

November 2, 1960

Dear Mrs. Visser-Bos,

I have been very busy since our return home, so I have not been able to write until now, although I have thought of you and your family often.

We had a wonderful summer in all of Europe. One we will remember all of our lives. We have over 500 picture-slides to remind us of all the places we've been. The pictures of you and part of your family turned out very well. I am going to show the pictures to my students very soon and I'm sure some of them will be happy to write letters to your daughter.

Much to my surprise, when I told my uncle we had been in Holland he asked me if we had gone to Eenigenburg. I didn't know that anyone in my family knew about the town of Eenigenburg. His son, who is a minister of a church, and whose name is also Eenigenburg, sent some boxes of clothing to Holland from his church, after the war. A letter of thanks, sent to him from someone in Holland, told him about your town having the same name as his own.

It was very interesting to visit Eenigenburg. Finding information about my

ancestors is not important, so I do not want you to go to any work to do so. But I would enjoy getting a letter from you.

I hope you do not have too much trouble understanding this letter. I have tried to write plainly. I am sorry I do not write in your language.

On the next page is the information I found in my grandfather's book. Unfortunately it does not tell us where in Holland the immigrants were from. I thought you might be interested in a few of the other details, so I copied them to send to you.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Lucier

About June 16th, 1849, fifteen families from Holland, Europe, landed on the shore of the little city of Chicago. The people making up this colony were mostly all young people, the men did not average over 33 years and the women not over 28 years of age. In all, there were sixty-four souls, including 34 children. Four adults and 13 children died on board ship and were buried at sea, so only 47 arrived in America.

The families had sold all of their property in Holland and carried what was left of their money, after paying for their tickets and supplies, in \$20 gold pieces sewn inside canvas belts which each of the men wore on the trip. They had taken a Frisian Barge to Rotterdam, and from there a steamboat to Havre, France. The entire colony then boarded an American sailing vessel, named Boston. The entire trip took sixty days.

The families were as follows: Meester Peter Dejong Chapron, Jacob Dejong, Cornelius Kuypers, John Yonker, Johannes Ambuul, John Bras, Peter Dalenberg, John Ton, Klaas Dalenberg, Hark Eenigenburg, Gerrit Eenigenburg, Lenert Vandersyde, Peter Oudendyke, Cornelius Dalenberg and Cornelius Hoogendunk.

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