

Interview via e-mail with Bill Saeks
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*Bill,
Did you have a clothing store in Duluth?*

HAD 3 MENS CLOTHING STORES TOTAL IN DULUTH AND SUPERIOR WI REGARDS BILL

*OK! I am impressed!
I know that you knew my mother well, but did you know my Uncle Irving and his involvement in Iron Mt. with Colenso's?*

Do you have any photos of the clothing stores in Duluth and Superior that you can share with me? What years did you establish them?

This is more interesting to me at the moment than the news. I was listening to the CNN news this morning and I had to finally turn it off.

I knew your Uncle Irving very well. we talked on the phone as well as saw each other at markets some times. Sorry, have no pictures. Had the stores in the fifties, till moved to Mpls in 1962 to buy a large womans clothing mfg which we later merged with an even larger company on the American Stock Exchange in 1970, and was with till 1978. regards Bill

So you went from men's clothing stores in Duluth, Minnesota and Superior, Wisconsin to woman's clothing manufacturing in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I had no idea until now what your career was. Our correspondence has been about the Coran family in general. No wonder you know so many people in Duluth and what they were involved in.

What made you decide on this career? I know Uncle Irving had a mentor, Johnny Colenso in Iron Mt., Michigan.

What was the name of the men's stores in Duluth and Superior?

What was the name of the woman's manufacturing in Minneapolis?

"SAEKS MENS STORES" in Duluth and Superior, First store started by my father. In mpls, the women's mfg was "JEAN LANG" AND WE BOUGHT OUT "NELLY DON." When in college, career test showed my interests were most in common with people who are successful chief executive officers with manufacturing companies. How is Allan doing? Both of you looked great. regards Bill