

Louise Morris Class of 1937

Interviewed by Lindsey Tice class of 2005

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Q: I know you have an interesting past with Queens. How did you start at Queens?

A: My dad was employed at Queens as head of maintenance in fact I think he was practically all of maintenance, He and a black man. After mother and dad moved there I was born and lived there until I was five years old. I remember I was called baby Morris on the campus. I was the first mascot of the graduating class there. When the college was moved from uptown to Queens Road, Selwyn Ave. The girls graduated the next full graduating class I was mascot.

Q: Did they have your picture taken?

A: Oh yea I have many pictures. I remember going to a party that somebody had for us at the Women's Club. I remember exactly what I wore a white dress with a ribbon sash and everything. I remember my cap and gown. I remember the shoes we had to wear. The pictures of course were made in the fall. (Am I talking too much?) There were no white shoes that were to be found for a child. I was five years old I think. So my mother went to Gilmore's a shoe store that sold children's shoes and rented a pair of white high top lace shoes for me to have the picture made. That's why they look so wrangle around my legs because they did not fit. So that is the beginning of my life at Queens because my daddy worked there.

Q: Did you live on the campus?

A: We lived in a house on the campus. When we left actually it was turned into the infirmary. The reason we left is because Doctor Frazier was President at the time and he brought his brother Ben to take my daddy's job. So we had to leave. So that's why we did not stay there

Q: Where did you move to after that?

A: We lived on Baldwin Ave., end of Baldwin close to Fourth Street. After that we moved on Ridgewood Ave where I lived for 69 years in a house that daddy had built. And then from there I moved to Sharon Towers.

Q: How long have you been here?

A: It will be eleven years September third.

Q: Did you feel that you needed to go back to Queens to college or did you have other options?

A: Really that was the only place that I really thought about going since it was so close and I was going to be a day student. I was supposed to walk everyday but the books were so heavy. My mother did not drive the car so I took the car everyday. One time I walked but it as too much. A whole mile. At Queens I enjoyed. I was a PHI Beta sorority and some other things on campus some of the other organizations on campus. I was senior class secretary.

Q: What was your major?

A: Biology and History

I: I admire you for the Biology part.

A: After I graduated. Charlotte was not hiring many Queens's graduates at that time, they took Winthrop graduates instead. So I did not have a job for a few weeks. Kings Mountain called Queens and asked if they had someone. And they needed someone I fit the bill because I had majored in those subjects. So I went to Kings Mountain and taught for seven years.

Q: How long where you there?

A: Seven years

Q: While you were at Queens did you have any professors that were of particular interest to you.

Q: Doctor Terse Doris Howe my Biology professor. I liked her very much. I had Doctor Mrs. Noey and I had Doctor McEwen, Doctor Summerville for Bible and Doctor Kennedy for history, Algebra Mrs. Marie Turnipseed.

Q: Did you have a scholarship to go to Queens?

A: No I did not. My daddy to pay everything. I was supposed to have one since I was born there. They promised that I would have one. In fact I worked in the library for one semester with Rita Harold. She knew me when I was. Have we finished the tape.

I: No I am just going to pause it.

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