



# Roundtable: What Is the Midwest?

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### People and Places

*The Howe-Barnard Family Papers, 1826-1999.* Correspondence, diaries, photographs, and personal and professional materials of the Howe and Barnard families, who were early Chicago settlers. **Call #: Midwest.MS.Howe-Barnard**

*O. C. McNary Papers, 1873-1886.* Army orders from between 1882 and 1886, as well as letters written by O.C. McNary during 1885 from Indian Territory to his family in Kansas and Pennsylvania. **Call #: VAULT Box Ayer MS 3128**

*John Montgomery Roberts Diaries, 1831-1886.* Descriptions of farm life in Tazewell County, Illinois, including discussions of routine farm activities, farming expenses and property valuations, local events, and more. **Call #: VAULT Ayer MS 315**

### Indigenous Peoples and Languages

Anonymous, ed. by Ives Goddard. *The Autobiography of a Meskwaki Woman: A New Edition and Translation.* Winnipeg: Algonquian and Iroquoian Linguistics, 2006. **Call #: Ayer folio PM1195.Z77 G63 2006**

Reproduction of "Symbolic Petition of Chippewa Chiefs," in Henry Schoolcraft, *Historical and Statistical Information, Respecting the History, Condition and Prospects of the Indian Tribes of the United States.* Philadelphia: Lippincott, Grambo & Company, 1851-1860. **Call #: Ayer folio E77.S41**

*Helen Miner Miller Papers on the Wisconsin Winnebago.* Materials created and saved by Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee official Helen Miner Miller during and after the process of organizing the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe (now called the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin) under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934. **Call #: Ayer Modern MS Miller**

### Immigration and Migration

*Jack Conroy Papers, 1933-1986.* Papers of American novelist, folklorist, and editor Jack Conroy. In 1938, Conroy came to Chicago to work on the Illinois Writer's Project and collaborated with Arna Bontemps to produce pioneering black studies works about African-American migration from the South to the North. **Call #: Midwest.MS.Conroy**

Hale, Edward Everett. *Kansas and Nebraska: the history, geographical and physical characteristics, and political position of these territories: an account of the emigrant aid companies, and directions to emigrants.* Boston: Phillips, Sampson and Company, 1854. **Call #: Graff 1709**

*Polish Women's Alliance of America Records, 1898-ca. 1979.* Records of fraternal organization for Polish-American women. Headquartered in Park Ridge, Illinois, it provided financial services for its members. **Call #: Midwest.MS.PWAA**

*Pullman Company Records, Record Group 06: Employee and Labor Relations Department, 1875-1980.* Records of Pullman Company relations with its employees, their labor unions (including the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters), and federal mediating bodies. **Call #: Case.Pullman.06**

## Waterways and Overland Routes

Carver, Jonathan. *Travels through the interior parts of North-America in the years 1766, 1767, and 1768.* London, 1778. Describes Carver's travels between May 1766 and July 1768 through the Great Lakes region, from Michillimackinac to the Mississippi River, and along the Wisconsin, Fox, St. Pierre, and Chippewa Rivers. **Call #: VAULT Ayer 128.6 .C25 1778**

Matthews-Northrup Company. *The 'Father of Waters'.* Buffalo, N.Y.: Matthews-Northrup Co., 1889. Strip (or ribbon) map of the Mississippi River. **Call #: map1F G4042.M5 1889 .M3**

*Chicago, Burlington & Quincy (CB&Q) Railroad Company Records, 1820-1999.* Correspondence, blueprints, financial documents, advertising materials, photographs, and other items documenting the history of the CB&Q. **Call #: CB&Q**

*Illinois Central Railroad Company Archives, 1831-1984.* Records of the activities of the Company and its subsidiary lines and companies from before its charter in 1851 through 1972. **Call #: IC**

*Road Maps and Travel Ephemera Collection.* Collection of printed travel and tourist ephemera, including travel brochures, road maps, calendars, hotel directories, timetables, newsletters, and more. **Call #: Maps.Travel.Ephemera**

## Industry and Environment

Estes, Nick. *Our history is the future: Standing Rock versus the Dakota Access Pipeline, and the long tradition of Indigenous resistance.* London; New York: Verso, 2019. **Call #: Ayer E99.D1 E87 2019**

*Bill Lende Collection of Tall Tale Postcards, 1906-2006.* Collection of 1,500 printed and real photo postcards depicting "tall tale" images. Themes include oversize fruits, vegetables, fish, and other animals. **Call #: Midwest.MS.Lende**

*William Pym Long Journals.* Four journals containing writings by William Pym Long along with various pieces of ephemera. Entries are mostly chronological with detailed daily accounts of his life and work, often commenting on the weather, agricultural work, and social news. **Call #: Midwest.MS.Long**

## Online Resources

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