

From Guruanna Sende

Eau Claire the 12th Feb. 1890.

Dear Sister's Son.\*

I received your letter some time ago, but the reason that you have not heard from me before is that I had to send it to Elling first and he is now in the woods and has been there since Christmas. We see by your letter that you wish to come to America and that you would like to get the ticket from us, and I think that we can help you with that, for we know from our own experience that when one gets this America Fever it is as a rule hard to resist. We have talked with the agent concerning the price on the Indman and the Star Line and it is \$40.00 direct from Trondhjem to Eau Claire, and the agent will be at the station to receive you and take you where you wish if there is no one else who meets you there, but we will try our best to meet you if at all possible.

But there is, of course, a little admonition that we would like permission to give; and that is that you must bear in mind that you are leaving Father and Mother and brothers and your home and your birthplace and going far, far out in the world to earn your daily bread. It is generally not so good when a person first goes out into the world. It can be accompanied with good fortune and bad fortune, and a person must take it just as it comes, whether it is joy or sorrow or possibly both. So we hope that you have counseledd with your parents so that they are both willing that you shall leave, for it is always so that when the young folks begin to think about leaving it is generally so that they leave without the father or mother's approval. But I hope that you have well considered for then it is not so necessary for us to make these reminders. It would be best then if you were ready when the ticket comes, for it would be to your own benefit that we send the ticket in the middle of March so that you can be here when the mills begin their work, because if you are not here when they begin there is uncertainty. So we hope that everything will be arranged for the best and that you will arrive according to the scheduled time. Greet your parents and brother from us and all our old acquaintances there at home, and finally from us and everyone here from your

Aunt Guruanna Sende

We should tell you that there could be other lines which would take you over a little more reasonably but we would not recommend them as being a good as these two- Inman and the Star.

\* Actually the addressee was Elling's nephew, but the spouse's relatives were addressed as one's very own.