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An Interview with Jerome Reynolds

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Jerome Reynolds was born in Moberly, Missouri on January 9, 1931. He has worked in the real estate and insurance businesses for most of his professional life. He discusses his family and growing up in Springfield. Reynolds talks extensively about his mother's realty company and the real estate business in Springfield. He also notes the segregation that he witnessed in the military in the late 1940s.

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Jerome Reynolds, Springfield African-American History Foundation Project

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Biographical Information and Synopsis: Jerome Reynolds was born in Moberly, Missouri on January 9, 1931. He and his family moved to Springfield when his mother remarried. Jerome joined the Army after graduating from high school in 1948. After leaving the military, he moved to Chicago and lived there until he met his wife. For a brief time, Reynolds and his wife moved to Houston where their daughter was born. Reynolds worked in real estate at Judd W. Robinson Real Estate in Houston and also sold insurance for Golden State Mutual. After living in Houston for a short time, Reynolds and his wife went to Springfield briefly before moving to St. Louis. He decided to return to Springfield and join his mother in the real estate business.

Upon returning to Springfield, Reynolds began to sell real estate with his mother, which he continued to do until he retired. Notably, his mother was the only African-American involved in the real estate business in Springfield in the 1960s, and one of the few African-American women in the country. Reynolds and his mother were also the first African-Americans outside the city of Chicago to belong to Multiple Listing and the National Realty Association.

Topics Covered: Springfield, 1930s – present; real estate; military segregation; Multiple Listing; National Realty Association; Judd W. Robinson Real Estate; Golden State Mutual; Judd Robinson; Stan Luckett

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