

**De Bruin, Koosje**  
**Acquoy, Gelderland - Grand Haven, Michigan**  
**K. de Bruin to Johannes van Doorne**  
**(1870)**

July

Dear brother-in-law, sister and children. It has been a long time and much has happened in the meantime since I wrote last. First of all the good Lord thought it wise to take away through death my dear youngest ..... and although I was so happy with his birth because it was such a beautiful boy, still what the Lord does is well done; it only lived for 10 weeks. And now I will let you know about my breast. It is, through God's goodness completely healed which was not expected at all. I had already accepted a certain death, for wherever I went or which doctor I asked for advice, the answer was that it was incurable. At Eastertime I proposed to the doctor in our congregation that, if it were possible to take away the breast, but he did not dare to comfort me with this but answered that he really pitied my situation because I was so young to leave my five children behind. But from that moment on he did not stop thinking about this. I had, however, never expressed the hope I still had for my recovery. I was determined to submit myself to divine providence and in all things to respect his inscrutable and perfect will. When I was by myself, I recalled what I had earlier read and ..... trusted that ..... I would see again the temple of his holiness. Psalm 138 that the Lord is as trustworthy as strong..... this all was a great comfort to me. At last our doctor came to the big decision to take away the breast at my house. Wednesday evening at six o'clock on June 3rd was the time that this should take place.

Our whole village was in uproar as if there was to be sacrifice. I have received much comfort from the fact that so many people were interested in my restoration but above all I received help from on high. In full trust that Jesus Christ is my only and true healer, who would be near me in everything did I joyfully go to the table where I would loose my young blood.

The doctors were very much surprised to see me in such a state and thought at first that I had a nervous breakdown but everything went as well as can be expected. When I was on the table I was gently placed into a state of unconsciousness. After working on me for two and a half hours I regained consciousness again. I never felt any pain and for the rest of my life I hope never to forget that the Lord was so gracious and near to me. Aunt Mieke was dead scared that after having been together for eleven years we would now have to part.

Aunt Mieke will put some flower seed in here. We hope that you and your children will receive this in good health. Many heartfelt greetings from all of us. We remain with love your ever loving sister Koosje and G. J. de Bruin. Give our greetings also to your son Cornelis and his family and your daughter Mieke and her husband Malinus van Doorne.

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Zeergeagte Swager en zuster en uwen kinderen. Langen tijd is het geleden en veel is er intussen gebeurt dat ik de laatste maal heb geschreven/ voor eerst heeft het den goede god behaagt mijn lieve jongste .....door den doot van mijn weg te neme en hoewel ik met de geboorte van hetzelfde zoo zeer verblijt was omdat het zoo een schoone jonge was/ dan het zij zoo dat de heere gedaan heeft is goei gedaan/ het is maar tien weeken oud geworden/ nu zal ik uw eensmede- deele hoe of het thans met mijne borst is/ die is door des heeren goedhijd buiten verwagting geheel hersteld/ ik had mij net aan eenen gewisse dood onderworpe want waar of ik er meede kwam of welke genees- kundige ik er over raad pleegde was overal het antwoord dat het onher- stelbaar was/ met het paasveest had ik den geneesheer van onze gemeente voorgeslaage om zoo het moogelijk was de zelve af te zette dog toen durfde die mijn hiermede niet te trooste maar gaf mij ten antwoord dat hij met mijn toestand zeer veel medelijde gevoelde omdat ik nog zoo jong was om mijne vijf kinderen zo vroeg te moeten verlaate/ maar van dit tijdstip was hij hier niet over uitgedagt/ ik had mijn egter nimmer uitegelaate welk een hoop ik nog gevoelde voor mijn herstel/ ik had mij voorgenoome om mij aan het wijze bestuur der goddelijke voorzienigheid te onderwerpe en in alles zijn ondoorgrondelijken wijzen raad volkomen te eerbiedigen/ wanneer ik mij alleen bevond kwam mij zoo alles voor den geest hetgeen ik vroeger gelezen had en met ..... vertrouwe dat ofschoon het wier als aan mijn hoofd gebonden was ik den tempel zijner hijlighijd weeder zouw anschouwe/ 138 palm dat de heer zoo getrouw als sterk is en hoe de heere te .....proef van is .....vetrouwe genoomen ...../dit alles was mij zeer tot troost/ en ijndelijk was onze geneesheer tot het groote besluit gekoome om aan mijn verzoek te voldoen en met de hulp van nog twee geneeskundige bij mijn ijge aan huis de bors af te zette op woensdag avond om zes uure den derde Juny was den bepaalden tijt dat dit zoude plaats hebbe/ ons ganze dorp was in opschudding alsof dat er een slagtoffer plaats moest hebbe/ik hebbe deeze veel troost onder- vonde zoveel menzen stelde belang in mijn genezing maar boovenal heb ik hulp van booven ontvange/in het volste vertrouwe dat Jezus Cristus mijn den eenigen en waaren mediezijnmeester mijn in alles van nabij zouw weeze gink ik met blijdschap den slagtbank tegemoet waarop ik mijn jeug- dig bloei zoude storte/de geneeskundige waaren er zeer over ver- wondert mij in eene dusdanige stemming aan te treffe and dagen eerst

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H. A. RAVENSWAAY.

GORINCHEM,

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Zuster als u' Gelegenheid  
heeft bezorgt dat is bij  
M. V. Doren u' moet ook  
de Grotenis hebbe van Der ouden  
B. stem hoek Nooriman  
te Brest

D. Doorn

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Johannes Van Doorne

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Gullin Meeting in

Letters written to family of  
Maria Van Deerne, wife of  
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