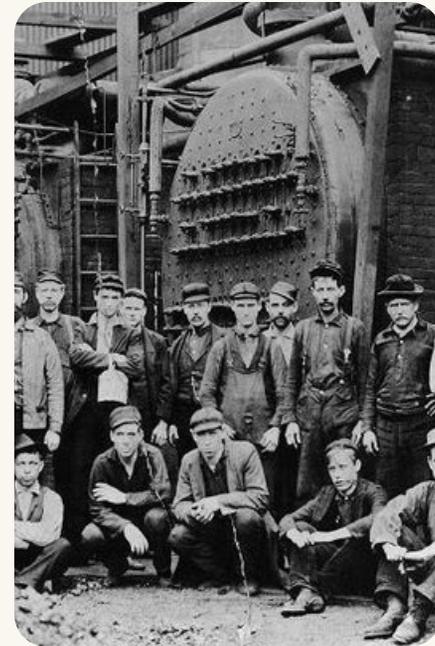


# CITY OF STEEL



THE RISE AND FALL OF THE STEEL INDUSTRY  
AS TOLD BY PITTSBURGH STEEL WORKERS

Braddock is a small town in the Eastern suburbs of Pittsburgh; Home to Edgar Thomson which is still operating today.



Communities, such as Braddock are highly dependent upon the steel mill. The rapid decline of the mills has led to major economic declines in various communities around Pittsburgh.



Below, abandoned steel worker homes in Donora, a small town 24 miles south of Pittsburgh. A steel town that got its start with Union Steel in 1901.



Approximately 25 miles north of Pittsburgh is the town of Aliquippa - once home to Jones & Laughlin (J&L), founded in 1909. The mill employed 9,000 workers.



Stretching 7 miles long  
Aliquippa Works

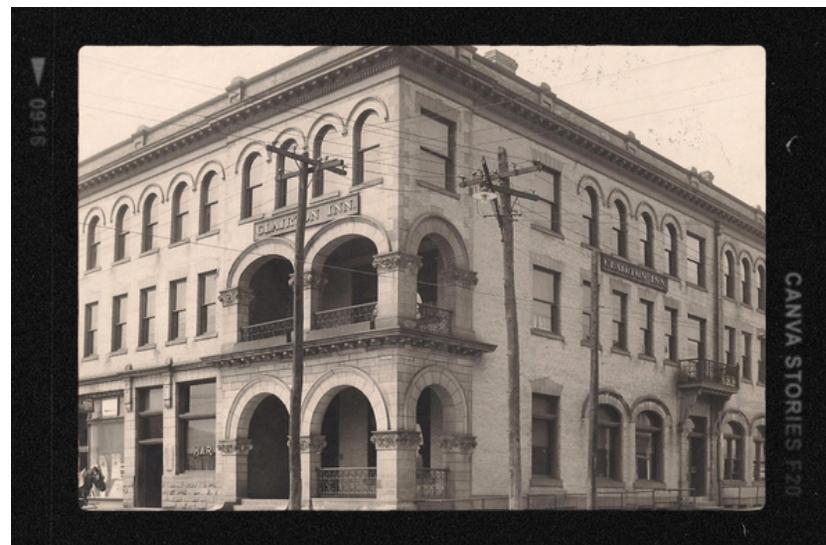


In 1984, 8,000 steel workers were laid off at Aliquippa Works. The town went into rapid decline. The town's population dropped from a high of 25,000 to 9,000 today. Only one bank remains open part time in the town of Aliquippa.

Clairton Works, 33 miles south of Pittsburgh:



# The town of Clairton from the past:



Clairton today is a shell of a town compared to its past



Ellwood City is located 33 miles northwest of Pittsburgh. The town was home to National Tube in 1895. The town peaked in the 1950's with a population near 13,000. Today, the town has a population below 7,500.



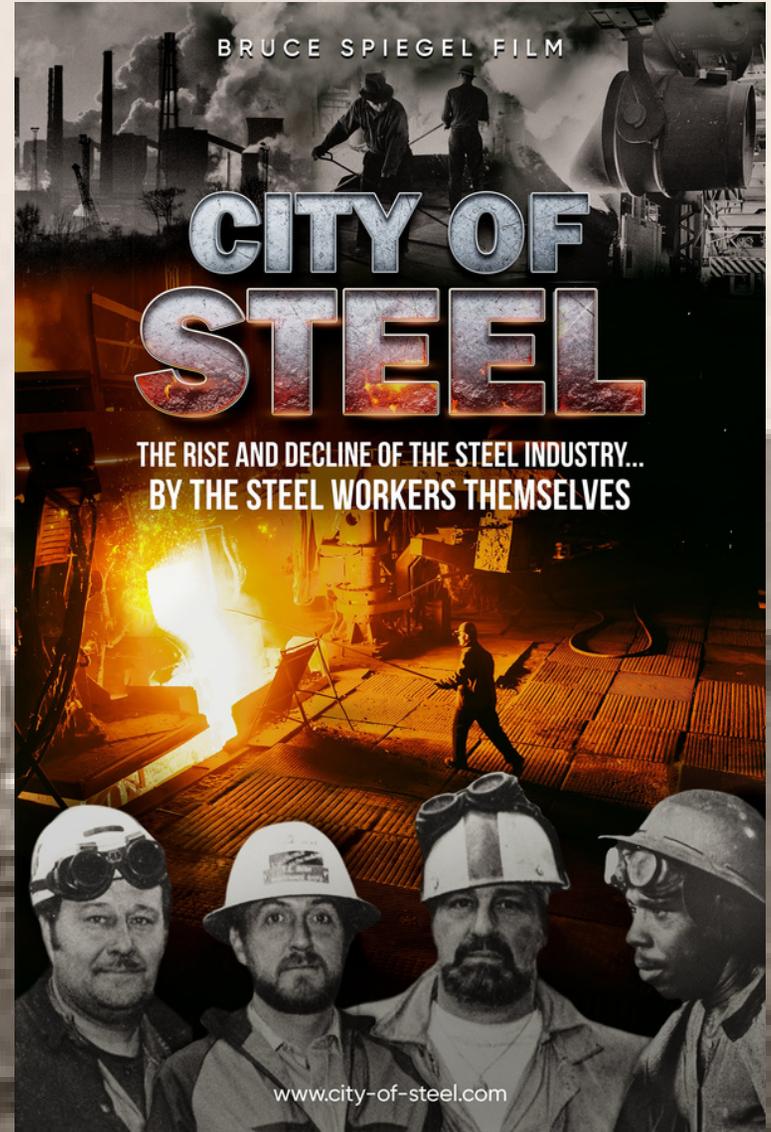
The story seems to be the same from town to town - Clairton, Aliquippa, Ellwood City, Monessen or McKeesport. We have abandoned many parts of America (especially manufacturing).



**Pittsburgh is at the center of this important story!  
The film City of Steel attempts to document this story  
as told by people who experienced it - Steelworkers**



Bruce Spiegel was born and raised in Pittsburgh. Spiegel released his most recent film, **City of Steel**, on December 5, 2022.

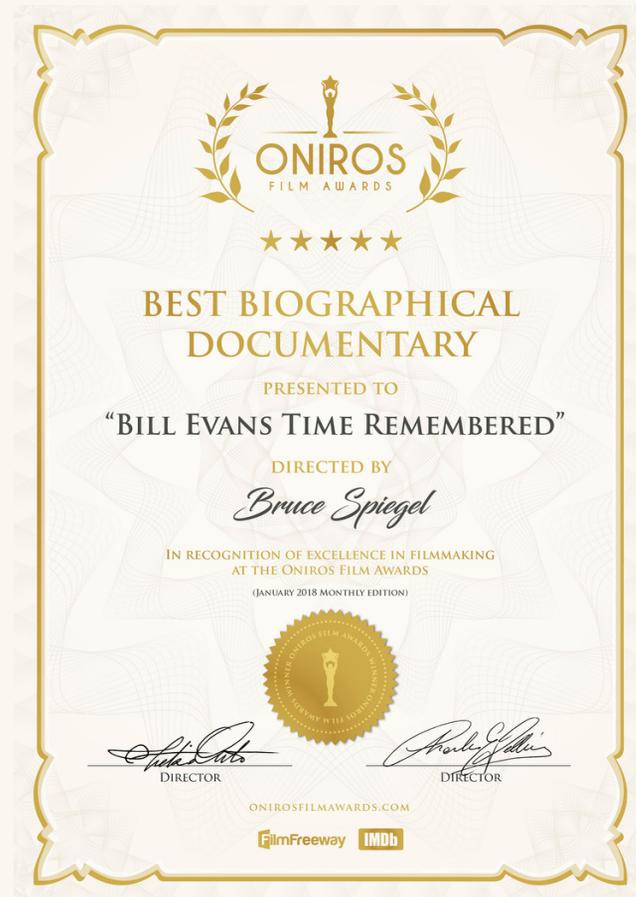
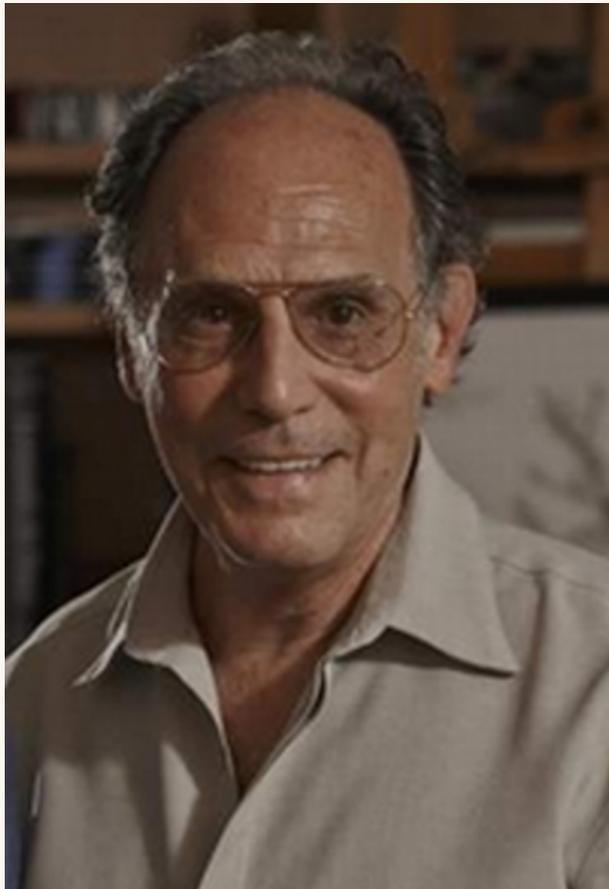


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