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Representative Edna Kelly's Congressional Start

Recollections of Representative Edna Kelly of New York's political involvement at home.

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She was very active in Democratic local politics, especially in the Madison Club, and she became a staffer actually up in the New York assembly district to, I guess do research for the Democratic party and the legislator itself, a Mr. Steingut, Irwin Steingut who was the 18th century—sense—district. So, that's the beginning of it and she got very popular around the state. She knew a lot of people anyway through my father. His father had been postmaster of Brooklyn. Started out as a letter carrier, became postmaster of Brooklyn Kings County in 1913 or something like that, and he was a very popular man. And so the Kelly family was well known in Brooklyn at that time and I guess I'm the last of the Mohicans.