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An Interview with _Lyle Nicholas Behl

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Community Stories/Rochester Oral History project

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Lyle Nicholas Behl, a retired medical technician and farmer is a knowledgeable historian of the Rochester area, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's Community Stories Oral History project.

Interview dates & location:

Date: Feb 7 & Jun 27, 2018 Location: Behl family farm, rural Rochester, Illinois

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Interviewer: Carole Strick, ALPL volunteer

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Session 1: Life of Lyle Behl

Session 2: History of Cascade, Cotton Hill Township

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Lyle N. Behl was born on March 1, 1942 in Mt. Hope township, McLean County, Illinois. His family originated in Cotton Hill Township and returned to that area after he was born. He still lived on the family farm at the time of the interview. He married Donna Barnes in 1967 and they have two children, Matthew and Suzanne. Although Lyle is retired from a career as a medical technician, he continues to run a livestock operation on the farm. He raises sheep and chickens and has a horse and sheep dogs and peacocks on the farm.

Lyle was a past president of the Rochester Historical Presidential Society and has an avid interest in genealogy and local history. In the second session Behl shares his knowledge of the Cascade area where he lives. He is a recognized breeder for both Islandic chickens and sheep. He enjoys horseback riding and his livestock operation which is more than just a hobby.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Cascade, Cotton Hill Township; Islandic Chickens; Icelandic Sheep; Cascade/Breckenridge/Torrence Mill; Rochester Illinois

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