

## Augusta, Maine

The main month we all avoid was here... August!

## Concord, New Hampshire

I had an idea! "I want a new hamster... and I can feed it concord grapes!" My mom replied, "Don't you know hamsters don't eat concord grapes?!"

## Montpelier, Vermont

Then my mom said, "Besides you aren't going to be able to take a hamster on our ski trip to Mount Pelier in Vermont."

## Boston, Massachusetts

But I was still thinking about what I could feed my hamster. "Hamsters have massive mouths for chewing. I'm gonna feed him all my Boston cream rolls."

## Hartford, Connecticut

I had my heart set on getting one. I already felt so connected to my hamster.

## Providence, Rhode Island

But then my mom said, "What if your hamster gets out in the road? Or what if it gets left on an island?" But I already had my big smart answer. "Mom, there is providence... God will take care of him!"

## Albany, New York

So I went to New York where ALL the people and pet stores are.

## Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

After I got my hamster, I went for lunch. Mrs. Harris' famous Harrisburger was there. It was famous because every hamburger was held together with a pen.

## Trenton, New Jersey

When I got back I had to tell my friend, Trenton, all about it. But I noticed he was snacking on peanuts wearing a new jersey.

## Dover, Delaware

So I asked him where he got it. He said, "Well I dove into the lost in found box because I saw some expensive silverware in there. I thought that I'd replace my cheap my deliware... you know those sporks from the Deli."

## Annapolis, Maryland

"And?" I asked? That's when he told me... "Well I saw Anna... you know that cute girl from Art class that is so happy all the time. She is cheery, merry, so full of smiles..." I cut him off right there. I did not want to know about any of that!



## New England States



# Let Me Tell You About My Family

South Eastern States

Charleston, West Virginia

Uncle Charles met Virginia West.

Richmond, Virginia

He is a rich man and so Virginia married him.



Raleigh, North Carolina

Uncle Ralphy met Caroline North.

Columbia, South Carolina

They moved to Columbia with Caroline his Southern Belle.



Atlanta, Georgia

Georgia is my crazy Aunt who drinks Mylanta for breakfast.



Tallahassee, Florida

There's also a young, tall lassie in Florida, but I don't remember who she is.



**Frankfort, Kentucky**

My Grandpa Frank builds forts and pretends we're in the Kentucky Derby.



**Nashville, Tennessee**

**FRANK**

He always says tells my grandma "You're the only ten I see" and that he wants to take her to Nashville to listen to real country music.



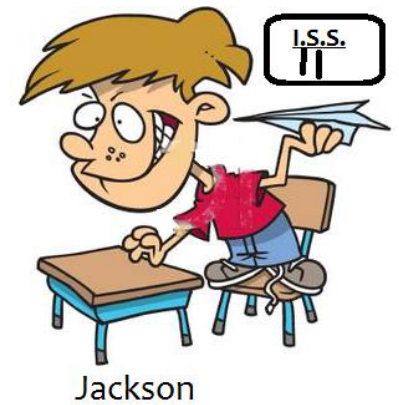
**Jackson, Mississippi**

My cousin Jackson is left handed. He was in ISS two times!!

**Montgomery, Alabama**

My cousin Monty is right handed. He went BAM! And got 4 A's on his report card.

Monty



**Little Rock, Arkansas**

One time my cousins found all these little rocks and thought were from the ark.

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Turns out they were just Bat Poo. But we never told their friends Louis and Ana.

LOUIS

ANNA



North Central



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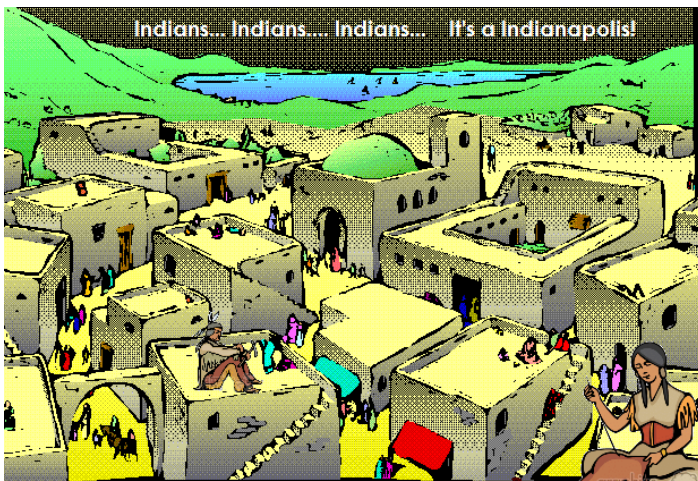
## My Grandma's Encounters:

### Columbus, Ohio

My grandma C. always rides the bus telling everyone she meets "Oh – Hi- Oh!" like it's the first time they met.

### Indianapolis, Indiana

One time she saw a metropolis of Indians... Indians.... Indians



### Lansing, Michigan

Another time she saw a man at the lake named Mitch who owned a gun and he was lancing.



Oh and one time she met Chef Jeff...



### Madison, Wisconsin

and he was MAD because the cheese they gave him wasn't right. The Swiss was a con, it was fake.

### Springfield, Illinois

When he got mad or ill he was so noisy you could hear him in Springfield!

### Jefferson City, Missouri

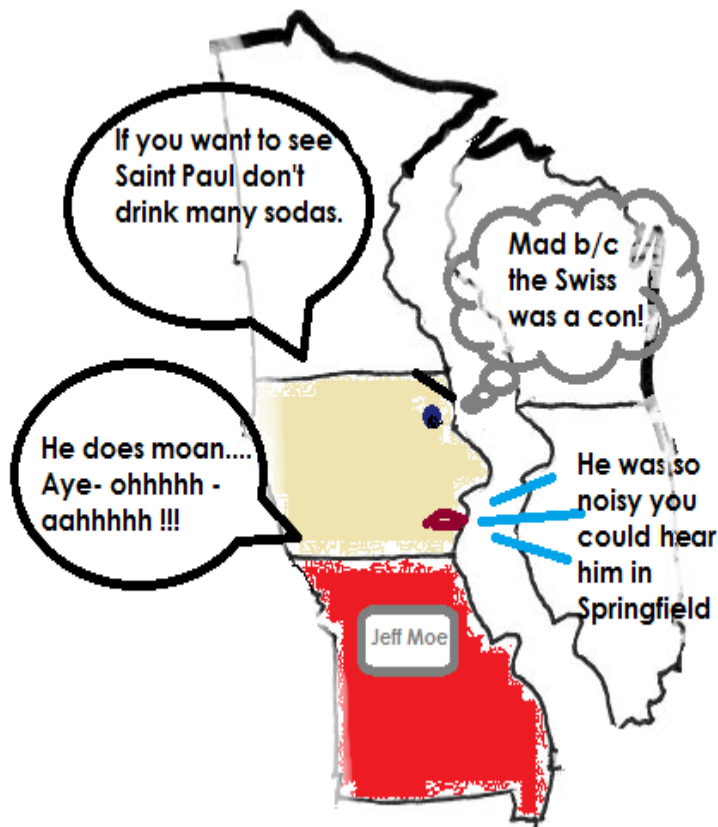
Jeff Moe was his real name. She saw it on his shirt.

### Des Moines, Iowa

She said "Goodness, he does moan" .....imitating him "Aye- ohhhh- ahhhh!" haha

### Saint Paul, Minnesota

He always said, "If you want to see Saint Paul in heaven, don't drink many sodas."



Then there was the time she met the history buff. ...

### **Bismark, North Dakota**

He taught us about how in the Negros they got down to business and left their mark.



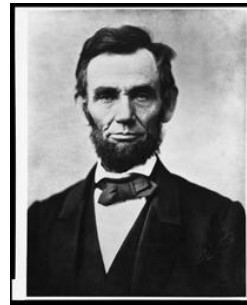
### **Pierre, South Dakota**

How into the Sea they dumped tea off the piers.



### **Lincoln, Nebraska**

He taught us everything we could ask ya about Abe Lincoln.



### **Topeka, Kansas**

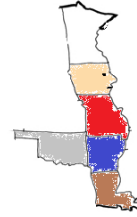
And how the natives made cans and those peaks-ahs



# MOM and Dad Plan Dinner

## Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Jeff, our home in the city has a pan to cook in, not sit in.



## Austin, Texas

We could ask Austin how to make Texas Toast.



## Santa Fe, New Mexico

That would go well with the new Mexican recipe I got; Santa Fe Rice casserole, Yum!



## Phoenix, Arizona

Free drinks? Nick's Arizona Tea's still in the refrigerator.



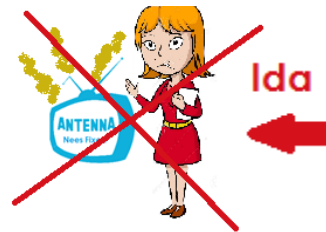
## Helena, Montana

Let's invite our neighbor Helen for dinner too; so she can fix our antenna.



## Boise, Idaho

The television has been noisy and Miss Ida no can fix it.



## Cheyenne, Wyoming

But honey she is so shy and why is she always roaming?



## Denver, Colorado

She is coming over for dinner and that's it! Call her right over!!



**Salt Lake City Utah**

Be sure to salt the lake of rice that you thawed.



**Olympia, Washington**

Oh, I think I might have a limp... Be a good idea for you to be washing the ton of dishes we'll have.



**Salem, Oregon**

Don't say them words again... Or I'll be gone!



**Carson City, Nevada**

I'll take the car to the city and you'll never have another guest over.

**Sacramento, California**

Sorry, meant to say What Can I do for ya to help out?

