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Miss Meyer brought a paper for me to read, in it was a lot about the weather 216 to 117 years ago. I remember in 1884, Dennis Shanahan's ^{told me} father we had ice early in the morning about four o'clock. we had our store on Water Street.

Also remember before my mother died, think I was about thirteen years old or more, my brother Abe had a store on the south side. Sal, Abe

and I ^{used} to do a lot of walking. One Christmas day we walked to Mansfield and back we saw a picnic, out in the woods the girls had on calico dresses, it was like in July. We didn't have on our coats, took coats off it was so warm. This was on Sunday, Christmas day. Abe, Sol and I always took long walks on Sunday.

When I was a boy about four years old I remember my father

went to America. He had a brother then younger than Sol, he died not very long after father left Europe.

He didn't go to America until three years after father left. He did not go on account of my grandma. A year after father left my grandma died also an uncle.

When we left the country it was at night. We rode on a hay wagon. Mother, Abr, Sol and I. It was

moon light it rained on
the way, when we got to
Hamburg mother went to
get the things on the
steamer to go to the U. S.
us three brothers. got lost
some where around the
big wind mill.

After we had everything
off the boat went right to
Pittsburgh by train, when
we got there we lived on
Wile Ave. corner of Fort.
Hirshberg had a liquor
store on the corner we
lived across the street.

The building is still there where Hirshberg lived and where we lived all new buildings.

We moved there in July we stayed until fall then we moved to Temperanceville now the West End of Pittsburgh. Before we moved my mother fell down stairs in Hirshberg's house and broke her shoulder. I was seven years old then.

Forgot to write that when we got to New York father was waiting for the

boat. I said that is not my father. He had a beard.

When we moved to Temperanceville there were three grocery stores there they sold liquor too, we were the first to open a liquor store. Richards were four blocks from us on another street and the other store was down near the river, his name was Lemman. There were eight or ten saloons in that town.

Joe was a friend of my father, our family used to go there very often.

Sunday night my mother and father visited Joe, us three brothers were home that time and there was a big flood that night. A lot of rocks and stones from the hill were washed down and the water got in the cellar.

Everybody was at church further away. The houses and stores were washed

away and a lot of people
were drowned. Some
were found in the
ground with their feet
sticking up and their
heads covered with dirt.
I saw this. Abe, Sol and
I walked to the school
house about two miles
away. We saw all the
bodies piled one on
the other. This was 1871
or 1872. I think your
father told you all
about the flood. Also
one Sunday afternoon

there was a flood
and Sol was almost
drowned. The ice gave
way, we three brothers
were skating. A man
saw this and jumped
in and saved Sol.
The man ran for him
the man had on only his
underwear.

Father and Mother were
at a wedding, some
relation of Hirschbergs
when this happened.
He had a sister older
than Nell she died in

Temperanceville also a
brother, and one died on
the other side, one was
older than A. J. S.

This brother was two years
older than Abe.

Abe was always sick when
I was a little boy. Mother used
to take care of him, had
warts over his hands and
shoulders, knee, hands and
arms. When we came to
America still had them
it took a long time to
get rid of them.

When he had a store
on the South side they
were all gone.

From that place he
went to McKeesport before
father died. The store
used to belong to old
man Hirshberg. His
granddaughter's name is
Sally Croner and the
store on Kile Avenue
belongs to her father.
He was the one who
started us in the liquor
store in the West End.

Abe always came home
Sunday morning and
went back in the night.
He did the best business
of any of the liquor stores
in McKeesport. When he
left there we put my
cousin Mose Sunstein
in the store, he lost
all the good trade that
Abe had. After that
when my Uncle Issac
came to the U. S. We
put him in the
store after we put
Mose out.

A. J. S. had the finest store in McKeesport, that was in 1879. He was there five years then he went on the road for five years.

The first time Grover Cleveland was elected President, uncle Jack Lincoln was travelling for us, but he was running for some office the time of the election he didn't win. Then he went away, no one knew where he was. Ten years

or more he came back
to Pittsburgh, made
lots of money in Minn-
esota. He was the big
man in a department
store, went back in a few
weeks, was dressed in
fine clothes. He came
back after the Worlds
Fair in Chicago because
he was sick, that time
he lost all the money
he had. After he got
well we put him on
the road again.

When Penna. tried to
have Prohibition Abe
went into the distilling
business bought out Sam
Thompson, then we
put Uncle Jack to take
Abe's trade on the road.

First time I was sick
was when I ate cucumbers
after mother died, father
was in New York.

I didn't go very long to
school because I was a
very bad boy. All the
children was learning
more than I did, it made

me feel bad but it was
my fault, didn't pay any
attention to the teacher
more I worked I forgot
all my lessons. They
had quiet a few
teachers for me.

My mother and father
thought I was at school.
I used to shovel coal
for money and when I
came home father
licked me. I remember
one time played
hockey I fell down of the
coal hill and broke my

foot and the doctor had
to cut the boot to take
it off. I think I was
about ten years old or more.

Abe was along but
he didn't want them to
know that he played
hockey the other boys
took me home. We
were playing shinny
not very far from our home.

Sol, was the only one
who went to school, he
studied very hard. Maybe
he was a little over
eleven years old when

he went to High School.
He passed his examinations
when he was I think
about fourteen years old
then he kept the books
for our business until
he died. He was about
thirty four.

Abe didn't go to
school very much he
went to the store on the
south side.

Abe went up to McKeesport
in 1879 and mother died
the first of July.

Abe had to board

in a Jewish boarding house
and sleep in the store.

Mother was very Troon
she made her bread and
Abe would take some
with him. After she died
he went to the hotel.

Sol used to go to help
Abe on Saturday, one time
Abe and Sol were going
to Pittsburgh, wanted to
make the first train,
when they got up the
room was full of smoke
they nearly fell down
when they got the door
open.

I remember when I
went up to McKeesport after
father got married again
grandama Sunstein she
said I will die if I eat
ham, came home, I told
her I am still alive.