

Kotzebue, Alaska

March 30, 1946

Dear Anna H. F. Marshall,

It was always hard for me to sit down and write a letter, so I decide to drop few lines. I came to Kotzebue on 18 February, over month now since I came. I was sick all summer. Mrs. Downs did all she could try to help me out. I was in the hospital 13 days. It was hard for me, never been to hospital before, so I go over at 10 o'clock every morning. He said yesterday by next week you be home. I have to write home first by candle way, there we have no Post Office at Elephant Point. It may take week or over before they hear for the team to get me.

I have a son. He was only boy now I have he's at 17 of age. Name Willie. Anna the oldest girl, not married, Esther not married, then Nan. Nurse went by help me on her way to Kotzebue, this nurse name this baby that time. Her first name Nan, she has long hair, then the last girl name Mary. She's will be 10 next fall in October. These two going to school, never been in school before like other children, but I help them at home with books. There no school at Elephant Point now they have ? school. Mrs. Down's is their teacher. Nan in 5th grade. Mary in 4th grade. So they doing fine. We have 5 children now living, 6 gone.

Angrook was pretty sick two years ago, we send him by plane. He was to [sic] sick to go by dog team, he was in the hospital from February 12 till 19th of May. They send him home by plane again. He got not any better so they send me a word. My boy took me over, I had some other boy with him so not send him alone back home, so I stayed nearly a month at Kotzeube. Go see him morning and evening, he got some better later. My son came get me again. They were 4 teams of them came, it was long days then. Angrook works now at home around. He's heart weak. He trys be careful. He work in church as usher, looks after the lights and wood for the church. Doctor said he won't live long. I think he stronger than I am.

I went to prayer meeting last Wed. Mrs. Henley ask me go out to their place so we went out, she said she got some letters, one from Martha and from thee. I surely was thankful for 15.00 and dollar from Martha, it was in time of need. I had not even a dollar with me. Thank the Lord. As I think this gift tears come. It's a shame to me for not writing to you since I leave you folks. I hear Vivian and Gladys, Esther all married, some girls I use to know all married now at Whittier and have children. Leland Hunnicutt big doctor. Martha told me I wish I walk in from back door way.

With much love, heaven and earth will pass away but my will not away. This came to my mind, it may help to you, write wanting to hear.

From,

Iva Angrook