**Ella Lee Stokes**

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2. Biography of Ella Lee Stokes by Maria Mears
3. Photo of Ella Lee Stokes, 1942
4. Research Check List compiled by Denise Fries-Romack, 2021
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