Marie Noack from Davy. Giddings Deutsches Volksblatt, 21 May 1936. Image 011900083.

Davy, Texas 1 Beries Collebian! Satte lette Bode vergeffen an be 1 richten, wie ich am Sten nach La Grange gefounnen bin, Albert Deterling und Frau nebft Sohn Ebbie, haben wine Manuna und mich bortoinsebracht; unt diefer Gelegenheit haden wir auch Franz Deterling und Samlie einen Beinde ebgeflattet. Am 9ten haben fie mich moch die Bugftakon gebracht, (Ebbie's Ramma wellte mit meine Lochter Elle befannt werden) welche mit ber Bug son San Antonio bis nach Schulendurg tam. Bon da aus find wir nach Beimar gefahren; wo mir Ous Bornat's per Telephon von unferem Rom men benachrichtigten. Es hat Freitog Sort fcon peregnet Er, und mein gelähmter Bruders Fran holten uns ab während dem regnete es stark, sobald es etwas mehr aufhörte, traten wir die Reife nach ihren Beim an. die erfien 5 Reilen war ber Bleg gut, aber in der letten 5 Neileuftrede rutichte des Anto indem wir uns befanden, dreimal in den Graben. Jum Glück war jedesmal hilfe pur hand, wele das Anto dann wieder auf die Strafje gezogen haben-Mitt Morgen fagte mein Bruber au feine Fein, heute fament bie Mixie t. Als ich und Eila ihn die Hand fchüttelten und ihn an feinem 87ften Geburtdiag gratulierten, da jagte er: Starie, bu halfft bein Berfprechen. des war fein der Geburtstag, feit vom Schlag gerührt wurde, welu er im Bett liegend seierbe. So h wie er ift, aber er gab nicht , bis bes Custan und seine Boys 1 u Biegenstuhl reingeholfen und auf Die Batterie getragen b hatte er dann den größten Spaß t jeinen Urgrøhjohn, er tonnie aber 1 me fipen. is hat während ber Say d. berbaiben Catt enden dem r 12 mil nd: And W ie feix s 7 Merionen: ist

Davy, Texas [undated – date suggested by content of the letter is 13 May 1936]

Valued Volksblatt!

Last week I forgot to report how I came to La Grange on the 8th. Albert Deterling and wife along with son Eddie brought his Momma and me there. With this opportunity we also paid Franz Deterling and family a visit.

On the 9th they took me to the bus station (Eddie's Momma wanted to become acquainted with my daughter Ella). Ella came by bus from San Antonio to Schulenburg. From there we traveled to Weimar, where we notified Gus Wornat's by telephone of our arrival. It already rained there on Friday. He and my paralyzed brother's wife picked us up while it rained heavily; as soon as it let up a little more we started the journey to her home. The way was good for the first five miles, but in the last five miles the car in which we found ourselves slipped into the ditch three times. Fortunately, at each time help was at hand, who then pulled the car back on the road.

In the morning my brother said to his wife, "Marie will not come today." As I and Ella shook his hand and congratulated him on his 87th birthday, he said, "Marie, you kept your promise." This was his 8th birthday that he was celebrating lying in bed, since he was impacted by the blow. As weak as he is, he did not give up, until Gustav and his boys helped him into the rocking chair and carried him to the gallery. So he had the greatest fun with his great-grandson, but he could not sit for long.

It was raining during Saturday night and also on Sunday morning; therefore, those who live a distance away could not attend the birthday. Only 12 people were present: Gus Wornat and his family of seven persons, also his son Paul and wife and little son, and both of us. There was no lack of food and drink.

On May 11 Gus Wornat took us to Weimar and at 12:15 o'clock we arrived happily in Westhoff. From there Gus Seifert and wife picked us up. Then we went to his brother Willie Seifert, who lives near Westhoff. There was a good color there; when we arrived at home the son was not down yet. Here in this area the people have a good harvest.

On the evening of May 12 their son-in-law and wife came to visit. On the 13th Gus and wife drove us to Yorktown. It rains here quite a lot; the road was very slippery. From there we traveled by train to Cuero. There we visited my niece Emma Gabler and her two married daughters. Emma took us to the bus station

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Am 11. Rai brachte uns Gus Bornat nach Reimar und um ein Biertel nach 12 Uhr famen wir glückich in Befthoff an, von da aus holte uns Gus Seifert und Fran ab, dasn ging 38 nach feinem Bruder Billie Seifert welcher in der Nähe von Befthoff wohnt. Dort geb es einen guten Inbig, als wir puhaufe anlamen war die Sonne nach nicht unter. Hier in biefer Umgegend haben die Leute eiwe gute Ernte.

"Am 12. Mai fam am Abend ihr Schwiegersohn und Frau zum Be-fuch. Am 13. hat Ens und Frau uns noch Porttown gefahren; es tegnet hier siemlich viel, der Beg war fehr fchläpfrig. Bon da aus find Bon da aus sind wir per Eisenbahn bis Cuero gefahten. Dort besuchten wir meine Richte Emma Gabler und ihre 2 verheirotete Löchber, um ernhalb 5 Uhr hat Emma und nach die Bufgitation gebracht und um 8 Uhr langten wir per Bug gefund in Echulenburg du-Fran Ebbie Deterling forgte bafur, bas wir nach Albert Deterlings hintumen, fie und for Bruder brachten uns nach ihre: Edaviegereltern 11m 9 Uhr haben wir uns ichon gur Rube beachen um bie mühen Glieber von der Reife etwas ausruhen ju laffen. Am 14. Mai wollen wir nach La Grange. Run will ich pun Schluß tommen. Es fchieft und grüßt, 🔄 Marie Road,

at 5:30 o'clock and at 8:00 o'clock we arrived by bus safely in Schulenburg. Mrs. Eddie Deterling made sure that we came to Albert Deterlings; she and her brother took us to her parents-in-law. At 9:00 o'clock we have already gone to rest, to let the tired limbs of the journey relax a bit. On May 14 we want to go to La Grange. Now I will come to a close. Finally, greetings, Marie Noack

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