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An Interview with Peggie Senor

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Peggie (Neal) Senor was born in Springfield, Illinois; attended Feitshans High School and Springfield Junior College. She married Clarence Senor in 1952 and they had seven children. She discusses growing up with segregation and the jobs she has held. In more recent years she was ordained as an Elder in her church and has served the ministry in various ways in Springfield and Lincoln.

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Biographical Information and Synopsis: Peggie (Neal) Senior was born in Springfield, Illinois, to Virginia Johnson Carr and George William Neal. Her father was a coal miner. She attended Lincoln Grade School, graduated from Feitshans High School, and attended Springfield Junior College. Mrs. Senior has lived most of her life in the 17th and Cass area of Springfield. She married Clarence Senior in 1952. In the interview Mrs. Senior discusses a range of topics including the schools she attended, social activities; growing up with segregation and the jobs she has held. She also discusses religion, the churches she has attended and her role within the church, with Sunday school and later as a local Elder of her church. Mrs. Senior also discusses her family, her marriage to Clarence and their seven children: Debra, Candace, Clarence Neal, Lester Kevin, Patricia Marie, Herman Alfonse, and Mark Gary.

Topics Covered: Springfield, Illinois, 1930s – present; Springfield Public Schools; racial segregation; mining; Douglass Community Center; Urban League; Girl Scouts; Camp Widjiwagan; Colored Women’s Club; Eight Toppers; Las Amigas; Security Federal; religion; discrimination in the workplace; her children

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