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A bit of Gerig historical trivia:

I included below an old artists drawing of the actual ship that brought our Gerig line to America in 1864 (only one year after the ship was built and launched). The ship was named Bellona which was later sold and renamed the Benbreck. It was shipwrecked in 1889 along the shore of the Texel Coast of Holland. At least as late as 1952, its rusted hulk was still visible on the beach (see photos below). The location of the wreck is located on a map below (blue marker surrounded with a light grey circle). This reminds me of the Wreck of the Peter Iredale on the Oregon Coast.

Here is a brief historical writeup of the ship I found on the Internet:

"The BELLONA was an iron built ship, launched in 1863 by Smith & Rodger of Glasgow for the London and New York Steamship Line.

She was a 1914 gross ton vessel, length 300.3 feet x beam 34.2 feet, and holds 24.1 feet deep (making her twice as long as the sailing ships). She had a clipper stem, one funnel, three masts (rigged for sails), iron hull, and a single screw with a speed of 10 knots. She could accommodate 20-1st class, 50-2nd class and 500-3rd class passengers.

The BELLONA left London on her maiden voyage to Havre and New York on September 26, 1863 and stayed on this service until her last trip for this company on April 29, 1870. She was then sold to the Hughes Line of Liverpool who used her on their UK to Bombay service. Resold in 1882, she was renamed BENBRACK, fitted with compound engines and wrecked on January 23, 1889 off Texel, Holland."