Project #: OH 3

Project Title: Hurricane Hugo Oral History Project, 2009

Interview Date(s): June – August 2009

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Subject (Topical)
Hurricane Hugo, 1989.
Medical University of South Carolina.
Medical University of South Carolina. Medical University Hospital.
Waring Historical Library.
Hurricane Hugo, 1989--Personal narratives.
Disaster response and recovery.

Subject (Name)
Crawford, Fred A., Jr., 1942-
Del Bene, Victor
Stuart, Gail Wiscarz, 1949-
Currey, Hal S.
Golod, William H.
McDaniel, M. David
Miller, Sherry Gillespie
Othersen, H. Biemann
Rock, Peter B.
Kolnitz, George F. “Tony” von
Worthington, W. Curtis, (Ward Curtis), 1925-

Subject (Genre)
Oral histories.
Interviews.

Description: Eleven (11) individual recordings totaling more than 9 hours of audio and 258 transcribed pages.

Summary: Hurricane Hugo, a Category IV storm, struck Charleston, South Carolina on September 21 and 22, 1989. Over 2000 people rode out the storm in the Medical University of South Carolina’s University Hospital. This series of interviews documents the memories of administrators, hospital personnel, and maintenance staff that worked through the storm. The interviews were conducted by Brooke Fox, MUSC University Archivist in preparation for a physical and online exhibit commemorating the twentieth anniversary of landfall. The collection consists of eleven individual interviews recorded on a digital audio recorder between June and August 2009. Topics include storm preparations, patient safety, and personal recollections of each participant’s experiences including the days leading up to, and the weeks following, landfall.

Participants, interview dates, and pagination:

Fred A. Crawford, Jr., MD, July 1, 2009, 19 p. [see also: OH 3.5]
Hal S. Currey, July 14, 2009, 21 p. [see also: OH 3.7]
Victor E. Del Bene, MD, July 22, 2009, 36 p. [see also: OH 3.9]
William H. Golod, PhD, June 23, 2009, 24 p. [see also: OH 3.2]
M. David McDaniel, July 1, 2009, 24 p. [see also: OH 3.4]
Sherry Gillespie Miller, RN, MSN, July 17, 2009, 17 p. [see also: OH 3.8]
H. Biemann Othersen, Jr., MD, June 24, 2009, 18 p. [see also: OH 3.3]
Peter B. Rock, July 6, 2009, 19 p. [see also: OH 3.6]
Gail W. Stuart, PhD, RN, FAAN, July 27, 2009, 18 p. [see also: OH 3.10]
George F. “Tony” von Kolnitz, IV, August 14, 2009, 39 p. [see also: OH 3.11]
W. Curtis Worthington, Jr., MD, June 18, 2009, 23 p. [see also: OH 3.1]
Collection:  Waring Historical Library Oral History Collection

Media Type:  Oral Histories

Language:  English

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