

Mrs. Beverly Bownes on Education and Employment



“My family background. I have one brother who's older than I am. I was born in Portland. I grew up on Munjoy Hill. I went to the local schools, graduated from Portland High School. After graduation from high school, I went to Mercy Hospital School of Nursing where I completed my nurse's training, after which time I left and went to New York for the purpose of going to college.”

Beverly Bowens was born in Portland, Maine, in 1934, and grew up on Munjoy Hill. She had one older brother. Her father was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin; her mother's family had been in Portland for generations. She graduated from Portland High School, attended Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, and then moved to New York City to attend Teacher's College at Columbia University; as of this interview, she had a bachelor's degree in nursing, a master's degree in nursing administration, and a master's degree in institutional education. She married a surgeon and they had one daughter; her husband died when their daughter was eighteen months old. As of this interview, she had two grandchildren. She had a long career in nursing.

You can listen to Mrs. Bowens' full interview and read a transcript at

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