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An Interview with Lorene & Oba Herschberger

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Lorene Herschberger was born on August 17th, 1950 in Tuscola, Illinois. Oba was born on September 14th, 1948 in Douglas County, Illinois. The couple have thirteen children, and now reside on an Amish farm near Sullivan, Illinois, where they breed Belgian horses and raise Holsteins. Lorene and Oba recount growing up in Amish families. Lorene's father was a preacher, living in Iowa when she first married Oba. Lorene produces fine quilts, following in the footsteps of her mother whose quilt is featured in *Illinois Amish Quilts* and is part of the Illinois State Museum's quilt collection.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** Amish family life; Amish farming; quilts and quilting

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