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Title: Mary Brown, Interview by Brooke Fox and Susan Hoffius, 6 March 2009

Interviewers: Fox, Brooke

Interviewees: Brown, Mary

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Subject (Topical):

Kidney Transplantation.

Transplant Recipients.

Tissue Donors.

Nephrology.

Nephrectomy.

Medical College of South Carolina.

Medical University of South Carolina. Medical University Hospital.

Subject (Names):

Ashley, William R., 1944-1973

Brown, Mary.

Fitts, Charles T., 1932-2008

Subject (Genre):

Oral histories.

Interviews.

Summary:

Mary Brown joined the Medical College Hospital as a surgical technician in 1966. She received her training at the Medical College Hospital, where she worked for 17 years. In her interview Mrs. Brown discusses her role in the kidney transplant and describes what happened in the operating room. Mrs. Brown was in the operating room with the recipient, William "Billy" R. Ashley, along with Dr. Charles T. Fitts. She also provides information about her experience working in the hospital over her career.

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