

Correspondence from Germany (by Matheus Hantschko)

Post 111 near Scheife, Lower Lusatia July 29, 1915

Dear Reader of the *Volksblatt* in distant Texas!

I've been serving at Station 111 in Schleife since April 25th after the gate keeper, Johann Bjatkar, died in the hospital at Cottbus in March. My post at Booth 107 was turned over to Mr. Schoetz of Slamen.

Our estate gentry have about completed the rye harvest; bringing it in was, however, partially delayed due various rain showers. The harvest was not very good in light sandy soil but, on the other hand, very good from rich soil. The potato harvest will also be good because of the almost daily rains. Fruit has turned out well this year and likewise with vegetables, berries and wine.

The emigrant, Mr. Matheus Bota of Schleife died, suddenly and unexpected, on July 24th at the age of 77. The deceased has relatives in distant Texas, as well.

With best greetings to all *Volksblatt* readers I remain.

The Railroader

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