Dear Relatives!

Today is Easter. I have Sunday free to write you. On the 10th of February I have sent you a letter. I am in good health. Only it is shame that America is so far away. But at least we can keep in touch by letter. Today I found John's picture of his confirmation (communion) in 1906 as well as Berta's wedding picture, taken 1894. Too bad she passed away. Franz and Heinrich, the twins, are on the picture. Therefore, I can be with you in spirit through letters and photographs.

It is too bad that it is so far to where you live. You would be quite pleased with me: I am a good cook, can garden, take care of chickens and can do needlework so that I would not be a burden to you. (The fare per boat is 23,000 Kronen—a fortune!) And perhaps they might not even accept me because I am too old. On May 6, 1947, I was 78 years old. So, dear Dora, be happy with this letter and greet Peter from me. (Anna's husband is in Hunter, Kansas and has two daughters.)

There has been more snow here this year than since a hundred years ago. When it melted, we had high water and flooding did much damage. As far as food is concerned, dear Dora, we do not suffer. There is enough meat and flour. We get a quarter pound of butter per year and four eggs per month. But I am feeding two geese, one weighs 23 pounds and the other 21. After another 6 weeks of feeding them dumplings, they will ready to eat. I do not lack anything and have nothing to worry over, except for the money which is dear. I receive government support, 400 Kronen each month. There is an old peoples home at the nunnery and I am waiting for a bed to open up for me there. I will write you again in June. I am still writing without glasses.

Dear Dora and John, please write again soon and give love to Peter and your sons. Enjoy them. I am lonely but I still in good spirits. (Have humor about life.)

Love to all, your cousin Filli.

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