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St. Michael Ancestors Who Sailed on the “Mayflower” ...and the “Achilles,” “Antelope,” “Electric,” and Other Ships

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As the nation commemorates the 400th anniversary of the landing of the *Mayflower* in Massachusetts in December 1620, as well as the legendary meal of Pilgrims who thanked native Narragansetts for keeping them alive, it is only fitting that we also acknowledge our forebears who journeyed across the Atlantic Ocean and settled in the St. Michael area.

On July 18, 1846, another vessel called *May Flower* arrived at the port of New York, having sailed from Antwerp, Belgium, via Vlissingen (Flushing), the Netherlands, in early June. The “Marine Journal” of the *New-York Daily Tribune*, on Saturday morning, July 18, 1846, page 3, column 3, reported:

ARRIVED: Bark May Flower, Hitchcock [ship captain], from Antwerp, and 40 days from Flushing, with mdse [merchandise], to E. D. Hurlbut & Co. 202 steerage passengers, to Wm Weisser. 3d inst, in lat 41 45, lon 47 56 [July 3, in latitude 41.45, longitude 47.56], saw packet ship Burgundy, hence for Havre. (A bark was a small sailing ship with three or more masts with the foremost mast square-rigged and the others fore-and-aft rigged.)

One of the passengers on this vessel was my great-grandfather, Lorenz Röhl. A family story passed on by an uncle was that Lorenz had seen mermaids during the voyage. Although he lived for about nine years each in Missouri and Illinois, Lorenz ultimately moved to Independence Township, Hennepin County, Minnesota, and lived another nine years. The manifest of the *May Flower* listed the passengers and the villages from which they came. Lorenz and 39 others were from Mehren, a village in Kreis (county) Daun, district of Trier, Rhineland, Prussia, now Germany. Four of the families from Mehren first settled in Cedarburg Township, Washington County, now in Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, while three other Mehren families went to Chicago.

Among the *May Flower* passengers from Mehren who went to Cedarburg were Bernard **Eull**; his wife, Marguerite Lenz; and their children: Christian, Catherine, Marguerite, and Pierre (Peter). Christian and Peter Eull were married in Wisconsin but moved to Frankfort Township, Wright County, Minnesota, in the mid-1860s. All of the Eulls in the St. Michael area are descended from these two men and their wives, Anna Margaretha Zimmer and Margaretha Thull, respectively.

OTHER SHIPS

In the mid to late 1800s, people from the same village or neighboring villages often traveled together on the same ships and/or settled in the same places in the United States and Canada. Two St. Michael families who arrived in New York City on the *Achilles* (or *Achillis*) on June 17, 1867, were Martin **Neiss**, his wife Eva (née Mueller), and five children; and Matthias **Uelmen**, his wife Christina (née Kill), and two daughters, from the parish of Schalkenmehren, a lovely village two miles down the hill from Mehren. Some families in the United States now spell the surname **Ullman**. Because handwritten records can be misinterpreted, indexes of this name may be inaccurate. One such case is for the family of Nicholas Uelmen, who with his wife, Katharina (née Schlosser) and son, Mathias, left Schalkenmehren and sailed on the ship *Victoria* from London to New York, arriving on April 25, 1881. You may find them listed with the surname of “Melman.” This family also settled in St. Michael.

The last name **Kasper** is prominent throughout St. Michael and vicinity, thanks to someone who came on the *Antelope* from LeHavre, France, and arrived in New York on June 24, 1854. The manifest listed **Simon Caspar** near people named Flohr and Ayde [Ayd]—names commonly found in his home town of Bilfingen, Baden, and its close neighbor, Ersingen. (A different Aydt family who settled in the St. Michael-Albertville area was also from Ersingen.)

Speaking of which, the immigrant ancestors of **Dehmer** and **Lindenfesler** families of St. Michael came on the ship mani-

fest of **Geo. F. Patten**, which sailed from LaHavre, France, and arrived in New York on May 20, 1854. Johannes Dehmer, his wife, Regina (née Lindenfesler), and two children were accompanied by Johan Lindenfesler, all of whom were born in the Bilfingen-Ersingen area.

Another branch of my family, coincidentally also named Röhl, sailed on the ship **Electric** from Antwerp to New York, arriving on August 11, 1854. They first lived in St. Paul but then settled in Plymouth Township, Hennepin County. (Whether that township was named in honor of the Pilgrims of Massachusetts, I don't know.) The first people on that ship's manifest were Math. **Willems**; his wife, Barb. (née Lambrecht, also spelled Lambris); and their daughters, Anna and Suzanna. The family of Barbara's brother, Valentine Lambrecht, was listed after them. They had come from Üdersdorf, a village about ten miles from Mehren. The Willems family first lived in Wisconsin, and then came to Frankfort Township, where their daughter Maria was born in 1858 and baptized at St. Michael Catholic Church. Johann Mathias Willems and Barbara Lambrecht are the immigrant ancestors of most if not all of the Willems families in the St. Michael area. Records sometimes show the last name as Williams.

Barbara Lambris Willems's parents, Michael **Lambris** and Margaretha (née Schommer); her brothers, Jacob and Dominick Lambris; as well as the family of her sister Anna Maria, who married Nicholas **Burges** (also spelled Bures), sailed together on the **Cornelius Grinnell**, which departed from London, England, and arrived in New York on December 1, 1856. The manifest showed their surnames as Lonphus and Burgess. These families had lived in Malbergweich, Kreis Bitburg, before moving to Üdersdorf, Kreis Daun, and some of them ultimately came to Wright County, Minnesota.

Here is an alphabetical list of some of the immigrant ancestors of the St. Michael area and the ships on which they arrived in the United States. People may not be listed in order of age, and not all family members arrived at the same time. These are just those whose ship names are known. (women are listed under their maiden names):

IMMIGRANT	SHIP NAME	ARRIVED	PORT	FROM	NATIVITY
BARTHEL , Conrad	<i>Nord Pol</i>	1869 June 24	New York	Antwerp	Niehl
Maria	<i>Nord Pol</i>	1869 June 24	New York	Antwerp	Niehl
Theodor	<i>Nord Pol</i>	1869 June 24	New York	Antwerp	Niehl
Wilhelm	<i>Nord Pol</i>	1869 June 24	New York	Antwerp	Niehl
BERNING , Anton	<i>Leontine</i>	1845 Dec 15	New Orleans	Bremen	Bentlage
BLAKE (BLICK), Philipp	<i>Maria</i>	1842 Sep 20	New York	Antwerp	Steineberg
BURGES , Anna Maria	<i>Cornelius Grinnell</i>	1856 Dec 1	New York	London	Malbergweich
Barbara	<i>Cornelius Grinnell</i>	1856 Dec 1	New York	London	Üdersdorf
Nicholas	<i>Cornelius Grinnell</i>	1856 Dec 1	New York	London	Kyllburg
DALEIDEN , Nicholas	<i>Waesland</i>	1881 April 28	New York	Antwerp	Kreuzdorf
DEHMER , Emeline	<i>Geo. F. Patten</i>	1854 May 20	New York	LeHavre	Ersingen
Johann	<i>Geo. F. Patten</i>	1854 May 20	New York	LeHavre	"
Maria	<i>Geo. F. Patten</i>	1854 May 20	New York	LeHavre	"
EHLENZ , (Johann) Adam	<i>Bremen</i>	1863 Oct 14	New York	Bremen	Baustert
Anna	<i>Bremen</i>	1863 Oct 14	New York	Bremen	"
Simon	<i>Bremen</i>	1863 Oct 14	New York	Bremen	"
EHR , Catharina	<i>Nord Pol</i>	1869 June 24	New York	Antwerp	Niehl
ENGEL , Jacob	<i>Floridian</i>	1848 Nov 4	New York	Antwerp	Bausendorf
Nicholas	<i>Peter Hatrick</i>	1851 June 3	New York	Antwerp	"
EULL , Christian	<i>May Flower</i>	1846 July 18	New York	Antwerp	Mehren
Peter	<i>May Flower</i>	1846 July 18	New York	Antwerp	"
HENGELS , Mathias	<i>Switzerland</i>	1881 March 7	New York	Antwerp	Huscheid
HEINEN , Philip	<i>Nederland</i>	1879 Sep 3	New York	Antwerp	Rittersdorf
KASPER , Simon	<i>Antelope</i>	1854 June 24	New York	LeHavre	Bilfingen
KILL , Christina	<i>Achilles (Achillis)</i>	1867 June 17	New York	Antwerp	Karl, Wittlich
LAMBRIS , Anna Maria	<i>Cornelius Grinnell</i>	1856 Dec 1	New York	London	Malbergweich
Barbara	<i>Electric</i>	1854 Aug 11	New York	Antwerp	"
Michael	<i>Cornelius Grinnell</i>	1856 Dec 1	New York	London	"



Left: An 1850 painting of the George F. Patten, the ship on which the Dehmers and Lindenfelsers sailed to America in 1854. Right: the clipper American Eagle depicted in 1856, the same year that Mathias and Anna Maria Schumacher, and their children, arrived on it. They landed at New York on July 19.



LINDENFELSER , Johan	<i>Geo. F. Patten</i>	1854 May 20	New York	LeHavre	Ersingen
Regina	<i>Geo. F. Patten</i>	1854 May 20	New York	LeHavre	Ersingen
MUELLER , Anna Maria	<i>Leopold</i>	1857 Aug 15	New York	Antwerp	Detzem
Eva	<i>Achilles (Achillis)</i>	1867 June 17	New York	Antwerp	Schalkenmehren
NEISS , Catharina	<i>Achilles (Achillis)</i>	1867 June 17	New York	Antwerp	Schalkenmehren
Eva	<i>Achilles (Achillis)</i>	1867 June 17	New York	Antwerp	"
Jacob	<i>Achilles (Achillis)</i>	1867 June 17	New York	Antwerp	"
Johann Adam	<i>Achilles (Achillis)</i>	1867 June 17	New York	Antwerp	"
Maria Elisabetha	<i>Achilles (Achillis)</i>	1867 June 17	New York	Antwerp	"
Martin	<i>Achilles (Achillis)</i>	1867 June 17	New York	Antwerp	"
RITTERATH , Anton	<i>Germania</i>	1867 July 15	New York	Hamburg	Herresbach
SCHULTES , Anna	<i>Leopold</i>	1857 Aug 15	New York	Antwerp	Detzem
Catharina	<i>Leopold</i>	1857 Aug 15	New York	Antwerp	"
Mathias Sr. & Jr.	<i>Leopold</i>	1857 Aug 15	New York	Antwerp	"
Nicholas	<i>Leopold</i>	1857 Aug 15	New York	Antwerp	"
Peter	<i>Leopold</i>	1857 Aug 15	New York	Antwerp	"
SCHUHMACHER ,					
Anna Maria	<i>American Eagle</i>	1856 July 19	New York	London	Nachtsheim
Anton	<i>American Eagle</i>	1856 July 19	New York	London	"
Maria	<i>American Eagle</i>	1856 July 19	New York	London	"
Mathias	<i>American Eagle</i>	1856 July 19	New York	London	"
Michael	<i>American Eagle</i>	1856 July 19	New York	London	"
Nicholas	<i>American Eagle</i>	1856 July 19	New York	London	"
Peter	<i>American Eagle</i>	1856 July 19	New York	London	"
Stephan	<i>American Eagle</i>	1856 July 19	New York	London	"
UELMEN , Anna Catharina	<i>Achilles (Achillis)</i>	1867 June 17	New York	Antwerp	Schalkenmehren
Catharina	<i>Achilles (Achillis)</i>	1867 June 17	New York	Antwerp	"
Mathias (b. 1829)	<i>Achilles (Achillis)</i>	1867 June 17	New York	Antwerp	"
Mathias (b. 1879)	<i>Victoria</i>	1881 April 25	New York	London	" (vicinity)
Nicholas	<i>Victoria</i>	1881 April 25	New York	London	Schalkenmehren
WAXWEILER , Nicholas	<i>Westernland</i>	1884 Apr 30	New York	Antwerp	Waxweiler
WELTER , Hubert	<i>City of New York</i>	1872 June 2	New York	Liverpool	Obersgegen
WILLEMS , Anna Maria	<i>Electric</i>	1854 Aug 11	New York	Antwerp	Üdersdorf
(Johann) Matthias	<i>Electric</i>	1854 Aug 11	New York	Antwerp	"
Susanna	<i>Electric</i>	1854 Aug 11	New York	Antwerp	"
ZAHLER , Georg	<i>Rattler</i>	1857 Aug 14	New York	LeHavre	Ettenbeuren
Marie	<i>Rattler</i>	1857 Aug 14	New York	LeHavre	Stoffenried
Wilhelm	<i>Rattler</i>	1857 Aug 14	New York	LeHavre	Ettenbeuren
Theresa	<i>Rattler</i>	1857 Aug 14	New York	LeHavre	Ettenbeuren
Otto	<i>Rattler</i>	1857 Aug 14	New York	LeHavre	Ettenbeuren
Anton	<i>Rattler</i>	1857 Aug 14	New York	LeHavre	Ettenbeuren
Victoria	<i>Rattler</i>	1857 Aug 14	New York	LeHavre	Ettenbeuren
Michael	<i>Rattler</i>	1857 Aug 14	New York	LeHavre	Ettenbeuren

The nativity of the following have not be verified:

IMMIGRANT	SHIP NAME	ARRIVED	PORT	FROM	NATIVITY
EICHER , George	<i>Plantyn</i>	1881 Sep 21	New York	Antwerp	Doeningen, Lux.*
Mathias	<i>Plantyn</i>	1881 Sep 21	New York	Antwerp	Doeningen, Lux.
Peter	<i>Plantyn</i>	1881 Sep 21	New York	Antwerp	Doeningen, Lux.
Valentin	<i>Plantyn</i>	1881 Sep 21	New York	Antwerp	Lengeler, Belg.**
NIESEN , Eva	<i>Waldemar</i>	1847 June 11	New York	Antwerp	Mannebach? ***
Franz	<i>Waldemar</i>	1847 June 11	New York	Antwerp	Mannebach? ***
Helena / Magdalena	<i>Waldemar</i>	1847 June 11	New York	Antwerp	Mannebach? ***
Nicholas	<i>Waldemar</i>	1847 June 11	New York	Antwerp	Mannebach? ***
OHLINGER , Magdalena	<i>Waldemar</i>	1847 June 11	New York	Antwerp	Mannebach? ***

* Atlas index for Luxembourg shows a village spelled Doennange, near Wincrange, north of Wiltz.

** Possibly Longlier, near Neufchâteau, or Longvilly, on the border of Belgium and Luxembourg, northeast of Wiltz and close to Doennange.

*** A Michel OHLINGER of Mannebach, Kreis Saarburg, also sailed on this ship. He was listed in *Auswanderung aus dem Regierungsbezirk Trier im 19ten Jahrhundert: (Emigration to America from the district of Trier (Germany) during the 19th century*, by Josef Mergen, compiler; Maria Cremer, transcriber (Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1958), page 46; FHL microfilm 0928106.

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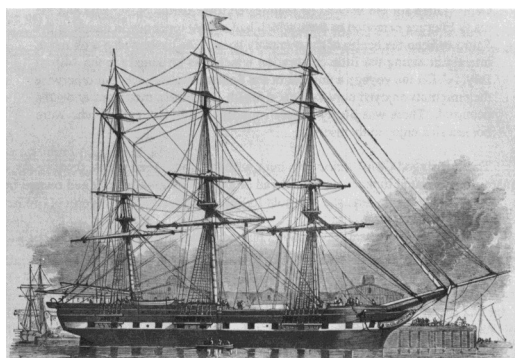
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Left: Nicholas and Anna Maria Burges. They left Üdersdorf, a small village in the Eifel region of western Germany, on October 20, 1856. They sailed from London, along with children William, Maria, and Barbara, on the Cornelius Grinnell (lower left) landing at New York on December 1st. They homesteaded on the southeast side of Uhl's Lake. Daughter Barbara later married Mathias Barthel and they took over the farm in 1869, which later became the farm of Leo and then Wallace Barthel.



The New York, American-Line ship, Cornelius Grinnell, was launched in 1850. It was 180 feet long at the deck and 38 feet at it's greatest width. Passengers were typically housed "between the decks" as the real money was made in the shipping of cargo in the hold, the lowest and largest part of the ship. Immigrants traveled above the hold and below the top deck. Assuming at least a week of travel to get from Üdersdorf to London, arriving at New York on December 1st suggests a five-week sea journey.

Upcoming Events

All public events are on hold until further notice due to the current pandemic and the health concern of our members. Please stay safe!