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**MARJORIE “MARGE” H. O’LAUGHLIN
ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW, 15 JULY 2013**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Marjorie “Marge” Hartley O’Laughlin (September 11, 1929-September 30, 2022) was born in Indianapolis, Indiana to Joseph W. Hartley (1903-1963) and Dorothy Drew Hartley (1907-1987). She grew up in Indianapolis, attending Indianapolis Public School No. 70 and then Shortridge High School, graduating in 1947. She attended Indiana University for two years.

Ms. O’Laughlin became involved in local city-county politics as a precinct volunteer with the Republican party, followed by serving as precinct committeeman, campaign manager, and finance director before successfully running for the office of City Clerk for Indianapolis in 1968, where she served until 1972. She went on to serve two terms as clerk of both the Indiana Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals from 1978 to 1986. At the end of her term as clerk, she was elected Indiana’s second female State Treasurer, serving two terms from 1987 to 1995. She later worked for Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County before retiring and was a board member of the Indiana Bond Bank.

Ms. O’Laughlin met William H. O’Laughlin (1928-1985) and they married in 1950. They have seven children- Mary Kathleen O’Laughlin (b. 1951), Dorothy Elizabeth O’Laughlin (b. 1953), William H. O’Laughlin Jr. (b. 1955), Patricia Anne O’Laughlin Turner (b. 1956), Brian Joseph O’Laughlin (b. 1957), Kevin Patrick O’Laughlin (b. 1960) and Andrew Hartley O’Laughlin (b. 1968).

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The following interview is one of a collection of oral history interviews devoted to collecting life stories of prominent Indiana women involved in business, education, law, philanthropy, politics, and religion. All of the women interviewed for this project were selected from within the membership of The Gathering, an informal networking group of approximately 175 Indiana women leaders that began around 1990. The Indianapolis Women's Oral History Project (initially known as The Gathering Oral History Project) was organized in 2013 by the members of The Gathering and conducted with the assistance and supervision of the Indiana Historical Society (IHS).

This manuscript was transcribed from a digitally recorded interview conducted on July 15, 2013, at Marge O'Laughlin's home, Indianapolis, Indiana by Barbara Williams, a member of The Gathering. Data Logistics Control, INC, located in Indianapolis, Indiana, transcribed the interview in 2015, and Wendy L. Adams, director of oral history at IHS, lightly edited the transcript in 2020. The interview, which includes the audio recording and transcript, is housed at the William H. Smith Memorial Library, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

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