

Ströhen 15 February 1914

My dear your letter from November have I received I had written to you in September also a letter where that did not arrive Lydia's Confirmation picture have we received it delights me however a complete row of children the small Martin is however probably the last those make also much trouble and work. Our Friez has 5 children the smallest was on 28 February 4 years I believe that she like his wife becomes very bulky and fat Friez celebrates on 27 February his 40th birthday your sister can come for it. Sophie has 3 sons that the youngest was born in June.

Now can you come and inspect our house we have built a room a kitchen a cellar and more pig place we now make 48 to 50 Marks selling pigs weighing 100 Pounds in the spring we must still build a barn and perhaps pigsties.

we do not know otherwise our hay far it gives here now much hay makes fertilizers for the foreigner we have 4 Milk cows and 2 cattle and many pigs

That visit of which you wrote, Heinerich Peter is not yet come over

We have this autumn had much rain in damp Wine-nights weather we had snow now we have intense cold and it gave us frost that the windows froze over here

I will write further my letter which I began 3 weeks ago I was ill already 3 weeks I am not yet completely better again I am on 10 October 70 years old if I still live so long if old age permits

in February we had beautiful summer weather today it is not so beautiful

Write again soon Many greetings from your Mother and from all relatives

I am tired God with us and you

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