

**Guide to the Oral History of
LOWE, MERCEDES DAVIS (1924-2007)**

Biographical/Historical Notes

Mercedes Davis Lowe was a community volunteer and the daughter of a prominent educator in Montgomery County. She was born in about 1924 in San José, Costa Rica, where her father, Dr. Roy Tasco Davis, was the U.S. Ambassador. Her father was also the last President of the National Park College (formerly known as National Park Seminary). Lowe and her family came to Montgomery County in 1933. She attended Sidwell Friends and graduated from the University of Maryland in 1946. She was member of the PTA.

Interview – Interviewed December 5, 1975 by Luella Eldridge for MCHS.

Subject

National Park College
National Park Seminary

Subject Names

Davis, Roy Tasco

Table of Contents/Index – See also Interview Index to Transcript for additional subjects and topics. Archive file also contains an artist sketch of Lowe.

Interview Index

Side I

Estimated Time on tape:	Subjects covered, in approximate order:
<u>PP 1-4 of transcript 10 min.</u>	<u>Purchase of school by Dr. Davis and change from Seminary to Junior College.</u>
<u>PP 5-6 " " 4 "</u>	<u>E. Forest Glen Inn</u>
<u>P 7 " " 2 "</u>	<u>DeWitt Miller</u>
<u>PP 8-10 " " 9 "</u>	<u>Miss Mumford - School Social Activities</u>
<u>PP 11-12 " " 4 "</u>	<u>Recruitment of students and discipline</u>
<u>PP. 13-14 " " 4 "</u>	<u>Students</u>
<u>P. 15 " " 2 "</u>	<u>Faculty</u>
<u>P. 16 " " 2 "</u>	<u>Religion</u>
<u>PP. 17-18 " " 4</u>	<u>Dr. Davis' careers</u>

Side II

<u>PP. 19-20 " " 6</u>	<u>Dr. Davis as page in Congress</u>
<u>PP. 21-22 " " 6</u>	<u>Dr. Davis at Brown and Stephens Universities</u>
<u>P. 23 " " 3</u>	<u>Dr. Davis in politics</u>
<u>PP. 24-28 " " 14</u>	<u>Dr. Davis in Diplomatic Service</u>
<u>P. 29 " " 2</u>	<u>School faculty.</u>
<u>P. 30 " " 2</u>	<u>Army taking over facilities</u>
<u>PP. 31-35 " " 15</u>	<u>Previous ownership of property</u>