

was, and Kenneth McKay was reasonably strong in politics. But I guess Brennan McKay, D.B. McKay, was, other than Peter O. Knight, was about the strongest in politics in the country, that is up on the surface. Now right below the surface there's a lot of key men. They worked together. But the old Tampa machine, it was the result of a full operation between a lot of people.

K: Can you tell me anything about the Tampa machine, sir? I've come across almost nothing written about it, but it must have been very successful, wasn't it? And well-organized?

P: The machine was very successful. The machine was pretty well broken up when they started having voting machines.

K: I see.

P: Because they would mark the ballots for the person. Then they'd tell her to go in and vote and they'd mark the name, like the dummy ballot.

K: They could just compare them?

P: And for instance when, the first time I ran I didn't carry any of those Latin precincts at all.

K: I see.

P: I'd get some of them, three hundred and eighty to five. I'd get...

K: You'd get the five.

P: I had to get my votes by fringe votes around in the big counties and then all the small counties. And, but, then when they started the vote machines they had more trouble and then a little later on account of that machine fell to pieces except the certain key men, these, worked together, and oh, but they, they would disagree at times. But at one time there was a real, real strong machine there.

K: Do you know how the mechanics of that worked, sir? In other words, what, on the lowest level, one would have to do to get the vote go a certain way? Was, in other words,