

selected post-1880 views that were "lively and interesting," avoided the "usual suspects," and dramatized change (5). Millett's lesson is simple: "cities, like the people who build and occupy them, need to maintain their sense of continuity" (8).

Although no new ground is broken here, rarely—if ever—have we had such a compelling *visual* statement under one cover of the devastating changes in our twentieth-century cities. One needs little imagination to see what we have lost in our quest for modernization and in our flight from the nineteenth-century cities. The face-to-face interaction in the earlier photos has given way to freeways, parking lots, and cold, faceless, urban streets. While this book is about the Twin Cities, it is no stretch to see the same patterns in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, or other cities of the Midwest. The value of this book, even to those who do not know the Twin Cities, is that it readily helps us see similar changes in other midwestern cities. The cumulative impact of 72 side-by-side comparisons raises all sorts of questions about what we have become and offers some visual clues for those who would help restore the communities that have been fragmented by "progress."

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Iowa State University Library's Special Collections Department, under successive heads Stanley Yates and Glenn L. McMullen, has collected manuscript, archival, and other source material on agriculture in Iowa and the United States and to a lesser extent other countries. This printed guide describes 393 collections of personal papers and organizational records in the department's Archives of American Agriculture and the University Archives. The fifteen categories include collections on a wide spectrum of farm organizations and their leaders, scientific research and conservation, related businesses from seed companies to the defunct Rath Packing Company, congressmen and U.S. Department of Agriculture officials from Tama Jim Wilson onward, remarkable farmers such as Roswell Garst, and significant Iowa State University departments and professors. An electronic version of the guide, with planned updates, is available on the World Wide Web: <http://www.lib.iastate.edu/spcl/agric/tc.html>

Few guides, printed or electronic, so thoroughly describe primary sources on agriculture at any repository. This guide will be essential

for research into many aspects of United States agricultural history, especially in the twentieth-century Midwest. Iowa is very strongly represented. No one studying Iowa's economy or recent politics can afford to overlook Iowa State's holdings. The logical arrangement and detailed index enhance the usefulness of McMullen's compilation.

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