

## **Jane Andrews Hinds**

**Daughter of the Honorable George and Elizabeth Andrews of Alabama**

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#### **Elizabeth Andrews of Alabama**

Jane Andrews Hinds recalls how her parents met while her mother was a home economics teacher.  
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Mother grew up in Geneva, Alabama. Her father was in business. Unfortunately, he died when she was only one year old. So, she went to elementary and to high school in Geneva, and then she went to Montevallo, and pursued a career in education. She wanted to teach. And one of her advisors said to Mother, "You should think of home economics, because they pay more than regular teachers' salaries." So Mother, when she graduated, the Depression was imminent, and she realized when she went to Union Springs and, and saw what the other teachers were making, and she was making \$30 or \$40 more per month, that her advisor had been great. She was glad she majored in home economics, and she adored every aspect of that. She met my father when she moved to Union Springs, and they dated. She thought he was the deacon in the First Baptist Church, and somehow they started talking, and he asked her for a date. So I think it was love from the very first. Mother then did not think things were progressing quite smoothly, and she was asked to go to another part of the state to teach. And Dad said, "No, you don't—we are getting married." Instead of asking her father, who no longer lived, he went to her supervisor and said, "I would like so to marry Elizabeth Bullock." So, they were married, and Mother still taught, finished her contract and still taught. I suppose the town was 40 miles from Union Springs. Dad was a county solicitor at the time, and they met on the weekends. And then Mother would leave and go teach, and then come back to Union Springs on Friday. So, that was very happy.