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Interview with Marianne Stevens by Andrea L'Hommedieu

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Biographical Note

Marianne (Keaney) Stevens was born on September 13, 1951 in Portland, Maine, the daughter of Mary Keaney, a former Navy nurse, and John Keaney, an attorney. Through her father she met many prominent politicians throughout her early years, including Edmund S. Muskie. She and her husband eventually settled in Kingfield, Maine where she has remained politically active as the state committeewoman from Franklin County.

Scope and Content Note

Interview includes discussions of: family background; growing up in Portland, Maine; recollections of Edmund Muskie; Harold Loring; Ken Curtis; Franklin County, Maine politics; changes in politics; and the 1972 Maine democratic convention.

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Andrea L'Hommedieu: This is an interview with Marianne Stevens at the Muskie Archives at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, on August the 2nd, the year 2004, and this is Andrea L'Hommedieu. If I could start just by having you give me your full name, including your maiden name.

Marianne Stevens: OK. Marianne Keaney Stevens.

AL: And how do you spell Keaney?

MS: K-E-A-N-E-Y.

AL: And where and when were you born?

MS: I was born in Portland, September 13th, 1951 at Mercy Hospital.

AL: Is that where you grew up?

MS: Grew up in Portland.

AL: And what was the community like at that time?

MS: Well, I just thought it was wonderful. I enjoyed Portland very much. I also couldn't wait to get out of there, but that's another story. I just enjoyed it very much. I remember the city being full of trees, that's one thing that I remember as a little kid, and lots of snow. Just seemed to have more snow then. We were always fairly political so I was always been aware of politics for as long as I can remember.

AL: Now, were both your parents politically active?

MS: No, my mother wasn't. I'm getting her that way in her old age, but no. My father was.

AL: And what was his name?

MS: His name is John B. Keaney.

AL: And he was an attorney in Portland?

MS: Yes.

AL: And in what ways was he politically active over the years?

MS: He was involved, the earliest recollection I have was the Portland city committee, and I'm not sure if I remember that or remember reading it in a lot of his archive stuff. But he was on the Portland city committee and, in fact, had to resign as chair of the Portland city committee because he was appointed to the State Industrial Accident Commission. So, when he got appointed to that he resigned at his basic political position in Portland.

AL: And was that, that was precursor to the Workers Compensation Board?

MS: It's basically the same. I'm not a hundred percent sure what the Workers Compensation Board does now. I think it's set up a little differently than it was when my father was on it, but yes, that's what it is.

AL: So after that time he wasn't politically again, or was it just for a period of time?

MS: (*Aside*) I'm sorry. I didn't mean to interrupt.

Well, he was always politically aware and always, no, he was politically active, he just didn't take any, he just didn't take the leadership role in city politics he had before that.

AL: And what was Portland like politically as you were growing up?

MS: I remember a lot more on radio than we have now. I remember staying up and listening

to election returns on the radio. A friend of my father was running for the school committee, and I just remember listening to the results of that. I was active from the time I was in high school in local politics, and getting involved in making signs, and going to rallies and working in headquarters, and that's how I got to meet a lot of people, you know, active in the state politics. But it just got me involved, and it hasn't stopped.

AL: And who are some of the people you met during that time?

MS: I remember, let me think, I'm trying to think, maybe this was later, but Severin Beliveau was chair of the state party, and that may have been later. Harold Pachios, I think, was head of the state party at one point. Gerry Conley was, I don't know if he was, he may have been local like city committee or county committee, but he was around. And then of course in '68 when Muskie was running for vice president that was, that was very exciting and he used to, he would come in to the office on occasion.

AL: What was that like? What were your impressions of him?

MS: Oh, oh, I was just fascinated by the man, just totally fascinated. I remember this big tall man, that's the thing I remember. And he had appointed my father to the Industrial Accident Commission, so it was kind of funny because all the way through him running for vice president, even when he was secretary of state, for some reason I couldn't get it out of my head that he wasn't Governor Muskie. It just seemed that I had grown up knowing him as Governor Muskie and that was what I called him. But not to his face.

But, no, there were always people in the office, because I'd go in and I'd be answering phones or making phone calls or stuff, you know. I was the kid who would just go in there and they'd give me all this work to do. And it was wonderful, I thought it was great. But I remember '68 because I have some neat little pins that I remember from that campaign, and one of them was just a HHH, just this little Humphrey HHH pin, and "Maine for Muskie" and things like that.

In fact, I met him at the airport. My sister, and I have a picture somewhere too, my mother and a couple of my sisters and I had gone out to Portland airport. It was probably our first day of school so it was in September and he was coming in from somewhere, Muskie was coming in from somewhere to come home, and we went out to the airport and met him at the airport. I had my picture in the paper meeting him. The family was there. And then in high school I remember, I was a senior that year, yeah, I was a senior in high school that year and we had this big debate on the presidential election. Everyone in school pretty much was for the Humphrey-Muskie ticket, but there were a couple that weren't and, you know, we're still trying to convince those same people that they're on the wrong side.

But that was, actually my earliest recollection, one of my earliest recollections of Ed Muskie was in 1960 when Kennedy was running, and I was nine years old. And my father, Kennedy was coming to Portland and he and Ed Muskie were driving from the airport to someplace in downtown Portland, I don't know where, and my grandfather was up. I want to say it was a Friday night; how stupid, I can't remember, but I want to say it was a Friday night. And we went to someplace on outer Congress Street by St. Patrick's church, and I'm standing on the street

corner with, my father, my grandfather and me, and I had a sign that said "Kennedy for President". It was on a big stake, stick, so I could hold it onto the ground and it was at eye level type thing, it was a good size sign. And Muskie and Kennedy came down in the back of a convertible and they were waving to all the people and they came by us and Ed Muskie looked over and saw my father and said, "Hi John," and waved to him, and my father waved back. And John Kennedy turned around and looked and said, "Hi John," and waved. And, you know, I said, "Dad, Kennedy knows you." And of course he didn't, you know, he was just being politically polite and waving, and my father wasn't going to say anything differently with his daughter and his father there, you know, it's like, yeah, Kennedy knows me. It was really kind of funny.

That's one of the first political recollections I have at all was that '60 election. And I had the sign, we had that "Kennedy for President" sign in the cellar for the longest time. I can't remember when we got rid of it, but it was, oh, I think we moved at one point and the sign went away, but I just remember having it in the cellar for the longest time. And that was, that was like a big awakening for me, it was like, oh, the next president. And then when he did become president it was like so cool.

AL: And your grandfather who was there that evening, was that your father's father?

MS: Yes.

AL: And was he a Democrat and politically active too?

MS: He was not politically active. He was an immigrant, he was from Ireland, and just instilled in his children, my father and his two brothers, the importance of voting. You know, he came to this country, all four of my grandparents immigrated from Ireland, and they all actually instilled in their children the importance of voting and I think that has carried through to this day. My niece in California is the same way, I mean she's just so involved right now, and I think that's great for somebody who's twenty-five, twenty-six. So I think it's just kind of filtered down from my grandparents. Yeah, he wasn't politically active, but he made sure he voted every time, and yes, he was a Democrat; they were all Democrats.

AL: Do you have a sense of your father's impressions and maybe his, how he got to know Ed Muskie over the years? Did he ever relate that to you?

MS: You know, he may have, but I don't remember. I know that, no, I really don't know, I just know my father was very impressed with him and I know that they were, you know, speaking friends if not, you know, I don't know how close they were. I mean, they were obviously acquainted with each other and everything, but no, I don't know, I don't recall.

AL: And let me back up for a second. What is your mother's name and what does, was she a housewife when you were growing up?

MS: Her name is Mary Kincannon Keaney, and yes, she was a nurse, a former Navy nurse, very impressed with her, my Navy veteran mother. And she was home the whole time while we

were growing up until my youngest sister got into high school and she went back to work. But no, she was always home.

AL: And you said she wasn't politically active, but did your dad like to discuss politics at home, in terms of local issues or state or national issues?

MS: Oh, always.

AL: And do you have any specific recollections of events or issues that stick out in your mind?

MS: Oh, I'm trying to think. He was involved, I'm trying to think exactly what it was. I can't think of any specific issues that he would have discussed at home. I know he was involved with something, when Robert Kennedy was attorney general, and it had to do with veterans. And I'm trying to think if it, conscientious objectors, he had to do with something with conscientious objectors, and I just remember there was a big plaque, or not a plaque, a letter or a proclamation or something that gave him this authority to work under the attorney general, and I can't, I should have looked at it before I left the house and I can't remember what it was. But I know, you know, he would talk about that, and he was involved in black lung disease, studies with black lung disease and OSHA issues, those were the most recent things that I can remember because I don't remember anything when I was really little.

AL: We were talking about some of the people you might have known, your dad's contemporaries or people that you met during your activities in Portland politics. And I'm wondering if you can talk about any encounters or descriptions you have of these people like Milt Wheeler?

MS: The name is familiar, but I can't put anything specific to it.

AL: Gerry Conley, Sr.?

MS: Gerry Conley, I remember, when I worked in the campaign headquarters, because I'd do that for a number of elections. And he was always, I think he might have been the city committee, chair of the city committee, but I just remember him being there and being in some position of authority. But he was around a lot, I remember that.

AL: And Harold Loring.

MS: Harold Loring, I went to school with his daughter. So that's, I knew who he was basically as the father of Roberta, you know, and she was a year ahead of me in school. And I think if I remember correctly he was on the Portland city committee, what is it called, city council. I think he was on the Portland city council. And, now maybe Milt Wheeler was, too. I'm trying to think of where I knew these names, because I used to sit, I think it was Monday nights they'd have the city council meetings and they'd have them on the radio, and again I remember listening to them, I'd sit there, now that you bring it up, yeah. We'd sit there and listen to the city council meetings. How dull and boring can a kid be, you know? Yeah, I think Harold Loring was there. But I'm mostly aware of it because, through his daughter.

AL: You don't have recollections of him?

MS: No, not really. Just, no, I'd see him at events at school, that would be about it.

AL: Casper Tevanian?

MS: That name I have not heard in a long time and I, I think he was a lawyer. I'm not sure, but I certainly know the name, but I can't give any recollection of the man.

AL: Mert Henry.

MS: Again, that's a name, but I don't know the man.

AL: And Joe Brennan.

MS: Joe Brennan I know. I went to school with his wife. But he, in fact, in fact a funny story, and I don't know if my mother will want me to tell this, but my mother was an OB/GYN nurse, a delivery room nurse, and I believe she delivered one of Joe Brennan's children because the doctor didn't show up in time. But that, yeah, that was a joke in the family, yes. He and his first wife would come to the house. I do remember them around a lot.

AL: And so Joe was a friend of your dad's?

MS: Yes.

AL: And Peter Kyros, Sr.?

MS: I remember him again being around at the state party headquarters, or the city headquarters. Congressman I believe?

AL: Hm-hmmm.

MS: And -

AL: Do you remember your impressions of him, what was he like?

MS: I think I went to his house once or something, too, and I can't remember why. Umm, impressions, well, I was in awe, you know, as a high school or college kid with a congressman, but I don't have any real recollections. I think I was able to vote for him when I could vote for the first time, so I think he may have been one of the first people I had ever voted for for Congress. That sticks in my head. But I don't have any specific encounters or anything that I remember with him.

AL: Do you have recollections of who some of the, of your dad's contemporaries were that you knew over the years, or were there?

MS: He, oh, I wish I could think. He used to hang around with a group they called the Irish Mafia, and it was some other state department heads. There was my father, there was the, oh, why can't I think of these names? The insurance commissioner and the head of the PUC, and the names are completely gone out of my head, but the three of them used to hang out a lot. Yup, completely gone, I can't remember.

He, there used to be in Portland, there was a lawyer, name was Lou Provencher and he was a Republican, and he and my father were great friends. And they cancelled each other out at every election because they'd vote the opposite way each time. And his wife, Lorette Provencher was, I don't know if she was registrar of voters or something in the city hall in Portland. I just remember that she, I think when I went to enroll in the party, because I remember I registered to vote, I think I registered to vote, well maybe I did go to city hall, but anyhow I went to see her because she was a friend of my father's, but a Republican. So what, you know?

Oh, one of those names just came to me, Frank, and it went again but anyhow, it'll come back. And let me think, it's funny when you look, I should have brought, I should have looked through my wedding book because my husband, you know, they have the guest list, guest book at the wedding, and my husband laughs because, you know, there were judges, you know, a couple, some judges, and Frank Rocheleau from Westbrook was one of them, and Richardson, Mo Richardson was a judge in the Dedham court in Massachusetts, and we were very impressed because he was the cousin of Elliot Richardson who I think was fired by Nixon and all of that thing, it's like, wow, you know, that's cool. Because I got married in '74, so this was just after all that had happened. Let me see, who else in Portland? Ken Curtis. He used to be at our house.

AL: What was he like?

MS: I always enjoyed him. I enjoyed his wife, and we used to, I remember one time we were at a Maine Day at Fenway Park with his wife, and I think both daughters were still alive at the time, and both girls and that was always fun. Well, I enjoyed going to Fenway and going down with, you know, I think he, I'm pretty sure he was governor then, too, yeah, that was nice.

But I remember, there was one time in Portland, I think it was at a Curtis for governor rally, I don't know, I want to say '6-, no, I can't remember when it was. But I met Ed Muskie again then, and Robert Kennedy. And I mean, Robert Kennedy came into the headquarters where I was working and that was very impressive, very impressive. And yeah, it had to have been like '66, it couldn't have been much later than that.

AL: Yes, Curtis was governor from '66 to '74, and Robert Kennedy died in '68.

MS: Right.

AL: So, yeah, (*unintelligible phrase*) '66.

MS: Yeah, I want to say it was '66, and in fact I don't know if we were coming from the rally, which would make sense, but we were at the Eastland and I met, as we were leaving the three of

them, Muskie and Curtis and Kennedy were coming in and like a star struck kid I said, "Oh, gee, give me an autograph." So I had this little card which was the admittance card to the rally, and so I got the three signatures on the back of it. Which, you know, at the time was really cool but even now it's more so, and it's very treasured. But that was impressive, I remember that. So that would have been '66. And then, oh, I saw, I went to a rally at Colby which probably would have been in '70, spring, early summer, spring of '70 I think, and I seem to remember it was an anti-war rally event.

We thumbed down from Orono, and I had never thumbed anywhere in my entire life and there were like three of us from Orono who had gone down. We got a ride in the back of a, I'm going to say a Volkswagen bus took us down. We had no idea where we were going to stay either, it was a two day event, and we ended up sleeping on the floor of somebody's dorm room, which was fine. But Muskie spoke and Margaret Chase Smith, both spoke at this event on the lawn. And I just remember music and thumbing back to Orono, but that was very impressive. And it had to have been an anti-war thing because that whole year, '6-, you know, early '70, Kent State, and I just remember marches on the president's house at Orono and moratorium and candlelight marches, and then the kids getting shot at Kent State. I had a friend at Kent State at the time, and I wish I had saved his letters because he wrote after the event and said that the police didn't, the National Guard people were scared, as scared as we were, you know, he said, as scared as the kids were.

But I'm pretty sure, no, I'm not sure because we wouldn't have been, we wouldn't have been in school much after May. But it was while school was still in session, it was a weekend and so it probably would have been April or May of 1970 that we went to hear Muskie and Margaret Chase Smith. Which was kind of interesting to have them both there, you know, but both Maine senators were there. That was good, I enjoyed that.

AL: Have you had many connections with Severin Beliveau over the years?

MS: Actually no. I moved to Massachusetts when I got married, so from '74 until '95, '95 and '96, I forget when we came back, I'd lived in Massachusetts, so I've lived in exile for a few years. So no, I lost; actually I lost contact with most people in Maine during that time, other than, you know, other than family and a few friends. So it's only been since I came back that I've gotten active politically here in Maine again.

But I was so surprised, a couple years ago in the, when I was working with the Baldacci campaign I met Severin's son, and I was so surprised because he was never married when I knew him and, you know, now he's married with children, and grown children. And it was so funny because the son had graduated from Colby with my niece, so it was kind of funny. Yeah, no, so I haven't had any contact. I saw him at the Blaine House last Christmas and that was about it. I haven't seen him at all.

AL: Well, it's interesting because Severin married Cynthia Murray Beliveau, and she's from the Murray family in Bangor, her dad was Bob Murray. He was a big Democrat in the Bangor area, so yeah, (*unintelligible phrase*).

MS: It was just surprising because I've been out, you know, like I said, out of touch completely with Maine politics. Massachusetts politics is fun on its own.

AL: Yeah, I bet. And what was it like, why did you choose Kingfield to come back to?

MS: We, my husband and I are both retired, we got offers through our companies that, you know, couldn't refuse, and we had always talked that we were going to come back to Maine. We just had the jobs in Massachusetts, so when they went away it was like, okay, now we're going back to Maine. And my sister had a, has a ski camp up at Sugarloaf and we were up there one weekend and we said, you know, this would be a great place if we were to retire to come back up this way, because we didn't care where we lived really. So we did. When we came back we rented a house up in that area and looked around for a while until we found a place of our own, and so we moved up there, in the middle of nowhere. But it's close to Sugarloaf, so.

AL: Yeah. And so you're involved in Franklin County politics now?

MS: Yes, yes.

AL: And what, is that very different from the Portland community politics?

MS: Oh, quite different. First of all, in Portland the Democrats were a majority, you know, and there was no question. And in Franklin County it's completely, well, I shouldn't say completely the opposite because right now, and maybe this is true in Portland as well, the unenrolleds are as big a component of the voter base as either party is. But the Democrats are a distinct minority in Franklin County, especially in Kingfield where I live. I was elected, I've been the state committee woman from Franklin County for the last two years, and then I was just reelected in May for another two years. And then at our last county committee meeting I was elected to county chair. So I will probably resign as state committee person because the county chair is already on the state committee. But no, now I'm the county chair, and that's turning out to be a lot more work than I anticipated. Not bad, you know, I don't mind doing it. Just with the upcoming election and everything, right now is very busy.

AL: And as you look at politics over the years since you've been involved, that's really from as a child, how have you seen it change in Maine? Have you seen changes in the way politics happens, or is it pretty much the same?

MS: I can't say specifically in Maine, but I would say overall it used to be fun, you know. I always thought of politics as fun. And I don't know if it's just right now that it seems to be so nasty, and it just seems to have changed in the last few election cycles. And, you know, maybe I've also just grown up and see it differently than I did as a child and as a young adult. But I just don't think it's necessary to be as vile as some of these campaigns have been. I hope that changes. I don't know. And now I have to look at it more from campaign financing, too, because as you know we have to figure out how we as a county, how we in the county are going to fund our efforts. So, you know, a lot of people are still, if you're just looking at it as a campaign and you're out there and you're, you know, you're knocking on doors or you're holding signs or whatever, that's one thing. But then to how are we going to finance this and looking at it

from that point of view has changed my opinion on a lot of the way politics is going. You know, it's still fun. It's a business now for me, which kind of is a shame, but it's okay, too.

AL: Do you see much of the divisiveness at the local level, or is that more the state and national levels?

MS: I don't see much of it locally. I'm pretty involved with the state house race that encompasses my district right now, my town, they redistricted and it's just hard. They just made, this one district that Kingfield is in includes Bethel and, I mean it goes from all the way up from Coburn Gore on the Canadian border to Gilead, Maine which is over on the New Hampshire border, and with a few pockets pulled out to go to other districts. I'm very disappointed in what our legislature did.

But anyhow, so we have a house candidate right now who lives in Bethel and knows nothing about the Kingfield area or Franklin County so was working with the Oxford County people. I don't see any real dissension or nastiness locally. I think a lot of that is because of clean elections, too, they only have a limited amount of money to spend. I ran into a little bit of nastiness over in one of our local towns. We had a parade and the house candidate's daughter is a paid employee of the Bush-Cheney campaign, and she was a little unfriendly. But again, maybe that's because it's on the national level, but she wasn't, you know, her father is also, is the Republican candidate for that house district and, and I thought she probably could have been a little bit more tactful than she was. But no, I don't see it on a local basis but more on the congressional and presidential level right now.

AL: Do you have any anecdotes about your time in politics? They can be humorous or illuminating, things that happened that stuck in your mind that you think are worth telling for history?

MS: Oh, I'm trying to think. I attended my first convention in 1972, state convention, and then I didn't attend another one in Maine for thirty years.

AL: So what was the Maine convention like?

MS: In '72?

AL: Yup.

MS: The first thing I remember was the city caucus, the Portland city caucus, and it was so funny to compare it to the caucus that we had this year in 2004 because, well actually 2002 which was even more, a little bit different than the one we had in 2004. But in '72 I had a mentor, a fabulous woman, Kitty Caswell, Kitty Hendricks Caswell in Portland, and it's funny because I just reestablished contact with her, too, which has been great. But she was a state representative at the time, and she lived a couple streets over from us and she was a friend of my father's and she said, "Well yeah, come with me and I'll take you to the caucus." And I want to say it was, I don't know, it was at Portland High School or one of the, Jack Junior High School or someplace, I don't remember where it was, and everyone had to decide who you wanted to,

which candidate you were going to support and, just as we did at this year's, you know, all of those for one candidate go to one corner and all those for another candidate goes to the other corner. And Ed Muskie was a candidate, so we, I was a delegate for Ed Muskie. Actually, I was an alternate, I went as an alternate, and the convention was at Colby in Waterville, and Kitty said, "Well, I'll drive you, that's fine." So we drove up together. And I don't, I just remember a lot of people, I don't remember any specifics, I don't remember who was there, I don't remember anything really about that. I just remember going.

AL: Do you remember what the feeling was for Ed Muskie, because, if I recall correctly, there was some division between Maine people as to who they were going to support.

MS: Exactly. I remember the, when you had to declare your preference at the caucus, I was surprised that there weren't, everyone wasn't in the Muskie corner. And I think, I think McGovern might have had a very large contingent in our precinct caucus, and I thought at the time, I remember thinking, well gee, you know, when you go to a convention like this, and if there are a lot of people, go with the one with the fewer because you have a better chance of getting elected. But that, it's so weird, but that's just a remembrance that I have about that time. But no, I was surprised that everyone wasn't backing Ed Muskie at the time, and now that you mention it that's exactly the way I felt, I was surprised and that's exact-, and it didn't, everyone wasn't.

AL: Now Kitty, has she been politically active for years?

MS: I believe so, yes. She was a candidate to the state convention this year.

AL: She's still active.

MS: Yeah, yeah. And in fact, I was running for national delegate, I was a candidate for national delegate at the state convention, and didn't make it, and I had written to Kitty and asked for her support, and I said, you know, it's a case of I don't know if you remember me, but, and she wrote back and said, "Absolutely, I remember you and I remember you coming to the state legislature and sitting in the visitors gallery," and stuff. So it was fun to reestablish contact with her again.

AL: And now you said you're trying to get your mom involved actively. Has she shown an interest in later years?

MS: Well, she's furious at the current president, absolutely furious. And, you know, she's always voted, and she'll do her duty that way, but she's, you know, never been one to go and even put a bumper sticker on her car and she now has one. But I took her to the opening of the Kerry campaign office in Portland a couple of weeks ago and she was so thrilled, she got one of the few Kerry-Edwards buttons that were in the state of Maine at the time. And she says, "Well you know, I can probably do some work down here in the office." And she lives in a senior citizens housing apartment building in Portland and so they had talked, she and the woman at the headquarters, about maybe doing some organizing in her building and just getting the people aware of politics. Because my mother said a lot of people in there don't care, they either don't

care, a lot of the women vote however their husbands tell them to vote or however they think their husbands would have voted if the husband was still alive, and that they don't have minds of their own. And so she said, "If we just tell them maybe they'll know." So I think my mother's going to be working in her building trying to get some people motivated.

AL: Oh, that's great.

MS: Yeah, I think it's wonderful. She may even go back to the campaign office and put in some hours down there. I told her she had to earn her button.

AL: Is there anything else that I haven't asked you that you think is important to add, somebody I didn't know to ask about that you find important?

MS: Oh, I'm not sure. It's probably a case of as soon as I walk out of here I'll remember what I should have said. Having been gone, if I had, I think if I had stayed in Maine things would have been, you know, I'd have much better recollections because I would have seen these people all along. And, you know, it's just funny getting back into politics. I was at the Blaine House for a Christmas party, that's where I saw Severin, never got to talk to him but I did see him, and these people I met, Connie Brennan, Joe Brennan's current wife who was a year behind me in high school, and saw her at the convention a couple of times, and that was funny to see her again, and just the connections between all of these people. And had I stayed in Maine I would know probably a lot more connections.

But no, it was fascinating growing up in Portland, it was fascinating being involved in politics, and I was, in fact I think I got elected to the Portland Democrat city committee just as I was leaving, because I got married and left. One of those, you know, there's nothing left in Maine, I've got to go to Boston to go to work. My husband had lived in Massachusetts for years so it was like, no, we're going down there, I can't work, I can't live in Maine any more. And then we came back every weekend. So it was kind of foolish for us to go. We always knew we'd come back.

AL: Well, thank you very much.

MS: Oh, you're welcome, it's my pleasure.

End of Interview