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An Interview with Maureen Lober

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Maureen Lober, who grew up in Litchfield, Illinois until her father joined the U.S. Army at the beginning of World War II and moved the family to California, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Veterans Remember – World War II* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Maureen (Macy) Lober was born on May 28, 1927 in Streator, Illinois, and grew up in Litchfield, Illinois. Her father was a high school teacher and coach, who later in life became an attorney. Her mother was also a teacher, but during the Great Depression, Litchfield allowed only one member of a family to teach in the same school. Maureen knew that practicing law was what she wanted to do early in life. She attended public schools in Litchfield, but after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor her father, despite his Quaker heritage, joined the U.S. Army, and the family moved to California where her father had purchased a small home in West Los Angeles. Maureen finished her high school at University High School in West Los Angeles, and graduated one year early. She then attended UCLA in 1944-1945 until the family moved to Fort Blanding, Florida, southwest of Jacksonville.

Maureen talked extensively about her childhood in Litchfield, and the summers the family spent in Indiana where her father's family was from, with her summers highlighted by swimming, riding horses and working in a small restaurant her father purchased. Maureen also discussed her years in California, especially about the impact that World War II had on her and the rest of the family. She and her mother were visiting San Francisco August 14, 1945. They were leaving a movie theater when the news was announced that the Japanese had surrendered. Sailors were flooding the streets, and as Maureen described it, hugging and kissing every woman they saw.

Following the war, Maureen returned to Litchfield and began teaching Spanish in the high school where she met Arlen Lober, who was also teaching at the school. She earned her law degree, and in 1952 she and Arlen moved to Springfield. Arlen, a World War II veteran who saw service in Europe, has also been interviewed for the program.

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