

Stroehen 25 June 1911

With God and a healthy life do I wish to give you My dear I have for a long time waited upon a letter however no one my age is able to go there *(to America?)* I was repeatedly ill this winter now it goes fairly so again. My sister Karoline Schlotman has also died she was buried on 2 February we had a gentle winter many people have died there. The old Bartman also died. Today we have beautiful weather during the days it has badly frozen at night

God with us and you

My dear your picture of your sons have we received. That made me very much happy such healthy children. I have also sent a picture to you from Friez of his oldest daughter. Should you write to Herman tell him that you also received.

Brother Christian has bought also a farm that has a good plan and a beautiful house. They have now 3 children. Friez has 5 children the youngest was in February one year. Sophie has 2 children the youngest is 2 years the oldest goes to the school. Meier built himself also a house.

Now will I continue to write my letter.

My dear it would make me happy however if I also had you here and you would be able to visit but my hope is out to visit America now here the boys now earn 300 to 400 Marks the girls 80 to 90, also hundred Thaler with the pigs it goes not so well now here in the whole lands is the cattle epidemic that does us all harm now the people can become completely finished the last 14 days has it some efficiently light frost particularly much is frozen Bonen William Doeding in Husen asked me if you be willing to write him also and sends regards. *(Sophie Strümpfer's mother-in-law was a Döding. Husen is a town nearby.)*

My dear write again soon how you all are because I much enjoy a letter at my years as I am old. I have also no desire to write however the dear you urged me to write. I cannot leave Friez Meier lies in the hospital he has a bad arm that probably will not again become good.

I do not want to be without the cross. Which sends God will I bear, Send yet my dearest Father, Send however only short troubles and well-intentioned. Who faithful cries there lives in constant joys. I want to suffer with Christ. *(this possibly from a hymn?)*

Many greetings from Mother, brother and sister, brother-in-law and sister-in-law

(from Sophie Summann Strümpfer, Wm. Struempfer's mother)