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*NB Gray out to
my at age 8?*

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We take this means of thanking you and Mrs. Rusch for the kind treatment and as the shades of night were falling fast--we used the Kramer Motel which is a jewel and beautifully operated.

We managed to contact the Melvins (with whom we made a trip to Australia and New Zealand some years ago. Also tried to contact Morgan Petersons. I helped organize and became Exec. Secretary of the Land Improvement Contractors thus we met in some interesting places.

After this amount of time to think--I can recall the moving of the Bonneville Hotel and the Blacksmith shop. This left a path cater-corner to what became my Dads 'Buffet' tho you may find 1st and last chance just above. I am sure you will return the numerous pictures for me to enjoy while I can. Maybe Esther will donate them afterwards.

I must concede the Lutherans their location--and I recall vividly the Method Choirs leaders reputation--so I sure didnt fight with them. Who, then, did I--and who called me 'Cat tail'. I think you will find, that Dads Buffet, then Mathias Hotels porch was on Railway Street, then a yard and Banks home, then Banks Livery and horse barn, then homes of mill workers like JJ Mauch, Peter Lieg (storekeeper).

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We enjoyed seeing Lucile Rosenfeld (My nephew Southwell (Souce) wife --happy to find John has progressed (a lot for his condition) and my little nieces (beauty) and a nephew James I had not known about at all. He came along while I was in Pennsylvania--and really I knew not. It is fine that Lucile is managing so well.

The eldest of the Kennedy (blacksmith) Kennedy was a n attorney in Kenosha, Leonard I know not. Bob, try and learn how so many folk like my parents could dance in that upper floor of the Spirit Lake Bar. and believe me the trappers shack is a great memory for me.

Yours very truly.

*John
Esther*

*My compliments to
the bars wife - she can
sure make a Martini*