Journey Across the Atlantic

The documentary, "Journey Across the Atlantic", is based on family stories and the genealogy of the Kuse family. Their experiences were similar to those of many immigrants who came from Europe in the late 19th Century. Actual photos, many drawings by Hildegard and Loretta Kuse and related sound effects were used to share the story of the Peter and Hannah Marie Kuse family. They left Reddelich, Germany and embarked on the S. S. Allemania. They arrived in New York and traveled across the country to Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin where they settled for a period of time. Eventually they moved to Medford, Wisconsin and lived on the farm where the Kuse Farm Museum and Nature Preserve is located.

The documentary can help students studying Wisconsin history understand what it was like to leave a homeland and settle in Wisconsin. The text for the video is included on this web site. Students can read the text as a story and watch the video.