

Ströhen, July 5th 1908

Starting with God and ending with God that is the best curriculum vitae

My dear children all

I want to tell you our father has gone to God

He died at half past 9. He has been ill since longer. He has been seriously ill only for three days otherwise I would have written to you. We would not have expected his end so quickly. He would have become 66 years old on July 16th

I feel rather fine if you want to visit me. His burying text was Corinthians 2 chapter 6 from the second verse. He says then I have heard you in the good times and I have heard you in the times of the holy. Now see it is the good time now it is the day of the holy now.

What God does is well done. His will is justified How he is dealing with my things is done well I want to keep He is my God who knows how to protect me in the time of need Therefore I let him do

Write back soon

My dears I am not alone On April 1st our Friez with his family came to us They have three children The oldest is 12 years old and the youngest will become 7 years old in September

Marie has three sons The oldest and youngest have married. Sophie has a son who will become 4 years old in August. Sophie cannot imagine that you are her brother. Christian has get a son on May 25th. He has get two children. This spring we had a lot of rain. Now we have a dry period. The harvest looks fine The little pigs cost 15 until 18 Mark Two hundred pound corn cost 18 Mark 50 Pf and we hope that this letter will find you with the best health

Best regards from Mother, brother F. and sisters, brother-in-law and sister-in-law

God with us and you

(‘Father’ is Christian Wilhelm Struempler, Sophie Husband. ‘Friez’ is Heinrich August Friedrich Struempler, William’s younger brother. , ‘Marie’ is Marie Sophie Wilhelmine (Struempler) Meier, Williams older sister. , ‘Sophie’ is Sophie Marie (Struempler) Langhorst, William’s youngest sister)