

A Quincy Magoo Biography

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Quincy Magoo is a retired millionaire. He tends to get himself into sticky situations as a result of his nearsightedness, compounded by the fact that he is oblivious to his poor eyesight. It is not uncommon for Mr. Magoo to unknowingly find himself petting wild animals, strolling through construction sites, walking along building ledges, picnicking on airplane wings, or driving into oncoming traffic. Sometimes, Mr. Magoo's banjo playing nephew Waldo or his Chinese houseboy Charley remove obstacles in Mr. Magoo's path; but Mr. Magoo's greatest fortune is his unbelievable luck, which has always protected him from harm during his antics.

In a recent interview conducted by the journalist Josh Shapiro, Quincy Magoo spoke about his younger years:

I was born in St. Claire's Hospital in the year 1910... or was it 1909? By George, I don't remember! This is the only baby picture that I have.



My mother is Linda Magoo, but I just call her "Momma". You probably know her as Mother Magoo. She lives in Brooklyn. My father, who was a banker, died when I was 6 years old. I called him "Dadda". I spent 11 years at St. Thomas Chore Boarding School. My billionaire uncle, Tycoon Magoo, often visited me there. He lived in Montclair, New Jersey. I remember Uncle Tycoon often came with his butler, Worcestershire, who I always thought acted strangely around me. Uncle Tycoon encouraged me to move to New Jersey after I graduated from boarding school. I stayed with Uncle Tycoon for a

while, and although he treated my sister well, he treated me badly. So, I decided to move out and go to college. I applied to Rutgers University, and I remember opening the envelope with the Rutgers acceptance letter. “Oh Magoo, you've done it again,” I screamed. I packed my bags and headed to New Brunswick with dreams of joining the Scarlett Knights. I tried out every year for the football team. In my sophomore year, I was put on the practice squad, and in my junior year, I played in four games on special teams. Here’s a picture from the one game where I had to fill in for our injured running back at the end of my junior year.



As a senior, I couldn’t play football because of a leg injury ... and increasing baldness – Oh Magoo, you are the funniest!

In my senior year, I switched my focus to the arts, which led the way to my acting career. While at Rutgers, I lived in a fraternity house on Union Street. Great balls of fire! ... Those were great days! I graduated from Rutgers in 1928. After college, I did a lot of theater and made it to Broadway in 1941, but I had to put acting on hold when I was drafted into the army in 1942. After my service in the Second Infantry Division, I returned to Broadway and played Ebenezer Scrooge in the revival of “A Christmas Carol”. I also played diverse roles such as Friar Tuck, Gunga Din, and all seven of Snow White's dwarves in theater and in film.

Now, I'm retired. But I go out every day with my trusted companion McBarker. He thinks he's a person! Don't tell him he's a dog. By George, I miss my dogs: Cuddles and Bowser [actually a cat]. I also had a hamster named Hamlet. Nowadays, I enjoy spending time with my nephews, Waldo, Presley, and Justin.

As Shapiro concluded his interview with the eccentric millionaire, he asked what's next for Quincy Magoo? Mr. Magoo responded:

By George, I think, I'll take flying lessons. I want to be a pilot.

Apparently, there's no stopping that Magoo!

Magoo Family Tree

