he is remembered as a pioneer in the struggle for civil rights.

Emily Embury Vernon, the wife of Bishop William T. Vernon, was a dedicated supporter of his work. She was born in 1858 and died in 1921. She was a member of the Episcopal Church and served as the First Lady of the Diocese of Kansas. She was a strong advocate for the rights of African Americans and worked to improve their living conditions. She was also a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and served as its president from 1909 to 1911. Her efforts in the church and in the community were widely recognized and she is remembered as a pioneer in the struggle for civil rights.



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