

This letter, dated Jan. 22, 1948 was probably written by Lillian Francesca Weber, daughter of Anna Magdalena Doose, who was a half sister to Emma and Bertha Doose. The 4 older children of Detlef Doose and his first wife Catharina Dohrmann moved to Bellingham, Washington, while his 4 younger children by Luisa Chrestin remained in Nebraska.

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Emma Doose

Dear Emma-

Surprise! A letter from me. I have been intending to write for some time and especially since you sent a breavement card after Franks death. It surely helped.

Francis John
"Frank" Weber

Had a card from Bernice at Christmas with writing and saying she hadnt heard from me for some time. I Answered her letter last August while I was in Alaska with Walt but perhaps she didnt get it so will write to her again before long. I like Bernice very much and enjoyed having her here. Am glad she is doing so well with her hospital work. There just isnt much opportunity for a young person around here. When most of Bellinghams younger generation want any advancement they have to go to Seattle.

Walter Scott

Bernice Meyer

Lloyd Brudigam

Sorry we didnt get better acquainted with Lloyd while he was out this way. He appeared quite a nice young man. He didnt know he had any relatives in Seattle until he came up to see all of us. Joyce finally got better acquainted with him than we did and had planned to take him out to see Gail and Arlene and their families but just didnt get around to it before he left.

Josephine
Marguerite
"Joyce" Weber

Arlene Hogue

Gail Hogue

The woman Joyce was rooming with in Seattle moved to Cal., so Joyce had to give up her room and Gail and Elsa wanted her to stay with them. She is so happy to be there too. She thinks as much of Gails and Arlenes boys as if they were her own grandchildren. and the boys dearly love her, she is so good to them. In fact we all idolize the little fellows. Gails oldest boy and Joyce came up last Friday and returned Sunday evening. She works in a restaurant and Donny goes to kindergarten. His youngest boy Dougie has softening of bone in one hip caused from his Mommy not having had enough calcium when she was carrying him. He was in Orthopedic hospital last summer for 8 days until they could find out what caused his limp. So many things could have been the cause of it. He is home with his leg strapped on an orthopedic board. He has to lie back all and at night can sleep in his bed. His hip is xrayed about every month and appears to be improving altho the Dr., said he may be on that board for a couple of years. He has been such a healthy hardy looking youngster one would never think something like this could have happened to him. He just started to limp when he was 2½ years old and they immediately took him to the Doctor. We never saw a child like him with such a sunny disposition. He has a large dimple in one cheek just like Mama used to have when she was younger. Ill enclose the latest snapshot of the three little fellows taken last summer, so you can get an idea what they look like. It isnt very good of Joyce. The boys were playing in Gails backyard and Laddie had just fallen and got a bruise on his forehead. Elsa took the picture and told the boys to see the little birdie sitting on her head, therefore, such an interested look on their faces.

Anna
Magdalena
"Annie" Doose

I have had Mamma with me since Nov. 17. I wanted her to stay here after Frank passed away but she preferred staying in her own home as long as she could care for herself so it finally got to where she couldnt do that any more so is with me and very contented. She has gangrene in one foot and so far has lost one toenail. Her gangrene is caused from hardening of the arteries. She isnt bedfast and can go to bathroom and sits on davenport a few hours every afternoon and evening and listens to the radio. Friends drop in to visit too. The first Dr., wanted to amputate to the knee. We shuddered at the thought of it but she

was willing if another Dr., said the same thing so I called in another one and he said no, she was too old and very likely wouldnt come out of anesthetic and this way we can have her with us a while longer. She isnt suffering. She is so good to care for and so appreciative of everything I do. When I have to get away longer than an hour or two Gustie comes up and stays with her. I dont like to leave her alone very long. She will be 87 next Wed. Her mind is very alert so if there was anything you wanted to find out from her when you write up that family history as you mentioned, she probably could help.

The name of the boat that Detlof Doose, aunt Dora and Mamma came from Germany on was Harmonia and was a steamer. Most of the people came on sailing vessels. His first wife was Katherine Dohrman. His sister Dorothea marries Katherine Dohrmans brother. His father, mother 2 sisters and one brother all died within a short time of each other from diphtheria. Detlof and Dorothea were small and reared by their grandparents at a very nice farm home and were considered middle class. Aunt Dora was named after his sister Dorothea. Dorothea had a son named Henry who was your cousin and a double cousin to the four older girls. Henry has a daughter Emma Gill living in Anchorage who lost her husband a short time ago will send you a clipping about him. I dont suppose you would care to go back as far as cousins in making up your history but am just telling you for your information. Emma Gill is your 2nd cousin and our 3rd. Henry Donneys boys names are Darrel Dean Joseph and Roger John.

Anna Magdalena "Annie" Doose

Dorothea Caroline "Dora" Doose

Augusta Dorothea Margaretha "Maggie" Doose

Caroline Magdalena "Lena" Doose