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An Interview with Dr. Leon Perley

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Dr. Leon Perley was the second President of Illinois Central College. He discusses the foundation of the College and its early history from 1967 to 1988. He was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Education is Key-Community College* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Dr. Leon Perley was born in Anniston, Alabama in 1950. He graduated from Dunlap High School in Dunlap, Illinois in 1950. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Western Illinois University in Business and a Masters Degree from Western Illinois University in Educational Administration. His Doctorate is from Indiana University. Dr. Perley began his work career at Standard Oil in Peoria. He then started teaching at Richwoods high School in Peoria and later became a Business Manager. He then, after earning his Doctorate degree, taught for Illinois State University. Eventually he joined a brand new school, Illinois Central College (1967) as Business Manager. He later became Vice President, and finally President from 1976 to 1988, when he retired from the College.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Illinois Central history (1967-1988); building a new campus; hiring for a new school; student growth 1967-1988; challenges in the first 20 years of the school

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