

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ROBERT MANN.

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place for another son who was younger and more poorly equipped to strike out for himself than Joseph was. I therefore concluded to accept his proposition, although I regretted his desire to leave, and his mother was almost inconsolable, as his intention was to go to the far West.

I gave Joseph a farm of four hundred acres of excellent land adjoining the city of Atlantic, Iowa; the balance due on the price of the farm after deducting the amount for his interests at Mill Hall he was to pay at his convenience.

This purchase of Joseph's interest was made with the understanding that my son William H. Mann was to take his place, which he did by agreeing to pay me interest on the amount which I paid for Joseph's share. As he had recently got married, he moved into Joseph's house.