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An Interview with Steven Kelley

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Steven Kelley, who has served on various education boards in Illinois and was involved with school consolidation issues, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Agriculture in Illinois – School District Reorganization* Oral History project.

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Steven Kelly was born on April 18th, 1952 in Savanna, Illinois. He is a 1970 graduate of Savanna High School and graduated from Illinois State University in 1974. Upon graduation, Steven entered the banking field and has remained there to this date. He served as a member of the Thompson School Board of Education from 1989-1996, the Citizen of Ten Committee in 2004, and on the West Carroll Board of Education. He also served for five years as a member of the Regional Office of Education Board of Trustees.

As a Committee of Ten member, Kelley supported the mergers of Thompson, Savanna and Mount Carroll Unit Districts into West Carroll School District, which he discussed in detail in during the interview. He was also appointed to serve as a West Carroll board member.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** school reorganization, Thompson, Mt. Carroll, Savanna, Committee of Ten, state financial incentives, obstacles/advantages of reorganization, referendum, school buildings, feasibility studies, Regional Office of Education Hearing, Western Illinois University, 1985 School Reform Act, transportation, school construction

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