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An Interview with Helen Fairchild

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: (Helen) Jane Brubaker was born on January 16, 1932 in Litchfield Illinois. Her family resided in Waggoner, Illinois at the time of her birth. She attended school in Waggoner and Farmersville, Illinois. After high school, she received a bachelor's degree in education/home economics from the University of Illinois in 1953. She married Meryl Robert Fairchild on October 24, 1954. Since Meryl was a lifetime third generation farmer, most of Jane's life was tied to farming as well. She is the mother of two boys and one girl. Jane taught Kindergarten in Edinburg, Illinois for 25 years. As a child, she was a member of the Church of the Brethren; as an adult, she became a Methodist. Jane is a long time member of the Rochester Historical Preservation Society.

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