

Narrator: Warren Scholl
Address: Malta, Illinois
Born: 1921

Interview Date: November 13, 1986
Interviewer: Greg Vosefski
Interview Subject: DeKalb County Farming

Interviewers Comments:

Mr. Scholl farmed in DeKalb County from the 1930's until 1986. He also worked off-farm regularly since the 1950's. Mr. Scholl is articulate on many subjects, especially government policy, economics and ecological issues as they relate to farming.

On Side 1, while discussing price deflation in the 1980's, Mr. Scholl mentions Hickey's. This is a gas station in Malta which publicly promotes the fact that it sells gasoline mixed with alcohol made from corn.

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