

Moline Ill. April 1. 1946.

This is Nils writing

Dear Mother.

This is most likely an unusual letter. Or surprising. I have been thinking of writing you a letter many times but I have not had your address, Verner sent it to me.

It is long time since I saw you, it was when I was in the hospital in Karlstad in 1919. I have been thinking about that so many times.

You must have been thinking what I have done all these years.

I left for Amerika in the fall of 1926 and ended up in South Bend Indiana and worked as a manservant for a millionaire for some years. After that I moved to Moline and started working as a pattern maker for some years. In 1930 I opened my own business, a lemonade factory. In the beginning there were some hard years but now it works fine. I have eleven men working for me now, I sell about one and a half million bottles a year and that is not so bad, so I earn my living rather fine. We have 4 trucks that delivers lemonade to the shops.

I got married in 1934 and I have a nice wife, we have two children a boy who is 7 years old and a girl who is 2 years old. The boy looks like me and the girl looks like her mother.

We built our own house 6 years ago and it is heated with gas.

This is the story of my life in a few words. I will write you more if I hear from you and you are interested.

It has not been so nice here during the years of war, I was not in the war but 6 of my workers were. I has been hard to find workers, but now they all are back, 2 were wounded and we are were happy that they are all alive.

How is Karin? I have thought much of her so many times. I hope she is still alive and is doing well. Would write me some time.

I hope my letter will find you healthy.

Many greetings to you from,

Einar

My address is

Mr. Einar Nelson
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*My spelling is not so good but I have been here
20 years and have almost not talked any Swedish.
My wife can not talk Swedish.*

*It is har to write Swedish on an American typewriter
Because they do not have any å,ä and ö, but I thought it
was better to use it so you can read my writig better.
(Nils.)*