

"My great grandfather worked in a grain mill in Ohio and was killed in a tragic accident - suffocated from the grain falling on him. His widow moved the family to Springfield, Illinois. My grandfather met her husband there - Charlie Higgins - who was the youngest of 4 brothers who all worked for the railroad."

"Born in Meriden, Ct. - Dad was in the Brass Industry - I apprenticed in a company that made rolling mills - Waterbury Farrel. Dad worked for Miller Co. On mom's side (Eagon) moved to Meridan from Northampton in a cutlery consolidation. Many family members on both sides worked at International Silver Co. The first Eagans came from Ireland to work in the cutlery industry in Greenfield mid 1800s. I moved to the Greenfield area in 1985 from Windsor, Vt. I am a Journeyman Connecticut Valley Machinist following the footsteps of my tradesman ancestors and my family. "

"James Terapne, President MOIH

"In 1927, my grandfather Fritz Kahn was brought from Munich, Germany on the S.S. Brenen to be a teaching toolmaker at the Springfield Armory. One of the interns, Hans, taught me to ski when I was 11. I think there are some tools still in the garage at my parents house - I guess I should look -"

Gale Kahn

"My family came over from Germany in the 1800s and early 1900s to work at New Britain Machine and also at Stanley works. My great grandfather was a tool inventor for Stanley, and made major improvements to the Stanley plane design."

Diane Hinze Kanzler

"My great-great-grandfather built a mill in upstate Wisconsin and later turned it into the first electricity-producing mill in the area. This museum gives me a sense of what his life must have been like. Thank you!"

"My dad was an engineer for the Boston and Maine Railroad. I have many memories of his train stories and his going to Deerfield train yard. Love the exhibit."

D. Daniels -father Moutefiore Daniels

"My great-great-uncle, Alexander Campbell and his brother Allan built the first railroad in Chile from the Coast to the Copiapó mines."

Dave Campbell

"My mother writes about industrial history in the Victorian Era. Her book is called, *The Lives of Machines*, by Tamara Ketabgian."

Beatrice Naeud age 11

"My dad works at Lamson and Goodnow Knife Co."

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