

SOLOMON MANDELBAUM...ROUGH DRAFT

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## Chapter 4

### AARON MANDELBAUM'S BROTHER SOLOMON

In chapter 1 it was stated that "Jacob traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska, at some time during his early life after his mother died (in 1884) to live with Aaron's brother, Solomon Mandelbaum." More information is now available.

#### Family Traditions

Jacob <sup>and Stella's</sup> daughter, Bernice Beck, stated that Jacob had to quit school when he finished the fourth grade after his mother died. By the time he was 13 he lived in a boarding house and had a good job and was completely self-supporting. He went to night school and studied mechanical drawing. For a while when he was a little boy he lived with his Uncle Sol (Aaron's brother) in Nebraska. "Gramp loved it there and used to tell me how he would ride bareback on a horse on the farm there. Uncle Sol was a good man and his son "Big Jake" used to visit Chicago every couple of years and visit us at Lincoln Avenue above the store. He was a huge man... 6 foot 4 inches tall at least. "

#### ~~Jacob's daughter~~

Jacob and Stella's daughter Sylvia Grayson stated that " Jacob left school to support himself and to run away to his Uncle Sol's by hitch hiking on a train. Afterward he lived in a room always with the understanding that if his father came to town, he could room with him. "



He then started a cigar factory and employed from ten to fifteen hands. He continued this business for about five years. Also carried on the furniture trade about eight years. In 1876 he came to Hastings, Neb. and was manager of the firm of M. Weinberg & Co. about three years. He then came to Blue Hill and opened this store where he has since been in charge of the business. He also opened a branch store for this firm at Ayr, which ~~is~~ now in charge of one of his clerks. He was married December 1868 to Miss Adaline, daughter of David Weinberg. She was born in New York City. They have two children--Carrie and Jacob."

Mom Bloom states that the business burned in the fire in Chicago 1871.

Page 367: " M. Weinberg & Co., dealers in general merchandise. This firm is composed of M. Weinberg and S. Mandelbaum. They established this business August 20, 1881, and carry a stock of \$5,000 to \$6,000. They have also a branch house at Blue Hill, Neb., their main house being in Chicago, Ill. "

Obituary from The Adams County Democrat

Oct. 18, 1912. Page 1, Col. 1

"Mrs. Adaline Mandelbaum, 62 years of age, wife of Solomon Mandelbaum, died Saturday, Sept. 28, at her home, 4827 Harrison Street, Kansas City. She is survived by a son, Jacob, and a daughter, Mrs. Carrie Graubscheid, of Pipestone, Minnesota. The Mandelbaums lived in Hastings thirty years ago conducting a general ~~merchandise~~ mercantile business in the store building then standing where the German National bank now stands."

MORE BROTHERS OF AARON and  
SOLOMON MANDELBAUM

In chapter 4 we proved that Solomon Mandelbaum went to Cincinnati in 1860 to learn the cigar trade and that he went to Chicago from there in 1863. It seemed appropriate to search for other brothers in Cincinnati, the family tradition saying that there were <sup>about</sup> 7 brothers ~~in~~ who came from Germany. Accordingly, a letter from the reference librarian of the Cincinnati Historical Society has been received which ~~suggests~~ is interpreted as a discovery of 2 other brothers, Moses Mandelbaum, and Samuel Mandelbaum, plus the presence of Aaron Mandelbaum himself <sup>in Cincinnati</sup>. All ~~of them~~ were "cigar makers" which fits in with the family tradition that Aaron was first a cigar maker (in Chicago) before becoming a peddler. ~~(See copy of letter of this letter.)~~ <sup>(See copy of letter is attached.)</sup>

To the list of Mandelbaums <sup>brothers</sup> must be added the name Jacob Mandelbaum, <sup>a brother of Aaron</sup>. Sylvia Grayson remembers him well from her childhood. He visited her parents' home occasionally and he died in an old peoples' home on the south side of Chicago. He was definitely not the same Jacob Mandelbaum who was the son of Solomon. He was a bachelor and never married. <sup>So now we know of three Jacob Mandelbaums: 1. — 2. — 3. —</sup>  
There was only one Mandelbaum in the Chicago 1880 census who came from Saxony; David Mandelbaum, age 68. (See attached census list.) He had a daughter named Dora, born 1875. Sylvia Grayson remembers a Dora Mandelbaum Unger, related <sup>to</sup> her father ("cousins") and <sup>to</sup> the Finkelstein girls. Was this the same Dora?

One problem with David Mandelbaum is that his age is listed as 68 in 1880, <sup>which, if correct, makes</sup> his birth year 1812. Solomon was born in ~~1844~~ <sup>about 1844</sup> and was age ~~36~~ <sup>43</sup> in 1880 (census of ~~the~~ Webster county, Nebr. 1885, p. 10). Aaron was born ~~1839~~ <sup>1837</sup> and was ~~43~~ <sup>47</sup> in the 1880 census. There was a difference of 32 years in the ages of Solomon and David, if they were brothers. ~~Could David have been the father?~~ ~~or~~ ~~an~~ ~~uncle?~~ ~~A relationship remains to be established.~~

Of the original family memory of 7 Mandelbaum brothers coming from Saxony, we seem to have the following:

1. Aaron Mandelbaum of Dyer, Indiana
2. Solomon " of Blue Hill, Nebraska
3. Moses " of Cincinnati, Ohio
4. Jacob " of Chicago, Ill.
5. Samuel " of Cincinnati of Ohio
6. (?) David ? " of Chicago, Ill.

Possibly

Does any one have more clues?

Inference:

~~Attention~~ look at the birth places of the children of David Mandelbaum: Myer was born in New York in 1861. ~~Refer to page 2~~ ~~of the report~~ ~~the~~ ~~child~~ ~~of~~ ~~David~~ ~~Mandelbaum~~ ~~born~~ ~~in~~ ~~New~~ ~~York~~ ~~in~~ ~~1861~~. In 1861, Aaron, Moses, and Samuel were all probably in Cinc., Ohio. The next child of David was born in Ohio in 1865. Did David follow his brothers ~~to~~ ~~sons~~ ~~to~~ from N.Y. to Cincinnati, then later to Chicago?

1926  
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1837

CIVIL WAR RECORD OF SOLOMON MANDELBAUM

Joined for duty and enrolled Sept. 15, 1861  
at Hamilton, Ohio for 3 years as PRIVATE in Capt. Gans Co., E.  
Mustered in at Cincinnati, Ohio, age 18, Capt. Mallory's Co.,  
35 Reg't, Ohio Inf.

PROMOTED to Corporal March 28, 1862.

Absent without leave from Nov. 5, 1862

Listed as DESERTER from Bowling Green, Ky.

Occupation: Tobacconist

Born: Germany

Age 18. Height 5 ft. 10 in. Dark complexion. Brown eyes. Dark hair.

Dec., 1862, "Absent Sick left in Hosp. Tuscumbia Ala July 9 1862."

Listed as A.W.O.L. till July 1863 when listing changed to "De-  
serted Nov. 5, 1862."

No further information on records. See photocopies on file.  
Source: National Archives.

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