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Questions and comments by Dorothy are in boldface type; Carolyn's responses are in lightface type.

I am Dorothy Penix and I am interviewing Carolyn Williams. This interview is being held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Thornton, Arkansas, on November 22, 2011.

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My name is Carolyn Williams, C-A-R-O-L-Y-N, W-I-L-L-I-A-M-S, and I give the Pryor Center permission to do so.

Would you share your memories involved with the Extension Homemakers, good times and challenges? Were you a member or as a professional?

I am a member of the Extension Homemakers, rather than a professional.

How did you learn about Extension?

I have known about EHC since my daughter was a member of the 4-H.

How long have you been a member?

Since retirement in 1993.

What was the name of the first club you were a member of and what year?

Thornton Extension Homemakers, under the leadership of Martiel Womble in 1993.

Are you presently a member of a club? What club, county and district?

Presently, I am a member of Thornton Extension Homemakers, Calhoun County, and the Ouachita District.

Why did you join?

I learned that there were other activities beside sewing that I could do to help my community and wanted to do so.

Why have you kept your membership?

I enjoyed preparing for the county and state meetings.

How involved did you become? Please list offices and chairmanships you held.

I became very involved. I worked on the state planning for many years. I also worked on the county level, as well. I served as co-chair of arts and crafts, Curtain Calls chair and parliamentarian for two years. I also served as secretary for the county Council.

How has Homemakers touched your life?

I have enjoyed learning to do something new, and in return teaching and telling others what you have learned.

What is your favorite event or activity?

My favorite event is serving as chair of the arts and crafts.

What is your least favorite activities?

Anything that has to do with sewing, which I find myself very lacking in.

What changes have you experienced in the Extension Homemakers?

There are changes in canning, gardening and quilting. The things just mentioned are things of the past. Not many young people are learning to do the skills.

Has Extension Homemakers taught you anything about people?

There are those who you can depend on, and those who shows up when they can benefit—like winning a blue ribbon.

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