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An Interview with Delbert Scheider

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*Education is Key-Community College* Oral History project

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Del Scheider served on the first Trustee Board of the newly formed Highland Community College. Del Scheider was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Education is Key-Community College* Oral History project.

Interview dates & location:

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Delbert 'Del' Scheider was born in Freeport, Illinois in 1925. He attended a one room school before graduating from Orangeville, Illinois High School in 1942. He served in the South Pacific with the U.S. Navy. After returning from the service, he earned a bachelor of science degree in agriculture from Iowa State University in 1950. From 1950 to 1954 he worked for the University of Illinois Extension Program. In 1954 he returned to the family farm where he has remained. Del was an original Board of Trustee Member for Highland Community College, formerly Freeport Junior College located in Freeport, Illinois. He served as a trustee until 1978. At the time of the interview he was on the Highland Community College Foundation. His interview covers the start of Highland Community College and its development over a fifty year period. He also discusses the Highland Community College Foundation, one of the first foundations serving a community college in the United States.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** History of Highland Community College; role of a trustee in the college's beginning; the role of the Highland Community College Foundation; the colleges of the communities of northwest Illinois; campus/site development for Highland College; one room schools

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