

**T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History Collection**

**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** Isabel M. Herson                      **COLLECTION:** 4700.0617

**IDENTIFICATION:** McKinley High School Alumnus class of 1928. Retired teacher, served as the Chairman of the Department of Elementary Education at Southern University.

**INTERVIEWER:** Shawnda Hollins and Petra Munro

**PROJECT:** McKinley 1: History of McKinley High School

**INTERVIEW DATES:** June 14, 1995

**FOCUS DATES:** 1925 - 1995

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**Tape 901, Side A.**

Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on September 23, 1910 to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morgan; parents did not attend McKinley; father worked at Standard Oil and mother was a housewife; attended school on Perkins Road until McKinley was completed in 1927; describes a day at McKinley; is a retired educator; discusses teachers, academics, curriculum, and the dance club at McKinley; describes herself as an honor student; looks through the yearbook and remembers students and faculty; describes J. M. Frazier, dress and conduct codes, and social gatherings; remembers more teacher and the Baranco family; discusses the dress required for graduation; lists life experiences after leaving McKinley; was present at Southern University during the 1970's protests and marches; comments on the differences of McKinley now and then; leaves words for aspiring graduates

**Tape 901, Side B.**

Remembers finding religion and wanting to be a pharmacist; recommends Virtel Jones and Leola Young for an interview; played on a girl's football team at McKinley; inquires about the extent to the McKinley High School Oral History Project.

**TAPES:** 1 (T901)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 1 hour

**# PAGES TRANSCRIPT:** 57 pages

**OTHER MATERIALS:** Correspondence

**RESTRICTIONS:** None