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An Interview with Cheryl Kennedy

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Cheryl Kennedy began her working career at the Champaign County Forest Preserve District as the program coordinator at the Early American Museum, which was later renamed the Museum of the Grand Prairie. Cheryl was the Director of the Museum of the Grand Prairie from 1985-2012. While working in that capacity, she also served on the Illinois Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition Board from 2006-2013 and the Champaign County Lincoln Bicentennial Commission from 2007-2008. She was an active member of the Illinois Association of Museums (IAM) and served as an IAM Region Director from 1986-1989, as an IAM Board/Officer from 1989-1993, and as the legislative liaison for the IAM.

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