

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Pauline C. Morton

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## Overview of the Collection

<b>Repository:</b>	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
<b>Creator:</b>	Morton, Pauline C., 1912-2004
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Pauline C. Morton,
<b>Dates:</b>	November 16, 2003
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2003
<b>Physical Description:</b>	4 Betacame SP videocassettes (1:59:57).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Civic leader and home economist Pauline C. Morton (1912 - 2004 ) served as area state supervisor for home economics in Franklin, Southampton County, Virginia, and was well known for her work in the Franklin community as well as in state and local politics. Morton was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on November 16, 2003, in Franklin, Virginia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2003_276
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Civic minded Pauline Cauthone Morton was born Pauline Cauthone on February 19, 1912, in Dunnsville, Virginia. Morton attended Ozena Public School, Dunnsville Public School, and the Baptist Association's Rappahannock Industrial Academy. She completed high school in 1928 and graduated from Virginia State University in 1933 with her B.S degree.

Morton married Samuel Percell Morton, then principal of the Hayden High School in Franklin, Southampton County, Virginia, and taught home economics. She

eventually became the area state supervisor for home economics as well as an officer in the Statewide Home Economics Association. Well known for her work in the Franklin community as well as in state and local politics, she served as chairman of the school board, community college board, and several other state and local boards and governor's committees. She held lifetime memberships in Alpha Kappa Alpha, Links, Inc., the Order of the Eastern Star, the National Council of Negro Women, and the local NAACP Chapter that she helped to form. She served on the J.R. Thomas Camp Board of Trustees for over fifty years, and on the Board of Directors of Senior Services for Southeastern Virginia from 1972 to 2002. During her long career, Morton helped to form the Franklin Cooperative Ministry, The Cosmonettes, and Sesame Street Day Care. She also served as chairman of the Deacon Board of her church and twenty-three other organizations. A scholarship has been established in her name at Virginia State University.

The recipient of many proud honors, Morton passed away on February 7, 2004, survived by two daughters.

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## **Scope and Content**

This life oral history interview with Pauline C. Morton was conducted by Larry Crowe on November 16, 2003, in Franklin, Virginia, and was recorded on 4 Betacame SP videocassettes. Civic leader and home economist Pauline C. Morton (1912 - 2004 ) served as area state supervisor for home economics in Franklin, Southampton County, Virginia, and was well known for her work in the Franklin community as well as in state and local politics.

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## Related Material

Information about the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview, as well as correspondence with the interview subject is stored electronically both on The HistoryMakers® server and in two databases maintained by The HistoryMakers®, though this information is not included in this finding aid.

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## Controlled Access Terms

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

### Persons:

Morton, Pauline C., 1912-2004

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Morton, Pauline C., 1912-2004--Interviews

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African American women civic leaders--Virginia--Franklin--Interviews

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Home economists--Virginia--Interviews

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African American women teachers--Virginia--Franklin--Interviews

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## Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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## Occupations:

Civic Leader

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Home Economist

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

### Preferred Citation

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Pauline C. Morton, November 16, 2003. The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

### Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 2/5/2020 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

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## 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.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Pauline C. Morton, Section  
A2003\_276\_001\_001, TRT: 0:30:00 2003/11/16

African American women civic leaders--Virginia--  
Franklin--Interviews.

Home economists--Virginia--Interviews.

African American women teachers--Virginia--Franklin--  
Interviews.

Video Oral History Interview with Pauline C. Morton, Section  
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Video Oral History Interview with Pauline C. Morton, Section  
A2003\_276\_001\_003, TRT: 0:29:20 2003/11/16

Video Oral History Interview with Pauline C. Morton, Section  
A2003\_276\_001\_004, TRT: 0:31:21 2003/11/16