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An Interview with Norma Hollin

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Norma (Cochran) Hollin, a charter member of Springfield Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and a retired engineer for Illinois Bell, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Delta Sigma Theta Sorority* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Norma (Cochran) Hollin was born in Sedalia, Missouri, on January 1, 1933 to David Cochran and Juanita Griffin (Cochran). Norma was fifth of eight children. Her father worked as a farmer and a railroad laborer. Norma attended public schools in Sedalia and graduated from Hubbard High School in 1950. In September of that year, she enrolled at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri. To help defray tuition costs she worked in the school's Registrar Office. In the spring of 1954 she graduated with a bachelor degree in mathematics. While at Lincoln University, in 1951, she pledged with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Ms. Hollin began her professional career as an accountant in Illinois, and she soon advanced to supervisory positions. Eventually she tested for a position in Illinois Bell's Engineering Department, and passed the examination with the highest score of anyone taking the test. She worked as an engineer for Illinois Bell until her retirement. As a chartering member of the Springfield Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Norma held the position of Financial Secretary and functioned in instrumental roles, helping the new chapter meet and maintain standards set forth by the national organization.

Ms. Hollin is very active in the Springfield community, serving as a board member for Goodwill Industries, as a member of the League of Women Voters, and as a volunteer at St. John's Hospital, where she teaches computer classes to senior citizens. She is a member of the Church of God in Christ, where she serves on the Mother's Board, as secretary of the Trustee Board, and as a Sunday school teacher for the teenage group. She enjoys reading, especially the Bible.

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