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Guide to the Rebecca Clayton Interview, 2007

Rebecca Clayton worked as Dr. Grace Kerby's secretary in Duke University's Department of Medicine from the 1960s until Dr. Kerby's retirement.

Descriptive Summary

Collection Title: Rebecca Clayton Interview, 2007

Creator: Clayton, Rebecca.

Extent: 1 record storage box, 3 itemes, .25 linear feet

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Biographical Note

Rebecca Clayton worked as Dr. Grace Kerby's secretary from the 1960s until Dr. Kerby's retirement, at which point she continued to assist Dr. Kerby with personal tasks.

Collection Overview

Contains CD and transcript of an oral history interview with Rebecca Clayton, Dr. Grace Kerby's secretary from the 1960s until Dr. Kerby's retirement. Clayton talks about Dr. Kerby.

Online Catalog Headings

Duke University.

Duke University. Medical Center.

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History of Medicine -- North Carolina -- Personal Narratives.

Kerby, Grace P.

Clayton, Rebecca.

Women in medicine.

Oral histories.

Interviews.

Transcripts.

Related Material

Detailed Description of the Collection

Interview on 15 March 2007

Mrs. Clayton speaks about beginning work as the secretary for Dr. Grace Kerby, in 1960; being pregnant and delivering her first child; there being no maternity leave policy; her care for Dr. Kerby after Kerby's retirement; Dr. Kerby's attention to detail; Dr. Kerby's very private nature; other elements of Dr. Kerby's character; Dr. Kerby's dedication to her work; Dr. Kerby's work on house staff schedules and Clayton's assistance to Kerby in this work; Dr. Kerby's assistance to then-Department of Medicine chair, Dr. Eugene Stead; Bess Cebe, Dr. Stead's assistant; Clayton's close relationship with Dr. Kerby; the interactions of secretaries in the department; Dr. Kerby's materials that Clayton has; Dr. Kerby upon retirement; Clayton's workload under Dr. Kerby; equipment Clayton used at the time; the proportion of work dedicated to house staff schedules; Dr. Kerby's privacy about her own schedule; and Clayton's previous work.

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Interview CD [1 CD (1 hour total)]

Transcript [12 pages]

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