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INTERVIEWEE: Evelyn Foltz Slusser Holt
INTERVIEWER: Barbara K. Dent
PROJECT: El Paso Medical Community
DATE OF INTERVIEW: April 11, 1989
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BIOGRAPHICAL SYNOPSIS OF INTERVIEWEE:

Retired nurse; wife of Russell Holt, M.D., El Paso surgeon and general practitioner; born December 10, 1913, Sioux City, Iowa; trained as nurse at St. Vicent Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri; employed by Masonic Hospital, El Paso; member of Shriners' group, Daughters of the Nile, Eastern Star Chapter, and Woman's Auxiliary of the El Paso County Medical Society; donor of medical scholarship in husband's name.

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW:

Describes uniforms worn during nursing training; capping ceremony; work experience in obstetrics at Masonic Hospital; husband's decision to move to El Paso due to asthma; employment as physician for Southern Pacific Railroad; association with other railroad physicians; mentions area hospitals; near fatal car accident; courtship and marriage to husband; purchase of home in Kern Place; biographical information of husband; polio and flu epidemics in El Paso; house calls made by husband; purchase of apartment building and subsequent conversion into Medical Arts Building; family recreation; membership in Woman's Auxiliary of El Paso County Medical Society; differences between Shriners' wives group, Daughters of the Nile, and Eastern Star; volunteer work in Crippled Children's Hospital, Houston, Texas; closing of Masonic Hospital.

Length of Interview: 40 minutes Length of Transcript