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An Interview with Donald McKinley

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Agriculture in Illinois Oral History project

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Donald McKinley, a central Illinois farmer and manager of an Agricultural museum, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Agriculture in Illinois* Oral History project.

Interview dates & location:

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Donald McKinley was born in 1928 on a farm in southwest Iowa in Page County. He grew up on the family farm, and discussed his life growing up on the farm in the depression years of the 1930s. He attended Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois, and then Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. He received a BS degree, and Masters Degree in Education Administration from the University of Illinois. He served as a school principal for thirty three years in Quincy, Illinois. During his years as a principal, he also continued to farm near Quincy.

After his retirement, Don developed and maintains an Agriculture Museum in Quincy, Illinois. The Museum displays farm equipment that would have been used on a typical eighty acre farm in the 1930s.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Childhood on the farm during the 1930s; farm methods in the 1930s; changes in farming methods from 1950 on; working as a principal in Quincy, Illinois; development and operation of an agricultural museum

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