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RICHARD D. SEIFRIED PAPERS

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INTRODUCTION

The papers of Richard Seifried, a Korean War Veteran and native of Piqua, Ohio were donated by Mr. Seifried to the Wright State University Special Collections and Archives on January 7, 2002. Items in the collection range from late nineteenth century to 2001. This collection contains personal and military correspondence during Mr. Seifried's service in the Korean War, in addition to three volumes of Mr. Seifried's personal memoirs, numerous photographs, and ephemera. Additions to the collection were added in May and November 2007, September and October 2010, April 2011, and February 2012.

The deed of gift stipulates that the family has sole literary copyrights of the Richard Seifried memoirs and novel. The manuscripts or any parts within may not be published without the written permission of the donor, or his descendants if the donor is deceased. This collection is 3.5 linear feet and is housed in seven Hollinger boxes; it is divided into five series:

SERIES I. Correspondence & Student Papers

SERIES II. Memoir Manuscripts

- A. "Sweet Land of Liberty"-Vol. II
- B. "Of Thee I Sing"-Vol. III
- C. "From Every Mountain Side"-Vol. IV
- D. "Land Where My Father's Died"-Vol. V
- E. "Land of the Pilgrim's Pride"-Vol. VII
- F. "My Country 'Tis of Thee"
- G. Diary
- H. Signal Hill Musings

SERIES III. Photographs and Illustrations

- A. "Sweet Land of Liberty"
- B. "Of Thee I Sing"
- C. "My Country Tis of Thee"
- D. "Land of the Pilgrim's Pride"

SERIES IV. Ephemera

- A. Maps
- B. Clippings
- C. Address Books and Postcards
- D. Hannelore B. Schulz-Michaelis Materials

SERIES V. Books

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Richard Seifried was born in Piqua, Ohio in 1927. He is a Korean War veteran and served from 1951 until 1952 in the "Forgotten War," where roughly 37,000 American Soldiers lost their lives. Mr. Seifried received military training at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky and is an alumni of the Ohio State University. He is married and currently lives in Eureka Springs, Arkansas where he continues to write both novels and memoirs.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The papers of Richard Seifried fall into five series which are further broken up into various subseries.

Series I contains personal correspondence to and from friends, family members, and fellow soldiers during Mr. Seifried's service in the Korean War. These letters span December 1950 until September 1952. This series also contains military correspondence during his service. Series I will be of special interest to researchers as it details the conditions in which many of the soldiers endured during military duty. This series also contains correspondence dating from 1990 to 2010 between Mr. Seifried and fellow Korean War veterans. They discuss remembrances and perceptions of the war and the September 11th terrorist attacks on the United States.

Additions November 2007: Added a file of Mr. Seifried's papers while a student at Oakwood.

Series II contains the manuscript copies of Mr. Seifried's personal memoirs and is divided into two subseries based on the manuscript titles. Subseries A includes the memoir "Sweet Land of Liberty," and contains a detailed account of the early years of Mr. Seifried's life growing up in Piqua Ohio up to 1951, including a family history. Subseries B contains a copy of the memoir "Of Thee I Sing," which includes much of the transcribed correspondence contained in Series I, in addition to Mr. Seifried's personal recollections and accounts of military duty in the war. This memoir includes events from 1951-1963.

Additions May 2007: Added copies of Seifried's memoirs, Subseries C: "From Every Mountain Side", Subseries D: "Land Where My Father's Died", and Subseries E: "Land of the Pilgrim's Pride." Also added original documentation for some of the memoirs. The correlating documentation is included at the end of each chapter. Also CD's of the recently added memoirs are included in the first folder in the series.

Additions November 2007: Added chapters to Seifried's memoirs, Subseries E, chapters 11-20; Subseries F: "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Additions September 2010: Added chapters 21-30 of Subseries E, and Subseries G: a typed transcript of Mr. Seifried's Diary from the 1940s.

Additions February 2012: Added "Conclusion 1" to Subseries E.

Series III contains photographs and illustrations intended to accompany the three volumes of memoirs and are divided into three subseries. Subseries A contains the illustrations to accompany the memoir "Sweet Land of Liberty" and includes numerous photographs of family, friends, and the Ohio region, as well as photos from Mr. Seifried's early military duty. This subseries also includes postcards, report cards, drawings and other personal memorabilia. Items included in this series date

from 1946 up to the 1950's. Subseries B contains photographs from Mr. Seifried's military service in addition to articles, clippings, and military draft cards, military orders, and other items pertaining to his military service. The illustrations in this subseries correspond to the memoir "Of Thee I Sing," and contain materials dating from 1950-1952. Subseries C contains early family photographs, and corresponds to the forthcoming memoir "My Country Tis of Thee." These items date from the late 19th century up to 1945. These subseries are arranged in respect to their relationship to the memoirs and are cross referenced.

Series IV includes numerous newspaper clippings pertaining to the Korean War, as well as maps, address books, postcards and other ephemera. Items in this series date from 1950-2001.

Additions September 2010: Added Subseries E: the writings of Hannelore B. Schulz-Michaelis.

Series V is composed of five published, autographed books written by Mr. Seifried. Of particular interest is a book in which Mr. Seifried looks at reports of UFO sightings and abductions.

BOX AND FILE LISTING

Series I: Correspondence

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Personal and military correspondence	Dec. 1950-Feb. 1951
	2	Personal and military correspondence	Mar 1951
	3	Personal and military correspondence	April 1951
	4	Personal and military correspondence	May 1951
	5	Personal and military correspondence	June 1951
	6	Personal and military correspondence	July-Aug 1951
	7	Personal and military correspondence	Sept-Oct 1951
	8	Personal and military correspondence	Nov-Dec 1951
	9	Personal and military correspondence	Jan 1952
	10	Personal and military correspondence	Feb 1952
	11	Personal and military correspondence	March 1952
	12	Personal and military correspondence	April 1952
	13	Personal and military correspondence	May 1952
	14	Personal and military correspondence	June 1952
	15	Personal and military correspondence	July 1952
	16	Personal and military correspondence	August 1952
	17	Personal and military correspondence	Sept 1952
	18	Personal correspondence	1990-2010
	19	Oakwood Student Papers	

Series II: Memoir Manuscripts

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
		Subseries A. "Sweet Land of Liberty"	2001
2	1	Chapters 1-6	
	2	Chapters 7-13	
	3	Chapters 14-18	
	4	Chapters 19-23	
	5	Chapters 24-25	
	6	Chapters 26-27	
	7	Chapters 28-30	
	8	Chapters 31-33	
	9	Chapters 34-36	
	10	Chapters 37-40	
	11	Chapters 41-APPENDIX	

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
Subseries B: "Of Thee I Sing"			2001
2	12	Chapters 1-3	
	13	Chapters 4-6	
	14	Chapters 7-9	
	15	Chapters 10-13	
	16	Chapters 14-16	
	17	Chapters 17-20	
3	1	Chapters 21-25	
Subseries C: "From Every Mountain Side"			2003
3	2	Chapters 1-4	
	3	Chapters 5-9	
	4	Chapters 10-14	
	5	Chapters 15-19	
	6	Chapters 20-22	
	7	Chapters 23-Appendix	
Subseries D: "Land Where My Father's Died"			2005
3	8	Chapters 1-4	
	9	Chapters 5-9	
	10	Chapters 10-12	
4	1	Chapters 13-15	
	2	Chapters 16-19	
	3	Chapters 20-Appendix	
Subseries E: "Land of the Pilgrim's Pride"			2005, 2012
4	4	Chapters 1-8	
	5	Chapters 11-17	
	6	Chapters 18-20	
	7	Chapters 21-25	
	8	Chapters 26-32	
	9	Conclusion Part 1	
Subseries F: "My Country 'Tis of Thee"			
5	1	Chapters 1-14	
	2	Chapters 15-26	
	3	Chapters 27-Appendix	

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
Subseries G: Diary			1940-41, 1947
5	4	Personal diary from	
Subseries H: Signal Hill Musings			2010-2011
5	5	Signal Hill Musings and Memorial Card of Norma Jean Waller-Seifried	Dec. 2010-Jan. 2011

Series III: Photographs and Illustrations

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
Subseries A. "Sweet Land Of Liberty"			1946-1950s
5	6	Chapters 1-9	
	7	Chapters 10-13	
	8	Chapters 16-19	
	9	Chapter 20	
	10	Chapters 21-22	
	11	Chapters 24-25	
	12	Chapters 28-29	
	13	Chapters 30-32	
6	1	Chapters 33-40	
Subseries B. "Of Thee I Sing"			1951-1952
6	2	Chapter 2	
	3	Chapter 5 Pages 2-10	
	4	Chapter 5 Pages 12-23	
	5	Chapters 9-14	
	6	Chapter 15	
	7	Chapter 16-Appendix	
Subseries C. "My Country Tis of Thee"			1890s-1945
6	8	Introduction	
	9	Chapter 2	
	10	Chapter 3	
	11	Chapter 4	
	12	Chapters 6-24	
	13	Chapters 25-36	
	14	Chapters 37-40	

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Subseries D. "Land of the Pilgrim's Pride"

7	1	Chapters 25, 27	
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Series IV: Ephemera

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
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		Subseries A. Maps	1950-2001
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7	2	Souvenir copy of Korean Map, photocopies and printouts of maps illustrating battles during Korean War	
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		Subseries B. Clippings	2001
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7	3	Newspaper and magazine articles from Korean War era up to	
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		Subseries C. Address Books	1950s
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7	4	Address books kept during Korean War, Postcards from Camp Breckenridge Kentucky	
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Subseries D. Hannelore B. Schulz-Michaelis materials

7	5	Picture and writings of Hannelore B. Schulz-Michaelis	
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Series V. Books

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
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7	6	<i>Native Encounters: A Look at Oklahoma UFO Sighting and Abduction Reports</i>	1994
	7	<i>Medicine Grizzly</i> , hardcover and paperback	2002
	8	<i>The Warrior Angels</i>	2003
	9	<i>A Voice From the Forest</i>	2003
	10	<i>Abaddon's Way</i>	2005