

Custom Passenger Lists 1820-ca. 1891 Handout

Lists of Microfilmed Custom Passenger Lists/Indexes:

New York City

- M237: Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, New York, 1820-1897 (675 rolls) <https://www.archives.gov/files/research/microfilm/m237.pdf>
- M261: Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, New York, 1820-1846 (103 rolls).
<https://www.archives.gov/files/research/microfilm/m261.pdf>

Boston

- M277: Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Massachusetts, 1820-1891 (115 rolls) <https://www.archives.gov/files/research/microfilm/m277.pdf>
- M265: Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Massachusetts, 1848-1891 (282 rolls) (includes Massachusetts State Lists)
<https://www.archives.gov/files/research/microfilm/m265.pdf>

Baltimore

- M255: Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, 1820-1891 (50 rolls) (includes city lists) <https://www.archives.gov/files/research/microfilm/m255.pdf>
- M596: Quarterly Abstracts of Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, 1820-1869 (6 rolls) <https://www.archives.gov/files/research/microfilm/m596.pdf>

Philadelphia

- M425: Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1800-1882. (108 rolls) <https://www.archives.gov/files/research/microfilm/m425.pdf>

New Orleans

- M259: Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New Orleans, Louisiana, 1820-1902
- M272: Quarterly Abstracts of Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New Orleans, 1820-1875 <https://www.archives.gov/files/research/microfilm/m272.pdf>

Everywhere Else/Index

- M575: Copies of Lists of Passengers Arriving at Miscellaneous Ports on the Atlantic and Gulf Coast and Ports on the Great Lakes, 1820-63. (all the others, 16 rolls) <https://www.archives.gov/files/research/microfilm/m575.pdf>
- M334: A Supplemental Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Atlantic and Gulf Coast Ports (Excluding New York), 1820-1874 (188 rolls) <https://www.archives.gov/files/research/microfilm/m334.pdf>
- M1412 Customs Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at San Francisco, CA, January 2, 1903-April 1, 1918. <https://www.archives.gov/files/research/microfilm/m1412.pdf> (includes Port Townsend and Tacoma WA)

All of these can be found online, most easily through FamilySearch or Ancestry. They are the building blocks for every database you will find online. Familiarize yourself with them as it will help you answer important questions. Knowing which microfilm covers what can make the difference between success and failure. Many of these microfilmed lists are combined in the various searchable databases with others. This knowledge could mean the difference between success and failure.

Websites:

Ancestry: Guide to Major U.S. Immigration Ports:

<https://www.ancestrycdn.com/support/us/2016/11/majorusports.pdf>

Baltimore: a city of immigrants: <https://www.explorebaltimore.org/city-history/a-city-of-immigrants>

Baltimore, the Other Ellis Island <https://www.baltimoremd.com/charm/pointofentry.html>

Immigration and Ships Passenger Lists Research Guide by the Genealogical Society of Bergen County N.J. <https://www.njgsbc.org/files/immigration/ship04.html>

Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild <https://www.immigrantships.net/>

Indianola Immigrant Database <https://vrhc.uhv.edu/manuscripts/indianola/>

Philadelphia: Immigrant City:

https://www2.hsp.org/exhibits/Balch%20resources/phila_ellis_island.html

The Ships List <https://www.theshipslist.com/>

Steve Morse <https://stevemorse.org/>

Works Progress Administration (WPA) Historical Records Survey

https://sites.rootsweb.com/~flmgs/articles/Works_Properties_AdministrationMarch2011_BM.pdf

Published Passenger Lists and Indexes:

Many of you will ask, why even use indexes when I have a searchable database online?

The answer is these things are still assembled by people, and people make mistakes.

The databases used by Ancestry and FamilySearch are just folks trying to guess the spelling of names of people they know nothing about. Just about every researcher has had that moment where they have found a relative on one of these websites but it has been way tougher than it should have been due to misspellings. Also, the film is difficult to read in many places and flipping through an organized book can still be among the fastest ways to research, hence why we still utilize them. Finally, not everything is online. Filby volumes, for example, are only available through 2006 online. They just released the 2024 supplement. That are millions of names that have been indexed that you may not see unless you flip through a book. All of these overlapping reasons means it's a good idea to crack an index.

One note, many of these books are available online, usually at Ancestry or FamilySearch. I am just listing the published version as there is no point in doubling up. Be sure to check the online catalogues if you don't have access to print copies.

- **The Alsace emigration book / compiled by Cornelia Schrader-Muggenthaler. 929.14 Sch6a**
- **The Antwerp emigration index / by Charles M. Hall and Heritage International. 949.3 H14a**
- **Armenian immigrants: Boston 1891-1901, New York 1880-1897 / by Linda L. Avakian. 929.19 Av11a**

- **The Baden emigration book: including emigration from Alsace / compiled by Cornelia Schrader-Muggenthaler. 929.13 Sch6b**
- **Codebook for Dutch immigrants U.S. Ship passenger lists, 1820-80, an alphabetical listing by household / compiled by Robert P. Swierenga. 929.19 Sw5dua**
- **Comal County, Texas and New Braunfels German immigration ships, 1845-1846 / by J. McManus. 976.401 C72ma**
- **Czech immigration passenger lists / by Leo Baca. Four volumes 929.1437 B12c**
- **A dictionary of Scottish emigrants to the U.S.A. / compiled and edited by Donald Whyte. 2 volumes. 929.122 W62d**
- **Dutch and German ships: passenger lists, 1846-1856. 977.402 H71pr**
- **Dutch immigrants in U.S. ship passenger manifests, 1820-1880: an alphabetical listing by household heads and independent persons / compiled by Robert P. Swierenga. 2 volumes. 929.19 Sw5du**
- **Emigrants to Pennsylvania, 1641-1819: a consolidation of ship passenger lists from the Pennsylvania magazine of history and biography / edited by Michael Tepper. 974.8 T26e**
- **Emigration from the United Kingdom to America: lists of passengers arriving at U.S. ports / edited by Ira A. Glazier. 16 volumes. 929.12 G469e**
- **The Famine immigrants: lists of Irish immigrants arriving at the port of New York, 1846-1851 / Ira A. Glazier, editor; Michael Tepper, associate editor. 7 volumes. 929.121 F21**

- **German immigrants: lists of passengers bound from Bremen to New York [dates], with places of origin / compiled by Gary J. Zimmerman & Marion Wolfert. 4 volumes. 929.13 Z65g**
- **Germans to America: lists of passengers arriving at U.S. ports / edited by Ira A. Glazier and P. William Filby. 67 volumes. 929.13 G315**
- **Germans to America-Series II: lists of passengers arriving at U.S. ports in the 1840s / edited by Ira A. Glazier. 7 volumes. 929.13 G315a**
- **Immigrants to the middle colonies: a consolidation of ship passenger lists and associated data from the New York genealogical and biographical record / edited by Michael Tepper. 929.11 T26i**
- **Index to Mennonite immigrants on United States passenger lists, 1872-1904 / compiled and edited by David A. Haury. 929.102 M52gya**
- **Irish emigration lists, 1833-1839: lists of emigrants extracted from the Ordnance Survey memoirs for Counties Londonderry and Antrim / compiled under the direction of Brian Mitchell. 929.121 M69i**
- **Irish passenger lists, 1803-1806: lists of passengers sailing from Ireland to America: extracted from the Hardwicke papers / compiled under the editorial supervision of Brian Mitchell. 941.5 M69i**
- **Irish passenger lists, 1847-1871: lists of passengers sailing from Londonderry to America on ships of the J. & J. Cooke Line and the McCorkell Line / compiled under the direction of Brian Mitchell. 929.121 Ir4**
- **Italians to America: lists of passengers arriving at U.S. ports, 1880-1899 / edited by Ira A. Glazier and P. William Filby. 28 volumes. 929.15 It1**

- **A list of alien passengers, bonded from January 1, 1847, to January 1, 1851, for the use of the overseers of the poor in the Commonwealth / Prepared under the direction of the Auditor of Accounts by J.B. Munroe, Superintendent of Alien Passengers for the Port of Boston. 929.11 M38**
- **Luxembourgers in the new world: a reedition based on the work of Nicholas Gonner "Die Luxemburger in der Neuen Welt", Dubuque, Iowa, 1889: published with a complete index ... / Jean Ensch, Jean-Claude Muller, Robert E. Owen (editors); original translations by Gerald L. Liebenau and Jean-Claude Muller. 929.19 L97**
- **Migration from the Russian Empire: lists of passengers arriving at the Port of New York / edited by Ira A. Glazier. 6 volumes. 929.19 M588**
- **Morton Allan directory of European passenger steamship arrivals for the years 1890 to 1930 at the Port of New York and for the years 1904 to 1926 at the ports of New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and Baltimore. 973.003 M84a**
- **New Orleans ship lists / edited by Milton P. Rieder, Jr. and Norman Gaudet Rieder. 976.302 N43ri**
- **New World immigrants: a consolidation of ship passenger lists and associated data from periodical literature / edited by Michael Tepper. 2 volumes. 929.11 T26n**
- **New York passenger arrivals, 1849-1868: passenger lists / transcribed by Michael Cassady; Sylvia Nimmo, editor. 3 volumes. 974.702 N422ca**
- **Passenger and immigration lists index: a guide to published arrival records of about 500,000 passengers who came to the United States and Canada in**

the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries; edited by P. William Filby, with Mary K. Meyer. Over 24 volumes with more coming. 929.11 F47pa

- **Passenger arrivals at the port of Baltimore, 1820-1834: from customs passenger lists / general editor, Michael H. Tepper; transcribed by Elizabeth P. Bentley. 929.11 T26pa**
- **Passenger arrivals at the Port of Charleston, 1820-1829 / transcribed by Brent H. Holcomb. 975.702 C38hoLc**
- **Passenger arrivals at the Port of New York, 1820-1829: from customs passenger lists / transcribed by Elizabeth P. Bentley. 974.702 N421bena**
- **Passenger arrivals at the Port of New York, 1830-1832: from customs passenger lists / transcribed by Elizabeth P. Bentley. 974.702 N421ben**
- **Passenger lists for Galveston, 1850-1855 / research by Eva Lembcke; translation by Josef Bittersman and Bernard Kneuper. 976.402 G13bL**
- **Passenger ships arriving in New York Harbor / edited by Bradley W. Steuart; illustrated by Wayne Cooper. 929.3 Pas**
- **Passengers to America: a consolidation of ship passenger lists from the New England historical and genealogical register / edited by Michael Tepper. 929.11 T26p**
- **Reconstructed passenger lists for 1850: Hamburg to Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, and the United States / Clifford Neal Smith. 929.13 Sm5r**
- **Reconstructed passenger lists for 1851 via Hamburg: emigrants from Germany, Austria, Bohemia, Hungary, Poland, Russia, Scandinavia and**

Switzerland to Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, the United States and Venezuela / Clifford Neal Smith. 929.11 Sm53r

- **Rhode Island passenger lists: Port of Providence, 1798-1808, 1820-1872: Port of Bristol and Warren, 1820-1871: compiled from United States Custom House papers / Maureen A. Taylor. 974.5 T21ra**
- **San Francisco ship passenger lists / by Louis J. Rasmussen. 979.402 Sa519r**
- **Ship passenger lists / edited and indexed by Carl Boyer. 3 volumes. 929.11 B69s**
- **Ship passenger lists: New York and New Jersey, 1600-1825 / edited and indexed by Carl Boyer, 3rd. 974.7 B69s**
- **Ship passenger lists: Pennsylvania and Delaware (1641-1825) / edited and indexed by Carl Boyer, 3rd. 974.8 B69s**
- **Ships passenger lists, Port of Galveston, Texas, 1846-1871. 976.402 G13sh**
- **Some shipboard passengers of Captain John Rockett from Europe to New York City (1828-1841) by Charles Whitlock Rockett. 974.702 N421RO**
- **Swedish passenger arrivals in New York, 1820-1850 / by Nils William Olsson. 929.182 OL8s**
- **Swedish passenger arrivals in U.S. ports 1820-1850 (except New York): with additions and corrections to Swedish passenger arrivals in New York 1820-1850 / by Nils William Olsson. 929.182 OL8sw**
- **The Wuerttemberg emigration index / by Trudy Schenk, Ruth Froelke, and Inge Bork. 8 volumes. 929.13 Sch17w**

Historical, General, and Reference Works:

- **American passenger arrival records: a guide to the records of immigrants arriving at American ports by sail and steam**
by Michael Tepper. 929.11 T26b
- **The Atlantic migration, 1607-1860; a history of the continuing settlement of the United States** by Marcus Lee Hansen 973 H197at
- **City of dreams : the 400-year epic history of immigrant New York / Tyler Anbinder.** 974.71 AN1C
- **Coming to America: a history of immigration and ethnicity in American life** by Roger Daniels. 973.004 D22co
- **Forgotten doors: the other ports of entry to the United States / edited by M. Mark Stolarik.** 970 F763
- **History of the Norwegian people in America / by Olaf Morgan Norlie.**
929.181 N77h
<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uiuo.ark:/13960/t5j976c85&seq=22>
- **North Atlantic seaway : an illustrated history of the passenger services linking the Old World with the New in four volumes** by N.R.P. Bonsor 910.4 B644N
- **A pictorial history of immigration** by Oscar Handlin. 973 H192P
- **They came in ships: a guide to finding your immigrant ancestor's arrival record / by John Philip Colletta.** 929 C684t 2002