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An Interview with Mary Truitt

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Mary Truitt, a longtime member of the Looking for Lincoln steering committee and current steering council member for the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Organizations & Agencies – Looking for Lincoln* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information/Overview of Interview: Mary Truitt was born in Edwardsville, IL in September 1933 and spent most of her early years in Vandalia, Illinois. She graduated from Vandalia Community High School in 1951 and went to Southern Illinois University with a B.S. degree in home economics and education in 1955. She taught in the Milwaukee Public Schools in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for thirty-five years and received her M.S in education from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in 1982. She retired to Vandalia, Illinois in 1990.

Mary Truitt is one of the founding members of the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition. She was appointed by the mayor of Vandalia to represent the community, and served on the Looking for Lincoln Steering Committee. She was also appointed to the Vandalia Tourism Commission. She has been continuously involved with Looking for Lincoln since 1997 and is currently representing Vandalia on the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area Steering Council.

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