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An Interview with Cliff Crone

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Dr. Clifford Crone was born on a farm in northern Illinois. He graduated from Orangeville High School and later earned a BA from Carthage College (then in Carthage, Illinois) majoring in English and Spanish and a MA from the University of Wisconsin. His teaching career started in Dakota, Illinois in a one-room-school (grades 1-8). After two years in the Army, Dr. Crone was hired to be a principal of a 4 teacher elementary school in the Freeport district. Later he moved to teach at the junior high school level and eventually became an administrator (Supervisor of Rural schools/Transportation) in Freeport. Eventually he became Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum. Earning a doctorate from the University of Colorado in 1967, he moved to Jacksonville, Illinois, staying there until 1975. His final position as Superintendent was instrumental to the success of a fast growing western suburban school. Today Crone Middle School carries his name. This interview talks about Dr. Crone's role in the forerunner of Highland Community College, which was then Freeport Community College. He examines the ties with the High School and its evolution into a separate entity.

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