

Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild

Bark Constitution

DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI....PORT OF NEW-ORLEANS.

I, H. Rothfos Master or Commander of the Brem. Bark Constitution do solemnly, sincerely, and truly swear that the within list, signed by me, and now delivered to the Collector of this District, contains the names of all the Passengers taken on board the said Bark, at the Port of Bremen or at any time since, and that all matters therein set forth are, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, just and true. I do further swear that two, of the said Passengers have died on the voyage. (signed) H. Rothfos Sworn before me this 31 day of May, 46 (signed) ??? Collector

Columns represent: Passenger Number from original list, Name, Age, Occupation, Chests & Trunks, Guns, Wherefrom, Destination

List of Passengers on Bord the Bremen Barque Constitution H. Rothfos Master from Bremen to New Orleans

Cabin Passengers

1	Blumenthal F G	25	Merchant	4	Hamburg	New Orleans
2	Brinkwirth Theodor	29	Brewer	7	Burgsteinfurt	St Louis
3	Brinkwirth Friederike	25			Burgsteinfurt	St Louis
Deck Passengers						
4	Kawling Therese	28			Burgsteinfurt	St Louis
5	Garbrock Caspar	28	Locksmith	2	Burgsteinfurt	Cincinnati
6	Mohlenpage Joh Heinrich	32	Farmer	2	Drohne	New Orleans
7	Hesse Chr Heinrich	30	Tailor	1 1	Forste	New Orleans
8	Marx Heinrich	30	Farmer	1	Bruchhausen	St Louis
9	Enthofen Theodor	25	Tailor	1	Meppen	St Louis
10	Enthofen Helene	23			Meppen	St Louis
11	Buter Bernhard	28	Postillon	1	Meppen	St Louis
12	Mohlmann Ferdinand	27	Carpenter	1	Meppen	New Orleans
13	Lutze Justus	45	Farmer	2	Sieboldhausen	St Louis
14	Lutze Friederike	31			Sieboldh sen	St Louis
15	Lutze Christian	7			Sieboldhausen	St Louis
16	Lutze Friedrich	4			Sieboldhausen	St Louis
17	Kreitzer Peter	50	Mason	1	Hainbrunn	New Orleans
18	Higgen Eilt Bemmert	60	Inn-keeper	2 1	Aurich	New Orleans
19	Higgen Julie	40			Aurich	New Orleans
20	Weitze Gerhard	36	Weaver	3 1	Wiedelahe	St Louis
21	Weitze Caroline	36			Wiedelahe	St Louis
22	Weitze Marie	8			Wiedelahe	St Louis
23	Weitze Elise	6			Wiedelahe	St Louis
24	Weitze Albert	4			Wiedelahe	St Louis
25	Oppermann Fritz	35	Joiner	9 5	Vienenberg	St Louis
26	Oppermann Marianne	34			Vienenberg	St Louis

27	Oppermann Marianne	9			Vienenberg	St Louis
28	Oppermann Fritz	7			Vienenberg	St Louis
29	Oppermann Mar Bernhardine	5			Vienenberg	St Louis
30	Oppermann Dorothea	3			Vienenberg	St Louis
31	Oppermann Friederike	1/2			Vienenberg	St Louis
32	Rosshoff Heinrich	30	Joiner		Vienenberg	St Louis
33	Berger Ernst	38	Shoe maker	4	Weidelahe	St Louis
34	Berger Margarethe	34			Weidelahe	St Louis
35	Berger Hermann	8			Weidelahe	St Louis
36	Berger Heinrich	3			Weidelahe	St Louis
37	Berger Fritz	1			Weidelahe	St Louis
38	Weitemeyer Andr	46	Farmer	5	Duhlenroth	Missouri
39	Weitemeyer Charlotte	45			Duhlenroth	Missouri
40	Weitemeyer Louise	28			Duhlenroth	Missouri
41	Weitemeyer Friederike	17			Duhlenroth	Missouri
42	Weitemeyer Marie	24			Duhlenroth	Missouri
43	Wiedner Christian	54	Mason	5 2	Wulperode	New Orleans
44	Wiedner Dorothea	35			Wulperode	New Orleans
45	Wiedner Heinrich	20			Wulperode	New Orleans
46	Wiedner Sophie	18			Wulperode	New Orleans
47	Wiedner Christian	6			Wulperode	New Orleans
48	Wiedner August	4			Wulperode	New Orleans
49	Wiedner Dorothea	1			Wulperode	New Orleans
50	Baule Anton	52	Gardener	5 3	Wulperode	New Orleans
51	Baule Franziska	34			Wulperode	New Orleans
52	Baule Anton	13			Wulperode	New Orleans
53	Baule Franz	9			Wulperode	New Orleans
54	Baule Joseph	8			Wulperode	New Orleans
55	Baule Therese	4			Wulperode	New Orleans
56	Baule Wilhelm	3			Wulperode	New Orleans
57	Weitze Therese	24			Wulperode	New Orleans
58	Hofmeister Lorenz	40	Farmer	5	Dramfeld	Missouri
59	Hofmeister Heinrich	13			Dramfeld	Missouri
60	Hofmeister Louise	11			Dramfeld	Missouri
61	Hofmeister Friederike	9			Dramfeld	Missouri
62	Hofmeister August	7			Dramfeld	Missouri
63	Sander Heinrich	46	Cartwright	4 1	Gr Bhuden	Missouri
64	Sander Magdalena	43			Gr B den	Missouri
65	Sander Carl	16			Gr Bhuden	Missouri
66	Sander Christn	14			Gr B den	Missouri
67	Sander Friedrich	7			Gr Bhuden	Missouri
68	Sander Christian	76			Gr Bhuden	Missouri
69	Mantz Andr Chr	26	Farmer		Ellierode	Missouri
70	Ellen Elle	54		6	Aurich Oldendorf	St Louis
71	Ellen Fentje	52			Aurich Oldendorf	St Louis
72	Ellen Hinr	11			Aurich Oldendorf	St Louis
73	Holte Friedrich	37	Weaver	1	Lovensen	New Orleans
74	Dorr Julius	33	Merchant	1	Eisenach	New Orleans
75	Block Gg Mich	42	Painter	15 3	Lassa?	Texas
76	Block Auguste	29			Lassa?	Texas
77	Block Emilie	19			Lassa?	Te s
78	Block Wilhelm	11			Lassa?	Texas
79	Block Carl	9			Lassa?	xas
80	Block Albert	5			Lassa?	Te s
81	Block Georg	2			Lassa?	Texas
82	Block Leopold	1/4			Lassa?	Texas
83	Wippernitz Ad Wwe	52			Lassa?	Texas

84	Witt Johannis	33	Farmer	10	2	Lassa?	Texas
85	Witt Dorothea	35				Lassa?	Texas
86	Witt Dorothea	11				Lassa?	Texas
87	Witt Johannis	9				Lassa?	Texas
88	Witt Auguste	3				Lassa?	Texas
89	Witt Carl	2				Lassa?	Texas
90	Schunemann August	17				Lassa?	Texas
91	<u>Knuppel August</u>	23		4	1	Lassa?	Texas
92	Hackstedt Heinrich wife	41		1		Westerup	New Orleans
93	Hackstedt Hermann	8				Westerup	New Orleans
94	Hackstedt Henriette	5				Westerup	New Orleans
95	Mertens Heinrich	42	Miller	5	2	Sievershausen	Missouri
96	Mertens Hanne	41				Sievershausen	Missouri
97	Mertens Christian	14				Sievershausen	Missouri
98	Mertens Heinrich	12				Sievershausen	Missouri
99	Mertens Louise	10				Sievershausen	Missouri
100	Mertens Hermann	7				Sievershausen	Missouri
101	Mertens Carl	4				Sievershausen	Missouri
102	Mertens Hanne	1 1/2				Sievershausen	Missouri
103	Kater Heinrich	25	Baker			Wilhelmshausen	New Orleans
104	Flothter Heinrich	35	Tailor	4	2	Wilhelmshausen	New Orleans
105	Flothter Christian	24	Joiner			Wilhelmshausen	New Orleans
106	Gobel Philipp	24	Joiner			Wilhelmshausen	New Orleans
107	Rund Wilhelm	25	Joiner	5	3	Wilhelmshausen	New Orleans
108	Wortmann Herbert	51	Farmer	8	2	Sudlohne	Cincinnati
109	Wortmann Mar Anna	46				Sudlohne	Cincinnati
110	Wortmann Catharine	12				Sudlohne	Cincinnati
111	Wortmann Franz	7				Sudlohne	Cincinnati
112	Wortmann Elisabeth	5				Sudlohne	Cincinnati
113	Bultemann Elisabeth	20				Schlewecke	Cincinnati
114	Funke Wilhelm	23	Farmer	2	1	Pl??ershausen	Illinois
115	Thebes Heinrich	26				Pl??ershausen	Illinois
116	Hagemann Dorothea	24				Pl??ershausen	Illinois
	Souls in all*	74	42			Bremen April 1th 1846	
	Two Children died					H. Rothfos	

Transcriber's Notes:

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* Following are notes pertaining to individual entries in the above Captain's List: (Also see separate notes on "Wherefrom", below.)

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75 Block Gg Mich - Listed as "M G Block" in the QA. Later known as George Frederick Block, he was an early settler of Port Neches, Jefferson County, Texas, and the great-great-grandfather of this transcriber.

76 Block Auguste - Second wife of passenger #75, George Block, and great-great-grandmother of this transcriber.

77 Emilie Block - Daughter of #75, George Block, by his first wife.

78-82 Other children of #75 and #76, George and Augusta Block. Carl Block, #79, later known as Charles Louis Block, is the great-grandfather of this transcriber.

83 Wippernitz Ad Wwe - The lower case portion of "Wwe" is small, raised, and underscored. This is an abbreviation for the German word "witwe", or widow (of). She was almost certainly the mother-in-law of #75, George Block, and great-great-great-grandmother of this transcriber. In the 1850 U.S. Census of Jefferson County, Texas, she was listed as Maria C. E. Wippenitz (sic). If anyone has ever encountered either form of this surname, Wippernitz or Wippenitz, anywhere else in the world, this transcriber would be most grateful to know about it.

91 Knuppel August - Umlaut over the "u" in Knuppel.

75-91 Lassa? - Either "Lassau" or "Lassan". No current German location named Lassau can be found. However, there is a location Lassan, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, in the area where the Block family is known to have lived prior to immigrating. On some 19th century maps, this location is labeled "Lassahn". This transcriber would appreciate any information you may have about Lassau, Lassan, or Lassahn.

Transcriber's personal note:

* The Block and Wippernitz family on this voyage of the Constitution includes ancestors of this transcriber. Please let me know if you locate any of your family on this passage or otherwise find this transcription useful in your research. My e-mail link is below.

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Captain's List: Microfilm M259 Roll 25
Quarterly Abstract: Microfilm M272 Roll 3

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About the Bark Constitution:

The bark CONSTITUTION was built by Johann Lange, of Vegesack/Grohn, for the Bremen firm of H. H. Meier & Co--whose owner, Hermann Heinrich Meier 1808-1898), later founded Norddeutscher Lloyd--and was launched on 7 November 1833, as the successor to a bark of the same name, built in 1820, that had been lost earlier in the year. 127 Commerzlasten; 27,6 x 7,7 x 4,7 meters (length x beam x depth of hold). She sailed for almost 25 years in the packet service between Bremerhaven and New York.
Captains (in turn): J. F. Volckmann, G. C. Ahlhorn, J. F. G. E. G. Thormann, Hermann Rothfos, F. G. Schelling,

J. D. Luth, W. Lauer, and Jurgen Hake. She was sold in Bangkok in 1859; her later history and ultimate fate are not known.

Source: Peter-Michael Pawlik, Von der Weser in die Welt; Die Geschichte der Segelschiffe von Weser und Lesum und ihrer Bauwerften 1770 bis 1893, Schriften des Deutschen Schiffahrtsmuseums, Bd. 33 (Hamburg: Kabel, c1993), p. 181, no. 121.

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<http://www.fortunecity.com/littleitaly/amalfi/13/shipc.htm>

Comment:

I would like to find who the Witt family was. Esther Dortha Witten and Martin Bogislaff Gentzen (Gentz) were were the parents of Christian Gentz. These families, Gentz, Maass, Koch, Knupple, and Block, were all interconnected in varying degrees. So, since the name is so similar, and they too went to Texas, from the same place, it's at least quite curious. Following that line of speculation, this researcher has found no record of August Schunemann's whereabouts or his kinship, if there is one. (SS)

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