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An Interview with Margaret Carter

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Margaret Carter, a farm wife from west-central Illinois, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Agriculture in Illinois* Oral History project.

Interview dates & location:

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Margaret Carter was born on August 27th, 1921 on a farm in southwest Iowa near the town of College Spring. She discusses her life growing up on the farm during the 1930s. She attended Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois for two and a half years, and married fellow student Richard Miller in 1941. He received his commission after completing Officer Candidate School in 1943, but was subsequently killed in combat during World War II.

She married Forrest Carter in 1945, a farmer in west central Illinois. She also taught kindergarten in Earlville, Illinois, a small rural community from 1953 to 1984. The two continued to live on the farm until Forrest's death in 1997. Forrest farmed, and also supplemented his income by purchasing a local meat locker plant for many years. Margaret passed away on May 15, 2011.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Childhood on the farm during the 1930s; farm methods in 1930s; changes in farming methods during the 1950s and beyond;

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