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RE: Sister Cassiana Lueke, OSF

Birth Dec. 23, 1843, in Ottmarsbocholt, Germany and named Anna

Parents Heinrich and Elisa (Brueggemann) Lueke

Entered HSOSF October 9, 1869 Profession of First Vows March 9, 1872

Missionary to the USA October 1875 at age 32

Assignments

East St. Louis, IL	St. Mary's Hospital	November 1	l1, 1875
Springfield, IL	St. John's Hospital	1875	
Decatur, IL	St. Mary's Hospital	1884	Superior/Administrator
Chippewa Falls, WI	St. Joseph's Hospital	1900	
Springfield, IL	St. John's Hospital	1916	

Entered Eternal Life (age 82)

November 26, 1926, and buried in Crucifixion Hill Cemetery (Springfield, IL)

P.b.J.Chr.

Dear Sisters,

Since our Reverend Mother is just writing to Germany, I think you dear Sisters would like to hear from America.

We are doing fine and are hale and hearty with the exception of Sister Hildegundis. She suffers a light temperature, but so far not dangerous. Also, our good Mother Ulrica has dealt valiantly with the tasks she is obliged to perform.

Beginning of June we had holy practices and on June 12 the investiture of the novices took place. It was a very solemn occasion, four Holy Masses and High Mass besides two homilies. But the following days were here as tumulteous as it is often over there. Approximately half had to pack again. Because nobody seems to think I am capable I was again spared. I don't mind, because just like with you, nowhere it is better, than behind 'Mother's Pot'.

Now you are probably anxious to know which Sisters are as lucky as I am and what they are doing.

Sister Cyrilla, our granny, takes care of the grounds and flowers, Sister Euphemia of the chapel and the sick Sisters and the Priest. Sister Jovita of the ladies and female care. Sister Aurelia the garden and the sewing room. Sister Crisfina takes care of the kitchen. Sister Fortunata bakes with finest flour to the coarsegrained Pumpernickel and now we also have dark bread.

We always said we old ones are so tough, there is no hope, that one like Sister Aurelia always says, make a communion day. And continuing: Sister Reineria takes care of the laundry; Sister Paula the Gate and yourstruly the men and the care for the men. The older Sisters, who are in the filial houses, are: Sister Severa in Highland, Sister Hendrieta and Sister Silvana in Effingham. Sister Fridolina and Geburgis in an orphanage at Belleville hospital; Sister Prosa in Decatur; Sister Augustina

in Avisten; Sister Basilia in St. Mario and Sister Macaria in

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Litchfield. All are healthy and happy.

Every week we have lessons with our house Father, we also have a new moderately religious Father Confessor, because of the many communions, three times each week, most of the time four times. Now I may not further elaborate or you all might want to come to America, but this I have to add: 'for everything in the world we are not responsible.' (?) Soon some Sisters have to move again, far away to India - that far away one asks for us.

Even to Australia, but Reverend Mother has refused that and left it up to you if there are some Sisters fond of traveling among you.

We had here a lot of rain this spring, with a lot of floods and the wind too has caused a lot of damage. Many people lost their lives under the rubble of the houses. Now the heat is stifling.

Now dear Sisters we ask you to pray for our holiness.

In the holy heart of Jesus and Mary I remain with all my love

your Sisters Cansiana

Greetings to all, especially the acquaintances of Reverend Mother, and all Sisters. Write again some time.

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