

Grandview, Iowa  
October 3, 1880

Dear Comrade,  
*(to Michael Gesellchen, cousin of Mary Lorang)*

I am now in America in Iowa. I would so much like to come to you.  
*(Valley City, North Dakota)* The trip to you is \$15.00. What I would like to ask you is that you advance me that money. I work here for 60 cents a day, that is not much. I cannot talk to these people and therefore they do with you what they want. I wanted to come to you for a long time but I just can't. I have got my wife and children in Germany yet. I am in such bad shape now that I really can't help myself. You know how it is when a man comes fresh from Germany to America and cannot talk to the people. You have had that experience and so I ask you to help me along so I can come to you.

My wife will have a hard time yet to get together enough to come to me. I would like to buy myself 40 acres of land, as I have heard that the land is not as expensive where you are.

You know we were always good buddies ever since we were young and we shall remain so until death.

Dear Michael and Anna Maria, I hope you will advance me the money so I can come.

Many greetings from

Frank Bach

Grandview, Louisa County  
Iowa

I have been asked by my dad to send you cordial greetings. He is in good shape yet. Greetings to you and your wife.

Respectfully,  
Frank Bach

Please answer soon.



Gesellchen home in Valley City, North Dakota  
Cousins of Mary Gesellchen Lorang.  
Mary is in back seat of car. 1910