

1936 Feb 21 - letter from Jurgie Saade and others, stamped by Mukhtar pleading with Katrina to come back.

Bethlehem

Dear Mrs. Katrina Farhat,
Greetings, etc.

This is to inform you that on this date the following people gathered in the house of your cousin Jurgie Saade, the honorable Messrs. Elias Ishaq Abu-Jaghab, the Mukhtar of Ramallah, Mr. Ibrahim Azuz, Mr. Shukri Farhat, together with your cousin [husband] Mr. Suleiman Farhat. We were informed that your cousin Suleiman has sent you several letters requesting your presence here and that he indicated to you the reasons why he can't go to your side, since his father has left him all the properties and businesses in his hands, having become too old and unable [to take care of them], and since he has only his son Suleiman and that all his properties and the title deeds for the properties are registered in the name of your son Georgie and his siblings. This is witnessed by the Mukhtar, Mr. Elias Ishaq Abu-Jaghab, in the presence of your brother in law Anton Karra'a and your sister Na'ame. Your cousin Suleiman has showed his commitment to provide for all your needs and comfort. Also that everything that happened between you before this has been a mistake and lack of trust between you and that the losses you both incurred have been losses which the children have suffered from and if you continue on this road you will lose your money and your children. Deep in your heart, you cannot continue along this road. This assembly [meeting] found that it makes sense that when you receive this letter we urge you to come here with your children. Your cousin Suleiman directs you to sell all your assets of furniture and property and do not retain any connection at that end because from here you can live on your properties. And if you want to open a shop in any place, he is willing to do whatever you advise. He has committed himself before us that you will be comfortable and happy here and you will win your children and your money because conditions here are better than in America and for the whole world is aware [the bad conditions in America]. Seize this opportunity before it is too late. From here, your cousin Suleiman Farhat and his cousin Shukri send their greetings and Mr. Elias Ishaq Abu-Jaghab and Mr. Ibrahim Azuz send you their greetings and Mr. Anton Karra'a and your sister Na'ame send you their greetings, and I, your cousin Jurgie, send you my greetings, may God preserve you.

Jurgie Yacoub Saade

In the presence of and signed by the above with the stamp of the Mukhtar.

Translated by Salim Tamari