

# *Madison County Remembers...*

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## **From your President, John Kielty**

I've been thinking lately about what kind of people we are as Nebraskans. I accepted a pen-pal name from a service person this last year. I thought the small effort I put forth would be some kind of encouragement to that person. I received a woman's name and I sent a package in time for Christmas, not knowing if she was Christian or Jewish or whatever. It is hard to talk to a stranger. When we talk or write we take so much for granted. I didn't know anything. So if I said I was from Nebraska, I didn't know if she would even be able to connect. I met a girl in high school summer camp who was from eastern Ohio, who didn't even know where Nebraska was, in the country, or on the map. I was dumbfounded at the time. The country must have gone from Ohio, to Indiana, to Colorado, to California. How does one explain where we live, and who that helps us to be? Are people in other states as open and friendly as we are? Do other small town people wave at each other, just to be friendly. If you meet a car on the highway doing 60 mph and you move your finger or hand in a small wave, have you connected? I think you have, you have acknowledged the existence of another soul, a fellow traveler on the road of life. We are made to work together, to build families, farms, churches, towns. We are Americans, we are open and optimistic, we push ahead, sometimes regardless of the consequences, or in spite of them.

This thought brings me back to how I can explain who I am. How do I put down on paper, the blue of the sky, the smell of moisture in the air, or the look of snowflakes as big as eider down. How would I share the sense of confidence I feel with others around; a confidence based on optimism, the belief that we can work things out. A belief that good will prevail and with a democratic system of some sort, people will choose to do what's right. I want to believe the price being paid by our fellow countrymen in the armed services will not be in vain. That every person can make a difference. And that if you wave at people, even people you don't know, there is a possibility they could become your friends. So remember to wave, even if you don't know them.

**March Program**—Organization Problems, Tips and Tricks: Bring your organization problem and how you've solved it to share with the group.

**April Program**— Bernice Walters will tell us about her research trips to Germany working on her family genealogy.

### **January Meeting & Christmas Party** by **Patty Eucker, secretary**

The Madison County Genealogical Society's annual Christmas Party was held Tuesday evening, January 18, 2005 at McD's Steakhouse in Battle Creek with around 35 members and guests attending.

After the meal a short business meeting was held conducted by President, John Kielty. Nancy Zaruba told us that she had renewed the website, Ancestry.com for another year. Motion was made and seconded to reimburse Nancy for the charges.

Bernice Walters gave the audit report she and Dave Zaruba had done on Jan. 10-11, 2005 on the Treasurer's books. The period they audited was from Sept. 1, 1999 to Dec. 31, 2004.

Marg Fuhrman told about the Madison County Museum being host to a program on Lewis & Clark beginning at the end of May and running for 4 weeks, possibly on Wednesday evenings. She said that on 2 of those occasions there would be 2 Indian speakers. She also asked to maybe consider having our society's "outing", which is usually held in August, to be held at one of these meetings instead of waiting until August for it.

Afterward, everyone enjoyed playing take-away Bingo for entertainment. No one left without several gifts and the food was excellent.

### **February Meeting** by **Patty Eucker, secretary**

The Madison County Genealogical Society met Feb. 15, 2005 at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center with 13 members and 3 guests attending.

The meeting was opened by President, John Kielty, who asked each guest to introduce themselves. The secretary's minutes and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Karen Rogat gave an interesting program on "Random Acts Of Genealogical Kindness". A web-site on this is also available.

John had received a letter from the Elkhorn Valley Historical Society stating that our memberships fees were due. After some discussion it was decided to pay the same rate we had paid in the past.

John also told about other correspondence received including several conferences and workshops coming up.

Nancy reported that all computers in the research center had been up-dated.

One guest, Phyllis McCain, joined our society.

### **New Funeral Car**

#### **Sessions & Bell Have Added to Their Equipment**

A massive new funeral car has been added to the equipment of Session & Bell's undertaking establishment and John Krantz, the liveryman, is looking for a team of large coal black horses that will accord with the new vehicle.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Thursday January 19, 1905 on page 4.

#### **Eva Klentz**

Word received from Sioux Falls says that on Saturday, December 31, Eva Klentz, aged four years and known in this city, died from scarlet fever. The remains were taken to Temple, Texas, for burial. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Wednesday January 25, 1905 on page 4.

## February Program by Karen Rogat

I am and have been a volunteer for the Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness for 2 years. (www.raogk.org) An act of kindness was done for a lady, she in turn did a favor for someone else and that was the beginnings of RAOGK.

The site has been in existence since 1999 and now has grown to 4607 volunteers worldwide. The idea of raogk is simple.....help each other. In this day and age, our families are scattered everywhere. It wasn't quite so common when our parents were first married, but there were some adventuresome souls. This site is to help people get information on their family history, whether it be a newspaper obit, a tombstone picture, a middle name, a copy of marriage license, or whatever the volunteer has decided and listed in their capabilities to do.

If you need one piece of information from somewhere else and you can't go there to look it up yourself, then I urge you to go to the web page, find someone in the country, state, county that would be willing to do a little legwork for you....there is no charge except for copy costs and postage. Or volunteer to do the legwork for others in your area of knowledge. If you don't like it and never want to do it again, just ask that you name be removed from the volunteer list.

### **Tips from Readers:** Adding Photos to Stories By Rose Parks

I just read Sandra J. Smiths "Recording Our Memories" and I did jot down some stories several years ago and a couple of years ago I added a few more. Then I pulled out some old photographs that depicted some of the items in the memories, scanned them and inserted them in between the paragraphs.

A visual always helps make the story more real. I had about 15 pages and printed them out with a cover, bought some little clear cover binders and gave them to my children and grandchildren for Christmas.

I also photographed some old glassware and some other meaningful items I have had passed down to me. I added text below them to tell the story of the pieces, how I received them, and where they originated.

In the event my children or grandchildren don't remember what I told them, they will have the photographs with the story. I thought perhaps the mention of the addition of photos might inspire more of this wonderful way to stay connected.

### **Talbert-Belknap**

Mr. Will Talbert and Miss Gertrude Belknap were married at 7:30 last evening at the Cottage Home hotel in South Norfolk by Rev. J. F. Poucher, pastor of the Methodist Church. The parties to the contract are well known in South Norfolk as well as in the city proper and their many friends will wish them much happiness in their new relation. The bride is the daughter of W. B. Belknap, proprietor of the Cottage Home hotel. Source: [The Norfolk Daily News](#), Wednesday January 25, 1905 on page 4.

## Research Center News by Nancy Zaruba

The Research Center has upgraded its computer systems. Our lease expired on our old computer systems so we then owned them. Unfortunately, we had outgrown our backup system and the two donated computers on the network were Pentium 1's (quite old) and thus were so extremely slow as to be almost unusable and were incompatible with the newer equipment. The Museum thus purchased one new server computer. The old server computer was revamped to become the new secretarial computer. The old secretarial computer was revamped to replace the old computer that was donated from the hospital three years ago. The other old donated computer was replaced with a used Pentium 3 that was purchased. A used scanner was donated by a museum member and has been hooked up. The new network system works great. Every computer on the network is now up to speed and we can now run backup again thus preserving our hard work in cataloging and organizing the artifacts.

We have been pushing hard to finish the cataloging of the main part of the photograph collection. This is necessary to make researching our photos easier than going through drawers of manila file folders.

The next project is to be a History of Madison County book to be compiled by each town in Madison County. 2006 will be the 150th Anniversary of the creation of Madison County. This museum will be doing the Norfolk segment. It needs to go to the publisher by May 1, 2005 in order to be ready for sale by Thanksgiving. Look for this new hardcover book in time for Christmas giving.

## Upcoming workshops

Greater Omaha Genealogical Society, Spring Genealogy Workshop.

April 9, 2005, 9:00—4:00 Creighton Univ. Med. Center

Featuring Paula Stuart Warren: Sessions: Railroad Records and Railroad History: Methods for Tracking ; Untrodden Ground: Sources You May Not Have Encountered ; Finding Ancestral Places of Origin ; The U.S. national Archives: The Nation's Attic. Pre-reg. March 31 = \$35, At the door = \$45 See brochure in Society Library

Nebraska State Genealogical Society Conference, Friday, May 6 & Saturday, May 7 at North Platte: Featuring: Ruby Coleman: Sessions; "When the Census Taken Came, Grandpa was in the Outhouse" ; "Census Between: Territorial & State" ; LDS Church ; Making Interlibrary Loan work for Genealogists ; Land Records...Human-History ; History of Ft. McPherson ; Louisa & Buffalo Bill Cody. Pre-reg. April 15 discount. See brochure in Society Library.

Iowa Genealogical Society Fall Conference—40th Anniversary, October 6-8, Clive, Iowa (suburb of Des Moines) Featuring Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak "Honoring Our Ancestors."

## Death Record

Mrs. Chestnutwood, who formerly lived in Norfolk, died Sunday at Kansas City.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, Friday Feb. 17, 1905 on page 6.

**1889 Norfolk Business Directory**

Transcribed by Nancy Zaruba

**continued from last issue****Insurance**J. L. Pierce & Co., 4<sup>th</sup>, Norfolk State Bank building.**Insurance Agents**

Durland, C. B., Richard's Block, rm 1 and 2

Lowe, W. H., 220 Norfolk ave.

Widaman &amp; Washburn, 315 Norfolk ave.

Wyman, H. O., Mast's block, rm 10

**Jewelry**

Blair, R. N. &amp; Co., 312 Norfolk ave.

Hayes, c. S. 320 Norfolk ave. Marquardt, C. F. W., 221 Norfolk ave.

**Laundries, (steam)**Gillett & Dexter, News building, 15 so. 4<sup>th</sup>**Laundries (hand)**Elkhorn Valley Laundry, - Peter Lyttle, Philip ave. betw. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2-h-s-side**Livery, Feed and Sale Stable.**

Batte, T. H., 3d, betw. Norfolk and Madison aves.

Box, Geo. W. se cor 5<sup>th</sup> and Braasch ave.

Dudley, Geo., 3d, betw. Norfolk ave and Braasch ave.

Hale, W. M., nw cor 4<sup>th</sup> and Braasch ave.Morton, Edw. C., 4<sup>th</sup> betw. Norfolk and Braasch ave.

Seiler, G. R., nw cor 3d and Braasch ave.

**Loan Agents and Brokers**

The Durland Trust Co. – A. J. Durland, president, C. B., Durland, vice-president, C. B. Burrows, treasurer, Richard's block, rm 1 and 2

Farmers Loan and Trust Co. – S. E. Simpson, special agent, office with Widaman &amp; Washburn.

Western Loan and Trust Co. – L. J. L. Pierce, manager, 4<sup>th</sup>, in Norfolk State Bank building.**Lumber Dealers**Chicago Lumber Co. – M. J. Garcelon, manager, Norfolk ave., 2 doors west of 5<sup>th</sup>

Edwards &amp; McCulloch – W. A. Emery, manager, 2d betw. Norfolk and Madison aves.

Mittelstadt, L. C. Norfolk ave. betw 7 and 8

Wyman, D. F., sw cor Norfolk ave. and 6<sup>th</sup>**Hack and Baggage Line**

Brown, Chas., Telephone No. 72

**Marble and Granite Works**

Stannard &amp; Cox, 4th betw. Norfolk and Braasch aves.

**Meat Markets**

Glissman, H. E. 208 Norfolk ave.

Karo, August, 405 Norfolk ave.

Semmler, H., 420 Norfolk ave.

Shafer, Max, Main, betw, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2d ave.**Continued in next issue.**

### Items from Battle Creek

**Chas. Flores** is closing out his entire stock of harness and intends to put all of his time in on his new invention, the patent curtain fastener.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly New-Journal Fri. Feb. 17, 1905 on page 8.

**Mitchell Collins** died Saturday at Lincoln. His body was taken back to Battle Creek being the home of his sisters, **Mrs. D. L. Fender** and **Mrs. H. C. Chrisman**. The funeral was held on Tuesday with burial in the Union Cemetery. He was about the age of thirty. He was unmarried but leaves many relatives in the vicinity besides his sisters. Source: The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, Friday Feb. 17, 1905 on page 8.

**Mrs. Conrad Werner** died Feb. 20. She lived in Madison county for 27 years having come here with her husband from Philadelphia. She was 63 years old. She leaves an aged husband, five sons and two daughters. The oldest daughter, **Mrs. Fred Eyl**, died several years ago. Source: The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, Friday Feb. 24, 1905 on page 7.

A very delightful party was given Friday evening by **Mrs. Madison Best** in honor of her sister, **Mrs. L. M. Wolfe**, who is visiting here from Long Pine. Covers were laid for twenty-five merry guests and needless to say, all did justice to the delicious refreshments that were prepared. Mrs. Wolfe returned home Saturday. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Tues. Jan. 3, 1095 on page 3.

**Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Werner, Jr.**, are rejoicing over the arrival of a little daughter at their home Tuesday morning. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Thursday January 19, 1905 on page 3.

### Battle Creek Inventor John W. Kovalek gets patent for machine

#### ----- Is to adjust wagon Axles -----

#### Hubs and Axles of Wagons and Bug- gies can be Rigidly tightened by the new device of the Madison county Blacksmith—Has Another -----

Battle Creek has an inventor. John W. Kovalek is that same. He has just received notice from Washington from his attorneys, C. A. Snow & Co., that his patent on a device for adjusting hubs and axles on buggies and wagons, was granted a week ago today, January 10, 1905.

Mr. Kovalek was in Norfolk yesterday. The machine which has been reeled out of the brain of the Madison county man at Battle Creek is so arranged that, by tightening up screws that adjust the axles, any loosed hubs are immediately pulled rigidly together, saving rattling and unnecessary wear and tear.

Mr. Kovalek invented the machine last year and applied for his patent on August 20, 1904. Since that time is has been going through the course of events in officedom at Washington.

The machine will either be sold by Mr. Kovalek or it will be manufactured by himself and sold. He is pleased with the success of the device and his friends in the county are glad for him.

He has another patent pending, which will likely be ready before long. Mr. Kovalek is a blacksmith at Battle Creek and has lived there for years. On the patent sheet the names of T. M. Morris and Herman Hogrefe appear as witnesses. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Tuesday January

**TWO BEDS FOR NINE PEOPLE  
Half of the Wilkinson Family Ill—One  
Cripple, One Blind**

Two small, ily covered beds for the accommodation of a family of nine people—seven sick children, a father and a blind, feeble mother, is the picture which greets the visitor at the Wilkinson home, a little house at the corner of Eighth street and Norfolk avenue. Surrounded by the most sickening destitution, their breath freezing up inside the home because of the cold, no carpets to take away the chill of the cold, damp floors, and but one tiny stove to heat the building—that is the situation mildly told.

Young Wilkinson, a youth of eighteen and a cripple, who had been employed in a livery stable, was yesterday taken sick along with the other children of the family and is today flat on his back. A little 15-year-old girl does, or tries to do, all of the housework, while the blind, helpless mother is ill on one of the beds. Some of the children sleep on the floor.

The family is in sore need of bedding. Blankets, quilts or comforters would find a warm welcome these cold nights, as would also an old rug or so, for the floors.

"I have worked every day that I could get work," said the father, Wilkinson, today. Source: The Norfolk Weekly News—Journal, Fri. Feb. 10, 1905, page 2.

**REFUSE TO GO TO POOR FARM  
Wilkinson Family Intend to Remain a  
Charge Upon the Public**

An effort has been made on the part of Mayor Hazen and others to induce members of the Wilkinson family, corner Eighth street and Norfolk avenue, to become inmates of the county poor farm at Battle Creek. And the Wilinsons, despite their admitted destitution, have refused to go over the hills to the poor house for a single minute. Not they.

The family has been a charge upon the public for some time. During the cold snap, when the children were suffering through no fault of their own, the inability of the father to provide for them was overlooked in the one aim to prevent their suffering. But this does not end their poverty, there is no charitable society in Norfolk and there is a poor farm where they might go and be taken care of. They refuse to either take care of themselves or to take advantage of the latter alternative.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News—Journal, Fri. Feb. 10, 1905, page 3.

**PITIABLE CONDITION OF A FAMILY  
Mother Blind and Little Children Suffering  
From the Cold**

A pitiable condition of poverty and suffering was reported yesterday to the police from the Wilkinson home, corner Eighth street and Norfolk avenue, and in response coal and food were ordered sent to the place. The reports came from neighbors and others who had noted the exceedingly destitute condition of the place.

Upon investigation it was found that the mother, Mrs. Wilkinson, was blind and was suffering from the cold. A large number of small children, with scarcely enough to keep them warm, huddled near a little stove in an attempt to keep warm. This case has been repeatedly reported to societies, charitably inclined and on a number of occasions assistance has been granted. The father lives in the city and one son is employed in a livery stable. Source: The Norfolk Weekly News—Journal, Fri. Feb. 10, 1905, page 3.

Editors notes: In the same issue of the paper as the above items an article about the family was found that carried no headlines. The item was found within all the other items in that column of news.

The Wilkinson family, housed at the corner of Eighth street and Norfolk avenue, have for the past three days been "at home" to an unusual number of visitors. In fact a regular reception,, somewhat informal in its nature and to which those came who had not received engraved invitations, has been held. The Wilkinson family is the household whose destitution attracted attention last week and as a result of that attention dozens of kind hearted and charitably inclined Norfolk people have seen to it that the suffering in that home was relieved. Beds, and bedspreads, quilts and comforters, rugs and clothing, flour and bread have been among the list of articles ordered sent to the place, and great joy has been brought into the home as a result.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News—Journal, Fri. Feb. 10, 1905, page 7.

### Son of Mr. and Mrs. Farley

The 7-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Farley died this morning. The little fellow had never been strong since his birth and was able to survive his twin brother but a brief period. The remains will be interred in Prospect Hill cemetery. Source: The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, Friday Feb. 17, 1905 on page 6.

## Where were they in 1919-1920 in Norfolk, Nebraska

Extracted by Richard Strenge

A list of pastors, leaders and the church they served as found in the Norfolk City Directory 1919-1920.

Rev. Ernest T. **Ahrens** at St. Johannes German Lutheran Church.

Rev. Jno. H. **Andress** at First Congregational Church.

Rev. F. Wilmer **Benjamin** at First Baptist Church

Miss Annie **Bowers** was First Reader at First Church of Christ, Scientist (Christian Science).

Rev. Fred C. **Brandhorst** at Grace Lutheran Church.

Rev. Edw. J. T. **Connely** at First Methodist Episcopal Church.

C. A. **Dailey** in charge at Good Samaritan Army Church.

Rev. Jno. E. **Flockhart** at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Pastor, Edw. L. **Loew** at First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Trinka **Merriam** was Second Reader at First Church of Christ, Scientist (Christian Science).

Rev. Daniel W. **Moriarity** at Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Rev. J. Paul **Mueller** at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. Henry **Treise** at Evangelical Lutheran Zion Congregational Church.

Rev. Adolph **Wichman** at Emanuel Evangelical Association Church.

Rev. Jno. **Witt** at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

No resident pastor was listed for Church of Christ (Christian).

No resident pastor was listed for Second Congregational Church.

No resident rabbi listed for Jewish Congregation.



**Post Office and Railroads People**  
**as found in the Norfolk City Directory 1919-1920.**

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W. D. **Beck**, Div. Supt. for Chicago & Northwestern Railroad.  
 F. N. **Byerly**, Rural Route 4 Carrier.  
 H. E. **Dickinson**, Gen. Supt. for Chicago & Northwestern Railroad.  
 T. J. **Dolly**, Pass. And Freight Agent for Chicago & Northwestern Railroad.  
 F. W. **Freeland**, Post Office Clerk  
 B. C. **Gentle**, Acting Postmaster  
 A. C. **Hirsch**, Letter Carrier  
 E. F. **Hoefs**, Letter Carrier  
 M. R. **Keleher**, Substitute carrier  
 J. C. **Kimble**, Rural Route 1 Carrier.  
 R. R. **King**, Rural Route 2 Carrier.  
 C. W. **Landers**, Agent for Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad.  
 C. W. **Landers**, Agent for Union Pacific Railroad Co.  
 Ferd **Miller**, Letter Carrier  
 R. E. **Musselman**, Letter Carrier  
 T. E. **Odiorne, Jr.**, Letter Carrier  
 J. H. **Oxnam**, Post Office Clerk  
 J. H. **Penhollow**, Rural Route 3 Carrier.  
 C. A **Richey**, Post Office Clerk  
 L. C. **Rouse**, Post Office Clerk  
 R. E. **Truex**, Post Office Clerk  
 E. P. **Whitwer**, Rural Route 5 Carrier.  
 H. L. **Wichman**, Post Office Clerk  
 F. H. **Witters**, Substitute carrier

FAMILY HISTORY COMPASS: "SEARCHING FOR SHIPS," by Juliana Smith

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I received the following e-mail request a few weeks ago and thought it might be an interesting topic to explore.

"My great-grandfather came to America in 1854. His ship docked in Baltimore, Maryland. The name of the ship was 'The Harvest of Bremen.' I have searched everywhere I know of and have been unable to find any information. Can you help me? Where can I find this ship? Thank you so very much. God Bless, "Nan"

As a bona fide landlubber who gets seasick in the bathtub, I have to admit I don't know much about ships, but I enjoy the challenge of exploring what's available on the Internet, I thought it might be fun to poke around a bit online.

"THE HARVEST OF BREMEN" The first thing that struck me was that the name might be off a bit. Since Bremen was a popular port of departure from Europe, I speculated that it

might actually be a ship called the "Harvest" that sailed out of Bremen. I headed for the Immigration Collection at Ancestry.com to check out the Baltimore Passenger Arrival databases. There are two databases currently available for the port of Baltimore:

Baltimore Passenger and Immigration Lists, 1820-1872

<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=831&key=D7480>

Baltimore Passenger Lists, 1892-1948 (Includes manifest images)

<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=831&key=D8679>

I chose the former since that fit the time frame that Nan said her great-grandfather arrived in. I asked Nan what her great-grandfather's name was, and she replied that it was Nichlaus Hufnagle (sometimes spelled Hufnagel) and that he had left Germany in 1854. She thought he was born in 1834.

Initial searches came up empty, but after doing a Soundex search for "Hufnagle" with the ship name as "Harvest," I was rewarded with the following entry:

Name: Vichaldt Hofnagle	Arrival Date: 26 May 1854
Age: 20	Gender: Male
Port of Departure: Bremen	Occupation: Farmer
Ship: Harvest	Ship Type: Ship
Port of Arrival: Baltimore	Place of Origin: Hessia
National Archives' Series Number: M255	Microfilm Roll Number: 10
List Number: 34	

Although the spelling is off, it is close and the age, ship, and date of arrival match perfectly with what Nan told me. The database description told me that the ships that passengers may have arrived on the following types of ships.

- Bark - A ship of three to five masts with the after mast fore-and-aft rigged.
- Brig - A two-masted square-rigged sailing ship.
- Galliot - A small galley propelled by sails and oars.
- Ketch - A large fore-and-aft rigged boat with two masts.
- Schooner - A fore-and-aft rigged sailing ship.
- Steam Ship - A ship driven by steam.

Upon clicking on one of the hits for the "Harvest," the ship type was simply listed as Ship."

On the website for the Peabody Essex Museum, I found an interesting page that described the riggings of various ship types. <http://www.pem.org/archives/guides/rigs.htm> The last description was for "Ship." "The ship is properly only a vessel of at least three square rigged masts, each composed of a lower-mast, top-mast, and topgallant mast. Each is out-fitted with a yard and a full complement of square sails."

For further information on the ships, I turned to John Colletta's book, "They Came in Ships." In it he recommends several museums that may supply more information, and possibly photographs of your ancestor's immigrant ships.

Mystic Seaport Museum (Mystic, Connecticut) <http://www.mysticseaport.org>  
Research Services <http://www.mysticseaport.org/library/immigration/Researchpage.cfm>

Peabody Essex Museum (Salem, Massachusetts)  
<http://www.pem.org/archives/maritm1.htm>  
Research Services [http://www.pem.org/museum/lib\\_research.php](http://www.pem.org/museum/lib_research.php)

Mariners Museum (Newport News, Virginia) <http://www.mariner.org/>  
Research Services <http://www.mariner.org/library/research/index.php>

Another resource that I knew of is the Steamship Historical Society of America (<http://archives.ubalt.edu/steamship/index.htm> ). Their collection is housed at the University of Baltimore.

All of the above mentioned collections look promising and my advice to Nan would be to investigate further and for more information on the "Harvest," take advantage of the one of the museum's research services. The research fees for non-members were between \$25 and \$30 for the first hour.

#### OTHER SOURCES

A Google search also turned up a transcription on the Immigration Ship Transcribers Guild (ISTG -- <http://www.immigrantships.net/> ) of a ship called the "Harvest" that sailed from Rotterdam to Baltimore. I had noticed these entries in the Ancestry.com database as well, where they all had an arrival date of 27 April 1847. On the ISTG transcription (<http://www.macatawa.org/~devries/Harvest.htm> ) there was a little more information, presumably taken from the manifest. It read:

The Harvest was a 623 ton American ship out of Rotterdam. It left on March 9, 1847 from Hellevoetsluis with Captain Josiah Fuller Jr. and arrived at Baltimore, Maryland on April 27, 1847. Many of the passengers were from the Province of Drenethe, in the Netherlands.

If this was the same ship as the one that sailed out of Bremen regularly, here was a bit more information. If you have the arrival record of an ancestor, it is worth looking at an image of the manifest to see if there is any descriptive information included.

A resource for locating ship photos is available on Ancestry.com through the Immigration Collection. The New York Port, Ship Images, 1851-1891 database (<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=831&key=D8644> ) includes images (photographs and artistic renderings) of ships that arrived from foreign ports at the port of New York from 1851-1891. Although the "Harvest" wasn't among them, for those searching other ships, it is worth a look.

The Great Lakes Maritime History Project includes images of barges, cargo ships, lake steamers, lighthouses, passenger ships, river steamers, schooners and shipwrecks. (<http://webcat.library.wisc.edu:3200/GreatLakes/> )

The Library of Congress' American Memory Project includes a collection called, "Westward by Sea: A Maritime Perspective on American Expansion, 1820-1890." (<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award99/mymhihtml/mymhihome.html> ) This collection

**MADISON COUNTY  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

P. O. Box 1031  
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**Meetings:** The 3rd Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7:00 p.m. at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center, 515 Queen City Blvd., Norfolk, NE.

**MCGS Library** is located at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center, 515 Queen City Blvd., Norfolk, NE  
Hours are Thursdays 4-8 pm and Fridays 1-4 and other times by appointment. Please call: (402) 371-3886.

**Memberships** are \$10.00 for individual or \$15 per couple per year, due in September.

**Research Requests:** \$10 and a family group sheet to MCGS, P.O. Box 1031, Norfolk, NE 68702-1031.

**Information**

**Email:** [madisoncgs@cableone.net](mailto:madisoncgs@cableone.net)

**TEMP RETURN SERVICE      FIRST CLASS**

from Mystic Seaport includes logbooks, diaries, letters, business papers, and published narratives of voyages and travels, as well as some photographs, paintings, maps, and nautical charts.

I barely scraped the surface of the resources available to those interested in learning more about the ships of their ancestors and it's been quite a voyage! If you've ever been curious to learn more about the ship that your ancestor traveled in, dive in and explore some of the great resources that are available to us.

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