

Insert this side into recorder



Do not touch the tape inside

VHS

T-160
T-120

_STD
_PLUS
_HG

Polaroid
HIGSMITH
HOSPITAL
HERITAGE
1995

VHS

SPEED _SP _LP _EP/SLP

March 20, 1996

This video of the Highsmith Hospital Heritage has been presented to the hospital from the Highsmith-Rainey Nurses Alumnae. This is just a note of explanation as to how all of this came about in preserving some of the history about the hospital and also the training school for nurses.

Mrs. Myrtle McColl Maxwell was graduated from the Highsmith Hospital Training School for nurses in 1929. Throughout the years she had saved newspaper articles, pictures, and anything pertaining to the hospital and to the School of Nursing. For several years she had hoped that these articles-some yellowed with age- could be preserved in some way. A group of nurses had gotten together several times looking at the collection but no headway was ever made in deciding how and where to start. Mrs. Flora Alice Peterson Crowder from Raeford and a 1940 graduate from the Highsmith School of Nursing has a friend, Mr. Luke McNeil, who does this as a hobby. He had done a video of her class reunion. When she told him what we wanted to do about preserving these things Mrs. Maxwell had saved, he told her to bring them to him to look through. This she did and this is what he selected to put on the video.

The narrator for this video is Brenda Lawlor. She is the daughter of Patricia Cooper Chappell, who is a 1940 graduate from the Highsmith Hospital School of Nursing.

We realize that Highsmith Hospital was a pioneer in the medical field. There are many things that this hospital was the first in the state of North Carolina to do and to have done. Maybe, some day, all of these things can be put on another video.

Mrs. Maxwell died in September, 1995. If she had lived for a few more days she would have been ninety-five years old. She was very alert mentally. She knew before her death that this video had been finished and was looking forward to seeing it. She was responsible in keeping the Highsmith-Rainey Nurses Alumnae together for the last ten or fifteen years. We met every three months. The only meeting she missed during that time was the September meeting before she died.

The Highsmith-Rainey Nurses Alumnae