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An Interview with Keith Bolin

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Keith Bolin, a farmer with a life-long involvement in educational issues in rural Bureau County, Illinois, and a supporter of school consolidation, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Agriculture in Illinois – School District Reorganization* Oral History project.

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Keith Bolin was born in Princeton, Illinois on November 13th, 1960, and graduated from Manlius High School in 1978. He farms 500 acres in Bureau County, northwest of Princeton, Illinois. He is also involved as a wind energy developer. Bolin became active in a proposed consolidation of six districts in Bureau County: Manlius #305, Western (Buda/Sheffield) #306, Wyanet Elementary #126, Wyanet-High School #510, Walnut Elementary #285, and Walnut High School #508. He served on the Committee of Twenty, which favored school district reorganization. He also served on the Manlius Board of Education from 1993 through 1995, and later on the new Bureau Valley District #340 board, created in 1995. At the time of the interview he was the President of the Bureau Valley Board of Education. Keith is married and has four children.

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