

Oral Memoirs
of
Algerine Miller

An Interview Conducted by

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Interview Histories

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Abstract

Oral history of Algerine Miller, interviewed by Autumn Reisz on March 2, 2013 for the UCF Public History Center's History Harvest. In the oral history, Miller discusses how she found out about the History Harvest, the documents and photographs she contributed, and her family's property in Sanford. Born in Orangeburg County, South Carolina in 1909, Algerine's father Moddie moved to Sanford, where he and his wife Alberta purchased the property that the Miller family still owned as of 2013.

Algerine Miller

Oral History Memoir

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Sanford, Florida

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Introduction

Reisz Alright and my name is Autumn Reisz and it is March 2nd, 2013 and I am talking with Algerine today at the History Harvest. And we're going to talk about some of the items that she brought today.

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Reasons for attending the History Harvest

Reisz So, first, ah, how did you hear about us and our event today?

Miller Ah, Meghan [Vance] and, um—I can't think of her name.

Reisz I know Meghan came to see you. Was it Dr. [Rosalind J.] Beiler? Did you talk to her? Um, I am trying to think of who else went out.

Miller Dr. who?

Reisz Dr. Beiler—Rose?

Miller Yes, Rose, I talked to Rose. Yes, yes.

Reisz Did you talk to Rose? Um, Excellent.

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Items contributed for scanning

Reisz And then, um, tell us what you brought today.

Miller Well, today I brought some documents going back in my family history. The birth of my father.

Reisz Thanks. Very nice. That is fantastic. What else do you have?

Miller And I have the property deed for the property which we still have.

Reisz Nice.

Miller This is my father, my father's mother. My father and mother. My father's mother. My mother's sister and her husband. My father's three brothers – I mean two brothers. That's another picture of my father. That's an earlier picture. My brother who's deceased, on the left. My brother who's deceased. This is my family.

Reisz Is that the house?

Miller That's the house. Yes.

Reisz Excellent.

Miller This is a picture of my sister who was attached to the White House. And she has a picture with...

Reisz Ah, yeah!

Miller With President [Bill] Clinton.

Reisz That is fantastic! Well, I am going to give these back, because they're a little fragile.

Miller Mmkay.

Reisz So you said ya'll have had that house and that property for how long?

Miller 1946, I believe.

Reisz Yeah? Still living there and, ah...

Miller Still living there. The house's still standing. [*laughs*]

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Reasons for digital preservation

Reisz Now you brought these particular pictures to be scanned today, because they are – they are very significant to you? And you wanted to make sure you had digital copies, right?

Miller [*nods*] Yes.

Reisz Is there one in particular that you really wanted to make sure that got scanned? Was it the picture, the deed, or everything?

Miller Everything.

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Closing remarks

Reisz Everything. Well alright. Any stories you'd like to share?

Miller No. I can't think of any right now.

Reisz Okay. Well, that's it. We just wanted to know a little bit about the items that you brought today and how you heard about us, and, ah, that's it. Nice and easy.

Miller Okay.

Reisz Thank you very much.

Miller You're welcome.

Reisz We really appreciate it.

End of Interview