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Miss Laura Gilpin
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Dear Miss Gilpin:

I am writing a biography of Dr. Gerald B. Webb of Colorado Springs and wonder whether you would be willing to tell me your memories of him and his wife, Varina Hayes Webb.

In a number of the letters Dr. Webb wrote to Varina when he was on trips to New York for medical meetings around 1915, he told her of seeing you, taking you to dinner and the theater, checking on your health and progress. I get the impression that the two of them were fond of you and concerned for your wellbeing.

Do you remember them so, and how you came to know them in Colorado Springs? I know from Sprague's Newport in the Rockies that your father was Frank Gilpin, director of the old Broadmoor Casino. Was it through this connection that you came to be a friend of the Webbs? Were you, or your father, ever a patient of Dr. Webb's? And what was your feeling about Gerald and Varina as persons?

Also, can you give me any information about the fate of Dr. Alexius M. Forster and Cragmor Sanatorium? They were very important in Dr. Webb's life from 1910 on into the mid-1920s, when they suddenly drop out of sight and I can get no information about what happened, or as to what became of Dr. Forster. (I have found some facts about him before he took over Cragmor and know that ^{he} rose high enough in his field to be made a director of the National Tuberculosis Association.) Marka Webb Bennett Stewart, Dr. Webb's oldest daughter, thinks Dr. Forster's sister, a nurse, she believes, lived with you for a time. If she is still alive, can you tell me where I could write her for information about her brother?

I shall be most grateful for any help you can give me.

Sincerely,

Helen C. Shugg