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An Interview with Roy O. Schilling
Part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
Illinois Statecraft Oral History project
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Roy O. Schilling, a life-long educator and acquaintance to Governor Richard Oglesby descendents, was interviewed on the dates listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Illinois Statecraft* Oral History project

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Springfield, IL

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Session 1: Early life and his career as an educator

Session 2: Elkhart history, Gov Richard Oglesby, & Schilling's
education career

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Biographical Information & Synopsis: Roy Schilling was born June 12, 1914 on Boham Farm in Elkhart, Illinois. For 44 years he served as an Elementary School Teacher, Principal, Central School District Office Administrator and a College Professor. In retirement he served as church secretary for 15 years. For 35 years he has been an active member of the Macon County Historical Society and served as the President of the society. His interview covered his educational career, connections to Governor Richard J. Oglesby's family, (Oglesby served as governor from 1865-1869, and also from 1885 to 1889) history of Elkhart and Decatur, his reflections on well known national and state political leaders, and his awards received.

Topics Covered: Schilling family history; childhood; education; married and family life; educational careers; Elkhart history; educational issues related to the Decatur Public School; involvement with educational legislation; retirement; and Decatur History and its connections to Lincoln; Decatur Family life; travel; connections to Governor Richard J. Oglesby's Family; awards and advice to children and grandchildren.

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