

Indiana



Mary Frances Smith
State 4-H Staff

4-H Efforts: Served 26 years on the state 4-H staff at Purdue University. She worked with the State Junior Leader training conferences and 4-H Roundup for more than 20 years. She was actively involved in establishing the Indiana 4-H Foundation and the Hoosier 4-H Leadership Center.

4-H Honors: In 1974, Miss Smith was promoted to the rank of full professor. She was the first woman on the state 4-H staff to achieve this honor. Ms. Smith is served as the co-author of 4-H in Indiana: 1904-1990, published in 1990.

Hometown: ?

Nominated by: Indiana 4-H

Year Inducted: 2002

Mary Frances Smith was involved with the Indiana 4-H Program for over 80 years. She was active in 4-H clubs as a youth and served as a club leader while teaching in Indiana schools. Smith served on the state 4-H staff at Purdue from July 1950 until retirement in September 1976. As a staff member, she worked tirelessly to organize and conduct 4-H adult volunteer training programs, judges clinics, and other workshops. For many years she was involved in national 4-H Congress in Chicago. She still resides alone on her family farm. Smith was devoted to the 4-H Program. She worked tirelessly behind the scenes to develop youth and volunteers to their fullest potential.