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An Interview with Doris Reynolds Lewis

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Doris Reynolds Lewis, a retired teacher from the Decatur School District and charter member of Springfield Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, 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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Doris Reynolds Lewis, *Delta Sigma Theta Sorority*, DST-A-L-2017-048

Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Mrs. Doris Reynolds Lewis was born on February 28, 1944 in Whiteville, Tennessee. She was one of five children of Hayes and Rosabelle Reynolds. Mrs. Lewis' sisters were Essie, Dessie, Margaret, and Alma Reynolds. Her father's occupation was farming. The family later moved from Whiteville, Tennessee to Bolivar, Tennessee, where Mrs. Lewis graduated from Bolivar High School. Upon high school graduation, she enrolled in Tennessee State University (TSU). While at TSU, she majored in English and pledged with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Chi chapter.

After graduating from Tennessee State University in 1965, Mrs. Lewis was employed by many school districts as a teacher and student counselor. These include: Bolivar High School in Bolivar, Missouri, where she taught English from 1965-1966; the Allen-White High School in Whiteville, Tennessee, where she taught English from 1967-1969; Centennial Junior High in Decatur, Illinois, teaching English courses from 1967-1970; Stephen Decatur High School, teaching English from 1970-1971; Eisenhower High School in Decatur, where she taught English from 1972-1990. From 1991 to 2003 she served as guidance counselor at Eisenhower High School, Decatur. Mrs. Lewis furthered her education, completing a Masters Degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Illinois at Springfield (formally Sangamon State University).

Mrs. Lewis met and married Clyde Lewis in 1999. Mr. Lewis worked at ADM and retired from the company as a machine operator. Mrs. Lewis hobbies include reading and working crossword puzzles. She is active in her church and serves as a Deaconess and the Chairperson of the Education/Scholarship Committee. Mrs. Lewis has one child, John Christopher Woods, and two grandchildren, Karly and Alex.

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