



# LUDWIG NISSEN

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## SYNOPSIS

The film documents the dramatic ascent of Ludwig Nissen, an emigrant from Husum Germany who reached the pinnacle of New York society in the late 19th century. Nissen was born December 2, 1855, the sixth of ten children, the son of a ropemaker.

On August 28, 1872, 16-year-old Ludwig left his hometown and traveled on the steamer Westphalia from Hamburg to New York. On September 11, 1872 Nissen arrived at his new home. Portraits from the period show a confident young man who, despite his small-town background, was able to make his way in New York.

Nissen first settled in the neighborhood known as "Little Germany," in Manhattan. His first job was at a German barber's as a bootblack. He then worked at a hotel, as a shoe shiner, waiter, cashier, and accountant, before eventually opening a German restaurant with a man from Hamburg. Nissen got his American citizenship in 1879, and sold the restaurant to become a merchant.

In May 1881, Nissen opened the jewelry shop "Schilling and Nissen"...

## FESTIVALS

59th Nordic Film Day Lübeck  
Husumer Film Days 2017

## CAST AND CREW

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40 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

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### PREMIERE

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