

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ST PAULI PASSENGERS

Introduction

(Weblink St Pauli Introduction & contents)

The first New Zealand German settlers left Hamburg Germany on the "St Pauli" and arrived in Nelson New Zealand in 1843. My MANSSEN ancestors were one of these early settlers.

When I began writing the families history I soon became aware of the importance and the difference between primary source and secondary source documentation. By comparing material on a similar subject the results became very interesting. While researching I not only learnt about my own ancestors but also gathered a wealth of information regarding the other German families and the early Nelson settlement.

The "St Pauli brought the German settlers to New Zealand. Each settler had different reasons for making the journey. By researching at the different repositories and comparing the material we can form a better idea about what happened to them and a little about their lives.

The publication by Ruth Allan "Nelson A History of Early Settlement" has a wealth of information. It not only has a chapter on the German Settlers but also the New Zealand Company and other interesting chapters regarding the early Nelson settlement. The publication recorded many New Zealand Company references that led me to discover other valuable primary source documentation regarding my ancestor and the other German settlers.

Sharing ones research material with other researcher and family historian can be rewarding. I hope you all enjoy learning a little more about the "St Pauli" passengers.

I have compiled and written most of the articles at night after a full day at work. Unfortunately errors are inevitable. I apologise for any errors or omissions. Please do not hesitate to comment or correct any information.

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