

ONLINE RESOURCES

The Ships List- diaries, journals, marriage at sea, Immigrant reports, FAQ and resource links

www.theshipslist.com

Link to your Roots Hamburg's Port of Emigration

www.hamburg.de/fhh/behoerden/staatsarchiv/link_to_your_roots/english/start.htm

Danish Emigrants-Emigration Archives 1868-1908—Probate and censuses

www.emiarch.dk/home.php3

Cyndi's List: Ships & Passengers

cyndislist.com/ships.htm

National Archives & Records Administration (NARA)

www.archives.gov

Immigrants to Canada-all nationalities

<http://ist.uwaterloo.ca/~marj/genealogy/thevoyage.html>

Ellis Island Database 1892-1924

www.ellisland.org

Searching Ellis Island Database in One Step

www.jewishgen.org/databases/EIDB/ellis.html

German Immigration Records, Lists & Indexes

<http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/emigration.html>

Famine Irish Passenger Record Data File

<http://aad.archives.gov>



- **929.2 CAR** *A Genealogist's Guide to discovering your Immigrant & Ethnic Ancestors* by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack,
- **929.3 COL** *They Came in Ships* by John P Colletta
- **929.3 SZU** *Ellis Island: Tracing your family history through America's Gateway* by Loretto Dennis Szucs
- **929 SZU** *They Became Americans : Finding Naturalization Records and Ethnic Origins* by Loretto Dennis Szucs
- **REF 929.3 IMM** *Immigrant & Passenger Arrivals: Select Catalog of National Archives Microfilm Publications****
- **REF 929.3 MOR** *Morton Allan Directory of European Passenger Steamship Arrivals*
- **REF 929.3 TEP** *American Passenger Arrival Records* by Michael Tepper

REMINDER.....

The library subscribes to

ANCESTRY PLUS &

HERITAGE QUEST

Many passenger lists and emigration lists are available for searching through Ancestry Plus!

"Give me your tired, your hungry, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free..."



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Immigration— Emigration—Declaration of Intent—Naturalization



Immigration means to enter a new country and settle there; Emigration means to leave a country and settle in another.

Declaration of Intent was a notification that the immigrant was applying to become an American citizen. Naturalization, a voluntary act, is the process by which a foreign born person becomes an American citizen. When parents were naturalized, a derivative citizenship was granted to wives and children.

Emigration lists can be helpful for determining place of birth or residence, and the year or date someone left their country. Names of spouses and children are often included.

Baden, Germany Emigration Index

Württemberg, Germany Emigration Index

Brandenburg, Prussia Emigration

Immigration passenger list information has changed over the past 400 years. The roster of passengers usually included some personal information next to each name along with the ship and captain's name, port and date of arrival and departure

Irish Famine Immigrants, NY Port 1846-1851

Naturalization and Declarations of Intent records were created in the county courts. They are generally not at the National Archives. Some records were donated or created in the federal courts and are on microfilm. It is important to remember that previous to 1903 not all courts required declaration of Intention. Records may not exist. These records lacked additional biographical information prior to 1906.

American Ship Passenger Lists

Locating your ancestors on a ships passenger list, is like looking for a needle in a haystack! Finding your family's country of origin takes time and research.

To help your search, keep these facts in mind.....

- There are 3 major time frames: 1891-1954, 1820-1890, pre -1820
- There is no all-inclusive list for all passenger lists. You may need to look in several indexes to find your ancestor.
- Many lists have been lost or destroyed.
- Microfilmed records are available through the National Archives and Family History Library (LDS).

What else do I need to know?

- You must know your immigrant ancestor's full, original name. Surname and given name.
- Approximate age at arrival
- Approximate date of arrival

Where can I find this information?

- Oral family tradition
- Personal and Family Documents
- Civil and Church Records
- Published Genealogies and Local Histories

Finding the Microfilm

Where do I find all of the National Archives microfilmed passenger arrival records?

The National Archives Building in Washington DC! But if you are lucky, your regional archives (Great Lakes Region— Chicago) or Family History Centers (LDS) may have some of the films you are looking for! Records before 1891 are from the Records of the US Customs Service (RG 36).



Later records are part of the Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) (RG85).

NARA will provide copies of a passenger list page for \$10.00. Minimum information for indexed lists is full name, port and approximate date of arrival. Un-indexed lists will require the name of the ship and exact arrival date. (NATF Form 81)

Many indexes for specific passenger lists and are searchable online at www.archives.gov

Your best and closest source for looking at microfilm will probably be the Family History Center in Crystal Lake. There is usually a \$3.00- \$4.00 fee for each film ordered, but you will have a month to view them.