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An Interview with Charles Herr

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*Community Stories – Sangamon County Oral History project*

Interview # CS-A-L-2019-105

Charles (Chuck) Herr, lifelong Chatham resident and Air Force veteran, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Community Stories – Sangamon County Oral History project*.

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Session 1: Early life growing up in Chatham and military experience

Session 2: More history of Chatham and his service on the Village Board

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**Biographical Information/Overview of Interview:** Charles (Chuck) Herr was born in Springfield in August 1942 and grew up on a farm within site of the Sugar Creek Covered Bridge and went to school in the Ball-Chatham School District. After school, he joined the Air Force for four years, serving from August 1960 through May 1964, most of that time at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota. He is a proud of his military service.

Herr has lived in the Chatham area for his entire life except for military career and school. Between 2001 and 2012, Herr was a village board trustee where he lived out his belief that “we can get a lot accomplished if we work together.” Herr shares stories about his family and his insights on the Chatham area.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** Chatham, Illinois; Sugar Creek Covered Bridge; Chatham village board; service in U.S. Air Force; Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota; Chatham, IL history since the 1950s.

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