Van Doorne, Willem Benschop, Utrecht - Grand Haven, Michigan W. van Doorne to Marinus van Doorne

Benschop, December 6, 1878

Dear Brother,

We received your letter of June 8th in good health and also your portrait with which we are very pleased for, brother, in all probability we will not see each other again before our death, as we are getting on in age and the trip is too far for us.

Dear brother, you have an easier life at your old age than I have, as I still have to work for a living but I have to be satisfied, at least I don't have to do heavy work.

We are healthy but my wife has often stomach pains. We are enclosing a portrait of myself and my wife, as you desired. We hope that you and your family may receive it in good health. We have had a mild winter here in our country. The grain was pretty good this year. We have had such hot weather here that it was impossible to be out in the sun for a very long time. Lately we have had many thunder and rain storms. You should write me soon to let us know whether or not you received this letter and portrait. The portrait shows a good likeness of us.

Hay is not as expensive as in other years since there was a good crop. Straw is almost half the price of last year. The land in your area did not receive as much damage as it did here.

The farms have gone up in price lately.

A couple of weeks ago my daughter Janna died in Oudewater.

Well, dear brother, of course we did not write this letter ourselves because we cannot write but these are our thoughts. Live happily......with yours and receive heartfelt greetings from my wife and myself namely

Willem van Doorne

Van Doorne, Willem W. van Doorne to Martinus Van Doorne

Benschop, Utveett - Grand Haven, Muligan Benschop, December 6, 1878 Dear Brother,

We received your letter of June 8th in good health and also your portrait with which we are very pleased for, brother, in all probability we will not see each other again before our death, as we are getting on in age and the trip is too far for us.

Dear brother, you have an easier life at your old age than I have, as I still have to work for a living but I have to be satisfied, at least I don't have to do heavy work.

We are healthy but my wife has often stomach pains. We are enclosing a portrait of myself and my wife, as you desired. We hope that you and your family may receive it in good health. We have had a mild winter here in our country. The grain was pretty good this year. We have had such hot weather here that is was impossible to be out in the sun for a very long time. Lately we have had many thunder and rain storms. You should write me soon to let us know whether or not you received this letter and portrait. The portrait shows a good likeness of us.

Hay is not as expensive as in other years since there was a good crop. Straw is almost half the price of last year. The land in your area did not receive as much damage as it did here. The farms have gone up in price lately.

A couple of weeks ago my daughter Janna died in Oudewater.
Well, dear brother, of course we did not write this letter ourselves because we cannot write but these are our thoughts.
Live happily.....with yours and receive heartfelt greetings from my wife and myself namely

Willem van Doorne

Previously field woulder C. Bon Thur breef sunder achtet.

They he then my in gerowheis

endunged beginne her peroxities

endunged son took in hondes

endunged son took in bestelle Rose weeder Cy helt het of then it class like at his man mark ment ment de told tergohre aanschijnlijk stille Enrichant flein ihr gent to den ihr den ihr de flein ihr and more sich character beich when the server of the server

end hag en mine some koperate.
On dit met eene konsylvate.
In gewondreid moort einken kenten ge. The kannie over hetgehead goed of het prostret. By Lang in the Ron to merin! De Cacht tijl helben very haust ondelichen was on tween a clayer grand dut hel gehal- by most my sens Hierbij Kendik U esuporhet weel ommoder en regentingen "Clase brief much pe bordet beneale sper winter geland expecial meson the free free glor Con so the grown process on son

Gestonen te Cleacheworter. Mor sene week of wat get eden nacoled genomment is Het The heart deal by Il mal ourse gedochten Lest gelicktig shero is harat de helphomender hove is hiermet dos chrew als en ruces frankate gregesch minde go below cloud hier en tocher onch de l'écourse de lancheije kijn hier den is migre delenter frama ander found dual se reck nedeemslifte telf rich gochreun Courses of forces lass money Hul Hounde Breneder steam brief heblew my

Van Doorne, Willem Benschop, Utrecht - Grand Haven, Michigan W. van Doorne to Martinus van Doorne

Benschop, January 21, 1883

Dear sister and family,

I want to let you know that I received your letter in good health and read therein that my brother has died in the blessing of the Lord and that is a great privilege. I hope and wish that I might also be part of that blessing for I am getting on in age also. Every day is another one and we leave everything to the good Lord.

Furthermore, I hope that you and your family may walk in the ways of the Lord in this New Year and that everything may go well with you for at the end is death and therefore is no cure. You write that your "voorbidder" (church leader) has died but God lives and if you pray for it he will provide you with another "voorbidder". If you persist in prayer, the Lord will provide for your needs. I cannot write much anymore than that we all are through God's grace in good circumstances and we hope to hear the same from you some time. We have received a letter from Pieter and heard that they are flooded but so far they can manage. Now sister and children, I wish you the peace and......

I end with my pen but my thoughts remain with you. Receive heartfelt greetings from us all and from myself, Your brother-in-law

W. van Doorne

Waarde zuster met us huisgenoot. Ik laat u weten als dat ik u brief in gezondheid heeft ontvangen en gezien dat my broeder is overleden in de toestand van de zegen des Heere en dat is een groot voorreg. Ik hoop en ik wens dat ik er ook een deel aan mag hebben want ik wort ook al een dagje ouder, elke dag is er bij mij ook al een dus wij zullen alles maar aan de goede God afwagte/ en nu verder hoop ik dat u alle met u huisgezin in dit nieuwe jaar met malkander in the zegen des Heeren door moge wandelen en alle met malkander goe moge vinden want na het uit eind is de doot daar help geen meiceinmeester meer voor en u schrijft dat u voorbidder overleden is maar God leef noch/ indien gij het van hem begeert en zoo gij er mom bit zo zal hij u wel een voorbidder kiezen indien gij volhoud in het gebet zo zal de Heere uitkomst schenken/ en nu verder kan ik u alles niet beschrijfe dus wij zijn door God's goedheid all noch in welstand and dat hoop ik verder van u ook te hooren bij gelegenheid en nu verder hebben wij een brief ontvangen van Pieter en gezien dat de boel onder water staat maar ze hebben to noch toe geen armoet en dus zuster met u kinderen wensch ik u de vrede en .... moet ik eindige met de pen maar niet met mijn hart/ nu schenk ik u de hartelijke groetenis van ons alle en van mij die zich noemt uwen zwager

W. van Doorne

Burelofs den 21 games, 1883 Mounde Luster met a huis genoot it last use meter als dat it a brief in gezonotherd heeft outrange in gerien dat mig broeder is overleden inde toestand van de zegendes Heere endat is sen groot rooming it hoefs with were dat it en ook me deel and may better want its nort ook als een dagje ouner elke dag is en by mij ook een dus mij zuller alles maan van de Goode God af wag te en nu revolu hoop its dat wall met a heirgo zen in det niervez var met malkander in de tegen des Here door more wandeles en alles met malkonden goe mogerinden mant na het uit eind is de doot door helps geen mede Zeinmeester neer voor en a selvit my dat a voor triver overlide is maar Good leet noch

mun Anager Twom hur our my direct mount meen not met myn hart me somt in de handelyte grockin neu ous met de tem planer de Leaur vert en Judine mench it a de plack en toe gow amost in den zusternet u. you Huber on gerren dat ok book onder ! perder san a och to hoom by gelegenthem all north in notition it sudat loops its benikryte den my zgu doen Godigood herd whould in me vender bear its a able met hat getest no zach de Them withour vor bidu. Luzeu in du gy vol hourt in and de une bit 200 20l by a wet son indien gg het van hom begunt en 200

Van Doorne, Willem Benschop, Utrecht - Grand Haven, Michigan W. van Doorne to Martinus van Doorne

Benschop ..... '92

Dear aunt,

I let you know by way of this letter that father had died on Dec. 5 at seven o'clock in the evening at the age of 81 years and nine months. We do not know anything about his last moments but father was a burdened and searching soul during the last years.

Father had a tumor in his chest. According to the doctor he has had it for 20 years. He died calmly and peacefully. We had much frost here from Nov. 25 till December 16. Greetings from myself namely widow W. v. Doorne and her grandson......

Geachte tante,

I would som I win is speciallen in ite borst the heeft his at 20 peace hand glorioun in im vender) elegras state sails in the day to junear ten at sout renier son s day her sun 25 you tot own 16 Est her en halm i his overleden het helt yehred no sely de ole the hat news the rich was rather had an etteral mounter daws wy mit von hy in ilen timberlon som & space. This rown my the first norme de level een be hommonde hiel en den zeelen a) of Eleven in houre Milynnoon after con reviewe suit man Lawrik a by stew how time Bereship den 10 - 11 general land