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An Interview with David Ramsey

Part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
Rochester Community Stories Oral History project

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David Ramsey, who discusses the founding of Rochester, Illinois as well as his own family history, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Community Stories - Rochester* Oral History project.

Interview dates & location:

Date: Aug 17, 2017 Location: Strick home in Rochester IL

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Interviewer: Carole Strick, ALPL volunteer

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Session 1: Ramsey family history in Rochester in late 20th century

Session 2: McCoy family and 19th century Rochester history

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: David Wayne Ramsey was born January 7, 1953 in Springfield Illinois. His family home was in Rochester, Illinois. Since early childhood, he has had an interest in Rochester history, often spending time with the elders of the community and even researching some of the information he heard discussed just to make sure it was accurate. He married Karen Hammel in 1988 and they have two daughters, Lynnette and Megan. He has farmed for over fifty years. He is recognized in the Rochester community as a historian. He currently farms 600 acres.

Ramsey shared his own family's history during the interview, and also discussed the role that James McCoy had in the founding of Rochester, Illinois, and McCoy's story from the early 19th century.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Rochester, Illinois; farming in central Illinois in late 20th century; Orange Judd Pictorial; James McCoy family history; early central Illinois history

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