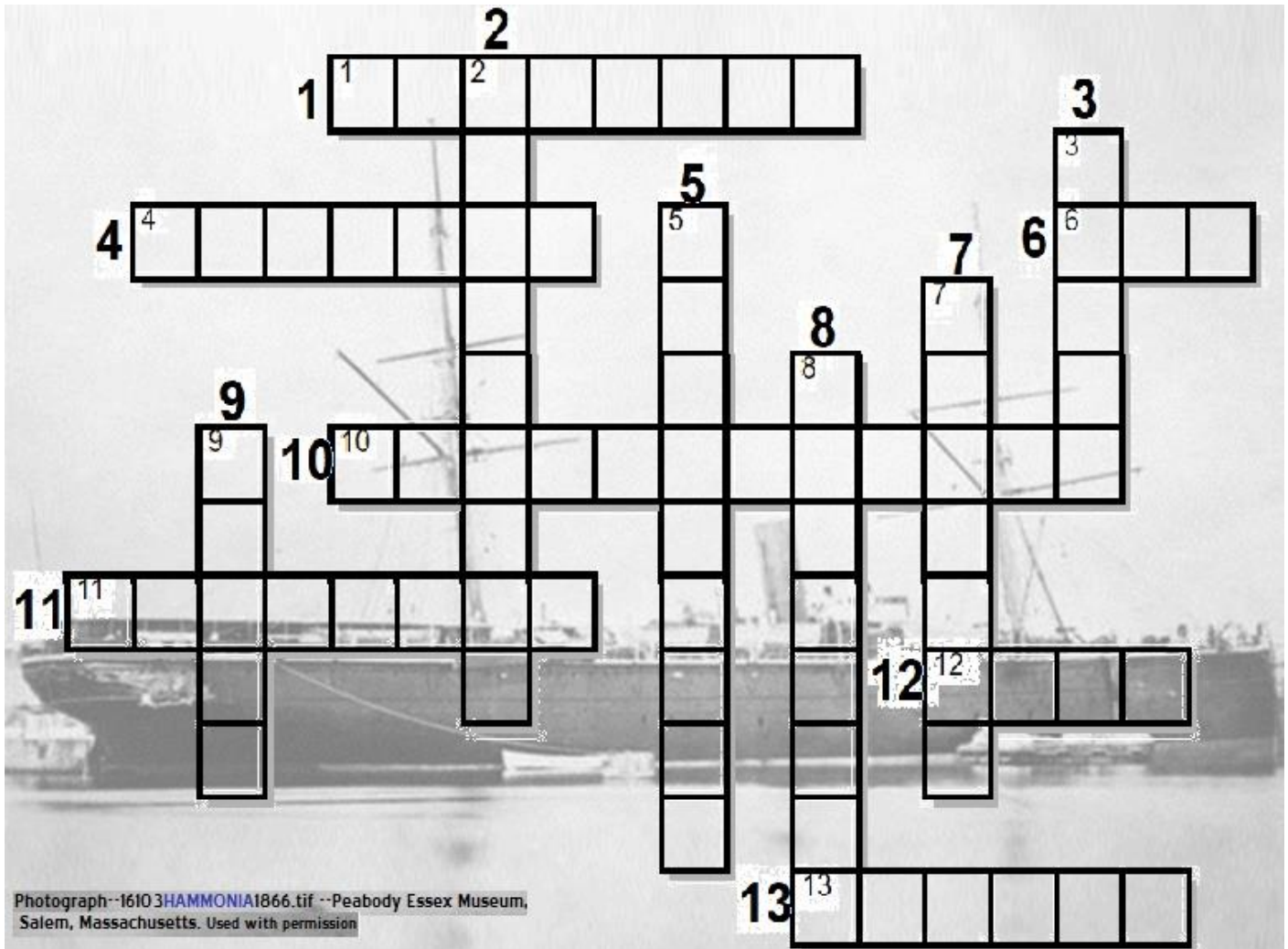


# PAST STILL PRESENT

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## REMEMBERING OUR FOUNDATION IN AMERICA 1870

This month we present games that reflect the story of our coming to America.



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### ACROSS

- 1 Official travel document
- 4 Bishop who invited the sisters to come to America
- 6 Color of blankets the sisters wrapped themselves in
- 10 Immigration center in New York
- 11 The present name for Belle Prairie
- 12 Number of pioneer sisters
- 13 Number of days it took to cross the ocean

### DOWN

- 2 Kind of ship the sisters sailed in
- 3 Instrument Sr. Emilie played
- 5 It caught fire and sank
- 7 Occasion for which Sr. Emilie played
- 8 Ship's list of passenger names
- 9 Violent weather event that threatened to sink the ship

**WORD BANK:** CASTLEGARDEN, JUNCKER, MANIFEST, NINE, ORGAN, PASSPORT, PIOPOLIS, RED, RIVERBOAT, STEAMSHIP, STORM, TWELVE, WEDDING

Some facts about the sisters



Sr. Albertine Rogg, age 24 in 1870, appointed superior for the nine Sisters. The *Chronicle* describes Sr. Albertine as possessing "a wonderful energy and great initiative."



Sr. Benedicta Hegele, age 23 in 1870, Sr. Benedicta was the last of the pioneers to die. She was still alive when *Foundation and Progress* was written in 1925.



Sr. Caroline Knoerr, Age 22 in 1870, Sr. Caroline had a birthday on the journey from New York to Belle Prairie. She returned to Belle Prairie (eventually to Ruma) in June 1875.



Sr. Emilie Zimmermann, age 22 in 1870, the first to die, age 23 Sr. Emilie, the organist, lived in Belle Prairie barely 18 months. She contracted tuberculosis and was confined to bed. She is buried in Belle Prairie.



Sr. Josephine Dietrich, age 19 in 1870, the second youngest pioneer. She made first profession in January, just days before the sisters left Gurtweil. She left the community, date unknown.



Sr. Mechtilda Muehlhaupt, age 29 in 1870, died at age 50. Sr. Mechtilda worked in the embroidery department as a tambourine stitcher.



Sr. Philippine Moser, age 17 in 1870, the youngest pioneer, lived to be 66.



Sr. Theresa Wissmann, age 33 in 1870, the oldest pioneer, lived to be 72.



Sr. Walburga Schneider, age 30 in 1870, turned 31 on the journey, died at age 49.

[This puzzle is based on the format used by the game show "America Says." "America Says" doesn't provide clues, but we do.]

When I think of the foundation in America these fill-in-the-blank come to mind:

M \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_  
American Foundress

P \_\_\_\_\_  
The nine sisters

T \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_ and W \_\_\_\_\_  
Modes of transportation across America

G \_\_\_\_\_  
Home in Germany

H \_\_\_\_\_  
The ship

B \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_  
First home in America

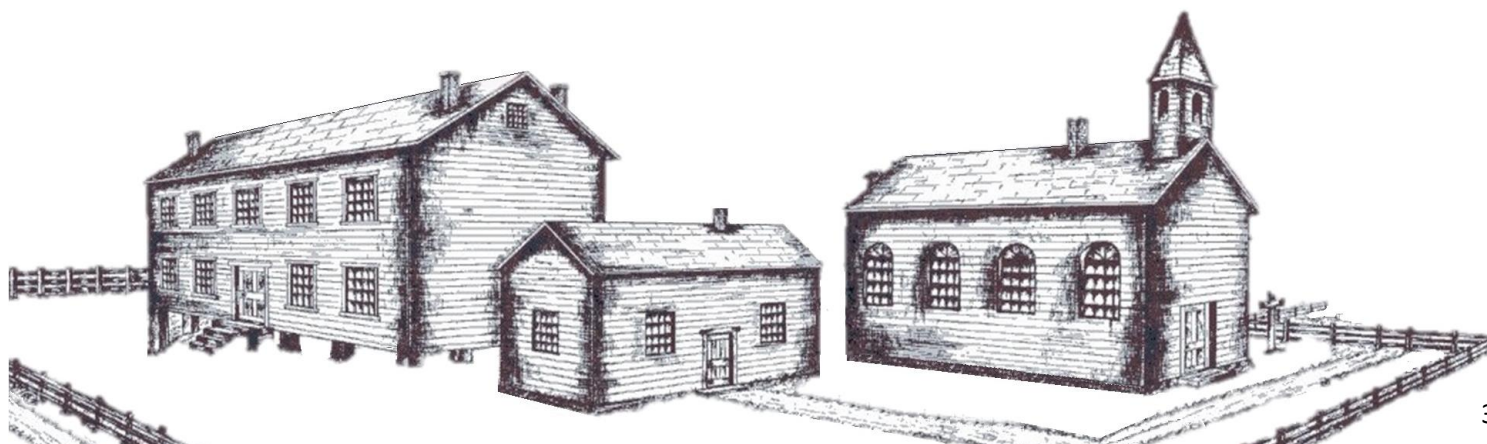
B \_\_\_\_\_  
His hostility toward Catholics forced the sisters to leave

Here's a challenge: Match the name to the picture and the short description [Hint: consult previous page for help.]



- 1) The last to die: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) The organist: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Tambourine stitcher: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) The oldest: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) The superior: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Had a birthday on the journey: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) the youngest \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Just made profession \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Later went to Ruma \_\_\_\_\_

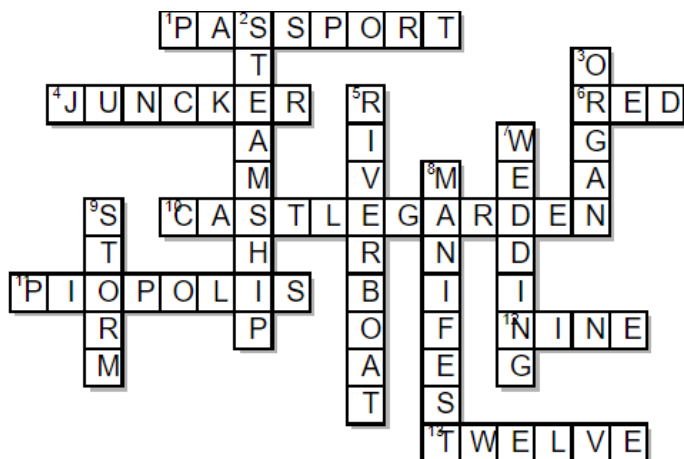
Alphabetical order  
 Sr. Albertine Rogg  
 Sr. Benedicta Hegele  
 Sr. Caroline Knoerr  
 Sr. Emily Zimmermann  
 Sr. Josephine Dietrich  
 Sr. Mechtilda Muehlhaupt  
 Sr. Philippine Moser  
 Sr. Theresa Wissmann  
 Sr. Walburga Schneider



Remember as a child you liked multiple choice tests because you figured that you could recognize the correct answer? Here's a chance to repeat that triumph. Underline the correct answer:

- 1) The Sisters go to this city to have their photos taken: Boston or Basel or Birmingham
- 2) The Sisters pass through Paris on the way to the harbor at this city in France:  
Dover or Calais or LeHavre
- 3) The sisters embark on this ship bound for America: Harmonica or Hammonia or Honoria
- 4) After a twelve-day voyage, the Sisters land in this city:  
New Haven or New Amsterdam or New York
- 5) Arriving in this town, the sisters stay there for four days until the farmers come to fetch them:  
Charlestown or Allentown or Shawneetown
- 6) Farmers in wagons take the sisters to their new home in this town:  
Bald Prairie or Belle Prettie or Belle Prairie
- 7) Late that evening when the sisters arrive at their new home, Father name and the parishioners greet them warmly. Sommersetter or Winterhalter or Springerle
- 8) The sisters had this many beds in their new home: five or seven or nine

**THE ANSWERS** Page 1, the crossword puzzle



page 2: American Foundress: MOTHER AUGUSTA.

First home in America: BELLE PRAIRIE.

The nine sisters: PIONEERS.

... transportation: TRAIN, RIVERBOAT and WAGON.

Home in Germany: GURTWEIL.

The ship: HAMMONIA.

His hostility...: BISMARCK

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Page 4: 1) Basel, 2) LeHavre, 3) Hammonia, 4) New York, 5) Shawneetown, 6) Belle Prairie,

7) Winterhalter, 8) five