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An Interview with Dixie Gage

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Dixie Gage was born on August 14th, 1948 in Springfield, Illinois, and graduated from Girard High School in 1966 before earning a B.S. in 1972 and M.A. in 1982 from the University of Illinois at Springfield. She has worked with the Federal Bureau of Investigations for a time, was a teacher and counselor with the Carlinville School District, and served as an adjunct professor at Blackburn University in Carlinville, Illinois. She was on the Committee of Ten, which was involved in the Girard-Virden consolidation. In 2009-10, she served on the Girard Board of Education where she was involved in planning the new North Mac Community Unit School District, # 34. At the time of the interview, she lived on a farm outside Girard.

Subject Headings/Key Words: School reorganization; school consolidation, including obstacles and incentives; Committee of Ten; Board of Education Planner; collection bargaining; North Mac school district creation, Virden, Illinois; Girard, Illinois; school referenda; school construction.

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