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An Interview with Iris W. Bryan

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Iris Bryan reviews the history of McHenry County College from the 1960-2013. She discusses its history as a former student, a journalist covering trustee meetings, and one involved in the successful referendum of 1967. Bryan was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Education is Key-Community College* Oral History project.

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Iris Bryan was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1931. She grew up in St. Louis and in the Belleville, Illinois area and graduated from Belleville Township High School in 1949. She later moved into the Chicago area, working in accounting and legal firms. She earned an associates degree from McHenry County College in 1980 and a bachelor's degree from Mundelein College, now Loyola University, in 1983. She later moved to Happy Valley, Pa. to do graduate work at Penn State University. She returned to the Crystal Lake, Illinois to work in journalism for the area paper. As a result, she attended many local government and state house meetings.

Bryan discusses McHenry County College's history from the perspective of a former student, a journalist covering trustee meetings, and one involved in the successful referendum of 1967. Her account covers the school's history from 1967 to 2013.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** history of McHenry County College from 1967-2013; covering trustee meetings as a journalist; US Highway 14 and how it became a unifying factor on campus development; referendums - successful and unsuccessful

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