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An Interview with Jenrose Wilson

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Jenrose Wilson was born in 1924 in Alton, Illinois. She talks about her family, their origins, and their careers. She moved to Springfield to live with relatives when she was twelve. She discusses her various jobs that she has held, including baby sitting and working in hospitals in Chicago.

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**Jenrose Wilson, Springfield African-American History Foundation Project**

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**Biographical Information and Synopsis:** Jenrose Wilson was born in Alton, Illinois in 1924. After her mother died, she moved to Springfield to live with relatives living there. When she was fifteen, Jenrose got married and had her first child by age sixteen in St. Louis, Missouri. After returning to Alton from St. Louis, she worked for a time as a baby sitter to support herself. She then went to Chicago and lived there through the 1930s and 1940s before returning to Springfield. She moved to Chicago for a final time in 1962 and took a job in the maternity ward at Michael Reese Hospital. She married Charles Wilson in 1964.

**Topics Covered:** Alton, Illinois; Springfield, Illinois; Lincoln School; Matheny School; Michael Reese Hospital; Chicago, Illinois – 1930s and 1940s

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