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Oral History Interview

with

MISS MAUD SHAW

April 27, 1965
New York City

By Pamela Turnure

For the John F. Kennedy Library

- Miss Turnure: This is the first part of an interview with Miss Maud Shaw, who has been the Kennedy family nurse since -- when is it, Miss Shaw?
- Miss Shaw: 1957.
- Miss Turnure: And you went to work for the Kennedys right after Caroline was born?
- Miss Shaw: Yes, I took her on when she was eleven days old, in New York Hospital.
- Miss Turnure: You went up and met Mrs. Kennedy when she was in the hospital?
- Miss Shaw: I had seen her before, but I took Caroline from the hospital and stayed in New York for quite a little while and then we went back to Washington.
- Miss Turnure: This was a big move for them, because it was a new house, wasn't it?
- Miss Shaw: It certainly was. Yes, really a big move. Actually and truly, when we first moved in it was only Caroline's nursery that was really ready.
- Miss Turnure: The rest of the household was in some disorder because of the problems of getting settled?
- Miss Shaw: Yes, it took quite a while before it was really settled, but we were beautifully settled before we were moved in.

Miss Turnure: Wonderful. Caroline must have brought great joy into the life of the family.

Miss Shaw: Yes, because she was such a lovely baby, such a good baby, such a pretty baby. No matter what you did for her she was always good. No matter at what time you interrupted her she was always happy and smiling. Never any trouble. Never any. She was perfect. So of course she brought a great deal of joy to both the President and Mrs. Kennedy.

Miss Turnure: Was the President a little nervous about having a baby in the household? Do you remember his reaction to her in the beginning?

Miss Shaw: He was very happy when he first visited her in New York. He wanted to give her her bottle and he asked me to stand quite near him in case he dropped her or something like that. Then it took him such a long while to give her just a very small part of the bottle. "Miss Shaw," he said, "how have you got the patience to feed the child all this bottle? You take the bottle and finish her." But he really loved her and when he came into the house he always came straight upstairs to the nursery. When that child was about eight weeks to twelve weeks old, she always smiled for him when she never did for anybody else. She seemed to love him from the very beginning.

Miss Turnure: They really had a great relationship from the start.

Miss Shaw: Right from the very beginning. He loved her and she adored him. There was nobody like him, her father to her.

Miss Turnure: Then as she got older did she really start to have this relationship with him on playing games and stories or even before stories there must have been childish games that they played together?

Miss Shaw: Yes, she loved to have him play peek-a-boo and give her piggy-back rides but she couldn't do too much then. But he always played with her and romped around with her and told her little stories, and read books to her in his own fashion, letting her turn over the pages, and she would love those evenings with him. But they were always very short at that time because he was campaigning for Senator and I had to keep her up a little later than usual just for him to see her. Because he was so busy he had very little time to spare with her until the evenings.

Miss Turnure: During that time when he was away she must have spent an enormous amount of time with her mother and was their relationship very special or so?

Miss Shaw: Oh, yes, yes. Mrs. Kennedy would do a lot of little things

for her -- dress her, and take her out, and play with her in the garden. We had a delightful garden in Georgetown and a little tiny swimming pool we made for her. We spent a number of hours playing in the swimming pool and having these little afternoon teas and lunches together. Mrs. Kennedy spent an awful lot of time with her.

Miss Turnure: She really brought great joy to that household.

Miss Shaw: Oh, yes. I don't think any child could have as much love as this child had.

Miss Turnure: There must have been a lot of things to prepare Caroline for that fall once the campaign was over and the Presidency was set and a new baby was on the way. How did you tell her about these new events?

Miss Shaw: Well her birthday was coming in November and John was due at about that time but I had told her that her Mommy and Daddy were going to give her a birthday present of a sister or a brother. They couldn't make up their mind quite what they were going to give her. As there was not enough room in the house we were living in, we were going to move into a much bigger house. This prepared her for the time we were going into the White House. We went out especially one day when John was born to buy him a present. She had made up her mind she wanted a brush and comb, so we went to Best specially and she chose her first present for her brother, a silver brush and comb.

Miss Turnure: Then was she anxious to see him those first few days after he was born? Who told her that she had a brother?

Miss Shaw: Well, her father was the first one to tell her, because he had come back from the hospital and he had told her. She dearly wanted to go and see him, but she wasn't allowed in Georgetown Hospital so she didn't see him, actually until we went to Palm Beach. John was picked up and taken to Palm Beach and we all travelled down together. She always loved John very much. She was very dear with him. She used to love to help and would do anything you asked her to do to help.

Miss Turnure: So she must have been a very well adjusted little girl thanks to the love her parents gave her to feel only that John was an asset and something to love and not to be jealous of.

Miss Shaw: No, she was never jealous because she always felt that he was hers, her birthday present. I don't think there was ever any cause for her to be jealous, because he was hers and she was allowed to come in and do things for him and carry him things and so she felt just as much important as he was.

Miss Turnure: Then the President and Mrs. Kennedy left Palm Beach to come

up to the Inauguration. I believe you stayed down with the children until their rooms were ready and then brought them up.

Miss Shaw: Yes, I did that. Yes we came up, in the middle of February, and of course Mrs. Kennedy as well came up because she had returned to Palm Beach after the Inauguration and we watched most of it, Caroline and I, on the television. I felt there were some things that she should see and try to remember about her father.

Miss Turnure: Of course by then she was probably use to seeing him on television. Do you think she sensed the real impact of what was happening at the Inauguration -- that he now had a different job?

Miss Shaw: No, I don't feel it quite because nobody emphasized too much about the bigness of him. Mrs. Kennedy wished it that way. She didn't want them to feel that they were any different to any other children, so she never pressed that too much. But I had said to her what was happening and that later on she would really realize what really had happened that day.

Miss Turnure: Then the day they came to the White House for the first time I remember that Mrs. Kennedy had asked that the gardeners make up a big snow man on the driveway so the children could see, really for Caroline to see, when they arrived.

Miss Shaw: Oh, it was really a lovely snow man. It had carrots for its nose and apples for its mouth and all sorts of funny things and Caroline was really rapturous about it. She was delighted with it.

Miss Turnure: And she wasn't overwhelmed by the size of the house?

Miss Shaw: Well I think after we had been there for a little while I realized that the height of her ceilings had sort of awed her a little bit. Of course it was from that time that she just couldn't bear a door being closed on her.

Miss Turnure: Of course this was something which also happens to children at a certain stage anyway. But you think the combination of....

Miss Shaw: I think it was just the bigness of the rooms and the tallness of the ceilings and so from that time she always wanted her door open just a little.

Miss Turnure: But even from the beginning in the White House the children were always around. I believe they use to go in and have breakfast with their parents and be in and out.

Miss Shaw: Oh, yes. Both the children, as John got older, both of them always ran into the President while he was having his breakfast and he often would put on little cartoons for them and they always loved that prior going to school and to the office together.

Miss Turnure: Obviously the President and Mrs. Kennedy were extremely busy in the White House and had many many commitments and important things to do. But did the children still always come first, even in the evening?

Miss Shaw: Yes. No matter what big or small function that the President had he always made time to visit his children to say good night and if possible to hear their prayers. He never missed.

Miss Turnure: Would there be story-telling time as well?

Miss Shaw: Yes. Perhaps if they had sort of a quietish evening, they often had their dinner quietly by themselves, and then they would have the children. Caroline was always very fond of stories. He had one favorite he told her about -- a bear went over the mountain, the bear went over the mountain with a little bare behind. She enjoyed this very much and she asked for more and more, then suddenly she caught the point of the joke and the amazement on her face and she said, "Oh, Daddy!" This sent him off into peals of laughter. Caroline thought her father was a God. She had such faith in him. She adored him just as much as he adored her.

Miss Turnure: Would she come to him as a defender if she had fights with her cousins or friends? Would she ask her father to help her?

Miss Shaw: Oh yes. I remember one time at Hyannisport when all the children were together she began to have a little trouble with the boys teasing her and she didn't like that.

Especially one time Stephen Smith. So she had told her father about this. So he said, "All right. Then the next time they behave badly to you, you come and tell me and I will go and pattywhack Stephen with a hair brush." One morning not too long after she came flying up the steps and didn't even speak to me when I asked her what was wrong. She rushed into her father's room bursting into tears and told him what the trouble was. So, to impress her, he got on the phone and called for Stephen and said, "This is the President of the United States speaking. Have you been teasing my daughter? Well, I am coming over to the compound to whack you with a hair brush and then I'm going to put you into jail!" And it was such fun to see the expression on this child's face. She had such faith in her father that she knew he was going to do exactly what he said.

Miss Turnure: And Stevie never bothered her again.

Miss Shaw: He made a big impression because the President of the

United States was talking to them.

Miss Turnure: It wasn't Uncle Jack calling. It was the President calling.

Miss Shaw: Oh, certainly he had to make an impression on that boy, and Caroline too.

Miss Turnure: The weekends that he spent on the Cape really gave the President his first chance to relax after a busy week with his entire family. Can you tell me something about the routine?

Miss Shaw: Well, he loved to swim and take them on picnics on the Honey Fitz. No matter who he had visiting him on political business they had to come too because he always took the children swimming with him and then later on to picnics. It was a delight of their lives on the weekends to have their father do so much with them. In fact he joined in with all the Kennedy family. They all looked forward to him coming on weekends, because he was very good to them. He always allowed them to come to and from the Air Force base on the helicopters, take them on golf carts to the little village to buy ice cream cones and candies and finally end up with great big grand slam races -- winning prizes, trophies.

Miss Turnure: What kind of races did they have?

Miss Shaw: Oh, he would set them all according to their ages and mostly running races because he loved to see them run and fight to get first place. And they all ended up with prizes. Everybody seemed to get a prize whether they came first or last.

Miss Turnure: But he was adored by all the children. I can remember seeing pictures like the Pied Piper -- him walking along with dozens of little cousins following along behind.

Miss Shaw: Yes. They always waited for him. These weekends were as much to them as they were to Caroline and John.

Miss Turnure: Where ever he was he really created a great atmosphere of happiness didn't he?

Miss Shaw: He had such a nice way. There was nothing boisterous or loud. He just had such a calm way that the children all felt confident. They looked at his face and he had such a lovely smile and a kindness in his eyes that they all came to him.

Miss Turnure: He had endless patience, didn't he, in listening to stories or asking questions?

Miss Shaw: I never saw him get impatient. I never saw him get cross or

cut short anything. I suppose mostly with children because I am mostly with the children but I never saw him talk sharply or short with anyone.

Miss Turnure: But this was really part of his whole character, wasn't it? That each person was a very special person and they deserved time and attention.

Miss Shaw: Oh, yes. He made me feel as if I mattered. One time I was sitting in a hard chair and he said, "Oh, Miss Shaw, can't you find a better seat than that?" So I laughed and didn't say anything. One time I was down at Palm Beach when Caroline and John were quite small. He came by and said, "Miss Shaw, I've never seen anybody eat such uninteresting food. Every time I come by you are eating cold cuts." I don't know what happened behind the scenes but after that I never had cold cuts again.

Miss Turnure: Such a thoughtful man....

Miss Shaw: Always so very thoughtful of other people's comfort.

Miss Turnure: You were mentioning about the helicopter. This was something that John absolutely adored, wasn't it, when he got older?

Miss Shaw: Oh, yes. I remember one time when he was about two and a half. Most times he went with his father alone, but this particular time I had gone along. He had had a helicopter ride from the White House to Andrews Airport. He had got off the helicopter with his father, toddled along up the ramp of the airplane, everybody very impatient, tearing their hair out because they had to go to a very important mission. The President was taking his time at John's time, slowly, patiently letting this little child of two and a half march up the ramp slowly. The child got on the plane and got himself in the seat and strapped himself up and was already to go. Of course howls of tears from John when he found out he wasn't going to go with his father, which made his father a lot grimmer. He hated to see the child cry so much.

Miss Turnure: Because he was really looking forward to/...

Miss Shaw: Oh, he thought he was going with his father on this presidential plane. His son didn't know where he was going but he planned to go too.

Miss Turnure: The same thing really happened in John's relationship with his father as with Caroline. When he was very small I supposed he wasn't as interesting because he was a baby. But as he grew up did you notice that they were getting closer and closer?

Miss Shaw: Oh, definitely, because he was a boy that every man would be proud of. John is one hundred per cent boy. He is very intelligent and very inquiring, and the President began to be so very proud of him because he was a little man to take around. There was no silly nonsense that you have with a child. No matter where he went he showed off his best. He has very good manners and his father was always very proud of him.

Miss Turnure: In the mornings, I believe, in the White House, they would go up to work together. First it was Caroline and then it was John. If they were outside playing they would drop in to see him. Didn't he have a signal to tell them to come?

Miss Shaw: Yes, he always clapped his hands from his office door for them to come in. But previously in the morning it always started off as the children finished their breakfast, they would run into their father's bedroom and see him finish his breakfast and sit a little while until he went down to the office. Most times he took Caroline or John to the office with him and Caroline would go to school and John would play on the lawn for a little or come back to the nursery to do whatever he had to do for the rest of the day. More times than not we were on that lawn and then his father would give this clap. Not only John and Caroline but all the rest of us would run into the office.

Miss Turnure: All the children loved him and knew that they were welcome in his office.

Miss Shaw: He always had a candy around for them. He always had to give them candies no matter what the time of day or the rules were. They always got candy from the President.

Miss Turnure: Were there other times when the children would go over to their father's office?

Miss Shaw: Yes. We were often there early in the evening when he was just finishing up his routine. But the very best of the times was after he had finished up all of his duties and the office was closed and we would go along with him to the swimming pool. He would swim and John would be like a little eel in the water. He gave his father great pleasure. Caroline showing off how much she could do, cause she is such a wonderful swimmer. I think that this part of the day for the President, while he was in office, was the best time for him. He was able to relax and have both his children with him.

Miss Turnure: He really encouraged them all the time to swim better and do things better.

Miss Shaw: Oh, yes. Being such a great swimmer himself he was very keen that both of them should swim. John of course at the time

couldn't swim, he had just began to swim now. But Caroline has been a fine swimmer for a long time and he took great pride in her when she came home with presents for swimming. Especially if she beat somebody a little older than herself as she often did. Caroline has always been a little eel. She has walked into water fully dressed very often, like when she was very tiny.

Miss Turnure: And had no fear....

Miss Shaw: No. Neither had John, but he does have a little restraint that she didn't have.

Miss Turnure: The children had so many pets around in the White House. Was the President interested in them?

Miss Shaw: Yes, he had a great interest in animals. And I always thought it was wonderful the way he always wanted to see caged birds, etc. Never single, always with a mate. We nearly had a murder on our hands in the White House, the time when Caroline's hamsters were with young, he wanted the male to be put back with a female although it was too soon. But when we did as he asked the male nearly clawed the poor female to pieces protecting her young.

Miss Turnure: What was his reason for wanting it put back in?

Miss Shaw: He just felt the male was lonely without the female. He always had a great feeling for animals. He always wanted to see them in pairs, mated together, friendly together. He could never bear to see one animal alone.

Miss Turnure: Isn't that interesting. I remember he was so interested in the dogs when Charlie and Pushinka were being mated. And then when the puppies were born he was so interested in following their progress.

Miss Shaw: Yes, that was a nice event when they both had these pups here. So interesting to see them grow up. He loved Shannon best of all. He had a great love for Shannon. I suppose it was because he was from Ireland and he had such wonderful memories of Ireland on his recent visit. He always loved Shannon very much.

Miss Turnure: To go back to John for a moment. Was there a favorite game that he and his father would play?

Miss Shaw: Yes, John's favorite game was going under the tunnel, going under the mountain. This usually happened on the way to the office. President Kennedy would have to stand tall and John would go through his legs time and time again. John never got tired of this game. I'm sure the President did at times.

Miss Turnure: It seemed to me that really in the last six months that John was increasingly with his father. I know there were times when he would be going on a little trip some place within Washington and would he just suddenly call for John and ask him to come or would this be pre-arranged?

Miss Shaw: No. Sometimes he would sort of give me a little notice but then other times he would just clap his hands and say to John, "How would you like to come on a helicopter?" John never needed a second invitation. Off he would go. Very often dirt and all. He was a great companion to his father and at this age -- about two and a half -- he was a great talker. So really and truly, they had wonderful times together.

Miss Turnure: A very inquisitive little boy wasn't he? He asked a lot of questions.

Miss Shaw: He has a very inquisitive mind and so his father fulfilled that need for him, because he had patience to sit and listen and answer the boy's questions fully.

Miss Turnure: He was really, as you said earlier, all boy -- fascinated by mechanical things and airplanes. Did he ask how did this work or would he make up stories himself about helicopters or airplanes?

Miss Shaw: Yes, he would tell and ask about how these things work. I've seen the President at Camp David go along to the hangar and take John in the helicopter and sit for quite a few moments, sitting with him just patiently inside the helicopter, putting on the helmet and showing him how things work, moving gadgets for him just like a big boy.

Miss Turnure: How marvelous. This is a picture very few people would see of the President and John together.

Miss Shaw: Oh, certainly no one would ever be able to see that but anybody on the camp.

Miss Turnure: Did the President's love of the sea carry through to his children? Did he like to take them out in boats and sailing?

Miss Shaw: Oh, yes. Most weekends this is their life -- picnics on the Honey Fitz, swimming in the water, playing on the beach. Like John and Caroline the whole of the Kennedy family always looked for him on the weekends. It was like a red letter day to them. Always waiting for Uncle Jack, because he would give them rides to and from the airport, take them around in the golf cart, take them to the little village and buy them candy, and ice cream cones and finally ending up with a great big racing contest.

Miss Turnure: The last summer, 1963, had a sad time to it with the birth and death of Patrick. It must have been very difficult for you. Again, hadn't the children been told to expect a new baby brother or sister and were they looking forward to it?

Miss Shaw: Yes, it was a very upsetting time. Because we had told the children they were going to have a brother or a sister and then they had to be told that their brother was not coming home -- that he had been sick and he had gone to heaven. I saw a part of the President I had never seen before. I had always thought him a very good father but my opinion since then that he should have had a large family, that he proved himself a wonderful father. The concern about his child's birth and illness and death was really astounding to me.

Miss Turnure: He did so much to protect Mrs. Kennedy at that time didn't he? I mean he was the most wonderful....

Miss Shaw: Oh yes, I didn't realize until after Mrs. Kennedy had come home that she hadn't realized how serious the boy was until he died.

Miss Turnure: But he really protected her from all of this. So he had a double concern -- for her and then for the child.

Miss Shaw: Then of course consoling Caroline too because she was old enough then to understand that her brother was not coming home, and what had happened to him.

Miss Turnure: Did he discuss this with the children?

Miss Shaw: Yes, he told Caroline what had happened. To John he had said that the baby wasn't coming home. But John was not old enough to take in too much. But Caroline was very concerned about it all.

Miss Turnure: Obviously the President and Mrs. Kennedy had to travel quite a bit during the White House years in state visits. How did they prepare the children for a trip? For instance, if the President was going away, did he discuss this with Caroline?

Miss Shaw: Oh yes, especially with Caroline. He would tell both that he was going away, but with Caroline he gave more details. He would tell her where he was going and what they were going to do and what they were for. And through these little conversations Caroline learned more of the history of the United States than I think any child of her age. She seemed to know every state around the United States. They missed their parents very much when they were away and they were always pleased to see them when they came back. But they were content to know that their parents were going for such a short time. Because they had been prepared, and of course they always had post cards from their parents telling

them where they were and what they were doing.

Miss Turnure: Then when Mrs. Kennedy went away on the long trip to India....

Miss Shaw: Oh, that was a very interesting time, because the President had a large map and he ritually most evenings pointed out the different villages or places or where ever Mrs. Kennedy was on that day or the following day or the day before. So both children followed their mother's travels, especially Caroline because she was so much older and able to understand what was doing.

Miss Turnure: Would they explain to the children when state visitors came to the White House and they had a ceremony who they were? Were they interested?

Miss Shaw: Yes. But of course again Caroline was much more interested because she was that much more older so she understood. One time when King of Saudi Arabia was coming we had told her and President Kennedy had told her that he was a very important man, so their manners had to be very good. Caroline had made up her mind that he was such a very important man that she had to give him a very deep curtsey and when she finally curtseyed to the King of Saudi Arabia she put her knee right to the ground. She couldn't have given him a better curtsey. And he loved her. He sort of picked her up and gave her such a hug and a kiss. He was fascinated by her.

Miss Turnure: There was this little ritual in the evenings when a state visitor came that the children would be brought into the Oval Room when they were having cocktails before going down to dinner.

Miss Shaw: Yes, they were always brought in. Just to say hello and look around and come back again.

Miss Turnure: They must have given such a wonderful impression to the state visitors to see a family like this and get away from all the ceremony.

Miss Shaw: Yes, because they were such well behaved children. They had good manners and they knew how to behave. So it never spoiled an evening. They were used to having them around.

Miss Turnure: Of the many state visitors that the children had a chance to meet, was there one particular one that they were fascinated by or fond of?

Miss Shaw: Oh, yes certainly. They all had a great admiration for all these wonderful people because they had always been told previously what wonderful people they were, and what good work they had been doing. One outstanding figure fascinated both Caroline

and John and to this day they still talk about him, was Haile Selassie. I don't know what actually fascinated them, whether it was his kindly gentle manner towards them, but they still remembered him. He gave them both an ivory statuette, and they both to this day treasure this. John in fact often takes it to bed with him. He gave him a warrior in ivory.

Miss Turnure: After the President's death it must have been an extremely difficult time for you particularly. I understand that Mrs. Kennedy asked you to speak to the children and try to explain to them what had happened.

Miss Shaw: It certainly was a very difficult time, a very sad one. I actually didn't particularly want to tell the children the sad news about their father's death. I didn't tell John too much because I felt that he was too little to take in too much but Caroline of course had been so dear to her father and so close to him and she was old enough to understand. So I had told her that there had been an accident and he'd been shot and God had taken him to heaven because they just couldn't make him better in a hospital. She was terribly upset about it, but I thought she sort of took it in her stride.

Miss Turnure: Did you tell her that he was there with Patrick?

Miss Shaw: I certainly said that very soon we would all go up to meet him. He was there with Patrick and Patrick would be company to him and he was very glad to go to see Patrick. One time she said to me, "Well, what is daddy doing in heaven?" I said, "I am sure God is giving him enough things to do because he was always such a busy man. I feel certain that God would give him the job of making him guardian angel for the mommy and Caroline and John. So she is quite reconciled that he is watching over her and her mother and her brother.

Miss Turnure: Then the time of the funeral the children must have been quite confused in many ways to see so many of the people they had seen before suddenly coming back. Did they recognize people that they had seen in the White House?

Miss Shaw: Yes, as I said, Caroline realized what had happened and what was going on and it was a very sad time for her. But she was such a comfort to her mother. She knew that her mother was going through, this very bad strain and poor little John said, "My poor mommy's crying. She's crying because my daddy's gone away." And they recognized quite a number of the outstanding figures they had seen at the White House during their stay there and they were told of course why they had come to pay homage to their great father.

Miss Turnure: It must be extremely difficult for Mrs. Kennedy to bring up the children without their father. Perhaps you could tell a little about some of the things that she's doing so that they will remember.

Miss Shaw: I think Mrs. Kennedy is a wonderful person. She has undertaken this big thing about bringing up her children according to what she thought the President would like. And she tried her utmost to make a pattern for them according to what she thinks the President would like. Making John into a boy that his father would be proud of, which today he is. He is very much boy. Caroline again I'm sure her father would be proud of. Because she's been told what a wonderful man he is and how much he would like this or that and so its been molded into her to be what her father would be proud of. Mrs. Kennedy has tried very, very hard which I'm sure must be a very difficult task for her to do. We constantly talk about the father. We tell them what he used to say and what he used to do and how we used to do things with them so his memory is kept ever fresh. The children and we are always talking of him.

Miss Turnure: Which is good so that they are not left with the sad part but they start to remember again all the good parts.

Miss Shaw: I'm sure as they grow older they will ever remember what a wonderful man their father was, what a great man he is, and always be proud to think that they were his children.

Miss Turnure: How did you feel about him personally, Miss Shaw?

Miss Shaw: Oh, I have a great regard for him, because to me he was such a big man, and yet he could come down to the level of little people like me. Whenever we had any query about what I was doing for the children I explained my point of view and he took it. He always gave me the benefit of a doubt and to me I felt that was wonderful. To me it was a great honor to look after his children and I shall never forget his outstanding personality.

Miss Turnure: You were saying how marvelous it was that he could talk to anybody on any level and be so interested and really respect what you thought.

Miss Shaw: One time there was a little joke between us about John's hair. Mrs. Kennedy wanted it long and the President wanted it short. He wanted it a hundred per cent boy. I said to him, "You know sir, I have to look along the corridor and see who's coming. If Mrs. Kennedy comes, I comb his hair front ways, if you come along, I give him a part." I said, "So that's my life about John's hair," and he went away laughing enjoying such a joke.

Miss Turnure: Thank you. This completes the interview with Miss Shaw.