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An Interview with Betty Sirles

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Betty (Parker) Sirles was born on September 29th, 1941 in Jackson Mississippi. She and husband Wayne “Ren” Sirles operate the 750 acre Rendleman Orchards in rural Union County, Illinois, along with son Wayne D. Sirles. Betty discusses the growing and harvesting of the orchard’s 2008 peach crop during a walking tour of the orchards. She also shows the orchard’s on-site store.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Rendleman Orchards; wholesale fruit markets; peach harvesting; peach production; transportation of fruit crops

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