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**REBECCA O. KENDALL
ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW AND TRANSCRIPT, 2014; 2020**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Rebecca O. Kendall was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1948 to Jesse Overpeck (1908–1982) and Lorena M. Cox Overpeck (1916–1998). When a young child, her parents moved the family to Brazil, Indiana, her father’s hometown. She graduated from Brazil High School in 1966 and then attended Indiana University—both at the Indianapolis Extension and Bloomington—where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in education in 1970. While working as a caseworker for the Marion County Department of Public Welfare in Indianapolis and then as community coordinator at the city’s Division of Urban Renewal, she attended Indiana University McKinney School of Law at night. After graduating in 1975 with a Doctor of Law degree, she became a staff attorney at Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis and retired from there in 2002 while serving as senior vice president and general counsel.

At present, Ms. Kendall serves on the board of Women4Change Indiana. She has also served on the boards of directors of Central Indiana Community Foundation, Indianapolis Legal Aid Society, Prevent Child Abuse Indiana, and Christian Theological Seminary throughout the many years she has lived in Indianapolis.

Ms. Kendall met Jan Goss (b. 1948), whom she married in 1973. They have two daughters—Natalie G. Goss and Hannah G. Wachs. They divorced in 1986. She later met Charles E. Kendall (b. 1939) in 1991 and married him in 2000. Currently, she resides with her husband in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This manuscript was transcribed from a digitally recorded interview conducted on July 1, 2014, in the chambers of Judge Sarah Evans Barker, Birch Bayh Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse, Indianapolis, Indiana, by Sarah Evans Barker, a member of The Gathering. Data Logistics Control, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana, transcribed the interview in 2015, and Wendy L. Adams, IHS's director of oral history, lightly edited the transcript in 2020. The interview, which includes the audio recording and the transcript, is housed at the William H. Smith Memorial Library, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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