

## Stroehen 15 January 1909

Dear son and daughter-in-law and the dear children all,

God and a healthy life do I desire to give you your dear letter have we received and seen your small Otto died and you again have a small girl lead me to do what God does and has done On 27 September have we also a small girl The youngest son is 7 years old.

Christian bought also a plot of land of 23 acres country meadow and moor for 27 hundred Marks. He must build a house, that is another conversation.

My dear I will send you my picture to see me at my age and Sophie, her husband and son send their illustration also. Those are 2 pictures which I am sending.

Sophie says she cannot believe it is her brother who writes. To also mail her a letter, her address is Master carpenter Friedrich Langhorst No. 184 in Strohen. Their son is 4 year perhaps able still one more I would have rather finished writing however the days are short and dark and with light I can no longer see to write.

It becomes always something bad with me particularly in the winter we also always had have a considerable good harvest in October has it 2 night efficiently frozen and in November also again few days otherwise we have had a beautiful autumn the week before wine making we had very cold weather then 14 days it became again mild to now we have some snow

With the cattle prices goes also well an efficient costs 80 to 100 Thaler  
the small pigs cost 15 to 18 Marks  
the grain is very expensive  
the corn costs 18 Marks for 200 Pound  
fatten pigs cost live weight 52 Marks the ham per Pound of 72 Pfennig.

Not much piece of news do I have to write to you our relations still all contently well however not Friez Meier will no more drink too much Brandy which makes finally suffer

They do marry well here for Herman Summann his daughter has 2 already married and Bekemeier also 2. And William Summann who has only one son has moved away from his parents and he does not get along with the bad Brandy and William also lost his hand.

Greetings Mother brother and sister brother-in-law and In-laws God with us and you

*(from Sophie Summann Strümpler, Wm. Struempler's mother)*

*(Otto is Otto Paul, William's 3<sup>rd</sup> child, Alma Martha is the 'small girl', 'small girl born on 27 Sep' is Sophie Marie (Struempler) Kassebaum). 'Sophie' is Sophie Marie Langhorst, William's youngest sister)*