

Allen town Pa.,

Aug 10, '96.

Mr. Jacob P. Meyer,

Dear Cousin,

The pictures which I attempted to make of you and family are all failures for which none of us are to blame. Today I mailed you some pictures to which I must attach a little history which corresponds to the numbers here given to the numbers written on the back of the pictures sent - they are the places where our grand father Jacob Meyer (not Moyer) lived. I will give the order of their moving from place to place, not the time as that is unknown. Uncle "Sollic" gave me some of the facts when the four brothers Sam, Sollic, Abr and Isaac visited nearly all these places during the summer of 1893. At that time I took some of these pictures - some later.

No. I. They started out in married life here in a little log house which stood in the garden before you - it is the first house on the left hand side going from Shiversville to Macungie.

II. This represents the property known as Kiedels. It is the first house on the right hand side going from Zionsville Hotel Towards Joe Hittles. Eli Stahler and Grand father bought it from a man named Ochs - later grand father bought out Eli Stahler. Aunt "Lussie" was born here Apr 12, 1814.

III. The Widder property was sold and No. III, bought. These buildings were erected by Grandfather and are one of the few still standing. It is N.E. of Zionsville a former home of Anna Stittle.

IV. This pear tree is the last remnant to indicate the place where "Solli" was born on May 3, 1820.

It stands near the southern end of the Vera Cruz Tunnel. Grandfather lived with Hannuckle Stahler who was married to widow named Catherine Kessler whose maiden name was Jellum. The pear tree was cut or blown down lately.

V. This is on a hill about 1 mile east of No. IV. You will recognize Jesse and his son Isaac standing in what was a well now filled up. Jesse sits on the remains of the wall of the house which was the birthplace of Abraham and Isaac Nov. 15, 1822 and Nov. 7, 1821, <sup>supposedly</sup> Nathan planted a French Poplar on the top of the hill which could be seen for many miles around. It is not standing any more.

VI. This was an Oil Mill changed into a house. Here a child was born which lived only about four weeks. This building is about 1 mile east of No. V, on the property of Peter Shuler Jr.

VII. You will remember the blacksmith shop near Stoenack. A little to the N.W. are buildings of which the old stone house was the birth place of Lydia Nov. 18. 1830. They were also temporarily housed at or near No. IV.

VIII. This is about  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile above Stoenack towards Bensenville. They lived here about 5 yrs. At this place <sup>Sollie</sup> had a blind mare and rode into the well which he with difficulty got out again. He dug a sort of an inclined plane to where the mare was. In going down "Sollie" caught himself at one of the cross timbers.

IX. Steinbach's Mill, then <sup>W. Peter's</sup> Brotsch's Mill, Here they lived "Pier Gore"

X. On going from Shumersville to Emans, not very far from your mother in law's house, lives a man named Jordan. Near by is a gate to a lane running south to south east then known as a Metzells Property now Shaffers. Here Grand Mother followed "Sollie" to the gate early one morning and cautioned him not to have anything to do with the people he was working for as they were "strawblers". Sollie said "I was soon convinced of their sincerity".

XI Solli's Old Blue House, now removed. The boards to the right cover the famous spring.

XII. Adam's Shop built by Solli. Here Grand-mother died as you may learn the date from the picture of the tombstones. It is also the scene of John Riments' exploits.

XIII. Josh's - famous pear tree and shop X V.

16. Lake Dorney's 17. Powder Valley School House - now a dwelling.

18. "Dannie" Nurs' Home Chas V. stands besides "Dannie" in the yard.

19. Sus-a-mutter's. 20. Powder Valley from the hill above your house. 21. Adams - paradise apple trees. The other pictures are sufficiently definite.

The Cost of all these pictures.

You will send to 1220 Turner St. Allentown Pa, to my Mother the Botschafter for as long a time as you think you would like to pay for the pictures. Begin with the death notice of Rev. W. H. Wicand.

Reuben Shubert was sold out by the Sheriff last Saturday.

Yours

Got from Aug 1. 1896 St. S. Myers