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An Interview with Ron Marlow

Part of the Dixon Historic Center's
Ronald Reagan Oral History project

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Ron Marlow is the historian for First Christian Church in Dixon and has done extensive research concerning Ronald Reagan and his time in Dixon. He was interviewed on the dates listed below as part of the Dixon Historic Center's *Ronald Reagan* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Ron Marlow was born in November 1935 in Indianapolis, Indiana and moved to Los Angeles, California in May, 1951. By November of 1989 he had decided to move to Dixon, Illinois, and he became the historian at First Christian Church in October of 1992. He began doing research for the anniversary of First Christian Church and quickly found an interest in Ronald Reagan and his past. He microfilmed a variety of newspapers that had articles concerning Ronald Reagan and his connections to not only Dixon but to the church as well. Through his research, Marlow discovered just how influential the church was in Ronald Reagan's life as well as his mother Nelle's. They were both very active within the church doing activities such as teaching Sunday school, performing in the plays, reading for services and many others. Along with his research at the church, Marlow was working on a nine book series containing a variety of telegraphs and articles. Ron Marlow passed away on January 18 of 2011.

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