

## Summary Information:

**Collection Title:** Dr. Robert Sterling Oral History Collection

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**Location:** RR.5.2

**Creator:** Dr. Robert Sterling

**Abstract:** Throughout the 1970's Dr. Robert Sterling, a history professor at Joliet Junior College, and his students conducted oral history interviews with Joliet area residents that were born in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The Dr. Robert Sterling Oral History Collection contains the transcriptions of interviews and accompanying photographs of the interviewees.

**Acquisition Information:** 2007.037, donated by Dr. Robert Sterling.

**Separated Materials:** Audio recordings of interviews on reels.

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## Background Information:

**History:** Throughout the 1970's Dr. Robert Sterling, a history professor at Joliet Junior College, and his students conducted oral history interviews with Joliet area residents that were born in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Sterling's students interviewed residents from Joliet, Plainfield, Lockport, New Lenox, Morris, Coal City, Braidwood, Wilmington, Channahon and Dwight. Interviewees included teachers, police officers, firefighters, farmers, homemakers, doctors, and more. These interviews provide insight into life in Joliet and the surrounding area during the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**Scope and Content Arrangement:** The Dr. Robert Sterling Oral History Collection contains the transcriptions of interviews conducted by Dr. Robert Sterling and his students. Photographs of most of the interviewees are also included in the collection. All interviews were originally recorded, and typed transcriptions were completed at a later time. Recordings of all interviews are available but are stored separately in the collection for preservation purposes.

Maintaining original order, all materials are organized alphabetically by last name of the interviewee.

**Related Materials:** Audio recordings of interviews on reels.

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