

Stroehen 4 November 1922

Dear Brother

Your letter and the papers and the ticket have we received and the passport have we also obtained. H. Peters has written us that a steamer and cabin has been ordered 3rd class. 2nd class was already full. The steamer Seidlitz leaves 2 December from Bremen port. You must Sophie like your child support I can no more provide.

Sophie will bring perhaps also a bed which can perhaps still be put to good use. It is winter and is a feather bed customary otherwise. May you prove it a success the late passage. It is nevertheless completely well. It is still everything healthy.

Best greetings from Family Fr Strümpfer (*Fritz Strümpfer, William's younger brother*)

Sophie writes further

God with us

Dear Uncle Aunt and All

I have thoroughly been pleased with the ticket of fate you have given me because otherwise I could not have come to America. We were Monday to Cologne and got the passport. That cost 42.000 M 10 dollar. Here is already somewhat snow and freezing. When I arrive at Lexington you must from the train station personally fetch me since I don't know any of your family. Whether Peters will go directly there is still not known. Peters have 2 cabins, a cabin for 4 persons for Peters, his wife, Martha and Martin and a cabin for 2 persons for Else and me. We have now 3rd Class so will get you the 25 Dollar back again. We wish God that I arrive there safely. God's will be done.

Cordial greetings to you all Send, Sophie

Verbally more

(Immigration records exist for Peters family and Sophie arriving on ship Seidlitz in New York from Bremen in Dec. 1922)

('Sophie' is Sophie Marie (Struempfer) Kassebaum, the daughter Heinrich August Friedrich Struempfer, the younger brother of William.)