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Title Barque Bridgeport

Date 1865-1870

Primary Maker Jurgan Frederick Huge

Medium Watercolor and ink on stretched paper

Description Framed watercolor on paper, port broadside view of the bark

Bridgeport at sea, two-masted schooners visible at left and right. Vessel flies

pilot jack from foremast, name pennant from mainmast, house flag ("B" on blue

field) from mizzen, and national ensign from gaff. Four crewmen visible on deck,

three near bow, one at helm. Painting is attributed to Jurgan Frederick Huge, a

grocer from Bridgeport who also painted ship portraits, street scenes and

private residences, mostly in the Bridgeport area. The vessel was built in 1864 at

Bridgeport by James H. Moore, whose yard was on the east bank of the harbor.

Moore was also the major owner of the vessel in its early years of service. The

vessel made occasional transatlantic voyages, but spent most of its career in the

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coasting trade between Gulf ports and the northeast. The bark was found

abandoned in September 1882 off the mouth of the Mississippi, possibly due to a

hurricane. No trace of the crew was ever found.

Dimensions Stretcher (height x width): 24 x 40 5/8in. (61 x 103.2cm) Frame

(height x width): 28 5/8 x 40 5/8in. (72.7 x 103.2cm)