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INTERVIEWEE: Barbara Leigh Rees

INTERVIEWER: Barbara K. Dent

PROJECT: El Paso Medical Community

DATE OF INTERVIEW: December 10, 1993

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BIOGRAPHICAL SYNOPSIS OF INTERVIEWEE:

Daughter of Garry Leigh, M.D., El Paso obstetrician and pediatrician; born May, 1930, El Paso, Texas; attended Radford School, Crockett School, Austin High School, and Christian College, Columbia, Missouri; graduate of University of Colorado; geologist with Shell Oil Company; married, 1955.

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW:

Provides biographical sketch of parents; recalls accompanying father on hospital rounds; father's office in Roberts-Banner Building in downtown El Paso; parents' membership in El Paso County Medical Society; mother's membership in Rebecca Stoddert Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution and Woman's Auxiliary of the El Paso Medical Society; acquisition of the S.T. Turner home by Medical Society; meeting husband in Tyler, Texas; workload of father during World War II; family outings; father's work experience at baby sanitorium in Cloudcroft, New Mexico and St. Ann's Clinic on Piedras Street; discusses growing up in Manhattan Heights neighborhood; medical meetings attended by father; diagnosis of Dr. Leigh with diabetes; describes his "no appointment" system; payment by Mexican patients in silver during World War II; mentions German scientists in El Paso working on B-2 Bomber; dance lessons at Biggs Field in high school.

Length of Interview: 1 hour Length of Transcript _____

(First 3 minutes of tape are of poor quality)