

## ROSE BUTLER BROWNE

Rose Butler Browne was born in Boston, Mass, receiving part of her elementary education there and about the age of ten, the family moved to Newport, R. I., completing high school there.

Her mother rented an apartment on Howell Street, Providence, R. I., while two of her daughters attended college here and a third attended Hope High, she also acted as house mother for other Newporters going to school here.

Rhode Island Normal School	Cert	1919
Rhode Island State College, now URI	BA	
Rhode Island College of Education, now RIC	MA Edc	
Harvard University	Phd Edc	1939
Rhode Island College	Phd Edc hon	1950

Dr. Browne was the first Negro woman to receive a Phd Edc from Harvard, going there on a Rockefeller Foundation grant and then had to fight to be accepted. ( see her autobiography, "Love My Children")

As an author, her book, "Love My Children", an autobiography by Rose Butler Browne, Phd., and James W. English, c 69-19048, Meridith Press, New York, N. Y., is a very interesting story of her life.

She went to Virginia State College in 1925 to teach, the first year of a four year course for a degree. It was with some reluctance that the President of the school gave her leave to study at Harvard. She later taught in West Virginia, then in Durham, N. C., where her husband, the Rev. Emmett T. Browne had been called to a church there. They have one son, Emmett T. Browne, Jr.

On September 28, 1969, Rhode Island College named and dedicated a seven story girls residence dormitory with appropriate ceremonies.  
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As an adopted daughter of Rhode Island I have included this biographical sketch in my notes on Negroes and Events in Rhode Island from 1696 to 1970.

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