



# United States Passenger Arrival Records

## 1820-1957

Immigration records, also known as "passenger arrival records," are a valuable source of genealogical information. Depending on the time period, these arrival records can include a person's nationality, place of birth, age, profession, place of last residence, and even the name and address of relatives they are joining in the United States.

The National Archives has immigration records for arrivals to the United States from foreign ports between approximately 1820 and 1982, though the records are only available to the public through 1957. The records are arranged by Port of Arrival. The largest number of immigrants, more than 25 million passengers and members of ships' crews, entered the United States through the Port of New York between 1892 and 1924. Passenger arrival records for the port of New York are available on microfilm and online from 1820 to 1957.

### **Online Passenger Records Search Resources:**

[Ancestry](#) – Free using our Public Access Computers

<http://www.ancestryinstitution.com/>

Ancestry.com has indexed the New York Passenger Lists by ships arriving to New York from foreign ports from 1820 to 1957, along with many other passenger arrival records. You can search by passenger name and view scanned images of the passenger lists. Ancestry is a subscription database. It is available for free public use at all National Archives research facilities and many public libraries.

[Castle Garden](#) <http://www.castlegarden.org/>

Created by the Battery Conservancy, this free online searchable database contains entries for 10 million immigrants from 1830 through 1892, the year Ellis Island opened. Searchable by passenger name, the database provides information including age, sex, literacy, occupation, country of origin, port of embarkation, date of arrival into New York, and ship name. Castle Garden was America's first official immigration center from 1855 to 1890.

[Ellis Island](#) <http://www.ellisland.org/>

Ellis Island has an online searchable database, created by the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Foundation, of 22.5 million arrivals to New York between 1892 and 1924. Registration is required but free, and you can view scanned images of actual passenger manifests. You can also purchase copies through the site.

### **[National Archives: Access to Archival Databases AAD: Passenger Lists](#)**

<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/series-list.jsp?cat=GP44>

- Immigration of Italians to the United States, documenting the period 1855 – 1900
- Immigration of Russians to the United States, documenting the period 1834 – 1897
- Immigration of Germans to the United States, documenting the period 1850 - 1897
- Passengers to the Port of New York During the Irish Famine, documenting the period 1/12/1846 - 12/31/1851

### **Other Online Resources for Passenger Records:**

[National Archives: Immigration Records - Ship Passenger Arrival Records](http://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/)

<http://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/>

[The web pages by Stephen P. Morse](http://stevemorse.org/)

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[A Guide to Interpreting Passenger List Annotations](http://www.jewishgen.org/infofiles/manifests/)

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**Microfilm Passenger and Crew List Resources:**

Much of the microfilm holdings of The National Archives has been digitized and is now available for research online. By using our free public access computers researchers can search passenger arrival records that were digitized from our microfilm publications. Below is a list of microfilm publications that are available for use in microfilm format at the National Archives in New York City.

Publication #	Publication Title
A3417	Index To Alien Crewman Who Were Discharged Or Who Deserted At New York, New York, May 1917-November 1957
A3438	Passenger Lists Of Airplanes Arriving At San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1929-1941
A3443	Crew Lists Of Vessels Arriving At Port Huron, Michigan 1929-1941
A3461	Supplemental Manifest Of Alien Passengers And Crew Members Who Arrived On Vessels At NY 1887-1952 And Who Were Inspected For Admission, 1915-1952
A3485	Soundex Index To Supplemental Manifests Of Alien Passengers And Crew Members Who Arrived On Vessels At New York, New York, 1887-1921, Who Were Inspected for Admission, 1915-1921
M-1417	Index (Soundex) To Passenger Lists Of Vessels Arriving At The Port Of New York, 1944-1948
M-1477	Passenger And Crew Lists Of Vessels And Airplanes Arriving At Baltimore, Maryland 1945-1957
M-261	Index To Passenger Lists Of Vessels Arriving At New York, 1820-1846
T-519	Index To Passenger Lists Of Vessels Arriving At New York, New York, June 16, 1897-June 30, 1902
T-621	Index (Soundex) to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, New York, July 1, 1902-December 31, 1943

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