

Partille, Dec. 8. 1986

Dear cousin Ruth,

We don't write to each other very often, but now I want to write to you, as I heard from Kjell that you were wondering when your father emigrated from Sweden.

As you know ~~my~~ my greater hobby is "relative-research" and I have lately tried to get to know as much as possible about grandfather Gullbrand's life. I think I ~~earlier~~ wrote to you about his coming from Norway and that he came to Adalen in the county of Angermanland in Sweden year 1875. And how he worked there in a sawmill (Sandvikens Angsags AB). In 1886 he moved to Asala where he became kind of a local chief, responsible for the forest-business at Asala - Dorotea - Wilhelmstads disticts. He had great responsibility and very good contact with the main industry in Sandvikens

He (Gullbrand) had help
by attorneys at Dorotea and
Wilhelm, where later your
father Gustaf took over (1892)
Grandfather Gullbrand is said
to be a good man and made
many trips in the district, by
horse and carriage on very bad
roads.

Finally he got problem
with his health (stomach and
eyes). He went to Stockholm
for treatment. Summer 1898
he came back to Åre not
feeling much better. He got
his pension October 1899.
He received 3000 Sw. kr./year
in pension.

Gullbrand's wife Thore
Andrea joined him 1898 to
Stockholm. From there she
travelled to Nord-Odal in
Norway to pick up a small
legacy.

After Gullbrand's death
the forest-attendant at Dorotea
was moved to Åre to work.
To Dorotea came Erik
Johansson, my (June's) father
as inspector. He had driven
some years worked for

Gullbrand at Åsle as a bookkeeper. There he got to know Mina (Gullbrand's fifth child) (sister of your father Gustaf). They got married midsummer - eve 1901, not long after Gullbrand's death.

At Wilhelmina at that time Gustaf Reinhold (your father, Mina's sister, Gullbrand's son) became inspector of the district.

And now we come to what might have happened at Wilhelmina.

I have been at Bollsta bruk at Ådalen, where there is a small library from among others Sandviken's Årsgårds AB. There I found a bunch of letters including Gullbrand's writing to Mr Verstyh and the ~~factory~~ ^{company} during his time as inspector (around 1880).

The letters tell a lot about his work and also the

family. There you can read that Gustaf (your father) already 1892 moved to Wilhelmina to work as an assistant to his father Gullbrand.

So far everything is Ok.
He made Long trips far up
in the mountains to ~~by~~ buy
forest for the company.

The competition from other
companies became bigger and
~~it~~ it became more and more
difficult to get timber from
the forest. The Farmers didn't
want to sell to the companies
as they became aware of the
worth of their forests.

What really happened
with Gustaf at this time
I don't know so well. But
one thing is sure it is that
he one day year 1902
was called down to
the headquarter ~~at~~ in
Sandviken to be held
responsible for a lack
of 7000:- Swkr. in his
statement of account.

Gustaf tried to clear
up the situation by taking
a loan in the bank at Åre.
Some friends went bail for him.
The board of the company didn't
agree to this solution and
Gustaf was suspended from
his appointment at Wilhelmina.

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Thus he went to America
Dec. 22 1902, went back to Sweden
Jan. 26. 1903, married Nina Margareta
Scheldström Jan 31 and again left
for America March 4. 1903. Alone
His wife followed him one year
later March 18. 1904.
(How was it possible to go back
and forth Arctic - America within
one month at that time??)
These information I found
in the Church books at Wilhelmina
What then happened in America -
Canada I don't know very
much about

(I cannot read more. It must be
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this letter. Partille belongs
to Gothenburg on the west
coast of Sweden / (China
North's comment, August 1988)