

INFORMATION ON JOHAN NICOLAES EEMIG (EMIG) (EMICH) (EMIGH)

I, like you, am interested and working on my genealogy. Possibly the early records in Holland are lost, but then if not, maybe you could assist me. If it would not put you to too much trouble, I would certainly appreciate what ever information you could find out. From what was passed down from my family and from the book "Early Eighteenth Century Palatine Emigration, by Walter Allen Knittle, Ph.D. published at Philadelphia, 1937, I have the following on my progenitors who came from Holland to America:

In April 1708 the Reverend Joshua Kocherthal a German Evangelical Minister from the Palatinate area of the Rhineland and the three Lutheran Ministers residing in London appeared before the English Board of Trade and at that time arrangements were made with Queen Anne of England for the passage of Palatines from Holland to England and then to America. About the middle of October 1708 Rev. Kocherthal and a small group of Palatines departed by vessel from England for New York where they settled at Newburgh on the Hudson River.

On May 9th, 1709, two German Clergymen, the Rev. George Andrew Rupert, minister of St. Mary's German Lutheran Church in Savoy, London, England, and the Rev. John Tribbeko, Chaplain to the late royal consort, Prince George of Denmark, both residing in London, appeared before the English Board of Trade. They were requested to assist with transportation of the Palatines, and with the supervision by two Dutch merchants, in Rotterdam, Commissioners Hendrick van Toren and John Suderman, the emigrants were loaded on board vessels and sailed to London.

Through the encouragement of others already in America, the Reverend Kocherthal and other ministers of the Bible, Johan Nicholas Emigh desiring to travel, by the grace of Queen Anne of England, and with the hopes of enjoying a better living departed from the Palatinate area, journeyed down the Rhine and was waiting at Rotterdam, Holland for passage to England. He was listed as Johan Nicolaes Eemig among those in the second party which sailed May 23, 1709 for England. (The listing of the Palatines from Holland was sent by the Rotterdam Commissioners, van Toren and van Gent, to Minister Dayrolle, who forwarded them to England. The lists were found in the Public Record Office, T1/119, 6-10, 19-26, 68-72, 58-65, 79-82). Eemig or Emich or (Emigh as we spell it in America) became acquainted with and married a pretty Dutch girl from Holstein, Germany, Anna Catharine Mueller or Muller. (She embarked from Holland to England, if not on the same vessel with Eemig, either shortly before or probably soon after). Their marriage was probably in the St. Mary's German Lutheran Church in Savoy, London, England since their marriage certificate was written in German language, signed by the Pastor of that Lutheran Church and countersigned under the great seal of Reverend George Andrew Rupert in Queen Anne's reign. According to our family records Eemig was born about 1689 in Germany, probably in the Palatinate area near Switzerland, and his wife was born about 1693, probably in the Holstein area in Germany.

Eemig (Emich or Emigh) and his wife like the other emigrants assumed they would soon be dispatched across the ocean to America, but instead to their sorrow they were camped on the Thames River or found quarters near London. It was Dec 21st, 1709 when arrangements were finally made and the Palatines and their goods were taken on board the Lyon, the Feversham, the frigatea Herbert and Berkley Castle and six other vessels between the 25th and 29th of December 1709. Because of the demands for demurrage made by the owners of the vessels they were delayed in their departure for America until April 10th, 1710. On the arrival of these vessels in America in New York the Palatines were housed on Nutton Island now called Governor's Island, New York. Eemig was listed as Johann Nicolaus Emich, and wife.

I hesitate to impose on you regarding my ancestors from Holland, but I would be very grateful and appreciate any information you might happen to find.

~~If I can learn anything further, or ascertain anything, I will gladly forward it to you.~~

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