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An Interview with Ann Hayden

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Ann Hayden, who worked as a riveter in a Boeing Aircraft plant in Seattle Washington during WW II, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Veterans Remember* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Ann Secrist was born on August 8th, 1917 in Victoria, Illinois. She was one of three children born to George and Clara Secrist, and grew up on a farm, and along with her brothers Ed and Dave, helped her parents with the daily chores. The Secrists lived a mile and half from the nearest school and Ann and her brothers walked that distance every day. Ann married Ray Hayden in 1938. In 1941, Ann and Ray decided to move to Seattle, Washington to work in the Boeing defense plant. They purchased a trailer and along with her mother-in-law and two small daughters, Ann and Ray drove to Seattle. They lived in the trailer park near the plant built for the plant's defense workers. Ray immediately secured a job. Ann decided to work also, and purchased overalls and a bandana. She was soon hired and worked holding the "bar" in the galley of the aircraft while the riveter set the rivets into the hull. She earned \$3.10 an hour, which was more than her husband earned. She was very dedicated to her job and received an award for outstanding work. Ann and her husband worked at the Boeing plant for three years. They decided to move back to Illinois in 1944. With their earnings, they opened a Gambles General Store in Petersburg in 1945. Ann and Ray successfully operated the store until 1973.

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