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Christopher Freund,
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Dear Christopher,

When you called me today our telephone here is very poor and so is my hearing. I am now 86 years old, plus. I was glad to get your call.

My father, Abraham Edison and his wife came from Latvia, near Russia. They arrived in America in 1885 with two little boys, age one and two years old. One of these was your ^{great} grandfather, Sam. The rest of the brothers and one sister were born in Georgia. My father, like many immigrants started, as a peddler in Adel Ga. where I was born in 1899. As years went by he opened a small store in a nearby city of Valdosta, Georgia, then he moved his family of five sons and one daughter to Atlanta Ga. He opened a tailoring store there. When your grandfather (I should say your great grandfather) Sam grew up

he became an insurance salesman with the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. He was very good. The five Edison Brothers opened shoe stores as you know. My father was a very good man. He learned English quickly and loved education. My mother was sweet and gentle. She had four sisters. Two of them also came to America. My father had one brother who came to America, Julian Edison's grandfather. The rest of their family remained in Latvia and were taken to concentration camps and killed when Hitler's army invaded Latvia, which is now part of Russia. The family was a good family, religious and hard working. They came to America so they and their children could have a ~~lot~~ better future, which as you see happened. Now if you can make something out of all this, thank you for asking. Our best to your nice parents, Irving Edison. Again, it was nice of you to call.