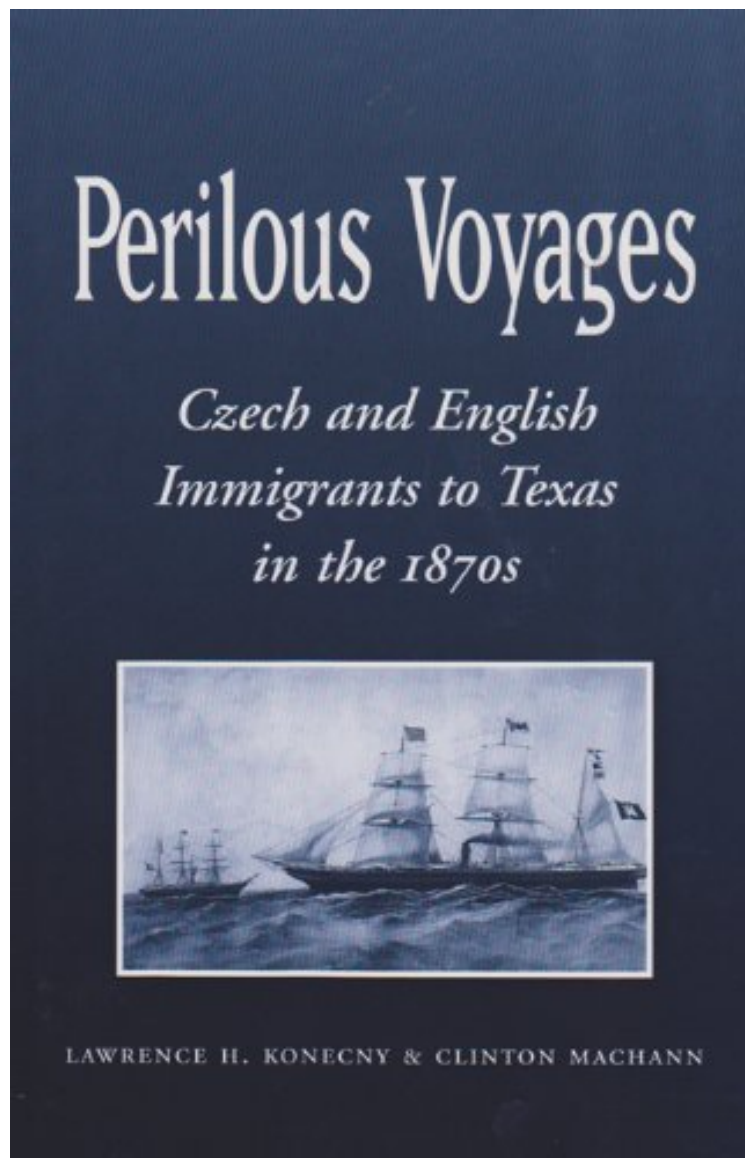


[PDF] Perilous Voyages: Czech and English Immigrants to Texas in the 1870s (Centennial Series of the Association of Former Students, Texas AM University)

## **Perilous Voyages: Czech and English Immigrants to Texas in the 1870s (Centennial Series of the Association of Former Students, Texas AM University)**

*Lawrence H. Konecny, Clinton Machann*  
*audiobook / \*ebooks / Download PDF / ePub / DOC*



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

#925766 in Books 2004-05-07Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 9.52 x .84 x 6.46l, 1.00 #File Name: 1585443174200 pages | File size: 16.Mb

Lawrence H. Konecny, Clinton Machann : Perilous Voyages: Czech and English Immigrants to Texas in the 1870s (Centennial Series of the Association of Former Students, Texas AM University) before purchasing it in

order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Perilous Voyages: Czech and English Immigrants to Texas in the 1870s* (Centennial Series of the Association of Former Students, Texas AM University):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great family history!  
By Donna  
This book has the history of my family's immigration to the US. Great for family history to pass down to our children.  
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Love the history!  
By Bekah\_george  
Wonderful history, enjoyed every moment for reading this book! Even better that the Jancas are my relatives! We even still live, mostly, in Texas!

Lawrence H. Konecny and Clinton Machann take readers beyond the bare facts to the human stories of immigration from the point of view of English and Czech immigrants whose tales provide fascinating counterpoints to each other and to the glowing claims about Texas made in William Kingsburys pamphlet. *Perilous Voyages* combines the original text of Kingsburys 1877 pamphlet, a private diary kept by an Englishman named William Wright, and oral histories by descendants of Moravian immigrants to allow modern readers to experience some of the lure that brought people to the state in earlier days. The first part of the book includes a complete reprint of Kingsburys pamphlet, today a rare document, giving insight into the historical context and rhetoric of Texas immigration. The realities faced by the early settlers stand in sharp relief to Kingsburys sometimes extravagant claims. In the second part, the experiences of the immigrants themselves are illuminated through Wrights private diary. His 1879 journey began with a shipwreck off the coast of Spain, but, undaunted, he continued in another ship and eventually was able to record his firsthand impressions of the land and people of Texas. The third section of the book narrates the story of a group of thirty-six men, women, and children that left their rural Moravian homeland in 1873 to pursue dreams of prosperity and the good life in Texas. Their ship ran aground in the Bahamas, and they were left to ride out a terrible hurricane before continuing to Galveston and, finally, to the peaceful farmlands of central Texas. The experiences of the English and Czech immigrants are vividly recounted here; the two stories share hopes and perils, hardships and enthusiasms. Kingsburys pamphlet gives insight into the sparsely settled region and the dreams that led not only to the cultivation of the land but eventually to the cities that now rise from once-barren plains of Texas.

. . . the general reader should have only one problem when reading this book--when to put down." About the Author  
Lawrence H. Konecny is a manager of training and technical support at the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Companys Technical Training Center in Overland Park, Kansas. His great-grandfather immigrated from Moravia to Texas in 1881, and Konecnys interests in his familys history inspired this book as well as several articles on Czech and German immigration to Texas. Clinton Machann is a professor of English at Texas AM University. His love for Czech Texan history and literature has led him to write this work as well as several others, including *Czech Voices: Stories from Texas in the Amerikn Nrodn Kalend*, which was published by Texas AM University Press in 1991. Machann has a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin and has served as the chair of the Board of Directors of the Czech Educational Foundation of Texas. He is also editor of *Kosmas*, an interdisciplinary academic journal that focuses on Czech and Slovak studies.