

**Guide to the Oral History of
BARNESLEY, MYRTLE BRUSCUP (1885–1975)**

Biographical/Historical Notes

Myrtle Bruscup Barnesley was a long-time resident of Montgomery County and taught in an early 20th century one-room school. Barnesley was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1885, the daughter of Oliver Bruscup and Mahaska Bready. She lived most of her life in Montgomery County. Prior to marrying James Barnesley, she trained as a teacher at the State Teachers College and taught for 2 years in a one-room school. She also served on various committees at the Emory Methodist Church.

Interview - Interviewed April 29, 1975 by Luella Eldridge for MCHS.

Subject

African Americans – Norbeck (Md.)
Education – Normal School
Education – Teaching in a one-room school
Emory Methodist Church
Norbeck-Olney (Md.) - Early twentieth century
Quakers in Montgomery County
Rural life – Montgomery County

Subject Names

Brook Family
Barnesley Family

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