

Immigration Passenger Arrival Lists--After 1820

To search for existing passenger lists, you at least need to know your ancestor's:

Full name_____

Approximate date of arrival_____

Approximate age_____

Port of arrival_____

If you do not know the year of arrival, try searching the 1900, 1910, 1920, or 1930 census first. These censuses include year of arrival for immigrants.

It will help if you also know or can find your ancestor's:

Country of birth_____

Port of departure_____

Name of ship_____

Place of settlement in U.S._____

Date and place naturalized_____

U.S. Customs Passenger Lists began in 1820. They usually give the immigrant's name, age, sex, occupation, country of origin, port of departure, destination, date of arrival, and name of the vessel.

Immigration lists or "ship manifests," which first began being used in 1883, give more detailed information. This might include exact birthplace, last residence, physical description, town of last residence, and names and addresses of relatives in the U.S. and in the "old country." Between 1820 and 1920, 35 million immigrants arrived at U.S. ports, and 82% of these came to the port of New York.

Microfilmed Manuscripts

New York Lists

Film numbers for the indexes and lists are found in the blue binder labeled *Tracing Immigrant Origins and Ship Passenger Lists* located on table 4B.

1820-1846. Surname Index to Passenger Lists.

1820-1897. Passenger Lists of Ships.

1897-1902. Surname Index to Passenger Lists.

Lists for Other U.S. Ports

Microfilm numbers of indexes and list, 1820-1950s, for Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, Philadelphia and other ports are found in the blue binder on table 4B labeled *Tracing Immigrant Origins and Ship Passenger Lists*.

Canadian Ports

Microfilm numbers for border crossing records from Canada into the U.S., 1895-1954; passenger lists into Canada, 1908-18; are found by searching the FHLC under United States - Emigration and Immigration or Canada - Emigration and Immigration.

Published Lists of Immigrants

German

Glazier, Ira A., and Filby, P. William, eds. *Germans to America...1850-1872*. 26 vols. About 1,531,000 names. (Religion/Family Ref E 184 .G3 G38)

Schenk, Trudy, et al. *The Wuerttemberg Emigration Index, 1750-1900*. 6 vols. 120,000 names, mostly 1830s-1870s. (Religion/Family Ref CS 627 .A3 S33x)

Zimmerman, Gary J., and Wolfort, Marion, comps. *German Immigrants:...Bound from Bremen to New York, 1863-1867*. 3 Vols. 127,500 names (also 1847-1854, 1855-1862, 1868-1871, 1863-1867). (Religion/Family Ref CS 68 .Z55x)

Irish

Glazier, Ira A., and Tepper, Michael. *The Famine Immigrants...1846-1851*. 7 vols. About 651,000 names. (Religion/Family Ref E 184 .I6 F25)

Mitchell, Brian. *Irish Passenger Lists, 1847-1871 ...* Has 27,495 names of passengers leaving Londonderry and vicinity. (Religion/Family Ref E 184 .I6 16x)

Dutch

Swierenga, Robert P. *Dutch Immigrants in U.S. Ship Passenger Manifest, 1820-1880*. 2 vols. About 52,500 names.(Religion/Family Ref E 184 .D9 S95)

Miscellaneous

Filby, P. William, ed. *Passenger and Immigration lists Index and Supplements*. 12 vols., 1538-1900. (Religion/Family Ref CS 68 .P36)