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Dear Father I now take my pensil in hand to let you know that I am well. Wee all got our tickets in bangor to carry from boston to duleith. Give 2960 and giv \$5 more to go from bangor to boston in the cars. Wee should went in the boat but it did not go out til the next day. Wee went from boston to albany, albany to buffalo, buffalo [to] niagra falls and forom thare to dunleith. We got to dunleith saterdy and had to giv 9 dolars from dunleith to st paul. Wee are sailing up the river now but the water is rather low. Thay run the boat onto a sand bed satedy night. It giv them a quite a lift to get it off again. Thay think wee shal get up to st. paul Tusdy morning. I and Agustors bout a lite veias in bangor and poot sum grub in it and when that was gon I bould not get eny more. Thay would not sel it by the loaf so wee had to buy sum by the meal. Had to pay fifty cents a meal sumtimes but the first chans that I found I bought a puf for a dolar to last us a weak when wee dont hav anything to eat with us. Wee cannot get it. Wee want it. The cars stop 4 or 5 minits in a place and sumtimes a half an our and when thay get reddy to start thay are off. Thay will not wait for any one to eat on mouthful or eaven get aboard. This boat is named war eagle she is very heavy loaded. She has run a ground again and the captain ses all ashore and I shal haf to go. Thay hav got the boat off again it has taken them a half an our. Amos Day.

Wee are all well that cum from maine. Daniel Smith takes his regular biters. He he gets quite warm sumtimes if any any tells him to stand round he gets sasted. I shal hav sum money left and I shal send it to you as soon as I can get a chans to go to work I can't think of any thing to write now. Amos Day



*The War Eagle, the steamboat upon which Amos wrote to his father*

I don't think I can get any postage stamps until I get up to st paul. The oald boat trembles so that I cant rite so that you can read more than half of it I dont expect. Rite as soon as you get this. Wee are on lake pipin now whare the boat can run without stratching scratching gravell adams

#### SOURCE:

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