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An Interview with Tom Martin

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Tom Martin was born on September 3, 1956 in Lincoln, Illinois and is a lifelong resident of Mount Pulaski. He attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and received a degree in Biological Sciences in 1979. He followed in the family tradition, and is a farmer in the Mount Pulaski area.

Tom Martin is one of the founding members of Looking for Lincoln. He attended the first organization meeting in 1997 and served on the executive board throughout his tenure with Looking for Lincoln. He was an active member of the organization from 1997 to 2007, and held various roles on the executive board, including vice chairman and chairman. He played a vital role in the creation of the organization, its early projects and in the advocacy efforts to have Congress designate the region as the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. He traveled to Washington, DC three times to lobby for the designated of the National Heritage Area.

At the time of the interview, Tom Martin was involved with the Mount Pulaski Courthouse Foundation in its efforts to restore the Mt. Pulaski Courthouse State Historic Site.

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