

Arrival in America between 1892 and 1924

If your ancestor arrive in American between 1892 and 1924, they would have been processed through Ellis Island., a 27.5 acre site off the southern tip of Manhattan. Half of all Americans today can race their family history to at least one person who arrived at the Port of New York through Ellis Island.



Where to find Ellis Island records

- familysearch.org
- statueofliberty.org
- archives.gov

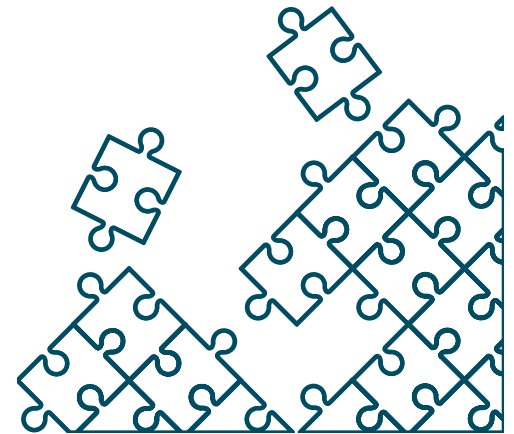
Additional notes:

- Always try online searches first. You might get lucky!
- When you locate the ship on which your ancestor sailed, check to see if there are any accounts recorded by passengers who also were aboard. These documents are being attached to the online passenger lists by family members and are great reading material.
- Another great source for passenger lists is www.cyndislist.com. This website is a course in genealogy research all on its own. You'll come out with some great results!

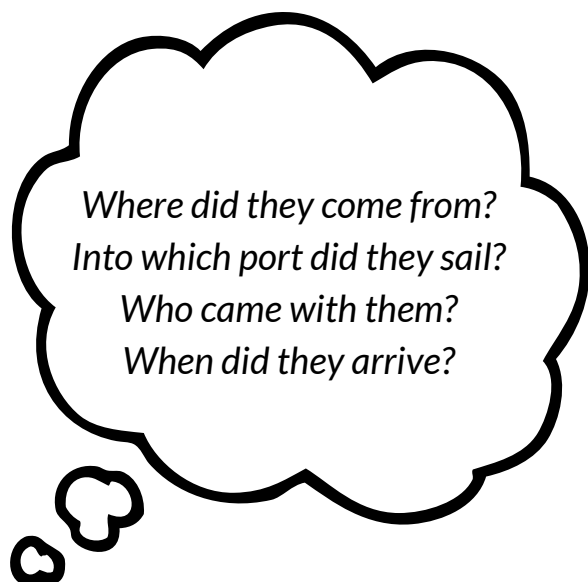


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Solving the Immigration Puzzle



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Where did they come from?
Into which port did they sail?
Who came with them?
When did they arrive?

If you're asking these questions, you're probably well into researching your family tree! You may have just hit a brick wall in your research and don't quite know which way to turn next. If so, this information might help you proceed!

- Locate a person in your family tree who was born in another country and died in America
- If your person came to this country with their family, check the birth dates and places of each child. For example, in a family with multiple children, you can figure out a date range when the family immigrated based on the last child born in the home country and first child born in America.

Once you have the date range of their immigration, you're ready to begin.

Arrival in America between the 1600s and 1820

*Passenger and Immigration Lists Index
1600-1900s (by P. William Filby)*

This multi-volume work is the major index for arrival records during this time. It is available for in-library use at the Worcester Main and Hopkinton libraries

Passenger arrival lists are also available to search in several online databases, including:

- www.familysearch.org/search
- www.ancestry.com/search
- <https://search.findmypast.com>
- www.myheritage.com/research

Arrival in America between 1855 and 1890

If your ancestor arrived in America during this time, they would have been processed through Castle Garden, now known as Castle Clinton or Fort Clinton, a circular sandstone fort in Battery Park, Manhattan. The arrivals of over 8 million people were processed through "America's first immigration station." There is no separate set of records for Castle Garden, so ships processed at Castle Garden are found on the microfilm of passenger lists to New York in chronological order, along with all other ships sailing into the Port of New York.

Where to find Castle Garden records

- [New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957](http://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/port/new-york.html), images and indexes online via NARA
- [CastleGarden.org](http://www.castlegarden.org) has records of ships that arrived in other ports, not just Castle Garden. These ports of arrival are not identified, so researchers will need to verify records found.
- [New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1891](http://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1849782) (www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1849782)
- <https://stevemorse.org>
- [Passenger Lists from the New York Times](https://sites.rootsweb.com/~ote/ships/nytimes.htm), available on Rootsweb
- [New York Almshouse records](http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/ships/ny_alms1855-a.shtml), available on Olive Tree Genealogy
- The [Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild](http://immigrantships.net) (ISTG) site contains more than 20,000 transcribed passenger manifests (https://immigrantships.net)

