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An Interview with Patricia Johnson

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Oral History of Illinois Agriculture project

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Patricia Johnson, of Johnson Creek Hardwoods, a sustainable tree farm and sawmill, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Illinois State Museum's *Oral History of Illinois Agriculture* project.

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Session 1: Johnson's experiences with Johnson Creek Hardwoods

Session 2: Walking interview in Patricia's garden

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Patricia Johnson was born April 2, 1942 in San Francisco, CA. She spent her early years in Evanston, attending Evanston Township High School and Occidental College (CA) where she began in the pre-med program, graduating with a Speech/Drama degree. She had a brief teaching career in California and New Orleans before attending graduate school at Tulane for Drama. Returning to Illinois to visit friends after her divorce, she met husband Michael, who at the time was a photographer intent on building his own photographer cabin in the woods. Today, that land is Johnson Creek Hardwoods, a sustainable tree farm and sawmill, producing high-grade lumber. She and Michael were named Illinois Tree Farmers of the Year in 2003 and their land is a part of the American Tree Farm System, an organization that promotes sustainable forestry.

Subject Headings/Key Words: San Francisco, CA; Evanston; swimming in Lake Michigan; Occidental College; Tulane; Michael Johnson; Photographer; Johnson Creek Hardwoods; Tree Farm; Sustainable; Sawmill; Lumber; American Tree Farm System; Forestry

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