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Interviewee: Owens, Cathy Moss

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Subject (Names):

Owens, Cathy Moss

McTeer, George

Buhler, John

Smith, William George

King, Charles J.

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Summary:

Cathy Moss Owens, DMD, was first female to graduate from the College of Dental Medicine (CDM), 1974. During her interview Dr. Owens covers a variety of topics, beginning with her education and how she became interested in dentistry. She recalls the CDM's application process, the required lectures and laboratory work, the faculty and their teaching styles, and her classmates. She discusses her experiences being the first and only female in her class. Dr. Owens describes her interactions with faculty and students, and her perceptions of how she was treated. She discusses George McTeer, DMD, her classmate and the first African American dental student. She shares her thoughts on her dental education and describes her post-dental school life.

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