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An Interview with Clemmie Webster

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Clemmie Webster, a charter member of Springfield Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and retired educator in Springfield, Illinois School District 186 and, 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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Clemmie Webster, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, DST-A-L-2017-056

Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Clemmie (Jackson) Webster was born in Gadsden, Tennessee on July 14, 1925 to T.J. Jackson and Shirley Jackson. Her family moved to Decatur, Illinois when she was two years old as part of the “great African-American migration from the south.” She received her education in the Decatur public school system, and graduated from Decatur High School in 1942. After graduation, she returned to Tennessee to live with relatives, and enrolled at the segregated University of Louisville, where she stayed for two years. While attending U. of Louisville, she pledged with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in 1943. After she moved to Springfield, she enrolled at Sangamon State University, earning a Bachelor Degree in education and a subsequent Master in Counseling.

Mrs. Webster, started her teaching career at Our Lady of Lords School in becoming the second black teacher in the private Decatur, Illinois school. After learning that District 186 was looking for black educators to hire, she applied for a position, and taught in District 186 for the next twenty-six years, in grades ranging from elementary through 8th grade. Webster is a widower and has one son.

Clemmie Webster, as a charter member of the Springfield Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, has been an active member of the chapter since its inception in the 1970s, and has served on numerous committees.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Springfield Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

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