Immigration Passenger Arrival Lists--Before 1820

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

- Full name
- Approximate date of arrival
- Approximate age
- Nationality

Filby's Passenger List Index

Over a million immigrants came to the colonies before 1820, but few were recorded on passenger lists. Most of the known lists have been published and many have been indexed in P. William Filby's Passenger and Immigration Lists Index and Supplements. This set also indexes published naturalization and oaths of allegiance. It lists over 1.9 million names. Search all of the annual supplements. The introduction in the front of each volume describes the sources that were indexed. (Religion/Family Ref CS 68 .P36)

Some other important indexes for pre-1820 immigrants:

**British Emigrants**

Coldham, Peter W. The Complete Book of Emigrants..., 1607-1699. 2 vols. about 76,000 names. (Religion/Family Ref CS 68 .C64x)

Coldham, Peter W. English Adventurers and Emigrants..., 1609-1733. 2 vols. about 2,000 names. (E 184 .B7 C63)

Coldham, Peter W. American Wills and Administrations in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 1610-1857. 2 vols. about 6,300 names. (CS 68 .C517)

Dobson, David. A Directory of Scottish Settlers in north America, 1625-1825. 6 vols. 25,000 names. (Religion/Family Ref E 184 .S3 D63 vols. 1-3)

Dobson, David. The Original Scots Colonists of Early America, 1612-1783. 6 vols. 7,000 names. (E 49.2 .S3 D63)


**Germanic and Others**

Gonner, Nicholas. Luxembourgers in the New World or Die Luxemburger in der Neven Welt. 50,000 names. (E 184 .L88 G66x)

Hocker, Edward W. …German Settlers of Pennsylvania …from…Newspapers…1743-1800. 3,500 names. (F 160 .G3 H6)


Jones, Henry Z., Jr. More Palatine Families… About 13,300 names of Germans in NY, NJ and PA. (F 130 .P2 J663x)

**Canadian Immigrants**


Whyte, Donald. A Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants to Canada Before Confederation. 30,000 names of immigrants who came before 1867. (Religion/Family Ref CS 83 .W48)

**All Nationalities**


Bentley, Elizabeth, and Tepper, Michael. Passenger Arrivals at the Port of Baltimore, 1820-1834 (Religion/Family Ref CS 68 .T46)

**For Additional Sources**