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An Interview with Don Cavallini

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Don Cavallini, archivist for Heartland Community College, discusses the creation and development of Illinois' last organized Community College. He was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Education is Key-Community College* Oral History project.

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**Don Cavallini, Education is Key-Community College, #EC-A-L-2013-044**

**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Don Cavallini was born in Blue Island, Illinois in 1943. He graduated from Eisenhower High School (Blue Island) in 1961. He earned a BA from Illinois Wesleyan in 1965 in History and English. In 1980 he earned an MA and Doctorate in History from Illinois State University. Don was a longtime English and History teacher at Lexington High School. He later became the Director of Outreach and Adjunct Faculty teacher for Heartland Community College. He now serves as archivist for the College, and has served as a school trustee at Heartland Community College for four years. This interview reviews how the community college was created by state legislation and how it has developed to its current Normal, Illinois sites.

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