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Dec 26th, 38.

Mr Wm Buman,
Tennant Iowa.

Ans 3-4-1939

Dear Bill.

I should have my seat kicked from not writing long ago, but I, am getting like the old gray mare I, am not what I used to be when it comes to letter writing as I grow older I get worse. received a letter ~~XXXX~~ over a year ago with pictures of you whole family and your self should of answered it long ago. but as today is next day after Xmas and it is 40 below and we are all in the house with good hot fires going will now try and give you all the news, wife and my self are up at the Yukon Dam 25 miles above Whitehorse this is where White Pass Co stores up water for spring navigation, this is four winters that we have been up here. there is just 4 of us here another man & his wife, my self and wife, we look after the Dam do not have very much work to do just keep snow & Ice off the dam and keep the water at high level, we will be up here until next June, do not know what I will do next summer as there is very few hunting parties any more I have not had a party for 5 years now, I have had letters from hunting parties who wants to take a hunting trip coming season so may get a party for the coming season, hope so any way.

I have not been very well past couple of years was pretty sick last spring so my self and wife went to Calif last June, stayed in Calif until ~~last~~ Oct 15th, when we returned back to Whitehorse, we intended to stay in Calif when we left from up here last June but after looking Calif over for four months we decided that the Yukon was a pretty good place to live for a while longer, as Calif is in pretty bad shape it is way over done with thousands of idle people with nothing to do and thousand on relief, but if we could sell out our holding up here we would go back to Calif to live but up here is like every place else it is hard to sell any thing, we are very tired of this country, altho we have had the finest winter ever on record for this country, it had been tropical all winter up here until day before yesterday it turn cold and this morning it is 40 below Zero, but we have only about 6 inches of snow, we are glad to hear that you had a good crop past season hope that you get good prices for it, prices was very poor on all farm stuff if Calif last fall, and about 90 per cent of all farmers in Calif are mortgaged to the banks, seems as the farmer is the under dog now days, the darn commissions men makes the money and the farmer does the work. Bill I only have one of the horses left that I had when you were up here a little bay horse we called Pig is still alive, but the Buck that you wrote is still alive but I sold him to a wood contractor a year ago, very near all the fellows that was on the trip with us is dead Bill, Cernic, & Pete Draper, is dead also Marshall Graham, Caraway is in Texas running a Taxidermist Business so I herd last spring, Mike Knowles is over around Valdez Alaska has some good mining property but is not rich yet, Roy Churchill is around Whitehorse working at any thing that he can get to do, but he looks pretty bad he is just skin and bones, Johnie Frazer, is still around Champaine, Morley Bones lives in Calif, but I did not see him when we were down there, the Jacquott Bros are still out at Kluane both have Squaws and a flock of kids, nearly ever one that you meet while up here are dead or have left the country, I seen Dr Jones while I was in Los Angeles this, are not so good with him, also seen H.O. Harrison he is broke flat I sure felt sorry for him well Bill can not think of nothing more to write you so will say good, Over

Our Son James lives in Long Beach Calif he has been down there for 5 years he is married, he sure likes Calif would not live any place else.

We had a very nice Xmas Turkey with all the trimmens, so we have not any thing to howl about today if it is cold, We hope that your self and famley had a good Xmas and that you have a banner new year, so good bye old boy best wishes for Mrs and my self, to you and your famley.

yours very truly,

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