

Interview 1

Interview conducted by Nakita Pasour on November 12, 2010 at 10:30 am. The informant has requested to remain anonymous, and for the purposes of this interview will be referred to as Mrs. J.

NP: Ok, first of all, where were you born? What year were you born?

Mrs. J: In 1935.

NP: In 1935, ok and where did you grow up?

Mrs. J: Well, that's a long story. I was born in a coal mining camp and we were there, it was in Harlan County, which was in Highsplant, Kentucky. And then, I guess I must have been three or four when we moved to a small town not far from there, Loyall, Kentucky. And we were there for one year, I went to first grade there. We were there I guess two or three years but I just went to the first grade. And then we moved to Lexington, Kentucky, and I was in the second grade there. Then we moved out of town, for about a half a year. And then we moved to Oak Ridge, Tennessee. And that was at like 1944, I was eight years old at the time. And I remember the city was a closed, secret city because the war was still going on and there were gates all around the city, you had to have a pass to get in. And I was eight, is the reason I remember it because you had to be nine to have a pass, and I couldn't wait until I was nine years old, so I could get a pass too to get into the city. 'Course I was getting in, anyway.

NP: Now why, why did you have to get a pass? To get into the city, why was it closed?

Mrs. J: Well, see this, this was the atomic bomb, and all that was building there.

NP: Oh, they were building it in the city?

Mrs. J: Yeah. And there was a lot of things going on that was secretive, nobody knew what was going on in Oak Ridge at that time. And, so anyway I got my pass at nine, and not long after that they opened the gates. So I didn't need it for very long. But there were gates all along the city, you couldn't get in without going through the, the gates that were policed. And we were there, lets see I finished up the third grade there and then I went to another school in the fourth grade. And when we first moved to Oak Ridge we moved into a house, it was a complex, I don't know what they called it but it had four families in it. We lived at one end of it. And then we were there for a year or so and then we moved on across town and I went to different schools in the fifth grade and then in the sixth grade a different school. And then, Jefferson Junior High, in the seventh and eighth, this is all in Oak Ridge. Then we moved out on Oak Ridge Highway, which was the main road between Oak Ridge and Knoxville, Tennessee. And we lived in a one-room house there, we had bedrooms on each side, and the living room was in the front and the kitchen was in the back, I think we did have a private bath. We lived in that for a little while, and

then dad bought a flat-top, and hooked it on so then we all had our own bedrooms. So I was there, this was Karns, a little community, and I was there for two years, in the seventh, or in the eighth, the ninth and tenth grade. Then we moved to Knoxville, Tennessee, and I finished eleventh and twelfth grades there. We were still in Knoxville, and mom and dad, I went in nurses' training that Fall, and mom and dad lived for another year there with my brother. And then they'd moved back to Oak Ridge, in the house which my mother still owns. So that gets you to '53.

NP: And why did you move around so much?

Mrs. J: Well, I guess, getting to what my dad was doing.

NP: Ok, well let's go ahead, so what was your family like? Did you have, you said you had both your parents, and you had a brother, just one brother?

Mrs. J: Well I had a brother who died before I was born, he was, I think of pneumonia, 21 months old. And then, 'course I had a mother and father and they were just, simply great. Then when I was about nine, I told my mother and daddy, or my mother I talked to her, and I told her that God didn't answer prayer. And she wanted to know what was wrong, why did I say that. And I said well, all my friends have brothers or sisters and I don't have one and I'd been praying for one and he's just not gonna answer me. So then momma and daddy decided they would help the Lord. So about a year later I had a little brother, that's where my brother Mike came in, he's ten years younger than I am.

NP: So you were ten years old when Mike was born? And that's the only sibling that you have?

Mrs. J: Yes, and then of course like I said the one that died before I was born.

NP: Alright, well what kind of work did your father do?

Mrs. J: Well, he was a teacher. He went to college. And was teaching, and then when we were in the mining camp he was the owner of the restaurant there. And then when we moved to Loyall, he did the books and the financial work for Pepsi Bottling Company. Then we moved to Lexington and I think he was in some sort of a training program there, probably preparing for his future. And when we went to Oak Ridge, he worked at Y12 Union Carbide for 25 years, until he retired.

NP: And what did he do there? The last one?

Mrs. J: I don't think you're gonna know. I don't think any of us knew 'cause again I say it, that was pretty well kept. And then, in Y12 was, areas like that, work areas were still gated off. Just the people that worked there could get in.

NP: And he went to college to be a teacher?

Mrs. J: Apparently. 'Cause that's what he did when he first got out.

NP: Ok, so when you moved around, do you know why he didn't kind of try to find other teaching positions?

Mrs. J: No, I really don't. But you know, now there are things that I wished I had asked, that I didn't think when he was here. And the same with my mother, 'course she remembers some things but a lot of things I'll ask her and "I, I don't remember." So you need to ask things of your parents or friends when you think of them.

NP: Yea, that's a good point. Alright, and what about your mother? What kind of work did she do?

Mrs. J: Well, she was a homemaker, most of the time. She did tell me that she worked in a grocery store for just a very short while apparently, I think probably the checkout counter or something like that but she was mostly at home with us.

NP: So, she worked at a checkout, I guess after she was married and had kids?

Mrs. J: I don't really know when it was, she just said she did it. But she was mostly a homemaker, and stayed home with her kids.

NP: So do you remember her going to work at all?

Mrs. J: No, no I never, as far as I know not while I was there.

NP: Ok, so talk about the education your parents had. Your father went to college, your mom, do you know what your mom had?

Mrs. J: She went through the eighth grade.

NP: She went through the eighth grade, ok. Now were there any doctors or nurses in your family?

Mrs. J: No, not that I was aware of.

NP: Ok, did you have any kind of experience, any kind of serious illness in your family during your childhood? Any of your family members, yourself, your friends, anything you remember?

Mrs. J: The only thing I remember when I was small, that I had tonsillitis and ear infections. And that was, I'm saying before I was six. And I was real sick with it, but then as I got older I don't remember any illnesses.

NP: Do you remember any specific doctors or nurses during that time that you saw?

Mrs. J: No, I don't remember anybody along the way except a dentist, and the only thing I remember there, that had to be when I was around six, I had a wisdom tooth pulled. And of course they didn't use any numbing, and they just pulled it. I'm sure they had to hold me down 'cause it was a terrible experience, one that's since stayed with me all my life. When I go to the dentist I'm scared.

NP: Oh, I bet. That sounds really awful.

Mrs. J: It wasn't fun.

NP: I would guess not. So do you remember, you remember the dentist is there anything else from your childhood, doctors, helpers, midwives, anything that...?

Mrs. J: No, nothing. I don't remember any nursing, anyone like that, doctors.

NP: Ok, so do you remember when you were little when you got maybe like a cold or something, did you go to the doctor or was it mostly your mother that would take care of you?

Mrs. J: No I had a doctor that they would take me to in Harlan.

NP: Ok, you don't remember his name or where his office was, anything about that?

Mrs. J: No, no I don't.

NP: Ok, so then what made you want to be a nurse?

Mrs. J: I wanted to be a nurse since I was five. And I didn't have anyone to look up to, I didn't get it from anyone. I just remember the pretty white uniforms and the caps. And as far as I know that's probably what attracted me.

NP: Alright, so did your family support or influence your decision to be a nurse? And how did they, your family, respond to that decision?

Mrs. J: They did not influence me, they did support me. And I can remember a short time in high school that I leaned, I was looking at being an airline stewardess. But you had to go to Atlanta at the time to do the training and my parents couldn't afford that but that was just a short idea. I wasn't disappointed that bad in not doing it, I still went back on my nursing trail. But they were very supportive.

NP: Ok, now you told me, talk about the boyfriend that you had in high school that didn't support that decision.

Mrs. J: Well, he was, like I say, he had, I told you, treated me like a queen. He was very, very special. And he wanted the best for me and he didn't feel like nursing was the best, he felt like there was a, just not a goodness in nursing and I don't know where he got his

idea. But he didn't want me to be a nurse because he felt like that would, kind of be a down for myself.

NP: Ok, do you know if he had any nurses in his family?

Mrs. J: No, he never said. I don't know. He just had a bad, a bad opinion of them.

NP: Ok, did you have any other friends that went into nursing during the same time as you or that were interested in it as well?

Mrs. J: Not that I can think of

NP: Alright, so talking about after high school, what schools did you consider attending when you were ready to begin your nurse training?

Mrs. J: East Tennessee Baptist Hospital.

NP: Ok, was that the only one?

Mrs. J: Yes.

NP: Was that the only training facility in the area?

Mrs. J: No, there were others, and this was in Knoxville, where we lived. But there were other, other hospitals, but I just leaned towards that one because, maybe 'cause it was Baptist and we were, I'm not sure if that was the reason but it might have been.

NP: Ok, was that the closest hospital to where you lived?

Mrs. J: Not really. The Saint Mary's was the closest hospital.

NP: How far away was East Tennessee Baptist?

Mrs. J: Across town, I don't know how far it would be but it was, and Saint Mary's was closer.

NP: So what were the requirements that you needed to be accepted into the school?

Mrs. J: Well, I remember in high school that we, our guidance counselor had talked to us, and Latin and Chemistry were two things that were recommended. And I'm sure we had to have good grades, not excellent but good grades. So that, but those were the two main subjects that I remember we needed.

NP: Ok and what year did you begin nurse training?

Mrs. J: Fall of 1953.

NP: And how long did that last?

Mrs. J: Three years

NP: A three year program. Ok so you graduated in 1955? 1956.

Mrs. J: 1956.

NP: Alright, so talk about your experience during your training, did you enjoy it?

Mrs. J: Yes. The first year we went to the University of Tennessee for nine months, and I don't know if that's, are you going to ask me later about my classes?

NP: Yeah, I will, or it doesn't matter, we can...

Mrs. J: Ok, I can... Anyway we walked across Henley Street bridge, there were two bridges, one on each side of the hospital. It went, one went downtown and one went a bit farther, of course. But we walked down that Henley Street bridge to the University and we took classes there.

NP: And that was just the first year that you went there?

Mrs. J: The first year, nine months, and then later on we went to Eastern State Hospital, Psychiatric Hospital. I wanted to come home during my first year, I got discouraged. And I talked to my daddy and he talked me out of it, he tried to encourage me. And it's, this is very strange because the same thing happened to our first child. She wanted to come home when she got away from home. And her daddy, with tears in his eyes, said no, you've got to stick it out.

NP: Now why did you get discouraged?

Mrs. J: I guess it was just too much thrown at me at once, that I wasn't used to.

NP: Had you spend a lot of time away from home before that?

Mrs. J: Not really. That probably had a lot to do with it. New people, not knowing, just getting used to the whole situation. And then we did have restrictions and all.

NP: Ok, which I'll ask you about. But do you have any kind of best or worst memories that you can think of, anything that really sticks out?

Mrs. J: Not right off, worst, no.

NP: Alright, well how many, do you know how many students were in the school? And how many in your graduating class?

Mrs. J: In my graduating class there were 34. But the, more started. Some of them quit the first year, some of them got married, some didn't like it, some failed. And I would say there were over 100 in the whole school, the three year program.

NP: Ok, and what about your classmates' backgrounds? Were they kind of similar, different from yours, were they from the same area?

Mrs. J: All different kinds. My roommate, my closest friend there, her father was a pastor. And she was a stinker. We teased her. She was getting away from home, you were supposed to act up. But I'm sure there were all different backgrounds.

NP: Alright, well were there men in your school or other minorities?

Mrs. J: No men, and no minorities.

NP: So it was all just white females?

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Mrs. J: I think there was an Indian, from, like our Indians here, in the class ahead of me. That's the only one that I can remember seeing. And she fit right in.

NP: Ok, and were most of them kind of around the same age? Right out of high school?

Mrs. J: Most. We did have one, her name was Cregor, with a C but we called her trigger. And she was, I guess about ten years older than us and we used to tease her all the time about being the old one in class. But she just fit in too.

NP: Alright so where did you live during your training?

Mrs. J: In the nurse's dorm which is right next door to the hospital.

NP: Ok, and hat was that like? You said you had a roommate?

Mrs. J: Yes, I had a roommate, and all three years, she was out for a few months being sick. And I booked with another girl for then but then when she came back I went back with her. And we were real close, in fact she was my maid of honor. You probably met her at our anniversary party. Cali. And we're still good friends, we keep up, she's in North Carolina and we keep up with each other today.

NP: Ok, so what was living in the dorm like? Did you have a curfew, were there rules?

Mrs. J: Yes. We had house mothers, and we had certain times, I don't remember what the time was, probably later on weekends, but we did have time to be home and the doors were locked. You weren't there, you had to go through a lock to get in. And I can also remember something else too, some of the UT, the University of Tennessee football

players would come over wanting dates with the girls. But they also had to abide by the curfew.

NP: Ok, well talk about that kind of socializing, were you allowed to go out and go on dates, or friends outside of the program?

Mrs. J: You could pretty well do what you wanted to, I mean outside as long as you were back by the time, I don't know probably ten or eleven, whatever it was.

NP: And what about, were you supposed to be out of uniform when you left the area or did it matter?

Mrs. J: We just wore regular clothes, except when we were working or when, in the hospital.

NP: Ok, and what about guys? Were they allowed in the dorm or on the campus? Did you have to go out to see them if you wanted to go on a date?

Mrs. J: We had a big, was like a living room, with a tv, and the guys could come in there, they were not allowed upstairs in the rooms. But they could come in and relax, watch the tv's with us.

NP: Ok, and what happened if you decided to get married during your training?

Mrs. J: You could not get married the first year. And then you had to write a note of permission to the instructors, which I did 'cause I got married six months before I got out. And I still have my note somewhere. But I had to write it and tell them about my husband and ask their permission to get married. And then they'd respond to you. And usually it was ok after the first year.

NP: Ok, and you got married before you graduated, did you still live in the dorms until you graduated or did you move out with your husband?

Mrs. J: Well, my husband and I, we were going together for a while, about a year, and then we were getting serious. And we decided, I had two more years to go, and he decided that he would go in the service and get his two years over with. Then when he comes out of service, then if we're still strong, then we'll talk about it then, getting married. Well, we decided before the time was up that we wanted to get married. So it was six months before I graduated, and he still had six months left in the Marines. So we got married, he went back to the Marines, I went back to the nurses. So, but there were girls that were married, they did live out, they were able to live out, they lived there in town.

NP: Ok so you're allowed to do that after the first year?

Mrs. J: Yes.

NP: Ok, so you were required to wear uniforms during your school, what did they look like and were they different year to year? .

Mrs. J: No, they were not different, and they were white, and I think it had a little monogram on the pocket, East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, I'm not sure what it said. But we did not have to wear them except when you were at work, on the floor.

NP: Ok, so was like a shirt and a skirt or was it a dress?

Mrs. J: It was a straight dress, white shoes, and then we had our caps that we wore, it was called capping. After six months we had a program at the church where we received our caps. And then first, after the first year we got one stripe down the side, each side. Second year you got two stripes down each side. Then when you graduated you got a stripe across the cap.

NP: And you just wore the cap and the gown, either when you were, did you have to wear them when you were in class as well as at the Hospital?

Mrs. J: No, not unless, if you were going on to work you may have to wear it, just to wear it for convenience.

NP: Ok, but just at the Hospital was when, when you were working was when you were required to?

Mrs. J: Yes. It was just a uniform, you know right, I'm sure it was not right below your knee but I mean it was not long. Or short.

NP: Ok, so what about tuition, did you have tuition when you went, and was that, how was that handled?

Mrs. J: Handled by my parents. And I have no idea how much it was, but there was tuition.

NP: Ok, and how was the program set up? Was it, you know, was it like a semester based or was it entire, like nine months or so and you had a break? Do you remember how that was set up?

Mrs. J: The best I remember, we were at UT for nine months. And then I'm sure we had classes the rest of the year. But there were classes continually. All the time. The best I remember we had two weeks vacation time each year.

NP: And the rest of the time you were either in class or working?

Mrs. J: Yes.

NP: Ok, so talk about health care during your training, do you remember how, if there was insurance, kind of how people dealt with going to the hospital and paying doctors, that kind of thing?

Mrs. J: I'm really not sure if there were any bills, or anything you had to pay. I know if you needed help, 'course I know we had a doctor that was such a good friend, but he would help us. But the emergency room was always open to us. There was always someone to look after us and I really doubt that there was any bills that we had to pay for it unless you had a hospital stay or something more serious. There might have been insurance that your parents took care of. But I never had any of that so I don't know for sure.

NP: Ok, so who taught the students?

Mrs. J: Well, like I said the University of Tennessee, and then we did have someone from Carson Newman come in and teach the Bible class. And then we had just qualified teachers that taught the classes and then when we worked on the floor we had the head nurses on the floor, were our instructors there for as long as we needed them.

NP: Ok, did you, do you remember liking your teachers, was there a certain one that you remember having a strong influence on you?

Mrs. J: There was one that I remember at the time, I always thought she was real mean 'cause she was so tough, hard, and pushed us. But then I appreciated her afterwards 'cause I knew she was doing it for our good. But that's, and then I remember one that I don't think any of us liked, but she was doing her part too.

NP: And were these nurses that were teaching you, or professors at the University?

Mrs. J: A nurse, a nurse at the hospital.

NP: Ok, what kinds of classes did you take? And what were you taught in those classes?

Mrs. J: Well, at UT we had anatomy, microbiology, chemistry, psychology, and sociology. That was our classes over there.

NP: Ok, and that was the first year?

Mrs. J: The first year. And then when you were a junior or a senior you were sent to East Tennessee State Psychiatric Hospital for training. And we were there I think probably about three months for psychiatric affiliation. I guess during that time some of us wondered if we needed it.

NP: Ok, so you remember what you did when you were at the psychiatric hospital, was that kind of like observation or did you actually work with the patients?

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Mrs. J: We actually did what we were told to do. And you also watched the patients, you didn't let them get behind you. I can remember going down, the first day, going down, it was kind of like a hallway, but it was wider, just a little bit wider but there was patients on both sides. And that was a very creepy feeling walking down that hallway with those patients 'cause none of them were right. But I'm sure that psychiatric hospitals are quite different today than they were then. And I remember also, maggots. In the eyes. That was kind of, they were destroying disease. And I have also heard that there's something like that that they're using now. I don't know enough about it to talk about it but I've heard that that's not that uncommon.

NP: Wow, so they were using the maggots then, when you went into the psych, to kill disease, in the eyes

Mrs. J: Yeah, I can remember, in the eyes. It was not much to look at.

NP: Yeah, no kidding. Did you ever have to administer that, or do anything with that, you just saw it?

Mrs. J: No, no. I left that alone.

NP: Ok, and what about other classes? You know, kind of your second year and going on from there?

Mrs. J: Just about everything you can think of. But of course, you're going into nursing arts, nutrition, then as you worked different places in the hospital, like in the operating room we worked, and on pediatrics, on obstetrics, and the gastrointestinal, urology, gynecology, all the different floors that you worked on you had classes along with that. To teach you what was going on in the hospital.

NP: Ok and so you would take, take a class on a certain topic and then you would work on that floor, during that class or kind of after that class?

Mrs. J: Not necessarily. We just, however they had us scheduled. But it wouldn't have to be along with the class.

NP: Ok, and what were your classes like? Were they kind of hands-on, were they lecture, do you remember?

Mrs. J: Both, depending on what the class was. And then like I say 'course you would go to the hospital and you'd be doing it there with hands-on.

NP: Now when you went to the hospital to work did you have your same teachers that would be there with you, talking to you or were you kind of on your own when you went into work?

Mrs. J: Our teachers would go with us for a short time and then we'd, whoever the charge nurse was on that floor would also help us.

NP: Ok, and the kind of work that you would do, I guess that was kind of like clinical rotation kind of things?

Mrs. J: I guess that sounds good.

NP: So what kinds of jobs would you do when you were working at the hospital? You know, was there a lot of cleaning, or working directly with the patients?

Mrs. J: I think at first you kind of took care of the bedpans and helped with the baths, and then as you got more familiar with your work, you knew what you were doing, then you were able to give medicines and do more, and especially by your third year you were doing more like the regular RNs.

NP: Ok, now what about any kind of new technologies that were, that were coming out that you were required to learn? Do you remember anything about that?

Mrs. J: No, I don't remember anything. I can tell you this experience I had with the doctor. I was in my street clothes and got in the elevator. And he was a well known doctor, I can even see this today. And I spoke, and he just kind of looked at me and he says, 'Oh, I didn't recognize you with your clothes on.' 'Cause he was used to seeing me in uniform. And he says that, and the thing about it is I knew what he was talking about, he knew, but the people on the elevator didn't know.

NP: I'm sure you got some weird looks from them.

Mrs. J: Oh yes, yes. Who is this man and who is this woman?

NP: That's great. Alright, so let's talk about outside the program, you know after graduation, were there Bachelor or Master degree programs that were available?

Mrs. J: The only ones I can think of probably at the University of Tennessee. And then there was a UT hospital and they might have done it through the hospital. I mean they might have done it through the University themselves. But, 'course we didn't have it, just a graduate degree.

NP: So did you consider doing a higher degree after, after you finished training?

Mrs. J: Not really because after graduation I, like I said I got married and I was anxious to get into a home, for him.

NP: Ok, did you know of any of your friends or people that you graduated with, if they went on to do a degree?

Mrs. J: Yes, some of the girls did. We had reunions every so many years and different, they'll tell different things and there were some that went on.

NP: Ok, well do you remember any kind of laws, regulations that had been made, you know during the time of your training that had any effect on you or the school?

Mrs. J: No.

NP: No, nothing like that? Ok, well so were there job opportunities for you at the hospital when you graduated?

Mrs. J: Yes.

NP: Ok, so did you take that opportunity when you graduated? Did you work at the hospital?

Mrs. J: Yes.

NP: Ok, so did you feel, did you feel like you were prepared for work after you completed your training?

Mrs. J: Yes.

NP: Ok, so you found a job immediately after you graduated at the hospital. After you graduated did you expect a life long career or a short term job after you finished training?

Mrs. J: Probably a short term at the time. But I did go, I was on seven west, it was a male surgical floor that I worked on. Until I, 'course I, after my husband, we got together, six months after we got through we got our home. And the doctor had told me, if we wanted children we'd better go ahead and have them, 'cause I had some problems there. So I went ahead and got pregnant right off. So I worked here, on this surgical floor 'til about six weeks before my baby was born, and I was having a lot of swelling so I had to quit. But I did work for several months there.

NP: Ok, and then what happened after you had your children, did you go back?

Mrs. J: I taught mother and baby care classes for the Red Cross. I had worked in several Red Cross blood-mobiles. And then I, after several years later I stayed home with my kids and then later went back to, did a refresher course, went back to the hospital and worked on GYN floor in Johnson City, Tennessee. Worked there for a while, even helped them move into the new hospital.

NP: Ok, now you talk about, you worked on the surgical floor and you worked on the gynecology floor and, so did you have to have any kind of specialized training for that, when you were in school or was it just, everyone was given that training for the different types of nursing?

Mrs. J: We had all that training given to us in nursing.

NP: Ok, so when you graduated did you kind of have a choice of where you wanted to work? You know if you wanted to do surgical nursing or gynecological?

Mrs. J: I'm not sure if I had a choice or if they just had so many openings. This worked out and I liked it.

NP: Ok, so was there one that kind of, you preferred? Did you like doing the surgical nursing?

Mrs. J: Yes. I was male surgery, male surgical patients. And they were easier to work with than women are. I find that because, this is awful to say and probably wouldn't apply today, but the women, they didn't, they just enjoyed being looked after, were not in any hurry to get home, just what I found. The men were very anxious to get out, to get well, to get back to work. 'Course there weren't as many women working at the time. Where as now you would probably find the same difference and it probably wouldn't be like that.

NP: Alright, well I guess one last thing. How do you feel that your training compares maybe to the training that happens now?

Mrs. J: I'm sure there's a lot of difference. But I feel like we had a good, class-wise, so many different classes, and so many, and I think we were well prepared to go into working when we got through. But I'm sure there's a lot of differences today. I miss seeing the white uniforms that I fell in love with when I was five. I'm hoping that they'll come back. And you see some occasionally. And a lot of times, at least the RNs will go white, even as white scrubs.

NP: So why, why do you think those uniforms went away, do you know about the time that they stopped doing it?

Mrs. J: No, because when I went back to work, that was still about 20 years ago I guess, we were wearing white. And you'll see a few now, of the older nurses, wearing their white uniforms. But I don't know why, except to be more comfortable with the scrubs. And of course you would see scrubs then in the E.R. and surgery, which you felt like that was ok. There was one thing I would like to have done. I'd liked to have been a navy nurse.

NP: A navy nurse. Why is that?

Mrs. J: I don't know, it just appealed to me, a navy nurse. But the problem was you had to sign up for four years. And I could have done two probably. But since I was kind of in love then, I could handle, maybe I could have talked him into two, but four was not, and we wanted to get our family started.

NP: So with the navy nursing did you, was it kind of like being in the military or traveling or working with soldiers or what was the appeal?

Mrs. J: I don't know, maybe the traveling and then just the navy. I wouldn't want to be an army nurse. I don't know why so I guess the navy appealed to me.

NP: So what's the difference between the...

Mrs. J: I don't know. Just because.

NP: And your husband joined, was in the Marines. Did you think about being a Marine nurse?

Mrs. J: No. I wanted to be in the navy.

NP: Ok well did you have any friends or anybody that you knew that went into navy nursing or military nursing?

Mrs. J: No

NP: Ok, did you know anyone that was nursing in the War?

Mrs. J: No, I didn't know anybody in service. Nursing.

NP: So did you ever bring it up to anybody that you kind of wanted to be a navy nurse?

Mrs. J: Well my husband knew, 'course it was not, not something that had to be, I was not destroyed by it. It was just one of those little ideas that I had for a while. But it didn't stick with me long.

NP: Alright, well is there anything else, any other stories or something that you'd like to talk about, your experience?

Mrs. J: I probably went over it all with you.

NP: Well alright, thank you very much. That's about all I have.

Mrs. J: Ok.