

# LONG ISLAND MARITIME MUSEUM

## Baymen's Oral History Group

- Antje Nieuwenhuizen •

In an interview recorded on 31 May 1980, Antje Nieuwenhuizen and her daughter Grietje reminisce with LMM Librarian Ruth Dougherty about emigrating from Holland to the largely Dutch community of West Sayville. Antje's husband, Adrian, was already living here when, in April 1926, she and their three young children (John, Grietje and Gerrit) left Ymuiden and sailed to Hoboken aboard the *Rotterdam*.

Just as 't Lange Eylandt of Adriaen Block became Long Island, eventually Nieuwenhuizen was Americanized into Newhouse — a well-known family name in the West Sayville/Sayville area.

# TAPE: Antje Nieuwenhuizen 1

## Contents:

- Antje and Grietje Nieuwenhuizen discuss coming to the United States from Holland, comparing and contrasting their lives in both countries (0:00-27:00).

# TAPE: Antje Nieuwenhuizen 2

## Contents:

- Continuation of interview.
  - Discussion of immigration to America in 1926,
  - Other family members (Broere),
  - Traditional clothing, manners, etc. (0:00-20:00).

All times are approximate indications of subject/topic areas.

A Newhouse family photo showing the traditional cap with oorijzer — "ear iron" — the headpiece or helmet used to support the cap. Originally made of iron, they were eventually crafted of more precious metals and came to signify the wearer's wealth and age.

"If the family could afford it, girls received a modest version of the headgear at about age twelve. At sixteen, or at marriage, a woman would have her formal gold helmet. In most villages throughout the Netherlands women wore some sort of lace cap with stiffly starched angles, augmented by gold or silver ornaments and various sorts of jewelry illustrating familial wealth."

Sinke, Susan M. *Dutch Immigrant Women in the United States: 1889-1920*. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press, 2002 (Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation), pg.77.



Above, left: Affidavit of Support, filed by Adrian Nieuwenhuizen when he brought Antje and their children to the United States in 1926.

Left: Gerrit, Antje, Grietje and John Nieuwenhuizen in West Sayville.

Ymuiden, on the northwest coast of the Netherlands, is the entry port to the North Sea Canal, the main waterway leading to Amsterdam.

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### AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
State of New York S.S.  
County of Suffolk

Adrian Nieuwenhuizen, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- That he/she is 30 years of age and that he/she has resided continuously in the United States since April 31, 1926.
- That his/her present address is Tyler Ave. Street, City of West Sayville.  
County of Suffolk State of New York.
- That he/she is a citizen of the United States holding Certificate of Naturalization No. \_\_\_\_\_ issued at \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_ by the Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_.
- That he/she has declared his/her intention of becoming a citizen of the United States and holds Declarant Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_ issued at \_\_\_\_\_ by the Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_.
- That he/she is and always has been a law abiding resident and has not at any time been threatened with arrest or arrested for any crime or misdemeanor. That he/she does not belong to nor is in anywise connected with any group or organization whose principles are contrary to organized government, nor do the under-mentioned relatives belong to any such organization nor have they ever been convicted of any crime.
- That it is his/her intention and desire to have the following relatives at present residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
c/o Ed. J. Williams 65 Ridge Street, Ymuiden, Nederland.  
come and remain with him in the United States until such time as they may become self-supporting:

Name	Sex	Age	Relationship to Dependent
<u>Antje Nieuwenhuizen</u>	<u>female</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>wife</u>
<u>John</u>	<u>male</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>child (son)</u>
<u>Grietje</u>	<u>female</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>child (daughter)</u>
<u>Gerrit</u>	<u>male</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>child (son)</u>

- That the expected passenger (s) is/are in good health, mentally and physically.
- That his/her present dependents consist of \_\_\_\_\_
- That his/her regular occupation is his wife and three children weekly earnings amount to \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- That he/she possesses property to the value of Real Estate, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Personal, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the incumbrance on said property, if any, amounts to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 200.
- That he/she occupies a \_\_\_\_\_ room house/apartment. none
- That he/she is willing and able to receive, maintain and support the relatives mentioned herein and hereby assumes such trust, guaranteeing that none of them will at any time become a burden on the United States or on any state, county, city, village or township of the United States; and that any who are under sixteen years of age will be sent to school at least until they are sixteen years old and will not be put at work unsuited to their years.

DEPONENT further states that this affidavit is made by him/her for the purpose of inducing the American Consul to visa the passports of his/her relatives and the Immigration Authorities to admit said relatives into the United States.

A. Nieuwenhuizen  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public  
in and for said county, this  
day of August, A. D. 1926  
My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Ed. J. Williams \_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

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