

Immigration Information on Fed Census; state censuses, information varies;

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

1900-1930: Naturalization status: **Pa** for first papers; **Al** for alien; **Na** for naturalized

1880-1930: Parents place of birth

1920: Year naturalized

Background Information, Immigration

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

National Archives website, 1800-1859: <https://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/passenger-arrival.html#film> Detailed list of surviving passenger lists housed by the National Archives.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Legislation from 1790 - 1900 -

<http://www.schundler.net/Legislation%201790-1900.pdf>

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>

Detailed NARA lists/descriptions of passenger list collections

<https://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/passenger-arrival.html#film>

Guide to interpreting notations on passenger lists: <https://www.iewishgen.org/InfoFiles/Manifests/>

Women and naturalization, 1802-1940: two-part article from *Prologue* magazine (a Census Bureau publication): <https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1998/summer/women-and-naturalization-1.html> and <https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1998/summer/women-and-naturalization-2.html>

<https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1998/summer/women-and-naturalization-1.html> and <https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1998/summer/women-and-naturalization-2.html>

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

Immigration and Passenger Lists

Free webinar, *Find Your Immigrant Ancestors and their Relatives in New York Passenger Arrival*

Records (My Heritage) https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=776 Passenger records indexing including contact person country of origin and U.S, primarily after 1906.

Myheritage (\$) is the only provider which has completely indexed ship manifests (not just the immigrant passengers)

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

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

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

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

One-step search site for immigration records (mostly free, but some for fee through ancestry), more user-friendly access to Ellis Island and Castle Garden, also allows printing; you must have a free Ellis Island and/or Castle Garden account to see images: <http://stevemorse.org/>

Even if your 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>

Port of NY record 1820-to 1957: <https://heritage.statueofliberty.org/passenger>

Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc., records starting 1892: www.ellisland.org

Castle Garden Immigration Center (1855-1890): <http://www.castlegarden.org/>

Ship database extraction tools at www.cimorelli.com/safe/shipmenu.htm include ship arrivals from NARA series M1066.

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

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

National Archives Access to Archival Databases <https://aad.archives.gov/aad/index.jsp> 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 http://www.fold3.com/title_450/pennsylvania-archives/

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

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

Naturalization

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

<http://www.naturalizationrecords.com/> Search portal to ancestry (\$): search for ancestors in free naturalization records, U.S. and Canada. Declarations of intent, first papers, alien registrations, passport applications, etc. Substitute naturalization records.

<https://www.uscis.gov/history-and-genealogy/research/individuals/researching-individuals> US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

<https://www.uscis.gov/genealogy>: USCIS Genealogy Program - Fee-based service (\$) providing access to historical immigration and naturalization records

Finding U.S. naturalization records, a genealogy guide (despite the site name, site not limited to German immigrants): <https://www.germanroots.com/naturalizationrecords.html>

Family Search Catalog: <https://www.familysearch.org/catalog/search> Search for early naturalization records by states, cities, and counties

Cyndi's List Naturalization: <https://www.cyndislist.com/immigration/records/> Indexed under Immigration Records

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 is available through May 1, 1951 for genealogy research. To obtain a 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.heritagediscovered.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 after 1925 can be requested through a Freedom of Information Act request at the following website:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/have-passport/passport-records.html>. Passports were 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.

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

Most libraries have an on-site subscription to ancestry.com as well as extensive collections of immigration research books