

Summary of "A Negro Town in Illinois" by Iverson B. Summers

Page 464: Negroes attain a better life in isolation from whites in Brooklyn, Illinois. The town is peaceful and prosperous.

Page 465: The population is 1900, with only 50 whites. Brooklyn's annual income is \$10,000.

Page 466: The streets are well-kept; impressive city hall and good schools. There are three churches and eight saloons.

Page 467: Standards of conduct are enforced and justice is swift. Secret societies abound.

Page 468: Trade conducted on credit basis. Profile of Mayor Burton Franklin Washington.

Page 469: Washington states that the races are treated fairly in Brooklyn. Profile of Washington's government and selected town members. Whites live in Brooklyn because of convenience of location.

Page 470: Stites Township is governed almost exclusively by Negroes. Brooklyn is believed to have been founded in 1858 by runaway slaves.