

Transcript of a letter from Sebastian Landwehr

Green Bay, March 14. 1898

Dear Mr. Maier and all friends !

If my letter finds you still in good health, it would make me very happy, because I am still healthy, thank God.

Just the boredom, the boredom after my dear, good wife, I just can't forget her as long as I will live. She has died and half my life is gone. -Dear Mr. Maier, you must understand that when two people love each other as we loved each other, it is very hard when one of them has to leave. 42 years of marriage and not a single quarrel between us. Now you can see for yourself how we lived. Now we have to submit to God's will and pray and speak to each other, what God does is well done, his name be praised.

I received your letter in good health and heard from it that you are all still healthy and that you took part in my deep sorrow, which consoles me and keeps me going a little. The same day I received your letter, I was at the grave of my dear wife in New Franken, where I have a Holy Mass celebrated every 3 months. I made this vow at the beginning and will keep it punctually and in the spring I will prepare her grave beautifully and plant it with flowers. I have also spoken to Melchior's widow. She still has a hard time with such a big bunch of children. It's always a hustle and bustle, she says, if they were big, too. I comforted her and said in 5 - 6 years you would almost all be provided for, because the children are very well-behaved and you would have the means to do so and could still live with the 2 youngest, the cousin Melcher is well secured as one of the richest farmers or farmers of the area far and wide. I have also seen that the sanctuary is being redecorated. I was with my blessed father only once in Dettelbach when I was 12 years old for the pilgrimage. And we didn't get a place and I had to sleep under the table in the boarding house. I still think about that today. There are not many news that could interest you. Now I close my letter with many greetings from me to all of you, without exception, also from the widow and family, and remain, as always,
your sincere friend,
Seb LANDWEHR.

(Remark:

Sebastian Landwehr was married to Katharina Burkart, daughter of Johann Michael Burkart. They had no children)