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Lowell's
Grandpa

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Lowell - Manilla

Dear Creek

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Dear Brothers Lellef + Levat,

As you can understand this letter comes from Amerisco.

This spring I looked around the town thinking I would find some work to do, but I found that there were few jobs and small wages.

I am in Minnesota, 10 miles from a town by the name of Wadena, and one mile from another small town.

I am working for a Norwegian farmer I get \$1 a day. That isn't very good pay but the work is easy. We get up at 7:30, at 8 o'clock we have breakfast. We work till 12:30, then we have dinner. After dinner we rest for one hour, then back to work. At four o'clock we have coffee, then we do not rest but keep working till 7 o'clock in the evening. We have our evening meal then, and when we have taken care of the horses the day's work is done.

They don't work any harder here than in Norway. They are kind people I am with, and I have often been with the man I work for to visit some of the Norwegians that live around here, and they greet me as if we were old friends and we are treated to all kinds of good food, for people here live better than back home.

Last Saturday I went with my boss to visit a Norwegian farmer that lives near a lake, there we had a good meal. Then we used his boat and took fishing gear that was

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very simple, and went fishing. There were lots of hungry fish & it was just to pull them in, so my arms were really sore and stiff. That night we had a good rest and Sunday morning we fished again for a while, then we had a load of fish, so that was enough fish for the summer, and we drove home. It was good enough but it was much more fun fishing at home.

It is hot here, it would be a lie to say otherwise, that wouldn't be so bad, but while it can be so warm, we sometimes get a cold wind, the wind is so changeable here, it isn't good for the health.

I think I will like it here as it is easy to earn money, and if I can get my children here while they are young and quick to learn the language, I think that is the best thing I can do for them. People that work here can get ahead and don't have to be poor all their days.

It was more healthy and enjoyable to live at home, if a person had a good job, but to work your way up there is very hard.

I haven't written to anyone back home since I left. You can let my wife know that I will soon write and if she needs money I will send some. You can figure out what I owe you & the little I owe you. I will

send. (the next few lines i cant
make out - Hilda) Otherwise i
dont owe anyone back there
anything.

(The ending i cant make out but
its something about sending Sirjus
40 kroner.)

Your Brother
Lars