

Immigration Information on federal census; for state censuses information varies

1820-1840, 1900-1920: Aliens not naturalized

1850-1950: Birthplace of individual

1870: Male citizens of US 21+ years; if foreign-born citizen, then naturalized by 1870; if parents foreign born

1880-1940: Year immigrated to US; naturalized citizen or not; native language; speak English

1900-1950: Naturalization status

1880-1940: Parents' place of birth (**1950** sample only, 6 per sheet)

1920: Year naturalized

Background Information, Immigration and Naturalization

Ancestor immigration worksheet (**free download**): <https://familytreemagazine.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Immigrant-Ancestor-Worksheet.pdf?x52964>

U.S. citizenship and immigration legislation from 1790 – 1900 (**free download**): <http://www.schundler.net/legislation%201790-1900.pdf>

National Archives website, 1800-1859 detailed list of surviving passenger lists at the National Archives: <https://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/passengerarrival.html#film>

National Archives. *Major United States Laws Relating to Immigration and Naturalization: 1790–2005* <https://www.archives.gov/files/research/naturalization/420-major-immigration-laws.pdf>

Ten steps to start researching immigrant/ethnic ancestors: <https://familytreemagazine.com › records › immigration › research-immigrant-ethnic-ancestors>

17 types of US records to check for immigrant ancestors: <https://familytreemagazine.com › records › immigration › us-record-types-immigrant-ancestors>

16 steps for identifying immigrant ancestor's home town: <https://familytreemagazine.com/records/immigration/records-identifying-immigrant-ancestor-hometown/>

People obtaining lawful permanent resident status by region or selected country of last residence: 1820-2015 visual display: <https://insightfulinteraction.com/immigration200years.html>

US immigration timeline: <https://www.history.com/topics/immigration/immigration-united-states-timeline>

US immigration before 1965: <https://www.history.com/topics/immigration/u-s-immigration-before-1965>

Where is my ancestor from? (**free download**): <https://www.buffalolib.org/sites/default/files/special-collections/guides/Where%20Immigrant%20Ancestor%20From.pdf>

Ports of exit from Europe and Britain (**free downloadable PDF**): <https://sites.rootsweb.com › ~flmgs › crumbs › ImmigrantPortsofDepartureentry.pdf>

Immigration and Passenger Lists

Free webinar, *Find Your Immigrant Ancestors and their Relatives in New York Passenger Arrival Records* (MyHeritage) https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=776 Passenger records index includes contact person country of origin and U.S, primarily after 1906. Myheritage

(**\$**) is the only provider with complete index for ship manifests (not just immigrant passengers)

Guide to interpreting passenger list annotations: <https://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/Manifests/>

Ships to USA passenger list strategies and links to resources, back to 1600s:

https://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/ships/tousa_index.shtml

Ship passenger lists and immigration records genealogy research guide:

<https://www.researchguides.net/immigration/index.htm>

Various US ports' arrival records, including records for Canadian and Mexican border crossings

<https://www.genesearch.com/ports.html>

11 of the best websites for free ship passenger lists: <https://www.heritagediscovered.com/blog/11-of-the-best-websites-for-free-ship-passenger-lists#section3>

Immigration to the United States, 1789–1930: <https://library.harvard.edu/collections/immigration-united-states-1789-1930>

Passenger list guide, 1820-1960s: <https://www.genesearch.com/ship-passenger-lists-guide.html>

Emigration and immigration records and resources, including ship passenger lists and immigration records (site not limited to German immigrants): <https://www.germanroots.com/ei.html>

Finding passenger lists and immigration records 1820-1960s:

<https://www.germanroots.com/passengers.html>

Finding passenger lists before 1820: <https://www.germanroots.com/1820.html>

National Archives access to archival databases <https://aad.archives.gov/aad/series-list.jsp?cat=GP44>

Indexes to select NYC passenger lists for Russian, Irish, German, and Italian immigrants

Cyndi's List: <https://www.cyndislist.com/immigration/> Immigration, emigration, migration

Free access to published *Pennsylvania Archives 10* series set including passenger lists and oaths of allegiance [while Fold3 is a subscription site, access to these volumes is free]

http://www.fold3.com/title_450/pennsylvania-archives/

Links to emigration and US immigration sites: <https://theancestorhunt.com/immigration.html>

Hamburg, Germany, passenger lists wiki: https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Hamburg_Passenger_Lists

One-step search site for immigration records (mostly free, but some for fee through ancestry), more user-friendly access (also search by soundex) to Ellis Island, also allows printing; you must have a free Ellis Island account to see images: <http://stevemorse.org/> Records can also be searched on familysearch.org.

Finding NY Passenger arrival records, 1820-1957:

<https://www.genealogybranches.com/ellisland/nypassengers.html>

Ship passenger records, *Collection CGIC* Port of NY record 1820-to 1957 (German, French, Swiss, Irish, UK, and Italian): <https://aad.archives.gov/aad/series-list.jsp?cat=GP44>

Even if midwestern ancestors didn't live in Cook County, IL, they may have been naturalized there.

Records are primarily declarations of intention:

Search records before 1906: <https://services.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org/NR/default.aspx>

Records from 1871 to 1929: <https://services.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org/NR/faq.aspx>

Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc., records 1820 to 1957:

<https://heritage.statueofliberty.org/passenger>

Ships' passenger lists, plus immigration reports, newspaper records, shipwreck information, ship pictures, ship descriptions, shipping-line fleet lists: <http://www.theshipslist.com/>

Family Search Catalog: <https://www.familysearch.org/catalog/search> Search by subject and location; some available online on website; others at FHL, or public libraries, HeritageQuest, and <https://archive.org/>

Other Resources:

16 records for identifying immigrant's hometown: <https://familytreemagazine.com/records/immigration/records-identifying-immigrant-ancestor-hometown/>

Naturalization

US naturalization and citizenship genealogy records:

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/United States Naturalization and Citizenship](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/United_States_Naturalization_and_Citizenship)

Naturalization records, links by state: <https://www.theancestorhunt.com/naturalizations.html>

People obtaining lawful permanent resident status by region or selected country of last residence:

1820 – 2015: <http://insightfulinteraction.com/immigration200years.html>

Visa and alien registration information through 1 May 1951 available for genealogy research. To obtain visa or alien registration record, or to learn more, see: <https://www.uscis.gov/genealogy>

Passports

Familysearch research guide to passport records: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/search-us-passport-records>

How to add more details to your family tree with passport applications:

<https://www.heritageiscovered.com/blog/how-to-add-family-tree-genealogy-passport-applications>

U.S. Passports on FamilySearch, 1795-1925, also on ancestry (\$)

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2185145> and

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1174/>

Passport applications, from Oct. 1795 to Mar. 1925:

<https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/passports>

Passports may include date and ship of immigration and/or naturalization information. Passports not required for overseas travel until the end of 1941 (as well as during the Civil War and during WWI), but many U.S. citizens obtained them anyway. Passports after 1925 can be requested through a Freedom of Information Act request at: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/have-passport/passport-records.html>.

Finding Library and Archive Holdings

ArchiveGrid - <https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid/> - Catalog of archival records in U.S. and foreign libraries, archives, museums, historical societies, and other collections. Search for keywords such as: manifest(s), log books, passenger lists, custom house, aliens, name of passenger line company, along with a location such as a city or state.

WorldCat – www.worldcat.org – A catalog of materials from the U.S. and foreign libraries

Many libraries have an on-site library subscription to ancestry.com (and/or other genealogy-related subscriptions) as well as extensive collections of immigration research books, usually reference volumes and, therefore, non-circulating.