

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Doris Young-McCulley

Overview of the Collection

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Creator:	Young-McCulley, Doris Jean, 1947-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Doris Young-McCulley,
Dates:	July 12, 2002
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Physical Description:	5 Betacame SP videocassettes (2:07:07).
Abstract:	Attending physician, medical professor, and medical director Dr. Doris Young-McCulley (1947 -) was the former head of Provident Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. Young-McCulley was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on July 12, 2002, in Flossmoor, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2002_104
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Doris Jean Young-McCulley was born on April 5, 1947 in Eutaw, Alabama to Lucille and Willie Young. The oldest of six children, Young-McCulley has served the medical needs of Chicago residents for over 25 years.

Earning a bachelor's degree in biology from Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, Minnesota in 1969, Young-McCulley taught marine biology at Kennedy High School in Edina, Minnesota. Rejoining her family in Chicago, Illinois, Young-McCulley earned an M.B.A. in hospital administration from the University of Chicago in 1971. That year, she worked as a night administrator at the Chicago Foundling Home. She enrolled in Rush University's Medical College, completing the requirements for an M.D. in 1974. In 1979, she became an attending physician at Cook County Hospital and a senior attending physician at Provident Medical Center. The following year, she became an associate attending physician at South Shore Hospital and a consulting physician at Jackson Park Hospital. She served in all four of these positions simultaneously. In 1989, while still caring for patients at Jackson Park and South Shore Hospitals, she was hired as an attending physician at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. An associate attending physician at Michael Reese Hospital since 1993, she also serves as an attending physician at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park, Illinois.

Young-McCulley has taught medicine throughout her career. She began in the Infectious Disease Teaching Program at Cook County Hospital in 1974, and she taught for six years as a professor of medicine at Northwestern University Medical School. She volunteers at South Suburban Hospice in Flossmoor, Illinois as a medical director and counsels children at Brave Heart. She has also been an administrator, serving as medical director for several medical centers, including: Provident Hospital, Bogan/ DuSable Adolescent Health Center and Crane Adolescent Health Center. Young-McCulley and her husband, Bernard McCulley, have been married since 1970.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Dr. Doris Young-McCulley was conducted by Larry Crowe on July 12, 2002, in Flossmoor, Illinois, and was recorded on 5 Betacame SP videocassettes. Attending physician, medical professor, and medical director Dr. Doris Young-McCulley (1947 -) was the former head of Provident Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

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This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons:

Young-McCulley, Doris Jean, 1947-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Young-McCulley, Doris Jean, 1947---Interviews

Organizations:

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Attending Physician

Medical Professor

Medical Director

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Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

Other Finding Aid

A Microsoft Access contact database and a FileMaker Pro tracking database, both maintained by The HistoryMakers®, keep track of the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Doris Young-McCulley, Section A2002_104_001_001, TRT: 0:29:10 ?

Doris Young-McCulley describes her family background. Her father, Willie Thomas Young, was born on November 11, 1923 in Boligee, Alabama; her mother Lucille Patterson Young, was born on July 29, 1927 in Eutaw, Alabama. Both of her parents come from mixed race backgrounds. Young-McCulley's

father was the descendent of white slave owners, her mother was a descendent of slaves and Native Americans. In 1829, her great-great grandmother, Lucinda Patterson, arrived in South Carolina as a slave. Stories about yellow fever, tuberculosis, and the preparation of sorghum syrup have been passed down by Young-McCulley's ancestors. Young-McCulley's family moved from Eutaw, Alabama to Chicago, Illinois in 1955. Young-McCulley remembers her grade school years and her father's value for education. Her father was a laborer who worked double shifts to support his family and send his six children to school.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Doris Young-McCulley, Section A2002_104_001_002, TRT: 0:29:30 ?

Doris Young-McCulley describes her grade school years and her college experience. When Young-McCulley was in grade school, her family moved from Eutaw, Alabama to Chicago, Illinois in pursuit of a better job for her father and glaucoma treatment for her younger brother. Her brother's glaucoma inspired Young-McCulley to pursue medicine. As a youth, she had a strong support system of teachers from DuSable High School, including guidance counselor Katherine Bogan. In 1969, Young-McCulley graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter Minnesota. She has fond memories of the community at Gustavus where she met Professor Arne Langchum, who became a mentor and a friend. In 1971, Young-McCulley received her M.B.A. degree in hospital administration from the University of Chicago. While at the University of Chicago, she decided to pursue her dream of becoming a doctor. Young-McCulley then reached out to Professor Langchum at Gustavus; his strong recommendation helped her gain admittance to Rush Medical School.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Doris Young-McCulley, Section A2002_104_001_003, TRT: 0:29:35 ?

Doris Young-McCulley persevered in an academically challenging environment at Gustavus Adolphus College to graduate in 1969 with a B.A. degree in biology. In 1971, Young-McCulley graduated from the University of Chicago with an M.B.A. degree in hospital administration. She received an M.D. degree from Rush Medical College in 1974. As Young-McCulley progressed through higher education, from Gustavus Adolphus to the University of Chicago to Rush Medical College, she experienced increasing racial discrimination from students, professors, and patients. Young-McCulley talks about Rush's organ system approach as well as the impact of medical school on her relationships. She also describes urban health issues and the importance of equipping the public with preventative care knowledge.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Doris Young-McCulley, Section A2002_104_001_004, TRT: 0:31:04 ?

Doris Young-McCulley explains the historical and environmental bases of health issues like hypertension, high cholesterol, and asthma that affect African Americans in urban areas. She also describes the history of Provident Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. Provident Hospital was the site of the nation's first open-heart surgery, performed by Daniel Hale Williams in 1893. Young-McCulley chronicles Provident Hospital's achievements as well as its closure in 1987 while Young-McCulley was its medical director. Young-McCulley talks about the importance of improving health literacy, her legacy, and how she would like to be remembered. She also narrates her photographs.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Doris Young-McCulley, Section A2002_104_001_005, TRT: 0:07:48 ?

Doris Young-McCulley narrates her photographs.