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Cornelia Owen was the daughter of Dr. Jerome Love, who practiced in El Paso, TX; she was born in El Paso, TX in 1910 in a nursing home; she later lived in Ysleta, TX; she mentions that her father and Dr. Felix Miller were friends; she graduated from El Paso High; she describes how her father's property in Ysleta was leased by the U.S. Army for barracks and security during the Punitive Expedition and World War I. Ms. Owen recounts the various physicians her father knew like Dr. Holman, his work at Hotel Du Catholic Hospital, Masonic, Southwestern General; she recalls going to Sullins College in Virginia with friends; she explains why she decided to go to Texas College of the Mines now UTEP; she gives information about her husband, sold oxygen and acetylene supplies for mining use; she describes living on Federal St. with her husband and son Dale, her son went to Southern Methodist University and later UTEP for his master's. She provides background information on her father, born in Arkansas in 1868; she explains why he came to El Paso, his medical school received a letter that the city and surrounding area needed a doctor; she believes he spent time in Thatcher, AZ before heading to Palmer, TX for training on tuberculosis, met his wife there and they returned to El Paso; she describes mother's involvement in various organizations; she recounts family trips to Cloudcroft, NM; she provides information on Dr. S.D. Turner, his home on Montana St. became the Medical Society office. Ms. Owen recalls her time as a teacher in El Paso before her marriage, after she was involved in the Women's Club, Junior League of El Paso, YWCA; Dale states his grandmother Margaret Owen helped start the El Paso Orchestra; remembers El Paso during World War II, shopped in Juarez due to rationing; she states husband was exempt from service due to having an essential profession, provided services to the military; Dale recalls time at a cattle ranch Dr. Love purchased in New Mexico in 1945; she mentions her brother and other relatives that are now deceased; describes car accident Dr. Love was in, later attributed to his death from aortic aneurism; they go over their moving out from Federal St. and where they live now, addresses her recent medical issues and the death of her husband; Dale gives a history of the Mexican

Revolution in Juarez and El Paso, role of Dr. Love in treating wounded; Dale remembers the building of I-10 and other changes to the city. Ms. Owen closes by recalling travel to Juarez for the night life, attempts by Mexican authorities for bribes.

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**Speaker 1** [00:00:00] That's going to scare me that don't know

**Speaker 2** [00:00:02] how to it get forget it all. This is Barbara Dent and this is Wednesday, April the 7th in the year 2004. And I am here interviewing Miss Mrs. Cornelia Cornelia. Love owns O W E and S No. S Skip the S and her son, Dale Owen. And we're going to talk to Mrs. Owen about what it was like growing up in El Paso and about her father and mother. Father was Dr. Jerome. Love this, Owens. Tell me, where were you born and when were you born?

**Speaker 1** [00:00:52] I was born in El Paso in nineteen and Tan at the nursing home, so the house is still there up there. What's street is that was

**Speaker 3** [00:01:07] catty corner from the

**Speaker 1** [00:01:08] first. Yeah. What it says street harassment. If they're going to

**Speaker 3** [00:01:14] read up from Arizona, then reverend. Yeah, no, no, no.

**Speaker 1** [00:01:21] It's Nevada. It's between Nevada and Arizona. What is it?

**Speaker 3** [00:01:28] You know, that's down from El Paso High School there on the corner across from the first Christian church.

**Speaker 2** [00:01:35] Okay, now why were you born in a nursing home?

**Speaker 1** [00:01:39] The nursing home was a nursing home that was managed by four El Paso nurses. Uh huh. That's what they did. That was their specialty. And so all the doctors took their patients to have their babies in this nursing home. They took care of the mother and the baby's lungs. The doctors wanted them to.

**Speaker 2** [00:02:04] And who delivered you?

**Speaker 1** [00:02:08] I think it was Dr Felix Mellor.

**Speaker 2** [00:02:11] OK. And you're your dad was practicing where at that time, where was your dad practicing

**Speaker 1** [00:02:19] at the plant in El Paso, in the Lower Valley, or, well, just in El Paso, at his office in El Paso Dan.

**Speaker 2** [00:02:28] And where were you living at that time in the Lower Valley or in Central Texas?

**Speaker 1** [00:02:35] Several, like an hour paso and his office was down in the main building

**Speaker 3** [00:02:40] on the lawn of his office. You want to put that you got nails? Well. Yes.

**Speaker 1** [00:02:45] And Tom, I shared with you, I gotten into the habit

**Speaker 3** [00:02:50] and she was living close to the river and street, just right down the hill from the medical center

**Speaker 1** [00:02:59] there.

**Speaker 3** [00:03:01] Yeah, the exact address. And I think it was Nevada Street, maybe or somewhere in there.

**Speaker 2** [00:03:06] Well, Nevada is is real. Close to Hotel Du was the nursing home

**Speaker 3** [00:03:11] around the hotel, you know? You know, the Nevada, I think, runs all the way over to the medical center, doesn't it? I may have their own skin, but I think it does. But it was your friends all lived on the Rio Grande. But I think she was what their

**Speaker 1** [00:03:32] grandmother was Arizona, where grandma and I was running parallel.

**Speaker 3** [00:03:39] She was born in Nevada, the next street up right there, down from the medical center. Oh, okay.

**Speaker 2** [00:03:45] And and the house is still standing.

**Speaker 1** [00:03:48] Yes. That I was born in and look or nerf it. No. No.

**Speaker 2** [00:03:52] Yeah. The House pulled that one or the nursing home.

**Speaker 1** [00:03:56] The nursing home Chew is there. I don't know. It's up there. Yeah, I think they made a part of it.

**Speaker 2** [00:04:05] And where did you go to school?

**Speaker 1** [00:04:08] Well, so many different schools because we moved in so many different places.

**Speaker 2** [00:04:13] Uh-Huh. Where did you start school?

**Speaker 1** [00:04:16] I started in law school when I was on Montana Street and we lived on Castle Street at that time. And I won't tell them our school and the kindergarten and first grade.

**Speaker 2** [00:04:31] And then were your parents close to Dr. Felix Miller? Were you all friends?

**Speaker 1** [00:04:37] Oh, very to my father and Dr. Miller were close friends. Practiced together and all.

**Speaker 2** [00:04:44] And then then where did you go to high school

**Speaker 1** [00:04:48] at El Paso High School?

**Speaker 2** [00:04:50] And then did you go to college? Did you leave town or what?

**Speaker 1** [00:04:55] Yes. But before I went to El Paso High School, I went to school in New Mexico, up there to the the school that's up there,

**Speaker 3** [00:05:10] where St. Luke's Church is St. Luke's Episcopal Church. And actually there was a property

**Speaker 1** [00:05:16] that was the public school. And although we live my father's farm in that area and he wanted to live on the farm for a while, but it was very hard for him to go back and forth to this practice in El Paso. And so that's where I went to school and about the fifth grade and sixth grade around in there. And. Then we move we we have to move to this letter because my father had rented property he owned south of the city of Selfa, about just down, you still can turn off the road in the center of town and go down a few blocks. And he owned some property there. It was being vandalized and the army rented it for me to protect the border. They put in long houses for their barracks, the barracks, offices, quarters and medical center. And it was the cavalry. So they have big corral for all their horses and.

**Speaker 2** [00:06:50] And this was in this letter was this during World War One or during the Mexican uprising with Pancho Villa,

**Speaker 1** [00:06:58] most of them only because they were trying to protect the border at that time, one of the Germans. I don't think our war

**Speaker 3** [00:07:08] one was used for

**Unidentified** [00:07:09] World War One training.

**Speaker 3** [00:07:14] And probably whatever came up until,

**Speaker 2** [00:07:17] well, he was before. You think your view was before

**Speaker 3** [00:07:21] World War One? Well, actually, much of the events right on Columbus was about 13. Yeah. Or what was going on, but we weren't. No, that's right. That's right.

**Speaker 1** [00:07:35] Yeah. After all of that scare and the army moved off, there were all these houses on his property and he had leased to them with the understanding that whatever they put on the price either had to be removed or left to him. So they left all of these houses and corrals. And one of the deepest wells in the Lower Valley, when males, everything there. So we had to move to protect it, it would be being vandalized. So we moved there and I have to go to school in El Paso from there. But my father had to go to his office in El Paso and took me every day and I had to get the streetcar out when I was in El Paso High School and take the streetcar, go down to the plaza, get on another streetcar that took me out to the county hospital where it stopped. Then there was one that went off. When I got out there, got on it, and that's how I got home from school.

**Speaker 2** [00:08:50] Must have taken you a long time ago,

**Speaker 1** [00:08:53] but I've seem to have a good time doing it.

**Speaker 2** [00:08:59] And the county hospital was it. Was it where it is now or never? Yes. Do you can you tell me any of the other physicians that you all knew when you were growing up? And if you all have parties with a lot of the doctors now? Oh yes.

**Speaker 1** [00:09:21] And their wives and my mother were a friend of their wives. Yes, quite a few. But I don't know. I'd have to think, try to write them down.

**Speaker 2** [00:09:30] Do you remember a female doctor by the name of Dr. Alice Merchant?

**Speaker 1** [00:09:37] No, I don't.

**Speaker 2** [00:09:38] She was. She came to town in 1895, and she practiced in the Lower Valley for women.

**Speaker 1** [00:09:47] And what was the name again? Alice Merchant, beautiful nurse and familiar to me. She was there. I didn't know her.

**Speaker 2** [00:09:57] Now your dad practiced in which hospitals?

**Speaker 1** [00:10:01] My father, where he practiced in all of the Hotel Bill Hotel, knew going at the time and I was the one at five points. And it was

**Speaker 2** [00:10:11] Ralston and

**Speaker 1** [00:10:12] Masonic. Yeah, that was the Masonic Hospital there and the

**Speaker 2** [00:10:20] southwestern city practice at all with Dr. Home.

**Speaker 1** [00:10:24] And oh yes, they were doing friends. The whole and the homeless were friends, and I took music classes to me at home and sister Michelle Alexander.

**Speaker 2** [00:10:36] You know, I heard a few stories about Mrs. Alexander,

**Speaker 1** [00:10:41] and she was my music teacher

**Speaker 2** [00:10:45] and they are in the home and house where

**Speaker 1** [00:10:49] there I go after school to get my music lessons.

**Speaker 2** [00:10:52] Yeah. And then after you finished high school at El Paso High, where did you go to school or did you go to school?

**Speaker 1** [00:11:02] Yes. Well, then we were. Our parents were. They were told to send me to Sullens College in Virginia and Jane Allen, Jane and Dick Allen down the Valley, Jane. They had put her in charge of getting pace, getting students from El Paso there. She is a graduate of that school. And they lived in El Paso, so she convinced some of our families that that's where we should go. That was a two year girls school that they had all over the country at that time,

**Speaker 2** [00:11:51] who all went with you to the

**Speaker 1** [00:11:53] now with and where and. Was her married name, Anthony? Well, anyway, and that was her maiden name, and whom. And Patty, what was Patty? Patty Resnick do no patty, really. Haddock was the one, but I can't remember her maiden name.

**Speaker 2** [00:12:21] And that was Patty from El Paso.

**Speaker 1** [00:12:24] Oh yeah. As we grew up together, I didn't.

**Speaker 2** [00:12:29] I did not realize she was in El Paso.

**Speaker 1** [00:12:31] Oh yes, we took music lessons from Alexander's when we were just little girls. And so that's how we got started. There were three when four of us and I count. The other girl moved out of El Paso years ago, and I can't remember her name, Mildred, but I don't know what of love. There was Patty and me. And and and you would have known that because she, her own mother, Mrs. Webb, I think, was at the college, in the office, at the college for years. But she married and lived in Anthony after she'd gone to college. Well, I kind of I think of the

**Speaker 3** [00:13:25] other thing,

**Speaker 2** [00:13:31] well, if you think about it at three o'clock in the morning, don't call me up

**Speaker 1** [00:13:35] on my

**Speaker 2** [00:13:39] bed. So you went to school there for two years and this was a no. Yes, I

**Speaker 1** [00:13:43] went one year and went back the second year. Then I wanted, didn't want to go back and I went out what was then the College of Mines and they had such good teachers in the college mine in those days.

**Speaker 2** [00:14:02] And is this where you met your husband,

**Speaker 1** [00:14:06] where you met him in high school? Yes, we went to high school together. Oh, really?

**Speaker 2** [00:14:13] And where did he

**Speaker 1** [00:14:14] live in El Paso,

**Speaker 2** [00:14:17] near near El Paso high?

**Speaker 3** [00:14:19] Yeah, he lived on Montana Street, down close for the First Baptist churches today. And then he moved out to Federal Street, which is in the historic area now, but on Federal Street.

**Speaker 2** [00:14:36] And what did your husband do for a living?

**Speaker 1** [00:14:42] Well, let's see what more he saw.



**Speaker 3** [00:14:45] Oxygen and acetylene, welding supplies and oxygen and gases and so forth and track them to the mines early. And Senator Reid in New Mexico and Arizona, and some here also

**Speaker 2** [00:15:03] in wherewith his office,

**Speaker 3** [00:15:05] his office or his later office, who was in the house at our house on Federal Street. Earlier, it was down on his Wyoming street

**Speaker 2** [00:15:18] and his plant wasn't there. His warehouse was there. That was just his office.

**Speaker 3** [00:15:23] Yeah, yeah, I think it was in connection and I don't know whether it's still around with Taylor Simpkins. Oh, OK. I don't know whether you're familiar with that. And I think lately, I think their plan is in the northeast. They'll pass paso somewhere or they convert compressed the gas and so forth like that. I believe I'm not sure what their plan is now or where it was then, but I'm assuming that it wasn't at least for part of that time in northeast El Paso.

**Speaker 1** [00:15:52] His mother died there on Federal Street. When we married, we moved into the house. Uh huh.. And homework. She had rented some of the rooms that great big house on two thirty one oh one federal street. And so there were people in the house and here I was newly married and so I had been teaching, but I had to quit teaching and go there and take care of the House. Are on federal. And she died. My mother in law died there.

**Speaker 2** [00:16:30] And then you got the rumors out. You all fixed it up and you lived there for many, many years.

**Speaker 1** [00:16:38] Well, if you were born there, you were born.

**Speaker 3** [00:16:43] I was born there and lived there for 18 years.

**Speaker 1** [00:16:47] I learned about the house of about 14 years with my mom, who's one of the largest houses in our powerful, still very beautiful.

**Speaker 3** [00:16:58] I think that more important.

**Speaker 1** [00:17:01] And you grew up there.

**Speaker 2** [00:17:03] Do you know who owns it now?

**Speaker 3** [00:17:05] Dr.

**Speaker 1** [00:17:08] Oh, I think it's a Mexican doctor, if A..

**Speaker 3** [00:17:12] Doctor around the river is that? Yes. Yeah.

**Speaker 2** [00:17:19] And then what school did you go to

**Speaker 3** [00:17:21] a doctor Black owned it

**Speaker 2** [00:17:22] before like, Oh, okay, all righty, Dotty Black, Dotty Gordon. Yeah, no, no.

**Speaker 3** [00:17:30] His brother Wally.

**Speaker 2** [00:17:31] Oh, the dentist. Yes, OK.

**Speaker 3** [00:17:34] Dr. Black, the dentist. Dr. Gordon Black Lives matters true to an oral history of our neighbors in Austin High School.

**Speaker 2** [00:17:45] And then did you go to college here in Canada? Should you go out? I don't know.

**Speaker 3** [00:17:50] I went to SMU first and then to UTEP. Got my masters in. And have you retired yet retire in life?

**Speaker 2** [00:18:05] Well, tell me about your dad. Where was he born?

**Speaker 1** [00:18:11] He was born in Russellville, Arkansas.

**Speaker 2** [00:18:14] And when was it?

**Speaker 3** [00:18:17] Well, how would you say on the air? I wouldn't do it.

**Speaker 1** [00:18:21] I don't know. 1880 or

**Speaker 3** [00:18:24] 1867

**Speaker 2** [00:18:26] 1860 1868 six seven, nine, 16, March 12, 1868. And then then he went to school in Arkansas. I went to medical school in Arkansas. And then where? Why did he come to the southwest?

**Speaker 1** [00:18:47] Because they rode his school from that area of the Sacramento mountains and said, Please send us a doctor. We're in desperate need of a doctor. You know, it was just a wild country and people miles apart and all. And so he offered to go to that area

**Speaker 2** [00:19:07] and do you know which year that was?

**Speaker 3** [00:19:11] But I'm going to I'm going to guess about 1893.

**Speaker 1** [00:19:16] Yeah, I think that was right.

**Speaker 2** [00:19:18] That's for sure. And then he practiced up in New Mexico for a while on horseback and

**Speaker 1** [00:19:29] there in that flat called farrier who went all around. And I remember one story who said he was going back or back. He had to go by horseback going home and your plans call for a clarion call for just the forest of trees. There were some people stealing cattle. What are they calling the

**Speaker 2** [00:19:55] cattle

**Speaker 1** [00:19:55] rustling? He ran across them. And so in those days, they killed everybody who drowned. So they took him all the way and they decided not to because he was the only doctor in the area and they needed him too badly. So he got up to go down this path and

**Speaker 2** [00:20:16] go, Go away, maybe or something. Yeah. And then from from the cloud cropped area, where did he go? Yeah, he wasn't married at the time,

**Speaker 1** [00:20:29] not at home. And then he went back to school, or he went back to the east to see where on did he really go? He went back to.

**Speaker 3** [00:20:46] I think that he went to fetch Arizona first. And then went back east and went to Thatcher, Arizona, for about three years.

**Speaker 2** [00:20:58] And what was he studying there?

**Speaker 3** [00:21:01] He was practicing in Thatcher or going off somewhere. I think we have a picture of him in his office there, but I'd have to look for it. And Thatcher was on it from Thatcher. Arizona is where then he went back east to school for about. I'm guessing what, two years?

**Speaker 1** [00:21:18] I don't know.

**Speaker 3** [00:21:20] Well, I'm guessing two years. And then after he was finished, he came back through Dallas. At that time, Palmer was the main place where his relatives were living. I think his brother and his sister were living there, and he met my grandmother, my mother's mother, in Palmer, Texas.

**Speaker 2** [00:21:43] And what was her name?

**Speaker 1** [00:21:44] All pain, beer and wine.

**Speaker 3** [00:21:49] And they got married in homer, and we're heading back to their Chew for indoor practice that he'd gotten to work in special tuberculosis training in the East. And they were heading back to Thatcher. And then you can tell from that.

**Speaker 1** [00:22:07] My mother wouldn't cross Alexis de la

**Speaker 2** [00:22:12] Soul to Texas,

**Speaker 1** [00:22:15] so they have to stop in El Paso. And he started his practice here.

**Speaker 2** [00:22:22] And how did she like El Paso?

**Speaker 1** [00:22:24] Oh wow. She was proud of the woman's club. Prasa had it all. Oh, I wish I could give you an account of all the organizations she organized, and it was dissolved in El Paso.

**Speaker 2** [00:22:39] Uh-Huh. Would she ever president of the medical examiner?

**Speaker 1** [00:22:43] I don't know. That said,

**Speaker 3** [00:22:46] she was the woman's club.

**Speaker 2** [00:22:48] Yeah, yeah. I found that she I think she was the third president

**Speaker 1** [00:22:52] of the woman. We have our president. Yeah.

**Speaker 2** [00:22:55] Well, Dr. Murchan was also in the woman's club. She was. She was probably just, you know, running around doing the same thing with your mom

**Speaker 1** [00:23:06] and now

**Speaker 3** [00:23:07] you probably just don't remember or you didn't cross paths with her like your mother and father did.

**Speaker 2** [00:23:15] She she was very, very active, you could say, in the women's club,

**Speaker 1** [00:23:22] and what was her name again?

**Speaker 2** [00:23:24] Oh, the the lady's name was Alice Merchant. Alice, Genevieve Merchant.

**Speaker 1** [00:23:34] Well, of course, I was just a little girl.

**Speaker 2** [00:23:36] So what sort of entertainment did you all have? How did you celebrate Christmas Halloween?

**Speaker 1** [00:23:44] Oh, well, Christmas, just like everybody does with

**Speaker 2** [00:23:49] Christmas, I'll go to your grandparents house if they come down. No. Was there very much traveling? Did you all take big vacations?

**Speaker 3** [00:24:01] Well, yes, we just don't have the medications tell about your medications or what.

**Speaker 1** [00:24:09] Which one?

**Speaker 3** [00:24:10] California?

**Speaker 1** [00:24:12] Oh yes and no. That is, they tried to get the children out of the heat because there was no air conditioning and so many babies died. In fact, my mother lost two babies. If she had taken them to plan calls, they'd take them to cloud girls so they could survive and all that. And so I was taken there two or three days supply.

**Speaker 2** [00:24:36] Were you a patient at this baby sanatorium up there in Connecticut?

**Speaker 1** [00:24:41] No, I was never a patient. I didn't need to be a patient.

**Speaker 2** [00:24:47] Now, Dr Turner and Mrs Turner Turner, did you know them very well? They they had they went up to cloud craft a lot. Did they have a cabin? Did they own a camera?

**Speaker 1** [00:25:02] They must have because they were friends of my mother and fireflies, but I don't remember. Yes.

**Speaker 2** [00:25:08] Now this is the turner, not George Turner,

**Speaker 3** [00:25:12] George George

**Speaker 1** [00:25:14] George, who is a doctor. Dr. Well, we are the one.

**Speaker 3** [00:25:20] But I'm sure when they brothers, I don't know that we where are. But I remember there was one turner left over and he was before he passed away, came to our house and treated my cousin. And it may have been a steep turn.

**Speaker 2** [00:25:39] Dr. Turner died in 1947. George Turner died in the, I guess I would say, the 70s.

**Speaker 3** [00:25:47] I think Steve Turner came. I think my grandfather gave him his spy microscope. I'm not sure. Oh, really? Yeah, that was in the later years, like forty five or forty four or somewhere like that. And as I remember, Dr. Turner came and treated. My cousin had a mirror infection. And I don't know, I guess, my grandfather, he treated as several times, but just either. Dr Turner just came by and he treated and he said, Oh, I'll see what's wrong with my, my grandson. And he treated him and he recovered quickly and so forth.

**Speaker 1** [00:26:30] Yes, I was in France.

**Speaker 2** [00:26:33] Did you ever go to their house on Montana Street?

**Speaker 1** [00:26:39] I'm sure I'm sure out there because there were the families and friends, but I can't remember

**Speaker 2** [00:26:48] that that's where the medical society

**Speaker 3** [00:26:50] has their office in. They knew George Turner two,

**Speaker 2** [00:26:57] and then did you after Dr. Turner died and it became the medical society's house? Did you ever go down there? Did you ever take Dale down there to see the how the Thanksgiving parade or.

**Speaker 3** [00:27:15] Yes, yes, we did. I went to several parades down there. Uh-Huh. And a lot of room with Dr. Mark.

**Speaker 2** [00:27:23] Oh, yeah, okay. And you said that Dr. Martin

**Speaker 3** [00:27:26] was the father in law, father in law. And so we went as my father went every year. Uh. But uh, so I've been in the terminal all three of several several. You are not going at that point. I'm going to with Dr. Martin, even though I. Well, and endorsed him. I went with my wife. He was usually riding with the sheriff's posse in the parade.

**Speaker 2** [00:27:56] Now is your daughter, the daughter that was in the made character?

**Speaker 3** [00:28:01] That's my daughter. Yeah, yeah. Both women and men across the country, did she she wanted here and then I went to Dallas and another girl, one in Dallas. That was the last major problem I have. That's right. That is the last count in.

**Speaker 2** [00:28:24] Well, a national emergency management.

**Speaker 3** [00:28:27] They had one more year after that and one more year.

**Speaker 2** [00:28:31] The National Society just stopped and then saved the staff. And so tell me about being a young bride.

**Speaker 1** [00:28:45] Well, when I first married, I was teaching school at nine, but I think I finally gave it up because we were moving there. All good living there on federal fruit with his mother and she had rented some rooms and we did too. And I think I taught, I think I was teaching school about that time to,

**Speaker 3** [00:29:11] you know, you. Then he quit teaching.

**Speaker 1** [00:29:14] And I was in a similar district. And there are parts of this story.

**Speaker 2** [00:29:20] Did you teach all of your life?

**Speaker 1** [00:29:22] You know this all early years?

**Speaker 2** [00:29:26] And then after that deal was born, you decided to be a home mother, and she was

**Speaker 3** [00:29:34] a tremendous number of organizations. She was in the Waltons club and in the junior league. And then there was and then that sold more.

**Speaker 2** [00:29:45] And how did you enjoy it? Did you enjoy being in the organizations where you?

**Speaker 1** [00:29:50] Yes, I made it my business.

**Speaker 2** [00:29:53] Yeah. Were you president of any of the organizations?

**Speaker 1** [00:29:57] See, no, I think I was started the YWCA at CAA and different places, and

**Speaker 3** [00:30:06] you help in any way she may have started. I'm not real clear on this. She may have been one of the instrumentalists in the rescue mission.

**Unidentified** [00:30:18] Let's see what else.

**Speaker 3** [00:30:19] My grandmother started our bathroom symphony Margaret on started in the El Paso Symphony

**Speaker 1** [00:30:29] and yes, Margaret or my mother in law was not my mother in law, and she

**Speaker 3** [00:30:39] was she was president of this club.

**Speaker 1** [00:30:43] Oh yeah, she was two. And she what was it? She did so much for church. Was this insane? She sang. She sang a few of the soloist or they

**Speaker 2** [00:31:01] know about El Paso during World War Two. Now, your husband didn't have to go, you know?

**Speaker 1** [00:31:14] Well, I'm trying to think what it was like.

**Speaker 2** [00:31:18] And your dad was still practicing.

**Speaker 3** [00:31:20] Yeah, you're right. Lots of rationing.

**Speaker 2** [00:31:27] Did you all go over to Juarez to buy sugar?

**Speaker 1** [00:31:29] Yes, yes, we did go over there shopping. I can remember crossing the bridge and we walked over because we would shop along the street there and did so much shopping in Juarez at that time.

**Speaker 2** [00:31:45] Were you active with the USO during World War Two here? Did you ever bring any of the soldiers home for holidays?

**Speaker 1** [00:31:57] I don't think we did. Did it.

**Speaker 3** [00:32:01] I don't think we were with the war.

**Speaker 2** [00:32:05] And did you go down in full bandages down at the the Museum of Art? I was returning home in.

**Speaker 1** [00:32:14] Yes, I was returning home then.

**Speaker 2** [00:32:17] And did you go down and fold bandages or were you part of the Red Cross out at Beaumont?

**Speaker 1** [00:32:24] Yes, I did something like that. I remember.

**Speaker 2** [00:32:30] Give me your your husband since he was in a in a a essential profession, you you had gasoline, you probably had the C, the C card for gasoline,

**Speaker 3** [00:32:47] so you can. Yeah, it's interesting. One anecdote here, since he was in the well in an oxygen cylinder, settle in and the gas business, that he got some purchases by the United States government and delivered them to a place in Albuquerque, north of Albuquerque, Los Alamos. And he couldn't understand why there was so much security and so many FBI men crawling all over the place. But he delivered his material there, and as we know now, they were manufacturing the atomic bomb. And so I guess you say part in the construction of the first atomic bombs,

**Speaker 2** [00:33:35] you know, a doctor that lived in the Lower Valley by the name of evil, evil, Wolfgang

**Speaker 1** [00:33:43] Evil. It sounds very familiar, but I can't play.

**Speaker 2** [00:33:48] Well, he was. He was arrested and convicted to be a Nazi spy right after Pearl Harbor. Do you remember him at all?

**Speaker 1** [00:33:58] I don't remember that. Well, I wonder why I'm here.

**Speaker 2** [00:34:03] What year would that be? He was arrested in December of 1941, right after right after war was declared murder, and then there was a Japanese doctor that was put in the internment camp. Do you remember any of the general? Let's see what else can we

**Speaker 3** [00:34:30] talk about that you think of had a little bit bad that you're not treating me in the family? All right. My cousin, who was one of his grandsons, also Dr. Love, bought a ranch in New Mexico in 1945, right at the end of the war. Matter of fact, I think he purchased it almost simultaneously, as in the atomic bombs were going off in Japan. And when we would go there in New Mexico, a remote area and one of my cousins fell off a windmill, split his head open and I can remember Dr. Love. All he had at the time was chloroform, and so he gave him the chloroform and fix this and sort it all up on the kitchen table. I can remember that. And I put my hand as a five year old. You still see the scar there. And as a five year old, I went from about my fist and he took me to his office and my mother administered the anesthesia and he showed it up. And there's the scar.

**Speaker 1** [00:35:38] Excellent the way we did on the ranch. You know, we were miles from anywhere. So if anybody was hurt, I have to be cared for immediately.

**Speaker 3** [00:35:48] That was in the last three years of his life. And I guess you could say his semi-retirement used to go to the ranch a lot.

**Speaker 1** [00:35:57] One of the happiest years of my life was spent on that ranch. It was a cattle ranch, but it was found on this mountain.

**Speaker 2** [00:36:07] And you are still there with

**Speaker 3** [00:36:09] the military is on white sands missile range right now. The military took it all.

**Speaker 2** [00:36:18] How many you said your cousin? Now, do you have any brothers or sisters?

**Speaker 3** [00:36:24] She and she had a brother, Albert Frederick, and he's deceased now.

**Speaker 1** [00:36:31] He was a pharmacist here and now fast.

**Speaker 2** [00:36:34] But they to have a pharmacy called Castillo. Oh, okay. Now, who is the cousin

**Speaker 3** [00:36:41] and friend love

**Speaker 2** [00:36:42] and enduring love? And they were his.

**Speaker 1** [00:36:45] It was terrible. Yes. But they lived at our house and grew up with Dale because he was working on the ranch



**Speaker 3** [00:36:54] and was divorced.

**Speaker 1** [00:36:55] Yeah.

**Speaker 2** [00:36:57] So they all lived over on Federal Street

**Speaker 1** [00:37:00] and went to school

**Speaker 2** [00:37:01] there. Well, tell me about your dad's automobile accident.

**Speaker 1** [00:37:07] Well, he practiced that so that he practiced so much in the law. Rarely from there, he kept an office in a Slatter and have the nurses there all the time, and he was making a call down there. What? So next on, you can't remember?

**Speaker 3** [00:37:29] Well, he had been treated. I believe it was flu cases or something. I'm not sure what it was, but I think it was flu cases and been up for about three nights in a row and was had no sleep for three days. And so he was on his way home late one night and went to sleep at the steering wheel and hit one of those cottonwood trees that used to line the roads down the valley. And I think I've seen that article somewhere on that. But since we found him and they got into Masonic Hospital, where I don't know whether you want to get rid of it or not. Yes, go ahead. But one eyeball out of the socket and I think are close to it ever since. After that, they did something on what they did. He would look at you like, you know, like this and say, I remember that and one of the pictures. Yeah, I think it was like this and that I think one and a half lungs filled with blood or I don't know what all the broken ribs. And they wired his knees together. And during part of this, that's interesting. But you know you, you can't hardly see how you would take it, but part of it, either they gave him a local anesthetic. He was telling them what to do with it. You know, I can't I don't know who the doctors were. I don't remember him very well, Dr. Miller.

**Speaker 1** [00:39:04] Or I don't know whether Turner or

**Speaker 3** [00:39:08] I'm not sure one of those that were pretty close friends, but he was in the hospital and there's an easy end up and as long as healed up. And you can see again with his eye that the one I I think his hands also have to be worn together as a result of that. But he pretty much recovered. Except I think that's where he got the an aortic aneurysm, which eventually caused him to survive. And that was when they were just beginning to experiment with replacements. And he thought his age he wouldn't go for it.

**Speaker 2** [00:39:48] Now, couldn't you walk?

**Speaker 3** [00:39:51] Oh, yes, yes.

**Speaker 2** [00:39:52] Well, why did he decide to start taking the hospital to the patients for deliveries in his trailer?

**Speaker 3** [00:40:01] I'm not really sure unless that it was more convenient, but I can't

**Speaker 1** [00:40:05] tell him he was practicing in the long run. He kept us, all of us there and the one in El Paso. And so it was convenient for him and the patients to and the trailer that he had down there, there was no hospital or anything to take them to. And so when it was cold, that's where it all started. And that's when the medical society asked him to go

to. Where was at Michigan, wasn't it? They were having a national international meeting the medical society and they asked him to come and do his report of what he could do. It was the concrete practice on a trailer, and he took all of us when we went to Michigan.

**Speaker 3** [00:40:58] Uh-Huh.

**Speaker 1** [00:40:59] I was right on the lakes up there and he he gave an account of how he did it, and they were most impressed that he could take a trailer and do this because most of the doctors there were in cities with hospitals.

**Speaker 2** [00:41:17] Was he when he had this accident,

**Speaker 3** [00:41:21] was

**Speaker 1** [00:41:21] that you remember?

**Speaker 3** [00:41:25] I think it was late 1930s, I believe the mid 30s, when was that? I'm not exactly sure it was somewhere around in way.

**Speaker 2** [00:41:35] And he and he practiced all the way up until the time he died.

**Speaker 3** [00:41:39] He never was. Yeah, he was receiving patients. I'll say up until a month or two months before he passed away. I can remember patients come into the house and he would be there. I'd walk in and he would. He would give me what he used for vitamin B at that time. Why you need some vitamin B or some East, you know? And he was treating patients. I remember there on Federal Street. He moved into the House on Federal Street because he traded his land down the valley for the ranch in New Mexico and his left the Lower Valley. And so it was more convenient for him to live in that large house on Federal

**Speaker 1** [00:42:27] Street and patients he had practice for previous wanted him and not some other doctors. So they drive up to the house there on Fred or Street Dock.

**Speaker 2** [00:42:41] Oh that. Yeah, tell me about your mom. When did she die

**Speaker 3** [00:42:50] with the forum? Fifty five.

**Speaker 2** [00:42:54] So she she outlived your dad. Oh yeah, she lived with you after and after your dad died. Yes.

**Speaker 1** [00:43:00] Yes. On Federal Street there.

**Speaker 2** [00:43:04] And when did you sell the house on Seattle's Great

**Speaker 1** [00:43:07] Nineteen sixty eight,

**Speaker 3** [00:43:11] 1958?

**Speaker 1** [00:43:13] Yeah. Well, we moved out in '96.

**Speaker 3** [00:43:17] Doctor the dentist, not Gordon Black's brother, Dr. Dennis Dr. Wally Black Bottom. And he lived in part of the house, and we lived in a part of the house. Gosh,

I guess it was for a year to all of us later together. After he bought it, we had kind of a contract and it all lived together there until we got our other

**Speaker 2** [00:43:38] House bill and your other houses in the Upper Valley. Now, when did you move into the white acres?

**Speaker 3** [00:43:51] A little over a

**Speaker 1** [00:43:51] year ago,

**Speaker 3** [00:43:53] when I was a little over a year ago,

**Speaker 1** [00:43:56] two years ago,

**Speaker 3** [00:43:58] now about a little over.

**Speaker 1** [00:44:02] And and I feel at home if this country place, I work out in the yard and that had all the animals there still waiting for me to come home and frail. And I am OK with me, but I left it to my friend, I guess the whom they call the brown society said I was feeding about 300 birds a day and then I got that area. They protected the birds. Everybody did. And so I go out to feed the birds, and that's where I travel outside.

**Speaker 2** [00:44:42] Did you break anything at all?

**Speaker 1** [00:44:45] I have over all this side of me? Yeah.

**Speaker 2** [00:44:52] And so they decided you decided that it'd be best if you were somewhere where they could kind of.

**Speaker 1** [00:44:59] Yeah, I couldn't get around and do all the work I was doing up there.

**Speaker 2** [00:45:04] But you still go out there to see the place and

**Speaker 1** [00:45:07] check on it. And if that happened, I'd still be there.

**Speaker 2** [00:45:13] Spend the night there.

**Speaker 1** [00:45:14] I'm just conquering grand

**Speaker 2** [00:45:16] do right now. When did your husband die

**Speaker 1** [00:45:20] widow in nineteen seventy five? And he was out there, Drew, and he was not where he could hardly get around. Uh-Huh. Yeah.

**Speaker 3** [00:45:35] Oh boy. All three times today and get it. Well, we're going off over for a while. He was dressed up.

**Speaker 2** [00:45:49] And so this brings us right up to today. But are there any other stories that you know you were going to talk about the Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa days?

**Speaker 3** [00:46:06] I'll I'll come in. If you want to say anything, you

**Speaker 1** [00:46:10] know you have a better brain than laughing so much live from here.

**Speaker 3** [00:46:16] Well, during that time, Dr. Love had moved and moved into several different houses. I mean, he would live in one area of town. And as you've already noticed and at that time, the 19, I guess, 15, 16 or somewhere around in there they were living over close to where you tap is now the La Hacienda here, la hacienda, as that work on edge of the river, where they used to have the first dam in the country. And they lived the houses torn down now, but they lived right above the hacienda on the other side of the freeway. That's something that is right. And they lived there for a while, and my mother can remember as a little girl holding her on the front porch, watching Karen's environment just down right there at the river, the women cooking in the box, the women went with the soldiers. They followed the army at the time, and she told us all about how much she remembered. But anyway, you told us about the army down there, are you seeing them cooking and Colombia's army in that? I think that's where the revolution started losing Juarez. And anyway, at that time, Bon Jovi and council were allied together. But as they went in to attack the worker's forces work that was on the other side. Some say he was responsible for the assassination of Maduro, but anyway went into Juarez and they had some bloody battles and they asked the doctors from El Paso to go over and under a white flag and help treat these wounded people.

**Speaker 1** [00:48:12] And he was just lying on the field, wounded and dying.

**Speaker 3** [00:48:16] And so he went over under the white flag and treated many of these people over in Juarez and the woman who the letter you have her mother was one of the nurses and helped out over there. I guess some of his other nurses. But my mother says that when he came back, you read the sigh of relief and be glad to be back across the border. And but anyway, so they left there, and at one time somebody broke into the house there and the family was not there. But Dr. Love came to the house and they were stealing things, and he heard them run across the top floor of the House. So you ran around to that side, they were trying to get out and everything over there, and he was yelling all the time, help help. I need help here. And then they'd hit him and run the other side of the house and hit around the back over there. And finally, they escaped, got out and police or help did come and they went through the house, found one. I'm still under the bed. But anyway, so that was an event. But right after that, maybe because of that event or because of the revolution, he helped build an apartment, house financed and so forth. Building an apartment house right there were just south of the medical center has been torn down. And you can just see where the foundation is is left there today. But it was, gosh, so many stars that it had five stories up. A small story about five stories there people old timers in El Paso may remember that tall apartment house there.

**Speaker 2** [00:50:09] And then when you say Medical Center, you mean the medical center today? Yeah, the medical medical

**Speaker 3** [00:50:14] center there, there and hotel, you know, the medical center today, right behind the colonial terrace. I don't know where the North Colonial Terrace Hotel is just across the street from there, and it's it's been torn down since. But my uncle was born about that time, I believe, or a little bit before, but my grandfather was sleeping in one of the rooms on up at the top. And a couple of bullets came from Juarez through the left. So that was a wild time during the revolution.

**Speaker 2** [00:50:56] Tell me a little bit about when I 10 came through El Paso. Was there a big controversy over which way it was going to go? What are they going to take it downtown or line?

**Speaker 1** [00:51:10] You ought to remember that our town was there.

**Speaker 3** [00:51:14] You know, I-10 wasn't in until the nineteen sixty four. Yeah, right?

**Speaker 1** [00:51:23] Yes. We go through the

**Speaker 2** [00:51:25] valley to get up there or

**Speaker 1** [00:51:27] no big highway going around. I guess it was nineteen.

**Speaker 3** [00:51:30] Sixty five.

**Speaker 1** [00:51:32] Yeah, yeah, probably around 1985.

**Speaker 2** [00:51:35] What about the the the but--and underground, the bypass for the trains downtown? That helped matters tremendously.

**Speaker 3** [00:51:48] I think it did because of the mean go on beneath the street. Yeah, yeah, I think

**Speaker 2** [00:51:55] it did because you didn't have to wait for a train ride. So many people got

**Speaker 3** [00:52:01] it, got to the hospital without the doctor, whatever they had in the viaduct there. And suddenly it was in the back end of the thirties or even before they had the vibe that there were, even if they were trains, they can go over that by now. Oh, really? Yes.

**Speaker 1** [00:52:19] And the union station down there, roundhouse was right there. We had we had our Sunday dinner there every day at the Hari House. Rambler Union Station. Yes, it was. It was the place to eat. And now both of you wanted good food. You went to the harbor emails.

**Speaker 2** [00:52:40] And what about the Pennsylvania hotel? Yes. Did you go down there? A lot for parties?

**Speaker 1** [00:52:46] Yes. Yes, I did.

**Speaker 2** [00:52:50] Especially when you were a young girl. Did you go over to Juarez? A lot for parties?

**Speaker 1** [00:52:56] Yes, we went over. We had dates and they had to take us over. And one night we were there was that big café or was there. We'd go over and have supper and I had a date and I don't know whether it was your father or no Dale. But anyway, the hour I was stealing the car park outside to steal the car, so we'd go out to try to find our car. And the police took us to the police station and we had a time getting out of yourself.

**Speaker 3** [00:53:34] You didn't have a license plate, they took off the lights.

**Speaker 1** [00:53:37] Yeah, they said that they used that

**Speaker 3** [00:53:39] as an excuse. If that's what

**Speaker 1** [00:53:41] they did, they removed the license plate so they could arrest us.

**Speaker 3** [00:53:48] That was a

**Speaker 2** [00:53:48] lot of fun. Well, what was the police station in Juarez like at that time?

**Speaker 1** [00:53:55] Well, it was impressive, the judge sitting up there telling us what we could do and what we could get.

**Speaker 2** [00:54:05] I bet that was scary.

**Speaker 1** [00:54:06] It was scary. And I never want to go to war again.

**Speaker 2** [00:54:12] What happened?

**Speaker 1** [00:54:14] Well, we got the money.

**Speaker 2** [00:54:17] Oh, it was strictly a shakedown.

**Speaker 1** [00:54:19] Yeah, yeah. We paid off that. Really? Yeah. Which brings to mind. Yeah, that's what they wanted in the first place.

**Speaker 2** [00:54:32] Well, I guess her bat, talk to your arm and a leg off, but we should just call it quits. And I sure enjoy this visit with you and I hope, well,

**Speaker 1** [00:54:44] I'm enjoying it with you, except now I'll think of a lot of things I have to tell you.

**Speaker 2** [00:54:49] That's good. Nothing out of them. You just tell them all and are

**Speaker 3** [00:54:54] jotting down in the middle of the night

**Speaker 2** [00:54:57] and tell me them, and then we can get together again. And now I'll write them down

**Speaker 1** [00:55:04] when I want to thank you for all you are doing.

**Speaker 2** [00:55:07] Well, you know, it's so much fun to put personalities with pictures and with names. I feel as if you know,

**Speaker 3** [00:55:19] I've worked with these

**Speaker 2** [00:55:21] names for so long. And then when I finally get a personality with them, it's really great, you know? So that's that's really a lot of fun. And I'll tell Carol Walsh that hello for you.

**Speaker 1** [00:55:34] Yes, please do tell me to make

**Speaker 2** [00:55:37] sure and come talk to you. And this concludes

**Speaker 1** [00:55:45] the interview I love and tell her. I have lots of memories I will share with.

Revolution in Juarez and El Paso, role of Dr. Love in treating wounded; Dale remembers the building of I-10 and other changes to the city. Ms. Owen closes by recalling travel to Juarez for the night life, attempts by Mexican authorities for bribes.

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