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N.7 Undergraduate Internship Program: Fall 2015

Interview N-0037
Eddie Hoover
6 November 2015

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ABSTRACT – Eddie Hoover

Interviewee: Edward (Eddie) Hoover
Interviewer: Taylor Livingston
Interview Date: November 6, 2015
Location: Love House and Hutchins Forum conference room Chapel Hill, NC
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Eddie Hoover was born in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was the first African American from Charlotte to attend UNC. Dr. Hoover attended UNC from 1962-1965. In the interview, Dr. Hoover speaks about his experiences as one of the few African Americans at UNC and examples of discrimination he face. However, he also discusses the importance of the mentorship of Dean Cathy in helping him become pre-med. Dr. Hoover graduated from the Medical School at Duke University in 1969. He speaks about his experiences as an African American medical student and resident. He also discusses his career as a surgeon at various institutions including Cornell University and State University of New York at Buffalo. Dr. Hoover retired from surgery in 2013, but continues to mentor high school, college, and medical students. In the latter part of this interview, Dr. Hoover speaks about his travels around the world providing medical services. This interview is part of the Southern Oral History Program's project to document the life histories of the Black Pioneers of UNC.

This interview was conducted as an informal group learning experience for the undergraduate interns.

FIELD NOTES – Eddie Hoover

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THE INTERVIEWEE. Dr. Edward (Eddie) Hoover is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, received his B.A. degree in chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1965 and his M.D. degree from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina in 1969. Following two years of residency in general surgery at Duke, he was assigned to active duty in the United States Navy at the Naval Hospital on Guam in the Mariana Islands from 1971-73. He completed his general surgery at the New York Hospital-Cornell University Medical Center in 1975 and his Cardiothoracic Fellowship at the same institution in 1978. From this time until his retirement in 2013. Dr. Hoover was a surgeon at several institutions: Cornell University, State University of New York – Downstate, Brooklyn Veteran’s Administration Medical Center, Meharry College in Nashville, Tennessee, and the State University of New York at Buffalo.

THE INTERVIEWER. Taylor Livingston is a Field Scholar with the Southern Oral History Program.

DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERVIEW. Dr. Hoover was interviewed in the conference room of the Love House during the Fall 2015 SOHP intern seminar as part of the project on the Black Pioneers, the first group African American students to attend UNC from 1952-1972.

NOTE ON RECORDING. I used a Zoom H4n Handy recorder.