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An Interview with Caroline Manock

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Agriculture in Illinois Oral History project

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Caroline (Walker) Manock, an Illinois farm wife, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Agriculture in Illinois* Oral History project.

Interview dates & location:

Date: May 16, 2008 Location: Manock farm home in DeWitt County, IL

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Caroline Walker was born in Clinton, Illinois on March 16, 1917, and spent her early childhood on the family farm until she finished the 8th grade at Barngrover School, a one room school house. Her family moved into Clinton where she attended high school. She attended Millikin University for two years and became a bookkeeper for her father, a farm manager. She met John Manock at a rural youth event and they married in 1944. John was a tenant farmer in Peoria County where they lived for the first few years of their marriage. They moved to DeWitt County when the Walker Family farm became available in 1955. They continued farming this land as well as some additional parcels in the surrounding area. In addition to grain, they also raised livestock and chickens. They eventually became owners of the farm which has been in the Walker Family since 1865.

Topics Covered: early childhood experiences in rural Illinois; one room schools in rural Illinois; 4-H club in 1930s-1960s; James Millikin University; University of Illinois Home Extension; role as a farm wife beginning in 1944; and Presbyterian Church pianist and choir member.

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