

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Lois Martin

PERSON

Martin, Lois, 1928-

Alternative Names: Lois Martin;

Life Dates: September 23, 1928-

Place of Birth: Boca Raton, Florida, USA

Residence: Boca Raton, FL

Occupations: High School Math Teacher;

Biographical Note

Educator and community leader Lois Martin was born on September 23, 1928 in Boca Raton, Florida to Sallie and Jasper Dolphus. Originally from Georgia, Martin's family relocated to Boca Raton several years before she was born. She is the youngest of seven children. After graduating in 1946 from Carver High School in Delray Beach, Florida, Martin went on to earn her A.A. degree in 1948 from Florida Normal College and her B.S. degree from Florida A&M College in 1950 before beginning to pursue graduate studies at Boston College.

Martin returned to Boca Raton in 1950 and taught math for nearly forty years at Carver High School, Booker T. Washington High School and Carver Middle School.

In addition to her career as an educator, Martin had always been an active member of her community. For several years, she acted as secretary to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and later served as the vice chairman for the Housing Authority. Since retiring from teaching in 1988, Martin has participated in a number of organizations: she has been a contributor to Habitat for Humanity since 1991, sat on Boca Raton's Historic Preservation Board since 2001, and has held the offices of vice chairman of the Pearl City Blue Ribbon Committee and treasurer for the Martin Luther King Memorial Committee. She has also served as a Sunday School teacher and treasurer for the Ebenezer Baptist Church. The Lois Martin Community Center serves the underprivileged communities of Boca Raton with a variety of services for children and teens, including tutoring and after school programs.

Martin is the mother of one son, Edward.

Lois Martin was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on April 17, 2002.

Related Entries

Florida Memorial University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Boston College [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Carver High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.S.?

Carver High School [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1950 to 1965]

Math teacher

Booker T. Washington High School [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1971 to ?]

Math teacher

Carver Middle School [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1992 to 2006]

Math teacher

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Sunday School Secretary

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Sunday School Teacher

Ebenezer Missionary Church [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Treasurer

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Secretary

Boca Raton Housing Authority [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Vice Chairman

Habitat for Humanity [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Selection Committee

Historic Preservation Board [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Pearl City Blue Ribbon Committee [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Vice Chairman

Martin Luther King Memorial Foundation [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Treasurer