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Guide to the Charles Peete Interview 2004

Charles Peete was a physician in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Duke University.

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Descriptive Summary

Collection Title: Charles Peete Interview, 2004

Creator: Peete, Charles

Extent: 1 record storage box, 2 itemes, .25 linear feet

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Biographical/Historical Note

Charles Peete was born April 30, 1924, in Warrenton, NC. He was a sixth-generation physician, and his father was a general practitioner. When he was in high school, Peete would sometimes drive his father to house calls. He also witnessed the intricacies of medicine at his father's home office. Dr. William Peete, brother to Charles Peete, became a surgeon and also practiced at Duke University Medical Center.

Dr. Charles Peete attended University of North Carolina for two-and-a-half years; he then attended and graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1944. After an internship in medicine at Duke, he began two years of work and training in the US Naval Hospital in Key West, Florida in 1954. In 1956, he returned to Duke and worked as a physician in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. There Dr. Peete became an active member in the Nick Carter Travel Club, named for the chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, F. Bayard Carter. Dr. Peete was in charge of the outrider services for medical students for several years. He served as a physician at Duke until his retirement in 1994.

Collection Overview

Contains audiotapes and transcript of and oral history interview with Charles Peete, physician in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Duke University.

Online Catalog Headings

Duke University. Hospital.

Duke University. Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Parker, Roy T.

Ross, Robert A.

Carter, Francis Bayard, 1898-1977

Duke University. Medical Center.

Education, Medical.

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

Physicians -- Interview.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Interview on November 2, 2004

In this interview, Dr. Peete discusses his background; physicians in his family; father as general practitioner; education; Dr. Eugene Stead; extension of medical training due to return of soldiers to Duke; board certification in obstetrics and gynecology; US Naval Hospital in Key West, Florida; return to Duke; subspecialties in obstetrics and gynecology; Violet Turner; first obstetrical delivery as medical student; types of surgeries done in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology; early Pap smears at Duke; Carter Club history; purpose of Carter Club; personal involvement in Carter Club; women in obstetrics and gynecology; change in field due to specialization; fourteen changes in field over the last fifty years; outrider clinics; Salvation Home for Unwed Mothers; segregation in outpatient clinics; integration of department; rotations to Lincoln Hospital; woman's clinic; obstetrics and gynecology facilities in Duke South; Dr. Bayard Carter; bedside manner of Dr. Carter; language of Dr. Carter; characteristics of Dr. Carter; death of Dr. Carter; Dr. Robert A. Ross and origins of nickname "Daddy"; Dr. Ross's leaving to go to University of North Carolina; characteristics of Dr. Ross; Dr. Roy Parker; personal friendship with Dr. Parker; characteristics of Dr. Parker; Dr. William Peete (brother); excellence of Dr. William Peete in academics and medicine; Dr. William Peete as assistant to Dean Davison and as dean of students; other family groups at Duke.

Box 1

Interview tape [3 audiotapes (90 minutes total)]

Transcript [25 pages]