



Interview No.: OH 4.5

Title: Lorna Tuck Colbert, Interview by Brooke Fox, 5 July 2009

Interviewer: Fox, Brooke

Interviewee: Colbert, Lorna Tuck, 1920-2013

Date: 2009-07-05

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Subject (Topical):

Medical University of South Carolina.

Medical University of South Carolina. Office of the President.

Medical University of South Carolina. Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Hospital Workers' Strike, Charleston, S.C., 1969

Subject (Names): Colbert, James W., Jr., \$d 1920-1974.

Colbert, Lorna Tuck, 1920-2013

Colbert, Edward T.

Bush, Elizabeth Colbert

Keegan, Margaret Colbert

Colbert, John A.

Colbert, Stephen, 1964-

Colbert, Paul

Colbert, Peter

Colbert, William

McCord, William M. (William Mellon), 1907-1996.

Subject (Genre): Oral histories.
Interviews.

Summary: In this interview, Lorna Tuck Colbert, wife of Dr. James W. Colbert Jr., recalls their life together. With five of her eleven children participating in the interview, Mrs. Colbert describes meeting Dr. Colbert, their courtship and marriage. She discusses Dr. Colbert's childhood, his education, and career trajectory from Dean of the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis to Associate Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health. She discusses his decision to accept the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs at MUSC and his five years with the university. Mrs. Colbert and her children describe the culture shock of moving from Maryland to South Carolina. They also recall Dr. Colbert's death and its impact on each of their lives.

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Five of Dr. Colbert's children also participated in the interview: Edward, Margaret, John, Elizabeth, and Stephen.

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See also: Collection # OH 4 and OH 4.1-4.5

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