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Obstacles Facing Women

Kathy Gille remembers the difficulties women encountered in pursuit of professional advancement.

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I think I was looking for a way around them. I, I feel like I had a lot of support in my family and even from teachers in the, in the girls' school that I went to, but it, it, it was as if we were having to carve our own way. It's not as if the door was closed to it, but it was as if trying to go through that door and do something different with our life, you, you didn't have any idea how to do it. So, somebody said to me recently, your career sounds like it was bushwhacking all the way. And, yeah, it was. It wasn't like it was going through all these big obstacles, but a lot of smaller things, and you just didn't know what the road was.