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An Interview with Mildred Louise Bond

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Mildred Louise Bond, a charter member of Springfield Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and retired educator from Decatur, Illinois, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Delta Sigma Theta Sorority* Oral History project.

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Mildred Louise Bond, *Delta Sigma Theta*, DST-A-L- 2017-077

Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Mildred Louise (Taylor) Bond was born in Brownsville, Tennessee on August 18, 1937 to William Taylor and Christiana Taylor. Mildred has seven brothers and sisters, and all of them went to college. Mildred attended public schools in Brownsville and graduated from Carver High in 1955. In the fall of that year she entered Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee, where she pledged to the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. One of Mildred's sisters was also attending Lane at the time and was also a Delta. Mildred recalled that being a Delta on campus was like the "cream-de-la cream" and there was a special bond among Deltas on campus. Mildred majored in home and general science at Lane and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1955.

Mildred's career as an educator started at Lester High School in Memphis, Tennessee. From there she taught in the Decatur School District # 61, first at Centennial Junior High School, then at Garfield Elementary and Roosevelt Middle School. Mildred has one son. She has received many awards in the field of education, including being awarded Teacher of the Year two times, receiving the Golden Apple award and being named the Illinois State Board of Education Teacher of Year for 1998-1999.

As a chartering member, Mildred felt that the time was right in 1976 for a chapter to be formed when another sorority sister and educator in Decatur presented the chartering idea to her. Mildred is also a member of the C.M.E. church in Decatur, where she is a Sunday School teacher, president of the senior choir and vice-president of the missionary. She enjoys working in the yard, and flowers.

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