

ABH 9409

Tape No. 31

Mrs. Rusha Franse Smith

Length: 32 min.

(Mrs. James Christoe, her sister, present)

"Registered Nurse in Roosevelt County"

Interviewed by Mrs. Jean Burroughs  
January 20, 1973

- 032 1906: her parents, J.W. (Einfeild) and Lou Franse filed on land here; came from Oklahoma.
- 043 3 children: (1) Walter Franse (2) Mrs. Frances Cristoe (3) Mrs. Rusha Smith
- 060 Birthdate: December 1, 1882
- 073 First served as nurse for Dr. Evans in Elida
- 085 First wages: \$5 plus room and board for 24 hr. day.
- 098 Treatment of tuberculosis patients.
- 159 1916: came to Portales to work for Dr. Pearce
- 190 While in Louisiana Dr. Pearce delived Huey P. Long whose middle name id tributed to him.
- 202 Dr. Pearce's drugstore anf gift shop descrived
- 212-275 Describes individual cases while working for Dr. Pearce.
- 280 1918: bad flu epidemic
- 307 Besides Dr. Pearce there was a Dr. King who later moved to Santa Fe.
- 311 She was only registered nurse in county.
- 315 There were practical nurses who made \$25 a week; she made \$35.
- 322 1915: went to Amarillio to study; was registered in Texas and N.M.
- 350 1958: retired
- 376 Dr. Hensley came to Oklahoma and built first hospital
- 396 1920's: Dr. Brasell went in with Dr, Hensley
- 419 First hospital has 8 rooms; same yellow brick on Ave. A that is now Dr. Lamen's office.
- 436 Dr. Hensley and Dr. Brasell were first surgeons on county.

J.S. Pearce, 1867-1941

444 Dr. Miller and Dr. Debs were at Santa Fe Hospital in Clovis; did surgery in Prince Street Hospital.

472-500 Home remedies used

536-580 Delivery of babies

SIDE TWO

010 Belongs to BPW, UDC, Baptist Church, and Homemakers Club

013 Sister who is 92 still works for Portales News-Tribune.