

From Elling Andersen (Sende)

Meelye Camp 2 March 1890

Dear Sister's son Anders!

As long as I have such a good opportunity I want to take a little time to write you a few lines, to first say that I have my health and am living well. I am now in the woods. I have been here about two months and in three more weeks I plan to be in Eau Claire if I have my health.

I had a letter from home lat Sunday and they are all well likewise. My daughter Anna has gotten a little daughter.

I received a letter from you a while ago in which I see that you would like to come to America if I will send you the ticket and that I will do. My wife Guruanna has talked with the ticket agent so he will send it in the middle of March, so the best for you is to get yourself ready so you can leave when the ticket comes so you can be here in time for the start-up of the mills. She, Guruanna, says that you will be going on the White Star Line but I do not think that it would be practical for you to take too many clothes as they are not very usesable here in this country. The only thing is short stockings and gloves. Otherwise, other clothes are not needed except a couple changes. Likewise on the trip it is necessary to have a small suitcase so you can have some smoked meat, butter and similar things. Likewise a suitcase with clothes which must be fastened good with iron so that it doesn't fall apart. However, it doesn't have to be anything good as it will not be useable here. On the trip you must be watchful so that you do not lose your ticket.

I would like it if you could bring along a couple sheath knife handles. Also I would like to have a couple knives for the boys, one pair as you would use them, and another smaller pair of steel knives. If you can lay out for this, I will send you money as soon as I come down (from the woods). And finally a friendly greeting. Greet everyone we know, but be yourself most kindly greeted from  
Elling Andersen

Write back what day you will be leaving Trondhjem so we can know what time you are coming.

Finally, if you will buy a gold ring for three or four dollars as large as this measurement.

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