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16 rue Hébert.

My dear cousin,

I was very pleased to receive your letter and your kind congratulations for the wedding of my grand child Louis de Marliave. I could not thank you right away because at the time I got your letter I was marrying another one of my grand child, Pierre Dubarle with miss Marie Chaurande; the wedding was performed in the province of Ardeches, for this event I had to go on a small trip which really made me tired. Years start to feel heavy on me, I have celebrated my seventy fifth birthday last july, my strength is decreasing and I am afflicted by the small miseries which come along with aging: weak eyesight and I am getting hard of hearing...You will excuse then my handwriting sometimes not as easy to read anymore. Beleive me, I have very fond memories of all my dear cousins in Belgium and California. I have never forgotten the time that I have spent in Brussels in 1870-1871. During the war: I was eight and my father had taken us to Danderleuw my brother Leon, my sister Marie and I. It was for us a celebration, the day we spent our ^{at} aunt de Boom, your grand-mother, who was welcoming us with kindness and love. It is at her place that I have met my cousins, Ursule van Branteghem and her children, Camille et Leonie, Fanny de Boom, your father Roman and his brother Benoit. All the affection I could give at the time was for my uncle Corneille de Boom, brother of my mother who lived then around Paris, to the place called La Chapelle- en- Larval, he was coming to visit us in the convent which was also a boarding school where we stayed. He brought us candies and he is the one who died of smallpox during the war of 1870-1871. His death was one of my greatest child's sorrow. I never returned to Danderleuw eversince, but I have met again with Corneille van Branteghem who came in Fontainebleau at the funerals of my poor sister Marie de Sieyes, who died in 1901, thirty six years ago, and after the

the great war of 1914-1918, I don't know anymore what happened to the few relatives who are still alive in Belgium. And I would like so much to know something about them but I don't know where to write and to which address. If you could only inform me, send me a few details, I would be so grateful, I do not forget those unknown relatives, who have probably suffered so much twenty years ago during the great war and the taking over of Belgium! I have a grand-son Louis Dubarle who is a Dominican at the convent du Saulchais, close by Tournay in Belgium. If you could give me some details about my relatives in Donderleuw, he could get in touch with them and I would be so pleased.

I enclose in my letter a small note about my family. You will find out that I am at the head of a numerous posterity, nineteen grand-children and five great grand children, you will also be aware of your French family, of your French cousins. I too, keep dearly all what I have received from the de Boom family, I have kept letters from your dear father, of your mother who wrote me after the death of your father, and I can assure you that today, november first, in this celebration of our loved one who are dead I pray especially for our kindred ancestors You are as I am also, their posterity. You have been fortunate to keep your dear mother until a very old age, and despite the sorrow you had when she left, her easy departure is a consolation to you. I have the picture of your sister the day of her wedding that your father gave me. I want to thank you with all my heart for the pictures of your children, which made me so happy. Your children have a very friendly face, happy and energetic all at the same time and your daughter in law has a charming smile. The young couple seems really happy.

You might not be aware of the fact that one of my sister Marie de Vieges lives also in America. He is the Count Frederic de Sieges^y, settled in Canada, in Winnipeg. He is married with an English Canadian, Edith Galt and he has three sons, John, Freddy and Edward. The elder is around twenty years old. My nephew is at the head of a coal company he is doing very well.

You know now my dear cousin a little more about your French family, if you want some some more details you will only have to ask me. I see with pleasure that you have an interest in your relatives in the old country. As to me, I was so pleased of the few details you gave me. You talk to me of your last brother, the youngest of the de Boom family . Is he the last one in Belgium carrying the name?

I have now to end this too long letter which will let you know my friendly memories. How much I wish to know you! and how I hope that you would be able to come and visit the land of your ancestors. But at the present time our poor Europe is in turmoil, and peace quite threatened. My three daughters along with me send you our feelings of friendship and love and let me kiss you from the bottom of my heart, remaining yours very sincerely, in the memories of our dear relatives, we their posterity.

Baroness de Poliniere,
born Angelique de Laurencal.

FAMILIES OF MY THREE DAUGHTERS:

1

-- Henriette, married to the captain Andre Dubarle who died in the service of his country (France) in March 1915. six children

- . Louis, Dominican (monk) thirty years old at the convent of Saulchais in Belgium.
- . Pierre, married to Marie Chauranal, settlers in Marocco.
- . Henri, Dominican (monk) in Jerusalem. to the biblical Institution.
- . Marie, married to Paul de Combarne, settled in Marocco. They have five children
Agnes, Henri, Claude, Andre et Francoise.
- . Jeanne (twenty four years old)
- . Francoise (twenty two years old).

2--. Frederique, married to the Marquis Paul de Marliave, reserve second lieutenant in infantry.
who died in 1929 of a heart disease worsened by the war's conditions.
eight children:

- . Elisabeth (twenty five)
- . Louis (twenty four) married to Yvonne de Qusonas (?)
- . Jacques, (twenty three) second lieutenant in the infantry
- . Odile, (twenty two)
- . Henriette, (twenty)
- . Guy, (nineteen)
- . Charles, (thirteen)
- . Therese (eleven)

3--. Mathilde, married to Jean des Francs who did the war of 1914-18 as simple soldier
who is mainly involved in the car business.

five children

- . Louis , nineteen
- . Robert, sixteen.
- . Marie-Andree, fourteen
- . Bernard, twelve
- Odette, two.