

EAST FRISIAN ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

The Reminiscences of Theresa (Habben) Osterbur

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Excerpt

Fun Aboard Ship

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Q: What was—do you remember anything particular about your trip on the ocean?

Osterbur: Well, it was fun for myself and my brother, Bill, because right in the middle of the ocean when the ship was going up and down and up and down, it was at its worst. We were having a lot of fun sliding up and down on the deck.

Q: You didn't get seasick?

Osterbur: No, I didn't, and my brother didn't, but my mother got real seasick. She didn't enjoy it too much.

Q: No, so you celebrated your twelfth birthday on the ocean.

Osterbur: That's right.

Q: Do you have any idea how long the trip took?

Osterbur: It took nine days.

Q: And then you came where, into the port of New York?

Osterbur: Into New York and before getting there, I saw the Statue of Liberty. I'll never forget it.