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#### An Interview with Laura Marks

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Laura Marks was born in Springfield, Illinois in August 1958 and graduated from Springfield High School in 1976. Her interest in Abraham Lincoln began in high school while working at the gift shop and museum across the street from Lincoln Home. She graduated from Illinois College with a degree in Economics in 1980.

She worked for Elliott State Bank and the Jacksonville Savings Bank and retired shortly before this interview. Laura founded the Jacksonville Looking for Lincoln Committee in 2005 just prior to the opening of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. She became a Looking for Lincoln board member in 2009 and has continued to serve on the board of directors of the organization.

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