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# Albion Fellows Bacon

*Evansville, Vanderburgh County*  
April 8, 1865 – December 10, 1933

After graduating high school, Albion Fellows worked as a secretary until she married Hilary Bacon, a banker and merchant, in 1888. While a homemaker, she became an activist and organized several social-welfare groups, including: the Flower Mission for poor working girls and a Working Girls' Association.

Fellows Bacon became convinced that substandard housing lay at the root of the social ills she had witnessed. As a result, she drafted a model state law in 1908 that, after a yearlong public campaign and lobbying effort, was passed by the Indiana legislature in 1909. Because amendments limited its application to Evansville and Indianapolis, she helped organize the Indiana Housing Association in 1911, which successfully pushed through a statewide law in 1913.

She authored *Beauty for Ashes*, an autobiographical book describing her housing reform campaigns, *The Path to God*, and *Consolation*. She continued her social welfare activities until her death.

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