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An Interview with Marcia Young

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Marcia Young, former Looking for Lincoln Board member and current steering council member for the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Organizations & Agencies – Looking for Lincoln* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Marcia (Dildine) Young was born on September 19, 1942 in Terra Haute, Indiana. The family moved to Miami, Florida where Marcia attended school. She graduated from Miami Senior High School in Miami, Florida in 1959, earned an undergraduate degree from Wellesley College Massachusetts and received a master's degree in history from Columbia University and later a received her Ph.D. in history from Harvard University in 1985.

Marcia married Michael Young in 1968 and the couple moved to Bloomington, Illinois in 1970 where Michael accepted a position teaching at Illinois Wesleyan University. In 1990, Marcia became the site manager for the David Davis Mansion State Historic Site in Bloomington. She served as the director of the mansion until she retired in 2014.

Marcia is one of the founding members of Looking for Lincoln, which began in 1997 and was incorporated in 1998. She served on the steering committee and board of directors. After the Looking for Lincoln board of directors was restructured in 2013, Marcia became a member of the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area Steering Council. She has been involved with Looking for Lincoln from its inception to present day, and shares her reflections on the organization's history and the journey of the organization from a state heritage tourism demonstration project to the designation of the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area.

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