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Title Interview with Dorothy Brooks Koopman

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Primary Maker Sondra Astor Stave

Medium digitized audio cassette tape

Description Audio cassette tape of an interview with Dorothy Brooks "Brooksie"

Koopman. She was interviewed on June 7, 2007 by Sondra Astor Stave at the Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford, Connecticut. Brooksie Koopman was born on May 30, 1950 at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut. Her parents are Georgette Fox Auerbach and Richard Koopman. Georgette is one of Beatrice Fox Auerbach's daughters. She has five siblings. Brooksie's father worked in the shade tobacco business. She attended St. Joseph College for Women for preschool and kindergarten; the Lloyd H. Bugbee School in West Hartford for grades 1-6; and the Oxford School for grades 7-12. She attended Case Western Reserve University for her undergraduate degree and the University of Chicago for graduate school. Brooksie describes how she remembers G. Fox & Co. as a child and being recognized as a member of Beatrice Fox Auerbach's family. She describes her memories of her grandmother and the Sunday lunches the grandchildren had at Beatrice's house. In the summers, the lunches were held at Auerfarm in Bloomfield, rather than at the 1040 Prospect Avenue house in Hartford. Brooksie worked at G. Fox during the summers and at Christmas in the Costume Jewelry Department. She mentions the Pharmaceutical Department G. Fox had at Hartford Hospital and the agricultural branch that was unsuccessful.

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She discusses visits to New York City with her grandmother. She discusses

Beatrice Fox Auerbach's relationship with Eleanor Roosevelt. Brooksie discusses

her experience being the only women at an engineering firm and how her

grandmother influenced her. She ends the interview explaining how the G. Fox

oral history project came about and the legacy of Beatrice Fox Auerbach.

Dimensions Duration: 1 Hour, 12 Minutes, 32 Seconds