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An Interview with Jeanné Sims

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Jeanné Sims, a schoolteacher and Methodist minister's wife for over fifty years, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Community Stories-Rochester, Illinois* Oral History project.

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Interviewer: Carole Strick, ALPL volunteer

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Biographical Information/Overview of Interview: Jeanné (Seale) Sims was born February 21, 1928 in Birmingham, Alabama to a Christian church minister and his pianist wife. As a young child, she went with her mother to perform on numerous occasions. She sang, accompanied by her mother. Her parents were transferred to numerous locations. She attended Asbury College in Kentucky and Queens College in Charlotte, North Carolina. While at Queens College, she met the famous Robert Frost, who was on tour. She married Paul Sims, a Methodist minister, in 1951, and together they served many congregations throughout central and southern Illinois. Along the way, Jeanné carved out her own career as a schoolteacher, and also served many positions for the Methodist Church. She received a master's degree in secondary education at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, in 1974. She has two daughters, Carol (1951) and Cathy (1956). After serving fifty-two years in the ministry, her husband died in 2018. Jeanné is a very strong Christian and has dedicated her life to Christian service.

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