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Well, I always said we were sort of high class maids. (And were you paid as high class maids?) Oh, we didn't get paid. They were profiteering on us, really. We had to pay for our own books, our uniforms, and everything. All the time you were in training. Three-year course. (When a nurse finally did finish her three years, would she then be hired by the hospital?) If she was a good nurse. When I graduated--I never did one day of bedside nursing. Never. I got a position teaching nursing. See, I had been a schoolteacher, so I suppose that was sort of in my line. So I taught for two years. And then what at that time they called the Superintendent of Nurses--now they call it the Director of Nurses--she was leaving. And the doctors asked me if I would take that position. Which I did, and I kept it all the time. Thirty-three years. Columbia Presbyterian (Hospital). Largest centre in the world. Eight hospitals went together under one umbrella--8 large hospitals. And we covered two city blocks. We had the main hospital. And under that was the medical school and the dental school. And general surgery and obstetrics and medicine. Then we had the babies' hospital. We had the eye hospital. All separate buildings. We had the neurological. We had the psychiatric. A building for cancer research. There wouldn't be any beds in it, it would be just for research. Then we had the nurses' home for the student nurses. Then we had the nurses' home for the graduate nurses. All on the same property. And we were all connected by tunnels. You didn't have to go outside to go to anything. (And your role in all that was?) I was the Director of Nurses. I had obstetrics and gynecology. And I knew every person, because I was that kind of a person--I mixed with everybody. And I knew that hospital from the 22nd floor to the sub-basement. It was a very interesting life. CONTINUED

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