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An Interview with Fred Visel

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Fred Visel reviews the development and growth of Carl Sandburg College from 1971 to 2013. He was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Education is Key-Community College* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Fred Visel was born in Medzev, Slovakia in 1943. As a refugee during World War II, Fred briefly attended schools in Germany before the family moved to Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated from Parma Senior High School in Parma, Ohio in 1961. He earned a bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University in 1965. Fred served in the U.S. Army, eventually achieving the rank of lieutenant colonel. He also earned a master's degree in history from the University of Iowa and a master's degree in Instructional Centers from Illinois State University. In 1971, after serving in Vietnam, he joined the faculty of Carl Sandburg College, a new community college located in Galesburg, Illinois. At Carl Sandburg College he taught history and government and served as dean of the library for fifteen years. Upon his retirement in 1999, Fred returned to teaching as a part-time instructor of history.

Visel discusses the history of Carl Sandburg College from 1971 to 2013 and how history and government were taught during his tenure at the school.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Carl Sandburg College history from 1971-2013; teaching history and government at a community college; role of the instructional center at a community college; building construction at Carl Sandburg College; the relationship of Carl Sandburg College and the Carl Sandburg family.

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