In 1910 Josephine Boshouwers, born in 1883, emigrated from the province of Limburg (The Netherlands) to the U.S.A. to join her fiancé, Eugène a Campo, born in 1876, who had emigrated there in 1909. Soon they got married and settled in New Plymouth (Idaho). They had 5 children : Teresa (Mrs. Fiellen), Margaret (Mrs. Charles Henggeler), Bernard (married to Agnes), Joe (married Rosie at the age of 31), and Louise (who at a very early age became Mrs. Leo Palumbo). Mr. Eugène a Campo died in 1925 of the flu.

Mrs. Josephine a Campo seems to have kept up a regular correspondence with her relatives in The Netherlands. She wrote a series of 19 letters, between 07-17-1945 and 12-08-1950, to her niece Wies, the present Mrs. L.C.Beckers-Boshouwers of Sittard (The Netherlands); and one to her sister and brother-in-law Maria and Constant, dated 02-26-1946, On February 17, 195? Mrs Margaret Henggeler wrote a letter in English to her cousin Mrs. Wies Beckers-Boshowwers. From a letter written by Joan Henggeler (Margaret's daughter?) to Mrs. Beckers, which arrived in November 1989, we can infer that the writer visited her relatives in the Netherlands.

About the contents of the letters written by Mrs. Josephine a Campo : The bulk of the information is on matters of everyday-life: health, births, weather, bits of news concerning common acquaintances. There are references to the aftermath of World WarII: ever-rising prices, relative scarcity of certain food items (sugar is rationed, 5 pounds for 4 months), mention is made of packages that have been sent to help the relatives. Josephine has some complaints: there are too many strikes ('Somtijds kan men niet begrijpen, waarom de menschen niet kunnen tevreden zijn'); Feople get married at a much too early age; the quality of things leaves something to be desired ('len koopt hier ook wat er is en niet wat men wenscht'); politicians do not do their work properly. She is a very devout Catholic: people neglect church going, and prayer; she suffers from arthritis and has to stay indoors, but goes to mass (a blessing that there are cars). Most of these letters were written from New Plymouth, but in 1949 she is in hospital for surgery, and after that she can no longer take care of herself, and is at her daughter Margaret's home at weiser. She dies inl95l. Her last letters are shorter, are addressed to 'Lieve Wies en de heele familie', and the writing deteriorates visibly. In her final letter she asks for her relatives' prayers.

There is a curious discrepancy between the items 15 and 16 of this series. The former is dated 4 December 1949 and the latter 6 December 1949. One is addressed to 'Lieve Wies en heele familie', the other 'Beste Wies en de heele familie'. Both are written at Weiser, where Josephine is recuperating at her daughter Margaret's after her serious operation (the surgeon removed a tumor: 'de kwaal die ik had noemen ze hier een tumor, een groot gezwel dat al die pijn scheen te veroorzaken'). This was in 1947. She first went to live with Bernard and Agnes at Fruitland for some time, but after a trial period in her own house she was taken care of by her daughter Margaret who lived at weiser, Idaho. Both letters have a proper beginning and ending, so that they were probably not sent in one envelope. But the most mysterious thing is the conflicting evidence about the weather. On the fourth of December Josephine writes: '... het weer werd buitengewoon koud met heel wat sneeuw, kouder dan het in jaren geweest is, tot 15 graden Fahrenheit onder nul elken nacht...........Ik hoop maar dat het spoedig warmer wordt'. Two days later, December $6^{\text {th }}$, she reports: 'Tot nu toe is het zeer mooi geweest, zeer verschillend van verleden jaar, toen hadden we een lange koude winter, die we niet meer terug wenschen'. The letters show the same handuriting, but the second is less clear and free than the first. Cannot one of these letters be predated or postdated by a year? Not likely, since there is a letter dated 13 December 1948, and one dated 8 December 1950. Does she refer to weather conditions in two different places? Not likely so either, for her statements are very general.

The letters were written from New Plymouth (13, from the small farm worked by her unmarried son Joe, whose great hobby seems to be watching football), Fruitland (2, where Bernard and Agnes live) and Weiser (5, ever since December 1949, at her daughter Margaret's).

There are some interesting examples of English interfering with Dutch:
14 April 1946: Kousen zijn even raar (she means: zeldzaam).
14 July 1946: ...maar de jonge menschen doen hier te jong trouwen.
29 January 1947: ...ik zou niet willen hebben dat het werd uitgevonden (found out).
15 September 1947: ...dat ik een operatie heb ondergaan in het hospital (ziekenhuis).
11 November 1947: ... Zoolang ik blijf rond loopen doet het niet heelen.
Dit zijn slechts enkele voorbeelden.

Brief ontvangen van: Mrs. L.C.Beckers-Boshouwers, Kennedyflat 45, OudebroekSittarderweg

If this letter reaches you, please let me know. I cannot find your address as you wrote it out for me at the restaurant in Maastricht. I am using something that Jeannette wrote down for me before I left for Switzerland and I somehow feel it is not totally correct. I even considered writing "ACROSS FROM THE POLICE STATION IN SITTTARD" on the envelope.

I would presume that by the time you get this you will have returned from you natation in Spain. I do hope the weather was pleasant and that you enjoyed every minute of your stay. You and Mia have come to my mind often. Yesterday I was going through some of my Mother's things and found several pictures from The Netherlands of family that I have no idea who they are. There are a few dates on the backs and I did recognize a couple of homes. I think one of them is of your brother Joe when he was a wee little boy. I would wager that they are pictures that had been sent to my Grandmother

It is hard to find the right words to express my thanks to your for all you did to make my trip to The Netherlands so memorable. I so appreciated your efforts to get family together for the reunion, visit and luscious buffet dinner. The beautiful 1 uncheon, Mass, coffee and day in Hoensbroeck, Valkenburg and Masstricht leave such pleasant memories--but most of all the time spent with you was so special to hear about family and gain some inside to the family history. Thank you for every minute.

My trip home was so long. I thought we would never get to San Francisco even though I arrived on fy 40 minutes late. All flights from Amsterdam, London and New York were very late. It is a good thing I had long layovers. Customs was a pain in the neck in Amsterdam and London but New York was nothing. It was good to get home and back into a routine. However, I am ready to go again!

Undoubtedly you heard about the big earthquake we had Oct. 17. The damage to San Francisco and Oakland was bad, but no worse than to many of the towns, roads, bridges, homes and businesses on the coast in Santa Cruz, Watsonville and the Santa Cruz Mounting. I was very close to the epicenter and it was a very frightening 15 seconds and night. My immediate neighborhood were without power and phones for $10-12$ hours Some areas still do not have power, water or phones. My home had no structural damage but I did have a cupboard open and I lost considerable glassware--they were only things and I am in no hurry to replace them. We still are having aftershocks though they are decreasing in frequency. My brother Gene, who lives across the Bay felt the quake but had no damage.

Leo has asked me to come to his home in Los Angeles for Christmas. I was all eager to go until I found I could not have the day after Christmas off. I had planned to drive; I suppose I should see what the airline possibilities are or if there is even a reservation left. Our Thanksgiving is a big traditional holiday and is due in a couple weeks. I will spent that day at the home of Gene's second son and his wife, who have invited me to share dinner with them.

We are having a beautiful Fall; the trees are a fiery red and losing their leaves. Our rainy season is upon us and should be starting soon. Many people are still living outside since the earthquake so big efforts are being made to get temporary housing arranged.
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