Dr. Mason was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In 1992, Dr. Mason was the first African American and first woman to serve as the Oklahoma City Schools superintendent. The district then had over 38,000 students. Dr. Mason was voted into the Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame in 1994. Her picture is displayed at the State Department of Education at the State Capitol. In 2003 she published a book, *Closed Chapter*, about her life.