

Jane Andrews Hinds

Daughter of the Honorable George and Elizabeth Andrews of Alabama

Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress

“She Was Very Active”

Jane Andrews Hinds remembers the several roles Elizabeth Andrews played as a mother, a member of the community, and a wife of a Congressman.

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After the first year when she married Dad and had to fill that contract with the schools, she never worked again. She, she always just had a wonderful, marvelous home for us to grow up in, and she was a marvelous cook. She had, we had Pinky, who Mother taught to do everything in the kitchen that she could think of, and she and, and Pinky always had beautiful dinners for us, and flowers were always in the house. She was very active. She played lots of bridge. She was in a Twentieth Century Club, and gave reviews of books. They took turns doing that. She quite often taught Sunday school. And then, of course, she was very active in the Congressional Club in Washington. As I said, they would have teas for different dignitaries. She wound up being vice president the last year of my father's life, and would have been president had Dad not died. So then, then she succeeded him and went to the House. She was very close to my father. She knew everything that was going on. She was a great strength for my father. She gave good advice. She was as smart as she could be.