

Oral History Log of Interview with Betty J. Vaughn of Bethalto, IL
 Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at approximately 3:30pm
 Interview by Phil Schneider

Summary: Betty J. Vaughn was born on May 10, 1929 in Alton, Illinois and has lived in Madison County for her entire life. She was raised on a farm and attended school through eighth grade. As an adult, she worked at Olin for over two decades before being promoted to supervisor, becoming the first female supervisor in the plant's history. Betty's life can be summarized by two of the consistent themes in her interview: a desire to be treated fairly and to do the same for others and a firm reliance upon her Christian faith.

Minutes	Brief Statement of What Was Discussed
:00	Introductory Statement
:12	Basic Information and Background
1:39	Paternal Family History (Emigration from France to US; Move from Missouri to Illinois)
3:36	Parent's History (Move to Madison County; Father's Career; Move to Midway)
5:10	Father's Shift into Farming – approximately 1941/42
5:55	Overview of Work Life (Farming, Red & White Grocery Store, Olin)
7:30	Father Begins Work in Construction/Ministry (Built and Pastored Church in Meadowbrook, Illinois)
09:22	Life on the Farm (Having Fun, School, Helping on Neighbors' Farms)
11:24	Education at Yorkville Country School (Curriculum, One Room Schoolhouse)
14:48	Olin During World War II (Frozen to Job, Olin Cordoned Off from Public)
16:01	Extra-Curricular Activities (Christmas Plays, Picnic, Hobbies, Softball)
18:17	Olin – 1947 - 1993 (Various Positions Held, Effect of Korean/Vietnam Wars, Comparison to WWII)
20:40	Cordoning Off of Olin During WWII (Airplane Shot Down for Flying Near Factory)
22:45	Promotion to Product Supervisor at Olin (First Female Supervisor, Working with Men)
29:56	Supervisory Work at Olin (Hiring All Races, Settling Disputes, Racial Tensions—At 33:38, Betty used a racial epithet. She was recalling what some of her employees said to her, but I felt it best to note it.— Managing Women at Olin)
35:55	Christian Faith at Olin
37:21	Social Life at Olin (Company Teams, Beauty Contests, Picnics)
40:23	Volunteer Work at Bethalto Assembly of God (Positions Held – Sunday School Treasurer, Sunday School Teacher [Children and Adults], Sunday School Pins for 70 years of Sunday School Attendance)
46:58	Service as a Church Deacon/Thoughts on Being the Only Woman in the Room (Desire for Equal, Not Special Treatment)
49:38	Changes in Madison County (Confidence in Leadership to Solve Problems)
51:52	Changes in Bethalto
55:08	Favorite Things About Living in Bethalto (Fireworks, Christmas Decorations, Cleanliness of County, Bethalto Homecoming)
58:41	Summation and Closing (County's Growth, Happiest Memories)