

## THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ROBERT MANN.

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Abbott B. Garth, the store in Mill Hall, her husband taking charge of it; so that my children all had positions except two younger sons, not yet grown up.

I have given to my children at various times, the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars in the aggregate, on which no interest was to be charged, and each of them had three years schooling away from home, and could have had more if they had so desired.

My son Thomas had married about one year before the burning of the factory, and during the subsequent four years my sons Alfred and Joseph also married and built comfortable houses for themselves, near the upper factory.

All seemed to be well during this period, and some money was made by my sons after paying me and living in a pretty liberal style themselves, notwithstanding an expensive strike which occurred during this period, in the year 1882. Our men had held frequent secret meetings, under the leadership of the Knights of Labor, in Mill Hall, and so complete was their organization that when the strike was declared on not more than two or three of our men presented themselves for work. The order had been successful at the