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**Celebrate Women's History Month with the showing of
"Her Own Story: Ten Benton County Women"
Sunday, March 4, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.
Herbert Hoover Presidential Museum Auditorium
Free**

West Branch, Iowa, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum – To celebrate Women's History Month, "Her Own Story," will be shown in the Hoover Museum auditorium on Sunday, March 4 at 2:00 p.m.

Her Own Story: Ten Benton County Women is a women's oral history project of the Vinton, Iowa, American Association of University Women (AAUW). In 1984, members of the AAUW interviewed and taped the histories of ten Benton County women. The tapes and two photos of each subject were assembled in note books given to their home town libraries and the Iowa State Historical Library in Des Moines.

The tapes, about 40 hours all together, were later transcribed with a grant from Humanities Iowa and the National Endowment for the Humanities. A very condensed print version of the ten life stories was published and placed in the libraries as well. To celebrate Women's History Month these taped reviews have been turned into a video montage.

All of the women, who were born at the turn of the twentieth century, were asked questions about family background, education, work history, personal memories and historical events. Their stories reveal ten individuals of varying backgrounds and experiences, yet who are typical of women on farms and in small towns of the Midwest.

The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum is one of thirteen museums operated by the National Archives and Records Administration. The Museum is located in West Branch, Iowa just ¼ of a mile off Interstate 80 at Exit 254 and open from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily. For more information call, 319-643-5301 or visit the website at: www.hoover.archives.gov.

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