

News from the Midwest

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ILLINOIS

University of Illinois, Chicago

A two-year effort by the Special Collections and University Archives to chronicle the tenure of Chicago's longest-serving mayor, Richard M. Daley, through videotaped interviews with former presidents, city officials, and others has been completed. The Richard M. Daley Oral History Project consists of 45 interviews including candid discussions with Presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush, chiefs of staff, political advisors, administration officials, and family. The interviews and associated transcripts are available online at https://collections.carli.illinois.edu/digital/collection/uic_rmdoh. These interviews contain discussions related to the Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS), education reform, and the privatization of city assets such as the Chicago Skyway and parking meters. In addition, among the interviews are discussions about Daley's plan to transform Chicago into an international city by building public housing projects as mixed-use developments, eliminating Meigs Field, and developing Millennium Park.

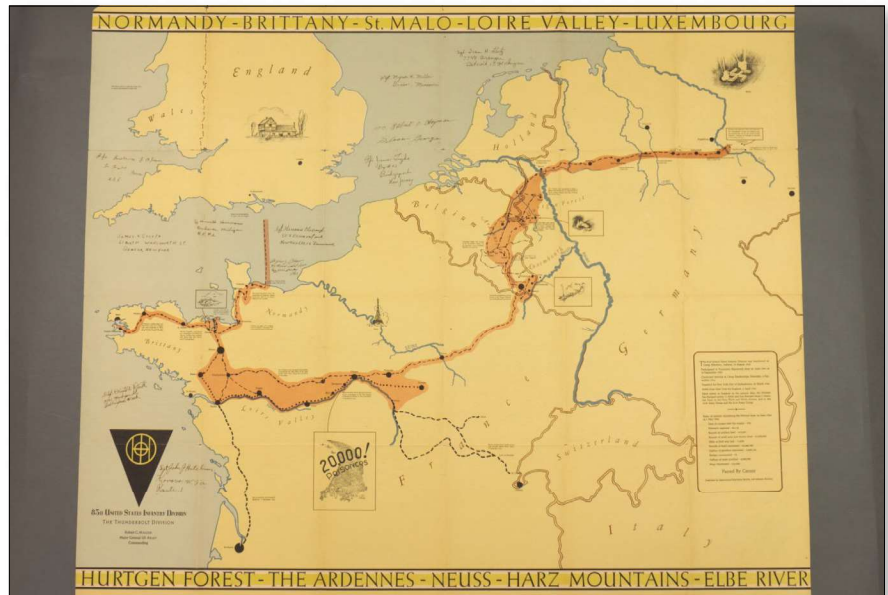
MISSOURI

Anderson Archival

Myra Miller and her siblings were in for quite a surprise. Antoine Noslier, an expert on Breton World War II history, who had helped Miller plan her family's 2016 trip along her father's wartime footsteps, would stun the family with his discovery of their father's signature on a World War II map. Sure enough, there was "S/Sgt.

Myron H. Miller, of Dixon, Missouri, Company K, 331st Infantry, 83rd Infantry Division," alongside the signatures of his friends. In 2017, Noslier gifted the map to Miller. Wanting to display an incredible

visual of her father's service, in 2020 Miller hired NS Conservation to conserve the map. That process includes humidifying and flattening the map, mending tears, and creating a mat for display that leaves both sides visible.



The map itself (before treatment)

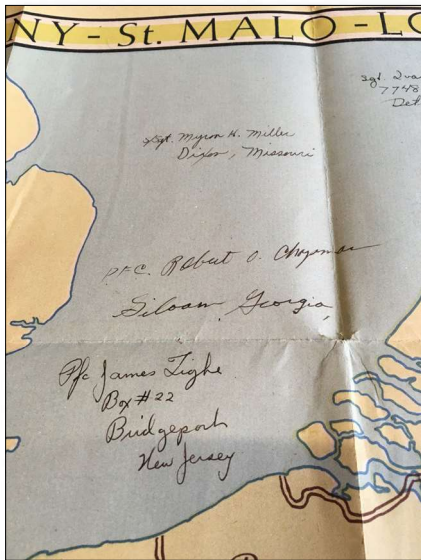


The Miller children (minus one) and French researcher Antoine Noslier (second from left)

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Anderson Archival, a digital archiving company, will create high-resolution digital copies for preservation and distribution. Anderson Archival, NS Conservation, and Miller are based in St. Louis, Missouri.



Signatures on the map tell the story of a closely bonded unit.

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota State Historical Society

The American Association for State and Local History selected the Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society's exhibit *Silent Silos: South Dakota's Missile Range* for an Award of Excellence. The award-winning exhibit is the culmination of nearly two years' work representing the society's first collaboration with the National Park Service's Minuteman Missile National Historic Site near Philip. The exhibit focuses on the missile field and the missileers who operated the silos, and it provides the first look that many South Dakotans have had at the equipment and materials underground, from launch keys to uniforms. *Silent Silos* will be on display at the Cultural Heritage

Center through February 2021. The museum, as of June 15, is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CDT, Monday through Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. CDT on Sundays and most holidays. Call 605-773-3458 for more information about exhibits, special events, and upcoming activities.



Mary Duvall of Pierre learns how the Minuteman Missile silos were built in the award-winning *Silent Silos* exhibit at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

WISCONSIN

University of Wisconsin–Madison

The University of Wisconsin–Madison Archives was thrilled to be part of a statewide, multicampus team recently honored with a pair of awards. *The Lands We Share* Traveling Exhibition and Community Conversation Tour recently won the Wisconsin Historical Society's Board of Curators 2020 Public Program Award as well as an award for excellence from the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) in Tennessee. The awards highlight the impact of the project's work, which focused on the intersection of farming, land, race, and ethnicity in the state. Organized by the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater Department of History and Associate Professor James Levy and codirected by the

Archives' Oral History Program head Troy Reeves, the project set out with a goal of bringing people from diverse backgrounds together, people often separated despite living and working in the same towns or regions.



Attendees listen to panelists at the final gala event for *The Lands We Share* Initiative, Madison, Wisconsin Public Library, May 2019.

University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

This summer, the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee Libraries is unveiling a new digital collection titled *Milwaukee Socialism: The Emil Seidel Era*. This digital resource offers an introduction to some of the rich materials related to the history of socialist politics in Milwaukee contained in the collections of the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee Archives. The collections focus especially on Milwaukee's first socialist mayor, Emil Seidel, who served from 1910 to 1912 and continued to work in city politics as an alderman intermittently until 1936. Milwaukee would ultimately elect three socialist mayors who served until 1960, as well as numerous other socialist city officials. This digital collection includes the entirety of Seidel's personal papers, his official papers from his time as mayor of Milwaukee, and his unpublished autobiography. Additionally, the digital collection includes selections from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee Special Collections' monographs by and about the Milwaukee Turners.