

A TRANSCRIBED LETTER DONATED BY CYNTHIA (HOUGH) STULPIN  
REGARDING HER GRANDFATHER -WILLIAM F HOUGH WORK AT GRISWOLD COTTON  
WORKS -WILLIS PLACE - COLRAIN

PG 84

1888

Years Later , found an old picture of the weave-room in the Willis Place Mill, taken in June 1888. There were 34 people including myself. I was weaving cotton cloth at the time. Joel Clark was boss weaver, David King was the official loom fixer and Miss Stone was my instructor.

PG 85

1888

Sometime in March we had a blizzard the like of which the old folks said, “ we never had before”, and today fifty years later the story is still the same. It is frequently referred to as the great blizzard of 1888.

In August 1888 we moved to Greenfield . The house was between Hope St. and the railroad tracks. Our landlord (O’Breen) was usually drunk came for the rent.

My first tooth was pulled while under the influence of gas, in other words, it was the first time I ever took gas to have a tooth pulled.

Sometime during September I got a job as an errand boy in the House Keepers Bargain Store. At this time it was the last store in the Mansion House Block.