

TOBIAS AMUNDSON

SHERIFF OF GRANT COUNTY

ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA

May 11th-1948

Miss. Sherley Omundsen

N.I. New Zealand

Dear Cousin;

Many thanks for your fine letter, and I am sure glad that here has come a time that some one from New Zealand, of our folks, will have a chance to see the farm and neighborhood where your Grandfather spent his early years.

I was born in Norway, about one and a half Norwegian mile west of Kristiansand, S. in the south western part of Norway, this is four kilometer sout^h west of Frydenlund; the farm where your Grandfather Edward Tobias; was born.

I went to public and also high school in Norway, and came over here in 1911, when I was 17 years old, I was the baby in the family, Mother; died when I was thre^e and a half years old.

I have not been back to Norway; but spent 17 months in France, Belgium and Germany, during, and after the first world war,

My oldest brother Omund; was a ships Captain in the Merchant Marines for many years, and is now retired, and lives in New Orleans, Luisiana, about 16 hundred miles south of here. Torjus; (Tom) next after Omund; was over here from 1908 to 1916, he is the one that is on the old farm in Norway. Next in line is Martin; him and his wife lives in

tana, 700 miles north west of here, they have had, and have four en, Margareth, Gunhild, Signe and Alfred, all married now, Martin; life Charlotte; came here in 1915, he is a contractor (building Inger; my only sister, lives across a lake, west of the farm where I was born, she is married and has a family, all grown up, she is the only one of our family, that has not been over here. My wife and I have two children, Dorothy; the oldest was 25 years old the first of May, and Stanton; was 23 the 3rd day of May this year. Stanton; have

been in the Merchant Marines, since his Graduation from High School here in 1943, he is Second Mate on the ship he now is on, the S.S. John Mitchell. Two years ago, when he was on the S.S. Lindenwood Victory, he was over in New Zealand, and while the ship was loading, him and the Captain and the first Engineer, put in three days of Deer hunting, up in some mountains over there. I sent him an address that I had here, as he intended to see some of your folks at that time, but it came to him too late, the address was Arnold C. Omundsen 11 Cameron St. Takapuna N. Auckland, N. Zealand. Dorothy; our daughter is married and lives in Minneapolis, this State, 174 miles south east of here, my wife Mabel; is down there on a visit right now, so I am here all by my lonesome, but I have plenty to do, so I have been kept busy, I have been Deputy and Sheriff since 1927, and that is a long time for a job of that kind here. I will send you a blotter, so you can see what your relation looks like, I have never won any beauty contest, as you can see, but some way I have got by.

Now; my brother's address in Norway is, Torjus Tronstad, Tronstadvatn, P. Pr. Kristiansand, S. Norway. The P. after Tronstadvatn stands for Mail delivery, I do not think your brother would have any trouble in finding the farm, as it is on the big highway west of Kristiansand, and I hope he can some way make it over there.

I will write to my brother and sister and tell them about the expected visit by your brother. and also; I want to hear from you again.

Sincerely


Tobias Amundson

