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Kamps, A. Westerbork, Drenthe - Grand Rapids, Michigan A. Kamps to friends

Grand Rapids, 1 March 1875

Dear friends,

We received your letter of February 15 recently while enjoying good health. It is a great pleasure to hear about your well being as well. You write about the cold and snow flurries. Both are severe here too. The situation is precarious; the snow is 2 or 3 feet thick on the road so we could not use it. And it continues to be cold here. We never experienced such a cold before in our life. The cold was so severe that the thermometer indicated 33 degrees below zero. But at least we had some things in abundance, like food, shelter, heat, and clothing. There were many people who lacked this and had to reconcile themselves with poverty. Some people even froze to death. What is it that sets us apart from these people? Is it because of us being so righteous and God-fearing? Oh no, we may ask with Jesus "Do you believe that these people at whom the tower of Siloam fell, were worse sinners than other people? But beloved ones, it is the graciousness of the Lord. Jesus tells us this. If one does not repent and return to the Lord then you all will be cursed. The Lord still concerns Himself with us. Och that we may have a sincerely grateful heart. Sometimes we are grateful when we look back at our own past. Today two years ago our situation looked quite differently: we did not have food to eat and no wood for the heather. But the Lord saved us and continued to bless us with good health, and the capability to labor which enabled me to provide for my family members. But friends, we have to acknowledge with shame that our gratitude is not even enough for one of God's thousand blessings we received. Our heart is not entirely grateful. O my the Lord lead us

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## A. KAMPS

WESTERBOOK, Drenthe grand hapids, Mulya

AUGUST 29, ????

Dear brothers, sisters, uncles and aunts and extended families,

I want you to know, that we, because of God's goodness, enjoy good health. We hope, this is the same with you. We received the letter from H. Schepens and his daughter Hillegien, we have sent this to Hieken, (4) J. Schepers has visited us on August 27.

We had been looking forward every day, with great anxiety, to a letter from you, but no letter came. Now we heard from J. Boer, that our letter of June 1 had not been received. In this letter we had written about some important business and most important about the money. We have talked to J. Boer and C. Nyenhuis on the 26th of August in Assen. Nyenhuis can help us to come to America. But he does not know us, neither does he know you. He just has to take J. Boer's word for it. J. Boer has said that brother-in-law Kaper and Flemmigje are pretty well off. They have shown their willingness to help by giving J. Boer f. 150.- for us. But toward you, we don't have such favorable feelings, you did not say anything to J. Boer about us, if you would and could help us. Even though you did not receive the letter, without any cost to you, you could have given J. Boer a letter from you to us, just as you have done to the Hiekens. We are in a bad situation now, most of our goods have been sold. Nyenhuis is willing to help us, but he wants his money back as soon as possible, if we safely arrive in America. We pray, that our Lord will lead us and bring us safe to America, and that all will be well. We expect, that you will help us together for one person,

it will be too hard. We pray to the Lord, that He will safely lead us with all our children. We pray, that in America, we will receive the blessings of the Lord, so that, as soon as possible, we can pay you back.

My dear brothers and sisters, Tammigje told us, that she would write us before our departure. We would have liked this so very much, sometimes we are so worried and so fearful, that you will disappoint us, but we pray, that He will instill in you a love to not only help us to come, but also enable us to make it.

My dear brothers and sisters, the day of our departure is not sure yet.

J. Boer plans to travel Thursday from Assen to Zwolle and from there to

Rotterdam and plan to come again in Ludlaren on the 31st. We plan to depart
in about eight days. The reason, that you did not receive the letter, dated

June first, could be, that we wrote the wrong address. It was written as
follows:

Boer Linderek Town Zeeland, Ottawa County State of Michigan Noord-America

Forgive us, that I wrote that our thoughts about you were not favorable, it is not as bad as I expressed it. But we are desperate, we don't know what to think. I cannot write you another letter, but I hope, that you will not disappoint us, that we once might live as brothers and sisters. My prayer is, that the Lord will bless us and all of you and keep us in His care. Keep us in your prayers.

Our heartfelt greetings,
With respect and love.

A. Kamps

## Margje Timmer Kamps

H. Kamps - Harm Kamps

Roeltje Kamps - J.H. Kamps