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1. Full name. (No initials).

Louis I. Aaron

2. When and where born. October 18th 1840 at Moschor - Province Posen
Prussian

3. ~~Where and when married~~

4. Education, noting all schools and graduations. attended public School, also enjoyed a liberal training in a Jewish religious school from his fifth to his fourteenth year, from both of which he graduated with honors.

Eager to learn the English language, & imitating a Commercial Course in the fall of 1857, attended night School at Allen st. Grammar School and again in the winter months of 1858.

5. Business life; all changes from first to last business, with some details of that. At the age of twelve years, during School vacation, was called upon to assist his Father in many ways, in the purchase and Sale of grain and other items of trade, and proved his usefulness when at the age of fifteen, so that Parents and friends looked with pride and satisfaction on the results achieved by their son, with the very limited financial means placed at his command. At the age but quite dovanture, at the invitation of his Widowed Uncle (a poor Tailor) he emigrated to America, where he arrived in New York Sept 1857 - assisted his Uncle in his work. So as to earn up keep. In October 1859.

6. Connected with any Banks? I obtained a position as a Salesman in a general dry goods Clothing. But & shoe store, with S. Tenenbarger & Co at Atlanta Ga gaining confidence of his employers, and left for New York in April 1860 because of threats of being drafted into the Confederate Army.

7. Politics; offices held, either in Nation, State, County, City or Town. Facing extremely dull times in N.Y. incident to the breaking out of Civil war, it was considered fortunate to obtain a position in a retail clothing store, on Bowery & 4th st., at the magnificent salary of \$4.00 per week. I managed to bridge over until April 1861, to pay for my Board & clothing with the \$120 = saved up & brought along from Atlanta.

8. If ever a soldier or sailor, give regiment and company; battles; wounds received; if ever a prisoner. In Apr 1861, I was invited by my Atlanta Employers, to enter as a Salesman in the dry goods Business, started at Pittsburg Pa under the firm name of A. Lifshon & Co. During the War, ^{where} I was ^{eventually} joined and served as Heavy Guards, a Company under Col Childs, doing duty on Mount Washington. Pky, at the fortifications built around Pky.

9. Name of all Secret or other Societies in which a member; offices held in same. My salary as Salesman at 600 = per Annum from 1861 was raised to \$1000 = voluntarily in 1863 and in 1865, was offered an interest of 1/6th of the net profits which I accepted, and received as my share about \$3500 the first year. I filled the position, as Salesman, Book-Keeper, and Buyer as well as general confidential Man.

I applied for Citizenship of the U.S. and received my Naturalization papers Oct 4th 1866. Having voted ever since the Republican ticket with

The exception of Once for Post. Bloodland.

10. A member of Clubs? Give names.
11. Subject and family, members of what church?
12. Date and place of marriage.
13. Maiden name of wife; when and where was she born? When and where died?
14. Full names of her father and mother; her father's occupation, public services, military record.
15. Full names of subject's children and date of birth; education and graduation, present occupation, if married, to whom.
16. (Same particulars in all generations, as far as possible). Full names of subject's parents, with date and place of birth, marriage and death. Name and date of birth of all their children.

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Business Career - Continued

In 1869 Mr. J. Fendleranger, our Senior partner withdrew from our firm, and I continued as full partner with A. Lifpsman in the dry goods business at 112 Market st. Pbg under the firm name of A. Lifpsman & Co until April 1877, when we wound up our business, by selling all our Stock, on our Counters, and quit for the time being, because another suitable Store-room, could not be obtained, during the time while our Old Store & building, was being razed to make room for a New Modern Building.

Being a Director in the Perryman's fire Insur. Corp. - I was invited to occupy a desk in their offices, where I settled up, collecting the ag due our D.G. firm. and managed to pay some attention to the bus. & investments of our P. Insurance Co.

In the fall of 1879, I embarked in the Malt, Hops & Brewers Supply as well as the grain business forming a partnership with James Weil of Pbg. under the firm name of Weil and Aaron

Being quite successful, we enlarged our business and continued with splendid results up to July 1886; when we mutually dissolved, the field being large enough, to follow the same line of business, and I thereupon formed a partnership taking in with me my sons Marcus and Charley and my nephew Aaron Cohen, doing business under the firm name The L. I. Aaron Company, closed corporation, under a Charter obtained in West. Va. our Malt-house and a few other small Malthouses

44 which we operated successfully in Pq & elsewhere, were not large enough in capacity, nor convenient to the grain & R R center, to attend to the requirements of our business, which kept on increasing, we concluded in 1892 to build in Chicago at Lakeview Station, & 103^d on a plot of 10 acres of land a 500,000 bus. grain Elevator, and beside it a Modern Malt House operating by the Saladin system (pneumatic) of Malting, a Capacity of 500,000 bus for Brew. Being a Member of the Board of Trade on the Cgo Grain Exchange, where I attended two weeks in every month of the year, & being relieved the other two weeks by my Son Marcus, we were enabled to operate more economically, and in consequence was in line for the to meet the keenest competition most successfully. We found a ready market for our products and in addition there of another 300,000 Bu malted for us at another House.

In Aug 1896 we sold out our Plant and Stock to the American Malting Company of America, and in the course of several months collected our outstanding accounts.

In December 1897 I bought out the interest of Homer Laughlin Sr in the H Laughlin China Company, a Six Kilo Pottery located at East Liverpool Ohio. and was elected its President, Mr Laughlin resigning that position in my favor. My Son Charley became its Vice President and H. E. Wells a most capable and loyal Gentleman, who worked for the Concern for several years before my Entry was elected its Secretary and Treas, as well as general Manager. Having surrounded myself by a most loyal Staff to whom I extended most liberal interest in the business, we sailed along

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with marked success.

I readily realized, that our plant being located on the River-front, was unavoidably subject to the big-river floods most every year, and suffered invariably a loss in ware, destroyed by such floods anywhere from 10 to \$12,000.-

After 18 yrs of experience, I determined to build a plant of 12, Kilns on a 13 acre plot of ground bought, located at the East End of East Liverpool, safe from any floods, and in 12 hrs, this New Modern Pottery, was started and operated most successfully, and economically, because it was surrounded by a network of rail road tracks, to receive our raw materials on one side and load & ship the finished ware from the other side tracks.

Owing to the steady increase in the demand for our ware, we decided to build another plant adjoining, the new one called Plant #2 and adding the last addition by 18 Kilns, the latter called plant #3, & operated it successfully.

Adjoining our #2 plant, the National China Co had a six Kiln pottery in operation, and being desirous to sell it, I traded our old plant on the Riverfront for theirs, by paying them a good cash bonus. - I saw our advantage in having our several plants contiguous to each other, and gain much by its required supervision.

by our Genl Superintendent of the Mechanical department
This plant, is called our #1. (as the old one had it)
This proved a wise move, and Oatofactory in
every way. Thus three plants were in continuous
operation, resulting in its consequent troubles,
and pleasures, as well as its worries, arising
in the pottery industries from many directions,
but after all in the satisfaction of gaining the
respect of our Competitors, as well as with the
Trade at large.