Overview of the Collection

Repository: The HistoryMakers® 1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com

Creator: Brisbon, Delores, 1933-

Title: The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Delores Brisbon,

Dates: February 8, 2005

Bulk Dates: 2005

Physical Description: 4 Betacame SP videocassettes (1:43:51).

Abstract: Healthcare executive Delores Brisbon (1933 - ) served as the Director of Planning and Systems, and COO of the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. Brisbon later formed Brisbon and Associates. Brisbon was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on February 8, 2005, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.

Identification: A2005_042

Language: The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Hospital CEO Delores Flynn Brisbon was born February 12, 1933, in Jacksonville, Florida, to Felton A. and Inez Ellis Flynn. Brisbon attended Douglas Anderson Elementary School and graduated salutatorian from Stanton High School in 1950. Brisbon earned her B.S. degree in nursing from Tuskegee University in 1954; later, in 1974, she was awarded a sociology degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

From 1954 to 1956, Brisbon worked as assistant to the director of nursing services
and as a clinical instructor for Tuskegee University’s John Andrew Hospital. In 1957, Brisbon became director of Nursing Services at Dillard University’s Flint Goodridge Hospital. Moving back to Tuskegee, Brisbon married James Brisbon; the couple then moved to Philadelphia where she became head nurse at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in 1959. Brisbon was promoted to supervisor of medical nursing in 1962, and in 1974, became staff person to the executive director. In 1975, Brisbon was hired as director of planning and systems where she led the construction of the $46 million Silverstein Pavilion and the $116 million Founders Pavilion. In 1980, Brisbon was appointed chief operating officer, managing a budget of over $300 million; she guided a multi-million dollar construction project before retiring after her husband’s illness in 1986. In 1987, Brisbon formed Brisbon and Associates, a healthcare consulting firm which she operated until 2003.

Active in the Philadelphia community, Brisbon was responsible for negotiations with the University of Pennsylvania that resulted in the relocation and construction of the Walnut Child Care Center. Brisbon also served on the boards of Eastern University; Mercy Health System; Eastern Baptist Seminary; and Community College of Philadelphia. Brisbon founded and served as chairperson of the board of the Mother Bethel Foundation for which she has raised a million dollars. In addition to her professional activities, Brisbon has raised two children.

**Scope and Content**

This life oral history interview with Delores Brisbon was conducted by Larry Crowe on February 8, 2005, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was recorded on 4 Betacamé SP videocassettes. Healthcare executive Delores Brisbon (1933 - ) served as the Director of Planning and Systems, and COO of the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. Brisbon later formed Brisbon and Associates.

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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.

Controlled Access Terms

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

Persons:

Brisbon, Delores, 1933-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Brisbon, Delores, 1933---Interviews

African American women executives--Interviews

Hospital administrators--Interviews

Organizations:
Occupations: 

Healthcare Executive

HistoryMakers® Category: 

MedicalMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Preferred Citation


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).
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

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