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Dear Brother

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I reach for the pen with tears, dear Brother, to write to you. We have not heard anything from you since you have left for America, but today we received a letter from Mr. Schultheiss and he tells us that he got a letter from Georg Mauerl, giving a short report about you. What a surprise for me, I could not trust my eyes at first when I read the letter. Thank God in Heaven that I can write this letter to you, and I hope that you will write me in detail very soon. Dear Brother, I will tell you now in short what has happened to us. Our sister Friedericke died in the year of 1834, then nothing happened until the year 1842 when Fahher and Mother both died only 2 days apart. Father died July 1st, and Muther July 3rd. Dear Brother, our mother shed tears for you on her deathbed, because she had not heard anything from you. -

I, Christoph, became a shoemaker but had to give it up after six years because of reasons of bad health. After the death of our dear parents, I went to Stuttgart were I learned the manufacturing of vinegar. I stayed in that place for two years and then I studied and became a I stayed there from 1842 until 1856. In 1850 I married someone from Kleinersach, but didn't move there until 1856. I am doing my work here in Kleinersach now, and we are doing allright thanks to the Lord. We have nothing in excess and I have to work very hard, but we are happy and satisfied. We are proud to have two dear boys living, three boys died, but now enough about me. Elizabeth Schyest married the widower Jakob Heiner Hafner, but the whole family went to America about three years ago. Sister Johanna went to America in 1847 and married there a Johann Wagner from Oberstayfeld, which died and she is supposedly married to a shoemaker, but this is hearsay because we have not heard from her. The youngest brother Johannes, I don't know if you can remember him, is also a taylor and he left also, to go where all the others went, but we have not heard from him either.

Dear Brother, I wrote you now all the important things and I would like to note that your inheritance is 115s. If you, dear brother do not need it to keep on living, please

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leave it to me.

Dear Brother, write soon and write all there is to tell, don't let me wait to long because I am counting the hours.

Baldes is still living but Dotte Goetzinger is dead.

We all, my wife, children and Dote, greet you now and I stay your true and loving brother

Christoph Goetzinger, Kuefenmeister

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