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INTERVIEWEE: Mary Smith Caufield, Lillian Mount, and
Ann Kuethe Mitchell

INTERVIEWER: Barbara K. Dent

PROJECT: El Paso Medical Community

DATE OF INTERVIEW: August 29, 1989

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BIOGRAPHICAL SYNOPSIS OF INTERVIEWEE:

Caufield: Longtime El Paso nurse; born 1927, Omaha, Nebraska; 1924 graduate of Hotel Dieu School of Nursing; private duty nurse at El Paso City-County Hospital; public school nurse; retired, 1973.

Mitchell: Longtime El Paso Nurse; born June 12, 1917; attended Masonic Hospital School of Nursing; private duty nurse at William Beaumont Army Hospital; summer school nurse at Hart Elementary School.

Mount: Longtime El Paso nurse; born January 11, 1909, Big Springs, Texas; graduate of Hotel Dieu School of Nursing; private duty nurse at Southwestern General Hospital; first nurse employed by Phelps Dodge Refinery; Public Health Nurse at Henderson Baby Clinic in South El Paso; retired, 1975.

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW:

Recollect decisions to enter nursing field; describe uniforms worn in nursing school; State Board exams; private duty nursing; sketch history of Masonic Hospital; volunteer work for Our Lady of Charity Sisters; opening of St. Vincent's Clinic, St. Joseph Hospital, and Newark Maternity Hospital; recount participation in President Lyndon B. Johnson's Title One Health Care Program; polio epidemic and vaccinations; donation of S.T. Turner home to El Paso County Medical Society; beginning of licensing of nurses in Texas; loss of concept of care in nursing profession; sentiments on closing of Masonic Hospital; sale of Hotel Dieu; demolition of Liberty Hall; relationship between nurses and physicians; dating in nursing school.

Length of Interview: 1 hour Length of Transcript _____