

a long ways from running water.  
We are next to a Hudson's Bay section  
on our west. On our east and south  
the land is still open.

Of the seven men who went out  
with me six were Americans.

Please let me know if you get any  
news from the reservations. You  
can open it first and send in a

plain envelope. You could not  
have registered I believe, as only  
widows and minor children <sup>(orphans)</sup> can  
register besides the soldiers. Honorable  
discharge papers must also be shown  
and maybe you couldn't find such  
papers. Grandma could have entered

Calgary Alberta

Aug. 4, 1909.

Dear Nonna:-

When I came in from the prairie  
Monday night, I received the news of  
Grandma's death. I hardly think it  
came as a shock to me though I  
didn't expect it so soon any way.  
It must be very hard for you coming  
at the same time with this sickness  
of Willis and our leaving home. I  
hope that you won't be all worn out.

I am sending a map of the district  
over which I went showing the trail  
over which we travelled and the

proposed new railroad and the  
coal mine forty miles from us.  
The land is going very rapidly and  
will be mostly gone before winter.  
I think we can get on ex train  
on our line and will not have to  
go on till spring, at any rate we  
will try it. We will have some  
first class neighbors. Among them  
is a <sup>ex</sup> mounted police from South  
Africa, his brother a school teacher  
normal graduates and ex college  
student, the police men's whom  
and another brother, a ~~Shaker~~  
farmer expert carpenter and mechanic

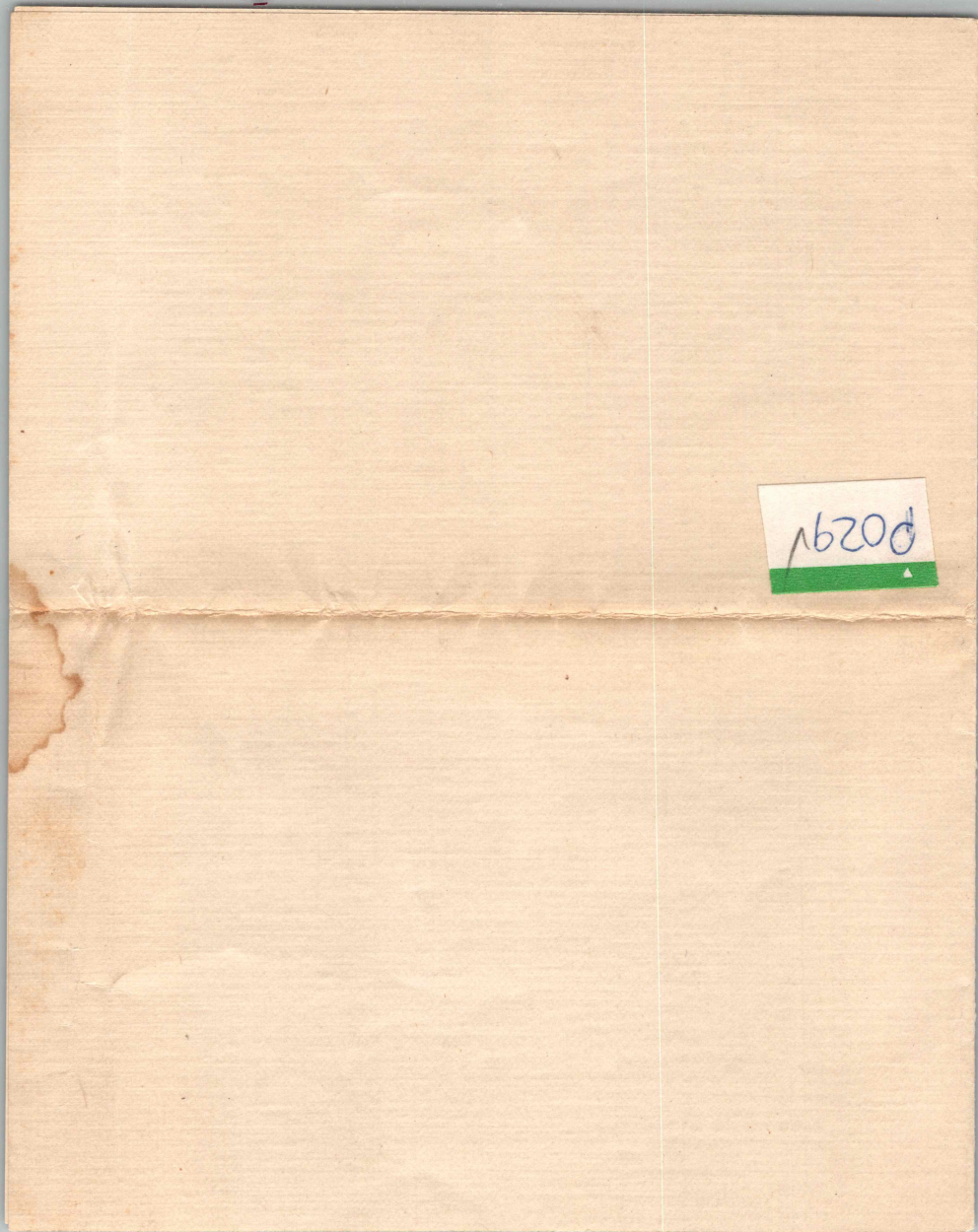
what is at present amounting his eighteen  
year old son to school. The latter  
I am not acquainted with except that  
or three regular farmers of seemingly  
good character and one neighbor  
who has seen the whole world and  
could be recommended for his morals.  
The south African is perhaps Brown  
and has nine brothers and two  
sisters who may take up land  
on which he is going to bring out  
on Oregon and asked if I could  
help him.  
We're 95 miles from the railroad but  
hope to be within two miles, We're  
forty miles from a coal mine and

but not you as I understand the matter.  
Well I have a lot more letters  
to write as I promised to tell  
a large number of people about  
the bond here so I must close  
for the present.

Love to all.

Willie.

W. H. Belden  
617 6th Avenue West  
Calgary Alberta.



0029