

FRANCESCA MILLS and SHELDON MILLS

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Mrs. Francesca Dekum Mills accompanied her husband, Ambassador Sheldon Mills, on his assignments with the State Department Foreign Service in the United States and abroad.

This is joint interview with Ambassador and Mrs. Mills.

Background

Ambassador Sheldon Mills

Born in Washington State

Educated at Reed College and Harvard University

Entered the Foreign Service in 1928

Mrs. Francesca Mills

Born in Oregon

Educated at Reed College

General comments

Rogers Act of 1924

Non-reimbursement for wives' travel to post

Home leaves

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Reveley

Washington, DC

1928-1929.

Visa Officer

Studying for Foreign Service exam

Horace Smith

Le Paz, Bolivia

1929-1931

Racial mixture

"Millionaire Ministers"

Altitude problems

Legation staff

Dirty water

Panama, Canal Zone

1931-1934

Mutual Claims Division

Bucharest, Romania

1934-1939

"Winter Housekeeping in Romania"

Living conditions

Birth of twins

King Carol

Languages

Gypsies

Harvard University Separation for family medical reasons	1939-1940
Santiago, Chile Volunteer for military service	1940-1943
New Delhi, India Separation owing to lack of housing Mrs. Mills returns to Oregon US representation in India American Representative William Philips “Quasi” diplomatic status War Shipping Office Office of War Information Indian National Army Congress Party members Nehru and Gandhi	1943-1947
Washington DC Family issues	1947-1950
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	1950-1952
New Delhi, India Smells of India Embassy housing Ambassador and Mrs. Chester Bowles and family Cindy Bowles Dietary taboos Preparations for a bride Ambassador George Allen Indian wedding The Maharajah of Jaipur	1952-1954
Quito, Ecuador	1954-1956
Kabul, Afghanistan	1956-1959
Amman, Jordan Abortive Egypt-Syria union General environment King Hussein Palestinians Israel John Foster Dulles	1959-1961

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