

Eleanore Wasson Oral History Interview Index

- :44 Discussion about current family, early roots in California, moving to Sedalia, Missouri (MO), and operating various restaurants.
- 4:17 Mottos for life
- 4:46 Restaurants and other types of community involvement [there are some minutes that the video cuts out]; opened sandwich and spud shop in 1984, then had three within a few years; grocery business
- 9:14 Children's involvement in various communities; her own activities; 2002 husband was mayor of Sedalia
- 10:20 Involvement in National Women's Conference (NWC) as a result of being elected to local school board
- 12:09 Memories of NWC; comparison of NWC to political party event; hotel arrival; feeling of being overwhelmed with number of caucuses
- 14:31 Her involvement in any groups/activities that were "family oriented"
- 15:25 Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) and her group's thoughts about it
- 18:39 Sexism in work then as well as today
- 20:59 Phyllis Schlafly's influence on the MO delegation
- 24:13 Narrator holds up various items from her NWC collection
- 25:56 More discussion about the ERA; holds up *To Form a More Perfect Union*
- 27:33 Feeling that homemakers were underrepresented
- 28:22 Narrator points herself out on page 23 of *The Spirit of Houston*
- 28:48 Feelings of being there; introduction to new ideas and various races and cultures
- 29:46 Shows ID badge and various materials including newspapers, promotional materials, etc.
- 32:14 Labor unions, and various other groups
- 32:50 Public speaking about the NWC after the conference; growing interest in women's history
- 33:50 [Daughter speaks about how NWC changed her mom]
- 35:01 Changes the MO delegates wanted regarding the ERA; reasons why she does not believe in the ERA
- 38:50 After the conference, reception narrator received regarding the NWC; mentor was Mary McLaughlin who currently lives in Chicago
- 42:41 Narrator's interest in women's history, ex. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Eleanore Roosevelt; "Women supporting women is really important."
- 44:47 Political legacy of NWC was "the push that it gave women's issues"
- 47:47 Advice for younger generation of women: "Stand up for yourself" and get educated
- 49:09 Shows photo from California in 1971 of narrator collecting glass for recycling; concern for environment
- 50:28 Narrator started a transportation system in her town of Sedalia, MO in 1998
- 52:57 "Seeing a need and addressing it. That's what we have to do."
- 53:34 First restaurant. "I had a vision of what I wanted to do and I pursued that vision."

