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INTERVIEWEE: Gordon L. Black, M.D.

INTERVIEWER: Barbara K. Dent

PROJECT: El Paso Medical Community

DATE OF INTERVIEW: February 24, 1994

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BIOGRAPHICAL SYNOPSIS OF INTERVIEWEE:

Longtime El Paso radiologist; born July 6, 1919, Pecos, Texas; moved to El Paso during fourth grade; attended Crockett and Caldwell Elementary Schools; graduate of Austin High School, Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy, and University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston; interned at Philadelphia General Hospital; served in U.S. Navy during World War II; former Medical Director at El Paso Cancer Treatment Center.

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW:

Recollects father's career as apiarist; family's move to Kearney, Nebraska from Barstow, Texas; move to El Paso during fourth grade; mentions father's diagnosis of tuberculosis; and treatment by Ralph Homan, Sr., M.D., founder of Homan Sanitorium; 1943 hurricane at Galveston; internship at Philadelphia General Hospital; meeting wife; stint in U.S. Navy during World War II; experiences as medical technician at Southwestern Hospital; discusses radiology in El Paso; meeting Dr. John W. Cathcart, early El Paso radiologist; briefly mentions city hospitals, including Hotel Dieu, Providence, Sierra, and Sun Towers; establishment of El Paso Cancer Treatment Center; stint as Medical Director.

Length of Interview: 1 hour Length of Transcript