

March 7, 1987

Dear LaVerne,

Thanks so much for the valuable information you sent. I really appreciated it. It was especially useful getting the photocopy of the poem that your mother sent to John. Up until this time I could only guess what he was talking about concerning bows. It was such a sweet poem too.

I'm including the poem in your father's biography. I've typed it out and include a copy with this letter. Could you look it over and see if all the verses are in the right order? I was thinking the order may be a little off because of the way you might have had to photocopy it. Just number the verses 1, 2, 3, etc. and mail it back to me if they are not in the correct order if you wouldn't mind.

I'll send you a revised copy of John's biography in some weeks time. I am waiting for a little more information from others before I type out a final copy.

In the mean time I have a few short questions for you. I'll put them on the second page of this letter. If you would just write the answers in the spaces provided and return the page to me I would very much appreciate it.

Thanks for your help.

Love



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1) What job did John have in South Bend before his job at Protectoseal?

It was in a die + tool shop, I don't know the name, it was in South Bend, he only worked a short time.

Protectoseal sent him a letter wanting him to come see them I think. He decided to move back to Chicago. He wanted to live out on the farm but never

2) When Ruth sent John those bows, he didn't send the white one back until about 3 years later. Can you tell by looking at it which color bow he might have sent back. Perhaps there is one missing other than the white one, and then we can tell what his answer to her was at the time he first received the bows.

blue

did. The year he did he was planning on moving out that summer. He was fixing the garage to live in and still renting out the house that way he would be alone back there

3) Could you give me the addresses of each of your kids except for Gene? I have his.

Adele Shinkolt

Phyllis Zolner

Arlene Kib

Jacqueline Holm

*885 E 400N 46991
Van Buren, In 46997*

*R#4 Box 187
Walkerton, In 46574*

R#4 Box 207

*335 Ewing St
Plymouth, In*

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46563

4) I know that Johannes was born March 18, 1857. Do you know when he passed away? I have 1925, but I don't have the exact date. The same goes for Emma.

I don't have these dates, Russell or Al may remember

5) When did Elmer pass away? What was the date you both were married? **What was Elmer's middle name?**

Elmer died Oct 25, 73 his middle name was Martin

We were married Sept 5, 34

Thanks so much! I'll write more later.

To My Love:

1 **If this letter is ought to you,
Delight you'll find in reading it through.**

2 **If of me you ever dream,
Return to me the bow of green.**

3 **If of me you ever think,
Return to me the bow of pink.**

4 **If you are another girl's fellow,
Return to me the bow of yellow.**

*If of me you think when far
away*

Return to me the bow of gray

5 **If you wish to turn me down,
Return to me the bow of brown.**

6 **If your love for me is dead,
Return to me the bow of red.**

7 **If your love for me is true
Return to me the bow of blue.**

This bow is gone

8 **If the courage to propose you lack,
Return to me the bow of black.**

9 **If you want me for your wife,
Return to me the bow of white.**

This bow is gone

10 **If you want me to elope,
Return to me the heliotrope.**

11 **If you think me fine and dandy,
Send to me a box of candy.**

12 **If the writer you can guess,
Send the bow to the right address.**

13 **If the writer you cannot guess,
Send to the girl that you love best.**

Hopefully yours,

Ruta