

CROSSING THE POND! FINDING YOUR IMMIGRANT ORIGINS



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IDENTIFY WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THE IMMIGRANT

Minimum Identification:

- ✓ Immigrant's name-given, surname, middle
- ✓ Dates-birth, baptism, marriage, military, death
- ✓ Places-province, county, region, country
- ✓ Relatives-father, mother, sister, brother, aunt

Additional Info:

- ✓ Other family members
- ✓ Friends & neighbors
- ✓ Family stories and traditions
- ✓ Religion

DECIDE WHAT YOU WANT TO LEARN

Primary goal:

- ✓ Find immigrant's place of origin
- ✓ If you don't have enough information to determine this then choose secondary goal that will lead you to the primary goal.

Secondary goals:

- ✓ Date of immigration
- ✓ Place of departure
- ✓ Place of arrival
- ✓ Ship's name and related data
- ✓ Names of other immigrants in the group
- ✓ Immigrant's original country or region
- ✓ Immigrant's name before immigrating

SELECT THE RECORDS TO SEARCH

Original Records:

- ✓ Vital records
- ✓ Church records
- ✓ Immigration
- ✓ Naturalization

Compiled Records:

- ✓ Printed family histories and genealogies
- ✓ Published family information
- ✓ Biographies
- ✓ Local histories
- ✓ Manuscript collections
- ✓ Databases of family information
- ✓ Hereditary and lineage society records

FIND AND SEARCH THE RECORDS

Obtaining the Records:

- ✓ Family History Library-Salt Lake City
- ✓ Family History Centers
- ✓ Archives and local churches
- ✓ Libraries and interlibrary loan
- ✓ Professional researchers

Searching the Records:

- ✓ Search for the immigrant's entire family
- ✓ Search each record thoroughly
- ✓ Search a broad time period
- ✓ Use indexes
- ✓ Search for previous residences
- ✓ Watch for spelling variations

COUNTRY-OF-ARRIVAL RECORDS

Search Tactics:

- ✓ Search Family Sources
- ✓ Survey General Records of Previous Research
- ✓ Check Local Records for Previous Research
- ✓ Search Local Original Records
- ✓ Determine Immigration Information
- ✓ Search Other Jurisdictions
- ✓ Determine the Country, State, or Region of Origin
- ✓ Trace Relatives and Neighbors

Record Types:

- ✓ Newspapers, obituaries, periodicals
- ✓ Church records
- ✓ Passenger arrival lists
- ✓ Naturalization and citizenship
- ✓ Social Security
- ✓ Vital records
- ✓ Census
- ✓ Cemeteries, funeral homes
- ✓ Court records, probate, land and property
- ✓ Military
- ✓ Archives and libraries
- ✓ Business and commerce
- ✓ Genealogies, history, biographies
- ✓ Pensions
- ✓ Societies
- ✓ Voting registers

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Books:

NETTING YOUR ANCESTORS-Genealogical Research on the Internet

Cyndi Howells-Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.

AMERICAN PASSENGER ARRIVAL RECORDS

Michael Tepper-Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.

SHIPS OF OUR ANCESTORS

Michael J. Anuta-Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.

MORTON ALLAN DIRECTORY of European Passenger Steamship Arrivals

Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.

ELLIS ISLAND INTERVIEWS-In Their Own Words

Peter Morton Coan-**Checkmark Books**

GUIDE TO NATURALIZATION RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES

Christina K. Schaefer-Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.

UNLOCKING THE SECRETS IN OLD PHOTOGRAPHS

Karen Frisch-Ripley-Ancestry

Videos:

ISLAND OF HOPE-ISLAND OF TEARS

The Ellis Island Immigration Museum Film-Guggenheim Productions, Inc.

ELLIS ISLAND

(3 Volumes)-The History Channel/A&E

World Wide Web:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~websites/usa/newjersey.html>

<http://www.cyndislist.com>

<http://www.familysearch.org>

<http://www.ellislandrecords.org>

<http://ssdi.rootsweb.com/>

<http://stephenmorse.org/>

New Jersey Genealogy Websites

Genealogy Sites on the Internet

Church of Jesus Christ of Later-Day Saints

Passenger Arrival Records

Social Security Death Index

Searchable Databases