

Jane Andrews Hinds

Daughter of the Honorable George and Elizabeth Andrews of Alabama

Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress

“Every Step of the Way”

Jane Andrews Hinds reveals how involved Elizabeth Andrews was in her husband’s congressional career.

Interview recorded July 21, 2017

Well, she was so close to my father. She knew every thought that he had had. I am looking at the speech that she made at the dam—George Andrews Dam—dedication, May 26, 1972. “My gratitude is as deep and wide as the Chattahoochee today, because I know how much this project meant to George. It meant so much that in order to obtain the initial funds, George bucked his committee chairman and became a crusader among the committee members, and only managed to get the project approved by one vote. He came home that night chuckling as he announced, ‘We got our nose under the tent.’” So she was with him, you know, every, every step of the way. She knew his thoughts, she knew his goals, because she was part of it. So I don’t think there was as much transition as you might think. It was not, “Oh my God, what will I do?” I mean, she had grown up. She knew the legislative process. So I think, I think she really enjoyed that year.