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An Interview with Clarence Leroy “Lee” Miller, Jr.

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Clarence Leroy Miller, Jr., former Village of Williamsville President, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library’s *Community Stories* Oral History project.

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Overview of Interview: Clarence Leroy “Lee” Miller, life-long resident of Williamsville, Illinois, was born November 20, 1938. His parents were Clarence and Opal Miller, who made their living farming. Lee was the eldest child; his brother Dean Rodney was born in 1940, sister Judy Evelyn in 1944 and brother Paul Keith, the youngest of four, was born in 1950. Lee graduated from Williamsville High School in 1956 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree (general agriculture) in 1962 from the University of Illinois. He married Janet Kaye Logsdon in 1962. Lee and Janet had two children together, Tera in 1965 and Jill in 1968. Lee worked as an insurance agent with Country Financial for the majority of his professional years, having started working there in June 1963 and retiring in December 2012. Lee is a life long member of the Williamsville United Methodist Church. His hobbies include fishing, making the most of the internet and day trips. This interview details Lee’s life growing up in Williamsville, his extensive community involvement, and especially his reflections on his tenure as president of the Village of Williamsville as well as president of Williams Township.

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