

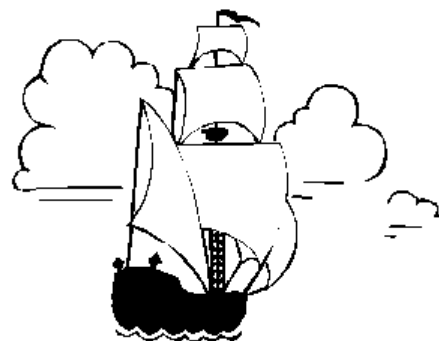
**PASSENGER LISTS AND INDEXES AVAILABLE AT  
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U.S. Atlantic, Great Lakes & Gulf Coast Ports

M575	Manifest	Atlantic, Gulf, Great Lakes	1820-1873
M334	Index	Atlantic, Gulf, Great Lakes	1820-1874
M277	Manifest	Boston, MA	1820-1891
T843	Manifest	Boston, MA	1891-1943
M265	Index	Boston, MA	1848-1891
T521	Index	Boston, MA	1902-1906
T522	Index	New Bedford, MA	1902-1954
T518	Index	Providence, RI	1911-1954
M1320	Manifest	Bridgeport, CT	1929-1943
M1461	Index	Canada - St. Albans, VT	1825-1954
M1462	Index	Canada - St. Albans, VT	1895-1924
M1465	Manifest	Canada - St. Albans, VT	1929-1949
T524	Index	Portland, ME	1893-1954
T793	Index	Portland, ME	1907-1930
M2042	Manifest	Aliens Calais, ME	1906-1952
M2046	Manifest	Aliens Jackman, ME	1909-1953
M2065	Manifest	Aliens Van Buren ME	1906-1952
M2071	Manifest	Aliens Vanceboro ME	1906-1952
M237	Manifest	New York, NY	1820-1897
M261	Index	New York, NY	1820-1846
T519	Index	New York, NY	1897-1902
M1480	Manifest	Buffalo, Niagara Falls...NY	1902-1954
M1481	Manifest	Alexandria Bay, Cape Vincent, Champlain.....NY	1929-1956
M1482	Manifest	Hogansburg.....NY	1929-1956
M425	Manifest	Philadelphia, PA	1800-1882
T840	Manifest	Philadelphia, PA	1883-1945
M360	Index	Philadelphia, PA	1800-1906
T526	Index	Philadelphia, PA	1883-1946
M255	Manifest	Baltimore, MD	1820-1891
T844	Manifest	Baltimore, MD	1891-1901
M327	Index	Baltimore, MD [Federal]	1820-1897
M326	Index	Baltimore, MD [City]	1833-1866
T520	Index	Baltimore, MD	1897-1952
T517	Index	AL, FL, GA & SC	1890-1924
T943	Manifest	Savannah, GA	1906-1945
M1842	Manifest	Georgetown, SC, & Miscellaneous FL Ports	1904-1942
T940	Manifest	Key West, FL	1898-1920
M1840	Manifest	Panama City, FL	1927-1939
M2021	Manifest	Pensacola, FL	1924-1948
M1959	Manifest	St. Petersburg, FL	1926-1941
M1844	Manifest	Tampa, FL	1898-1945
T523	Index	Gulfport, MS	1904-1954
T523	Index	Pascagoula, MS	1903-1935
M259	Manifest	New Orleans, LA	1820-1902
T905	Manifest	New Orleans, LA	1903-1945
M2004	Transcr.	New Orleans, LA	1813-1849
V116	Manifest	New Orleans, LA	1813-1866
T527	Index	New Orleans, LA	1853-1859
T618	Index	New Orleans, LA	1900-1952
M1357	Index	Galveston, TX	1896-1906
M1358	Index	Galveston, TX	1906-1951
M1478	Index	Detroit, MI	1906-1954

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# Immigrant Ancestors



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## GETTING STARTED

To begin searching for an immigrant ancestor you need to know the person's full name, approximate age at arrival, and approximate date of arrival. This information may be located in a number of different sources, including:

- Oral family tradition and family documents such as passports, Bible records, letters, photographs, etc.
- Official sources such as Social Security applications, pension, naturalization, military, and U.S. census records, church records, marriage licenses and death certificates.

For further information on beginning your search, refer to:

**R929.1072  
C698t  
1993** Coletta, John Phillip, *They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors Arrival Record*, Ancestry, 1993.

**R929.1072  
SZUCS** Szucs, Loretto Dennis, *They Became Americans: Finding Naturalization Records and Ethnic Origins*, Ancestry, 1998.

**R929.1072  
SOURCE** *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*. (Chapter 15, Tracking Immigrant Origins), Ancestry, 1997.

## NATURALIZATION RECORDS

Naturalization records contain very useful information, including country of origin and often, port and date of arrival. Aliens could go to any court of record and declare their intent to become a citizen after they had resided in the United States for at least three years. Try writing to the courts (county, state or Federal) in the area where your ancestor settled to obtain copies of naturalizations that occurred before 1906. Records after Sept. 27, 1906 for deceased persons can be obtained from the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS.gov) by submitting Form G-639 F01A request for "Naturalization Certificate File CC-File."

Indexes to naturalization records have been compiled for some states, counties and cities. The library's collection contains the following naturalization indexes:

**MFM 1.32** *Index to New England Naturalization Petitions, 1791-1906* [M1299].

**MFM 1.33** *Index to Naturalization Petitions and Records of the U.S. District Court, 1906-1966, and the U.S. Circuit Court, 1906-1911, for the District of Massachusetts* [M1545].

**MFM 1.34** *Soundex Index to Petitions Filed in Federal, State and Local Courts in New York City, 1792-1906* [M1674].

**MFM 1.35** *Index to Naturalization Petitions of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 1865-1957* [M1164].

**MFM 1.36** *Alphabetical Index to Petitions for Naturalization of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York 1824-1906* [M1676], NARA.

**MFM 1.37** *Alphabetical Index to Petitions for Naturalization [Western District of NY],*

1907-1966 [M1677].

**MFM 1.38** *Indexes to Naturalization Petitions to the U.S. circuit and District Courts for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania 1795-1951* [M1248].

**MFM 1.39** *Indexes to Naturalization Petitions to the U.S. Circuit and District Courts for Maryland 1797-1951* [M1168].

**MFM 1.40** *Naturalization Records of District Courts in the Southeast, 1790-1958* [M1547].

**MFM 1.41** *Soundex Index to Naturalization Petitions for U.S. District and Circuit Courts, Northern District of IL, and INS District 9, 1840-1950* [M1285], NARA.

## SHIPS PASSENGER RECORDS

Once you have determined your ancestor's approximate date of arrival, you can begin searching ships passenger list records.

### FOR ARRIVALS BETWEEN 1565-1819:

Passenger lists for this period are scattered in a number of locations including archives, museums and courthouses. Your best bet is to start searching published passenger lists and book indexes available in library genealogy collections. Recommended titles include:

**R929.373  
N532n** *New World Immigrants: A Consolidation of Ship Passenger Lists and Associated Data from Periodical Literature*, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1979.

**R929.373  
P287pi  
1984** *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index: A Guide to Published Arrival Records of About 500,000 Passengers Who Came to the United States and Canada in the Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries*, Gale, 1981- .

**R929.373  
P287b  
1988** *Passenger and Immigration Lists Bibliography, 1538 -1900: Being a Guide to Published Lists of Arrivals in the United States and Canada*, Gale, 1988.

### FOR ARRIVALS BETWEEN 1820-1954:

The library maintains microfilm copies of passenger lists and indexes for the Atlantic, Great Lakes and Gulf Coast, but they do not cover every year and every port.

- If you know the port of entry, search the index to passenger arrivals for that port.
- If your ancestor entered through New York between 1847-1896, search the register of vessel arrivals for names of ships that docked at approximately the same time as your ancestor immigrated. Then search the passenger lists of those ships for your ancestor.
- If you do not know the port of entry, search all available indexes to passenger arrivals.
- When you find your ancestor's name in an index, use the citation given to locate the microfilmed passenger list.