

Atlantic Shipping Records: Why Finding Them is so Challenging

US Atlantic Emigration Records Prior to 1914



- 45 Million Immigrants entered Canada & The United States between 1500 and 1914
 - Most of them crossed the North Atlantic and arrived by ship
- In 2010, 72.4% of the US population was of European descent

Why is it so difficult to find their shipping records?

Agenda

- How did they travel?
- Why did they come?
- Regulations & Records
- Transmigration
- Online Resources
- Search Strategies



Terminology

- **Emigration** – Leaving a country and settling somewhere else
- **Transmigration** – Passing through a country while emigrating
- **Immigration** – Entering a country and settling there

How did they travel?

Atlantic Crossings by Sail

- This was the only option until the mid 1800's
- A normal, uneventful trip took 7 – 8 weeks
 - It could be done in 4 weeks
 - It sometimes too as long as 12 weeks
- Schedules were unreliable
- Emigrants congregated at the point of departure waiting for their ship
- The entire trip could take 2 – 5 months

Eating During the Voyage

- Early passengers were required to bring enough food and water to feed themselves for 6 weeks.
- A standard steerage class was introduced by the Inman Line in the 1850's. This forced other lines to improve their services.

Emigrants Were Another Type of Cargo

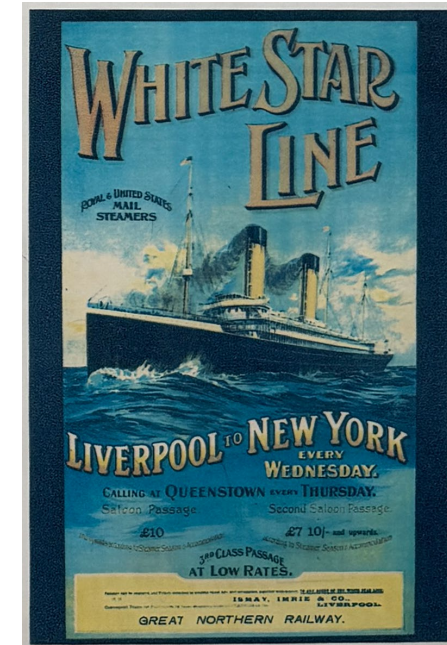
- Ships brought goods and cargo to Europe
 - Lumber, Furs, Dried Fish, Whale Oil, Iron, Gunpowder, Rice, Tobacco, Indigo
- Europe sent manufactured goods, textiles, furniture, luxuries
 - Carrying Emigrants provided an additional source of income
- The ships were designed to carry cargo – not people

Atlantic Crossings: Steam Ships

- The Atlantic was crossed entirely by steam power in 1838
 - Sailing ships continued to sail during this transition period
- 1865 – 1st year more people traveled on steamships than sailing ships
- Steam effectively took over by 1880
 - Regular schedules were established
- Crossing times reduced to 1 week by 1914
- By 1900 larger, faster, better equipped ships dominated
 - White Star's Oceanic (1899) was described as “a ship which makes possible the concept of a steamship as a traveling palace”.



1907 Third Class cabin on the Lusitania.
The rather spartan conditions *were a considerable improvement in facilities for steerage passengers in the mid 19th century.*



Photograph displayed at the Cobh Heritage Center in Cobh, Ireland

Atlantic Crossings: Steam Trains

- Use of Steam powered trains also expanded greatly during this period.
- Made it easier to travel to the port departure
 - Enabled development of integrated train/ship routes and schedules
- Made it easier to travel from the point of arrival to more distant destination

Why did they come?

- Food Shortage
- To escape oppression
- Economic Opportunity
- Cheap/free land
- Slavery

3 Waves of Migration

- 1st: Prior to 1820
- 2nd: 1820 – 1890
- 3rd: 1890 – 1920's

Prior to 1820: The 1st Wave

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Prior to 1820: The 1st Wave

Organized Migration

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- There was a shortage of labor
- **Rotterdam** (The Netherlands) and **Antwerp** (Belgium) were major ports of departure
 - Good travel connections
 - Many boats brought freight into these ports & had capacity to carry people on the return trip

About 1.2 Million people arrived in this period

- Protestants from northwestern Europe
- Soldiers
- Religious missionaries
- Settlers recruited for chartered colonies
- Indentured servants
- Exiles
- Convicted laborers
- Slaves

Slaves

- Brought into Virginia as early as 1619
 - Most arrived before 1780
- It is estimated that 800,000 were in the US by 1808 (when the importation of slaves into the United States was banned)
- In 1820 slaves represented 16% of the United States population

Major Port

- **Philadelphia**
 - Popular port of arrival for immigrants settling East of the Alleghenies
 - Agricultural Germans and Scotch-Irish settlers

1820 – 1890: The 2nd Wave

Autonomous Migration

- US emerged from an industrial depression (1819 – 1820)
- Rapid industrialization provided opportunities for migrants of modest means and/or skills
- European barriers to emigrating (such as serfdom) were removed
- Military conscription and ethnic discrimination prompted mass migration out of Eastern Europe
- Government policies facilitated transatlantic relocation



THE PETER ROBINSON SETTLERS

200 Years Commemoration - 1825 - 2025



1823 - 1825

Poor & Undernourished
residents of County Cork,
Ireland were transported
to Ottawa, Canada

Major Ports

- **New York**

- Provided better transportation options to Buffalo, Cleveland and Milwaukee

- **New Orleans**

- Longer voyage (2 – 3 weeks longer)
- Ships were inferior
- Travel up the Mississippi was unpleasant & dangerous.

15 Million people arrived during the 2nd wave

- Countries of Origin
 - Irish (Potato Famine - 1847)
 - German (failure of the democratic revolutions of 1848)
 - Scandinavians
 - Chinese
- Vast majority of the US arrivals were processed in New York City
 - Castle Garden established in 1855

1890 – 1920's: The 3rd Wave

- Advances in transportation (steamships and railway networks) made travel easier, more reliable and more economical
- Approximately 22.3 Million people
 - From Southern and Eastern Europe (Italy, Russia, Austro-Hungary)
- 75% came through New York
 - Ellis Island opened in 1892
- Emigration was severely restricted at the outset of WWI (1914)

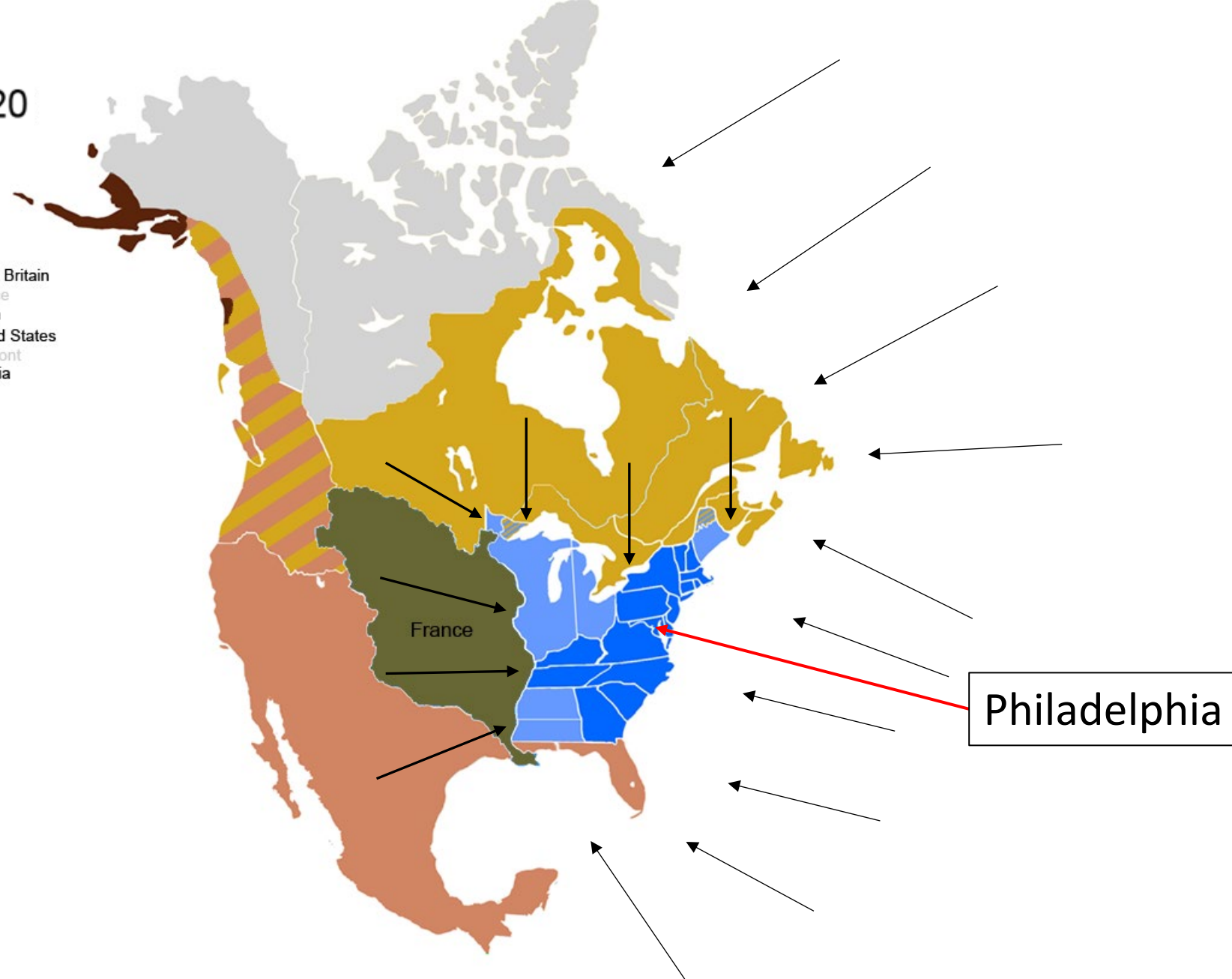
Regulations & Records

Prior to 1820

- No records or documentation were required for immigrants arriving by ship in the United States or Canada

Until 1820

- Great Britain
- France
- Spain
- United States
- Vermont
- Russia



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The Steerage Act of 1819

- a.k.a. the **Manifest of Immigrants Act**
 - Took effect in 1820
- *Customs Passenger Lists* were submitted to U.S. Customs on arrival
 - Name
 - Age
 - Gender
 - Occupation
 - Country of Origin
 - Destination
- Used to create statistical summaries
- Many variations of the form were used.
 - Not all have survived

DISTRICT OF NEW-YORK.—PORT OF NEW-YORK.

I *James Gillender* do solemnly, sincerely and truly *Swear* that the following List or Manifest of Passengers, subscribed with my name, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs for the District of New-York, contains to the best of my knowledge and belief a just and true account of all the Passengers received on board the *Ship Hector* — whereof I am master from *Liverpool*

So help me God.

Sworn to, the *8 January* 182*0*
Before me, *J. Kearney D.C.*

Sign'd James Gillender

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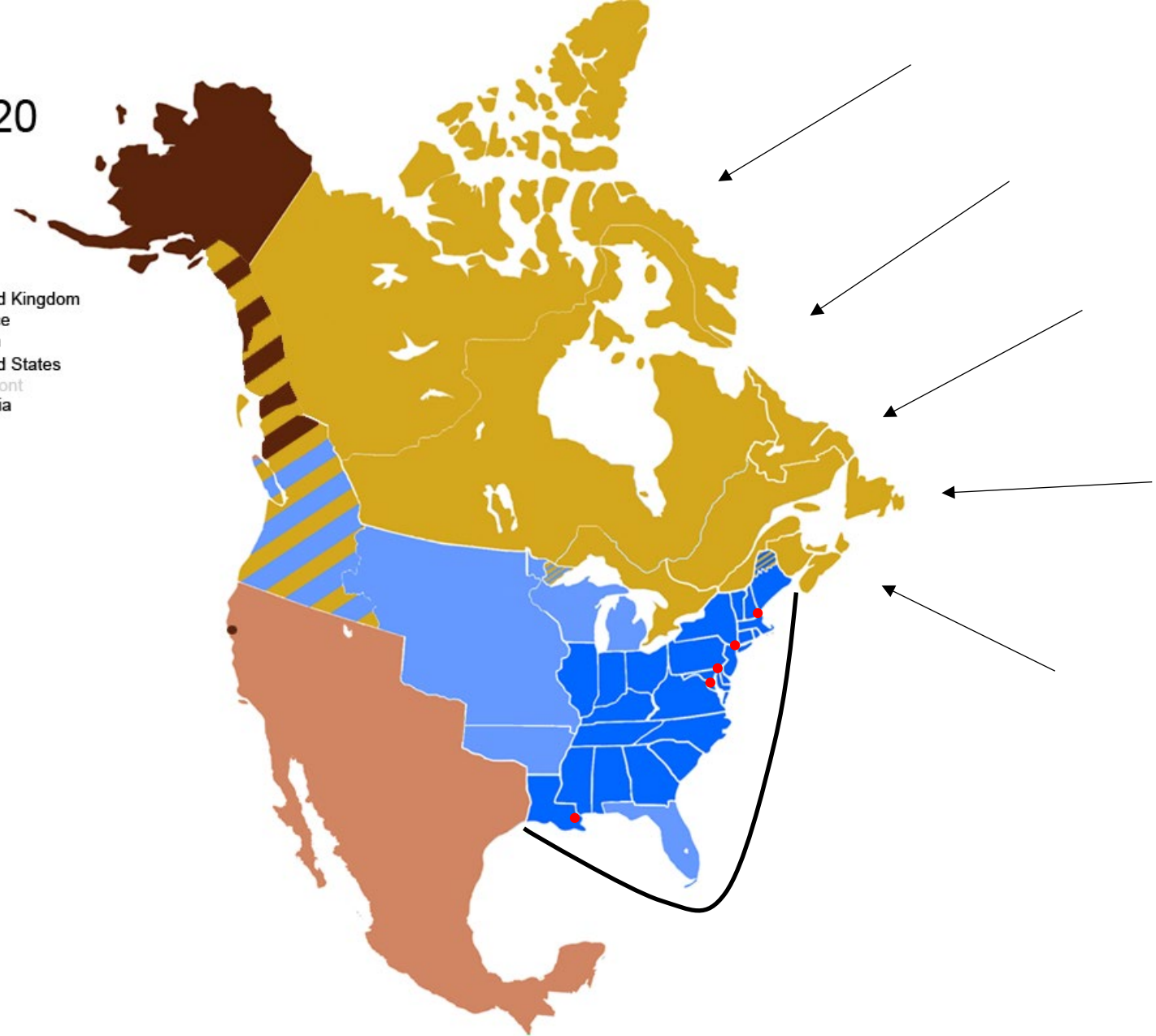
NAMES.	Age.		Sex.	Occupation.	The country to which they severally belong.	The country in which they intend to become inhabitants.	Died on the Voyage.
	Years	Months.					
<i>Samuel Haran</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Merchant</i>	<i>United States</i>	<i>United States</i>	
<i>Gilbert Fowler</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Ship Master</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	
<i>Samuel Wright</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Merchant</i>	<i>Great Britain</i>	<i>do</i>	
<i>Thomas Lewis</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>United States</i>	<i>do</i>	
<i>John Lyman</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>do</i>	
<i>George Goodman</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Gentleman</i>	<i>United States</i>	<i>do</i>	
<i>Louis P. De Luz</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Merchant</i>	<i>Moufchatel</i>	<i>do</i>	

The Steerage Act of 1819

- Only applied to ships arriving at United States ports
- Canada did not (yet) have similar requirements

1820

- United Kingdom
- France
- Spain
- United States
- Vermont
- Russia



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Additional Laws, Regulations and Events

- **1825:**
 - Erie Canal opened (connecting the Hudson River to Lake Erie).
 - New York surpassed Philadelphia as the busiest US port of entry.
- **1849:** Changes in British law made Canadian ports much more desirable for shipping companies

Additional Laws, Regulations and Events

- **1865:** Canada began documenting immigrants (similar to US records)
 - Canadian Ports of entry:
 - Quebec and Montreal (Summer when the St. Laurence River was ice-free)
 - St. John and Halifax (Winter)
 - Schedule A – Particulars Relative to the Vessel
 - Port of Embarkation (Departure)
 - Name
 - Age
 - Profession
 - County of Birth
 - Destination Port

NAMES AND DESCRIPTION OF PASSENGERS.

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Port of Embarkation.	Names of Passengers.	Adults		Children between 1 and 14.		Number of infants not over 1 year.	Profession, Occupation or calling of Passengers.	Nation or Country of Birth.	Port at which Passengers have contracted to be landed.
		Age.		Age.					
		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.				
Hamburg.	Gramm. E. W.	23.					Seaman.	Sweden.	Anchet.
"	Enoch F.	28.					farmer.	"	"
"	Pughorn. C. A.	26.					"	Germany.	"
"	" Pauline	"	24.				wife	"	"
"	" Maria.					Inf.	daughter.	"	"
"	Hartmann C.	32.					farmer.	"	"
"	" Frederic.		32.				wife	"	"
"	" Selma				2.		daughter.	"	"

1865

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Canadian Rules

US Rules

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- **1868:** Burlingame Treaty granted Most Favored Nation status to China
- **1883:** US begins requiring an Immigration Passenger List
 - a.k.a. “Ship Manifests”
 - Similar to earlier records, adds:
 - Birthplace or Last Residence
 - Marital Status
 - Previous US residence
 - Destination
- **1887:** Chinese Exclusion Act

Additional Laws, Regulations and Events

- **1891:**
 - Inspection and deportation of emigrants begins in the US
 - The 1st Immigration Inspection Station established at the US – Canadian border
 - Only Non Canadian Emigrants were documented
- **1893:**
 - Immigration Manifest Forms were standardized
 - Additional information was required (5 -> 21 columns)
 - **1903** – Race was added
 - **1906** – Six more items were added (personal description, place of birth)
 - **1907** – Name and address of nearest living relative was added

US Compliance for Canadian Ports of Entry

- **1895:**

- US laws and rules were applied to all US-bound passengers
- The US placed Immigration Service agents at Canadian seaports to collect the manifests and inspect US-bound passengers
- Tickets for transportation to the US were only provided to those who appeared to be admissible under US law
- Two manifests were created.

arrived 24 May

105
157
964

SCHEDULE A.

135 Gt. St. 23 Arrived
46 Bags 21st Pagan. Lons

C.P.R. - 1st train 9 Cars for Montreal & Ontario left 12:00 P.M. 23rd Arrived 1- P.M. 24th Pagan. Lons
2nd train 10 - for Montreal left 5 P.M. 2 cases deflection
3rd train 6 Cars for Montreal and 3 Montreal & Ontario 7 P.M.
4th train 6 Cars for Soo 1- 1-30 a.m. 11 May

PARTICULARS RELATIVE TO THE VESSEL.

VESSEL'S NAME.	MASTER'S NAME.	TONNAGE.	FROM WHAT PORT OR PLACE.	Total number of superficial feet in the several compartments set apart for Passen- gers, other than Cabin Passengers.	Total number of Adult Passengers, exclusive of Master, Crew and Cabin Passengers which the vessel can legally carry.	WHERE BOUND.
S/S. "Ionian"	John Brown	5337.	Liverpool and Londonderry.			Quebec and Montreal.

NAMES AND DESCRIPTION OF PASSENGERS.

SS Ionian, Sailed from Liverpool to Quebec, arriving 30 April 1903
Canadian Manifest

SALOON, CABIN, AND STEERAGE ALIENS MUST BE COMPLETELY MANIFESTED.
THIS SHEET IS FOR STEERAGE PASSENGERS.

LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION.

Regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, under Act of Congress approved March 3, 1893, to be delivered to the Commissioner of Immigration
by the Officer of any vessel having such passengers on board upon arrival at a port in the United States.

S. S. *Ionian* sailing from *Liverpool*, *April 30*, 1903 Arriving at Port of *Quebec*, MAY 10 1903, 190

3	4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Age.	Sex.	Married or Single.	Calling or Occupation.	Able to Read, Write.	Nationality.		Last Residence.	Final Destination. (State, City, or Town.)	Whether having a ticket to such final destination.	By whom was passage paid?	Whether in possession of \$30 or upward, and if less, how much?	Whether ever before in the United States; and if so, when and where.	Whether going to join a relative; and if so, what relative, the name and address.
Yrs. Nos.					Country.	* Race or People.							
Engl 14	M	8	Lab.	Yes	Sweden	Swedish	Sweden	St Paul	Yes	W. Hedlund	500	No	Brother W. Hedlund St Paul Minn. 1896-1903

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United States Manifest

3C *Union*
MANIFEST *Swedish*Part of *Register*Date *May 10 - 03* Serial No. *62-23*

Family name

Given name

Accompanied by

*530 HANDAA**OTTO L.*

C.I.V. No.

Place and date of issue

Section and subdivision

Quota country charged

R.P. No.

Act of 1924:

P.V. No.

Place of birth (town, country, etc.)

Age

Yrs.

Sex

M.

S.

Occupation

Read

*18**Mon.**M**W.**D.**Farmer**Y.*

Language or exemption

Race

Nationality

Last permanent residence (town, country, etc.)

*Norw.**Norw.**Londre Trondhjem*

Name and address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came

Ever in U.S. From

To

Where

Passage paid by

Destination, and name and complete address of relative or friend to join there

England, N.Y. to Bros. J. Lindgren

Money shown

Ever arrested and deported, or excluded from admission

Purpose in coming and time remaining

Head tax status

Height

Complexion

Hair

Eyes

Distinguishing marks

Sexport and date of landing, and name of steamship

Con. Im. Identification card No.

Records by

Previously examined at

Date

Previous disposition

Present disposition, P. I.

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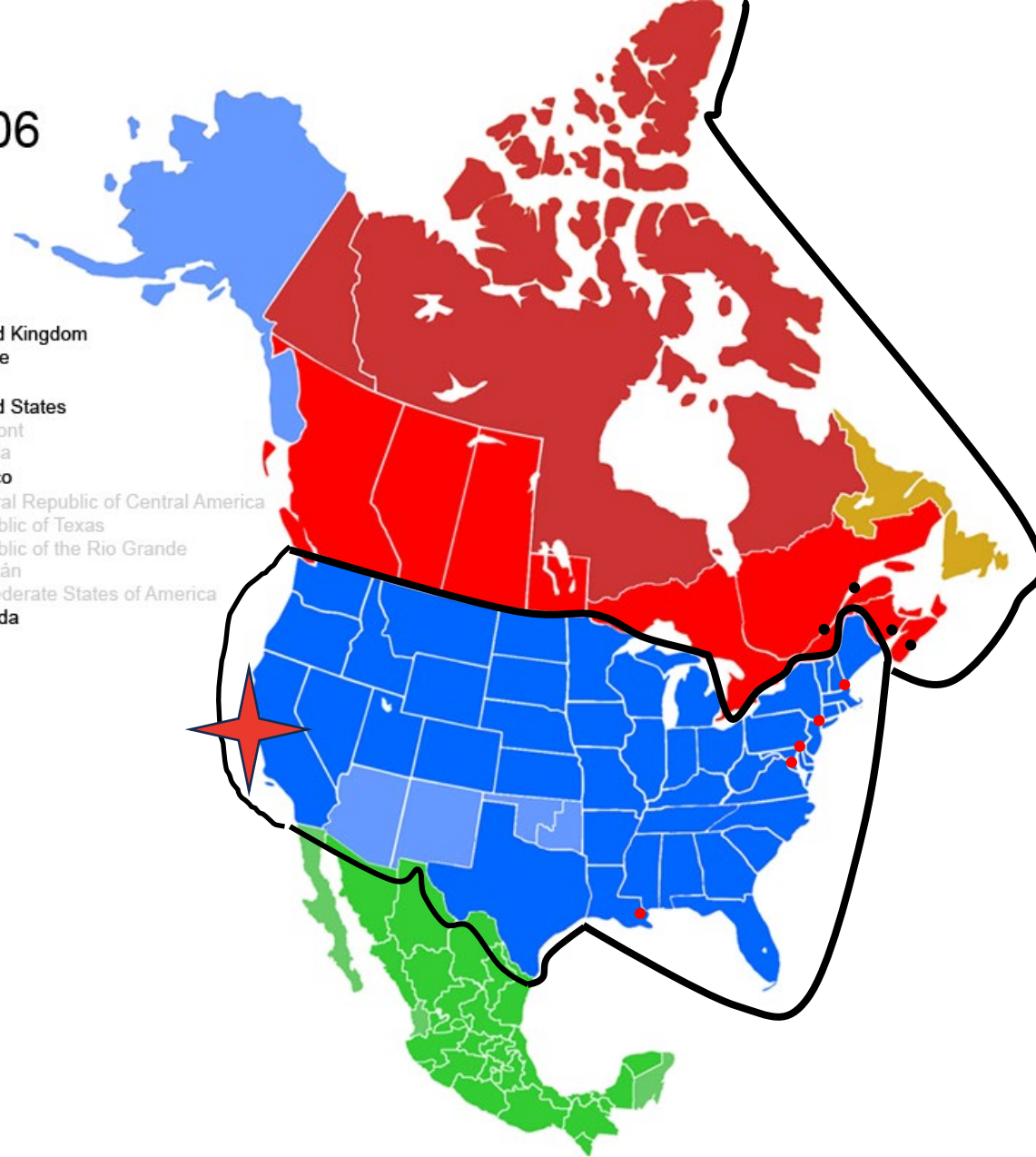
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Land Entry (Canada and Mexico)

- **1906:**
 - US began documenting Canadian nationals emigrating from Canada
 - US Began documenting emigrates from Mexico
 - Card Manifest was created for each person
 - Recorded the same information as the ship manifest

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Angel Island Immigration Station

- Operated from 1910 to 1940
 - Asian (mainly Chinese and Japanese) immigrants were detained there while their eligibility to enter the United States was determined.



Search Strategy

Begin by Researching the Basics

- **Birth**
- Parents
- Siblings
- Occupation
- **Marriage**
- Children
- **Death**
- Burial

Additional Immigration Facts (or Rumors!)

- Reason for immigration
- Port of Departure
- Name of the ship
- Traveling companions
- Route Traveled
- Port of Arrival
- Date of Arrival
- Age on arrival
- Final Destination

Sources of Emigration Information

- Homestead application (act of 1862)
- Naturalization Applications
- US Census (1900, 1910, 1920 or 1930 recorded year of entry and citizenship status)
- Church records
- Local histories or newspapers
- Personal and family documentation
- Oral family traditions

Basic Information Required For Online Searching

Information Commonly Used When Indexing Records

- **Date of Arrival**
- **Age at Arrival**
- **Full Original Name**
 - Recorded at the point of embarkation

Emigration: 1908 >

Person: Inga Marie Dahl (Antons.)

First Prev Next Last

PERMANENT ID: pe00000000590917 

Given name:	Inga Marie
Last name:	Dahl (Antons.)
Gender:	k
Date of birth:	01-31
Year of birth:	1886
Age:	-
Birth place:	-
Residence:	Rakkestad
Position:	ug tj.
Family position:	-
Date of emigration:	1908-05-08
Registration date:	-
Date of contract:	-

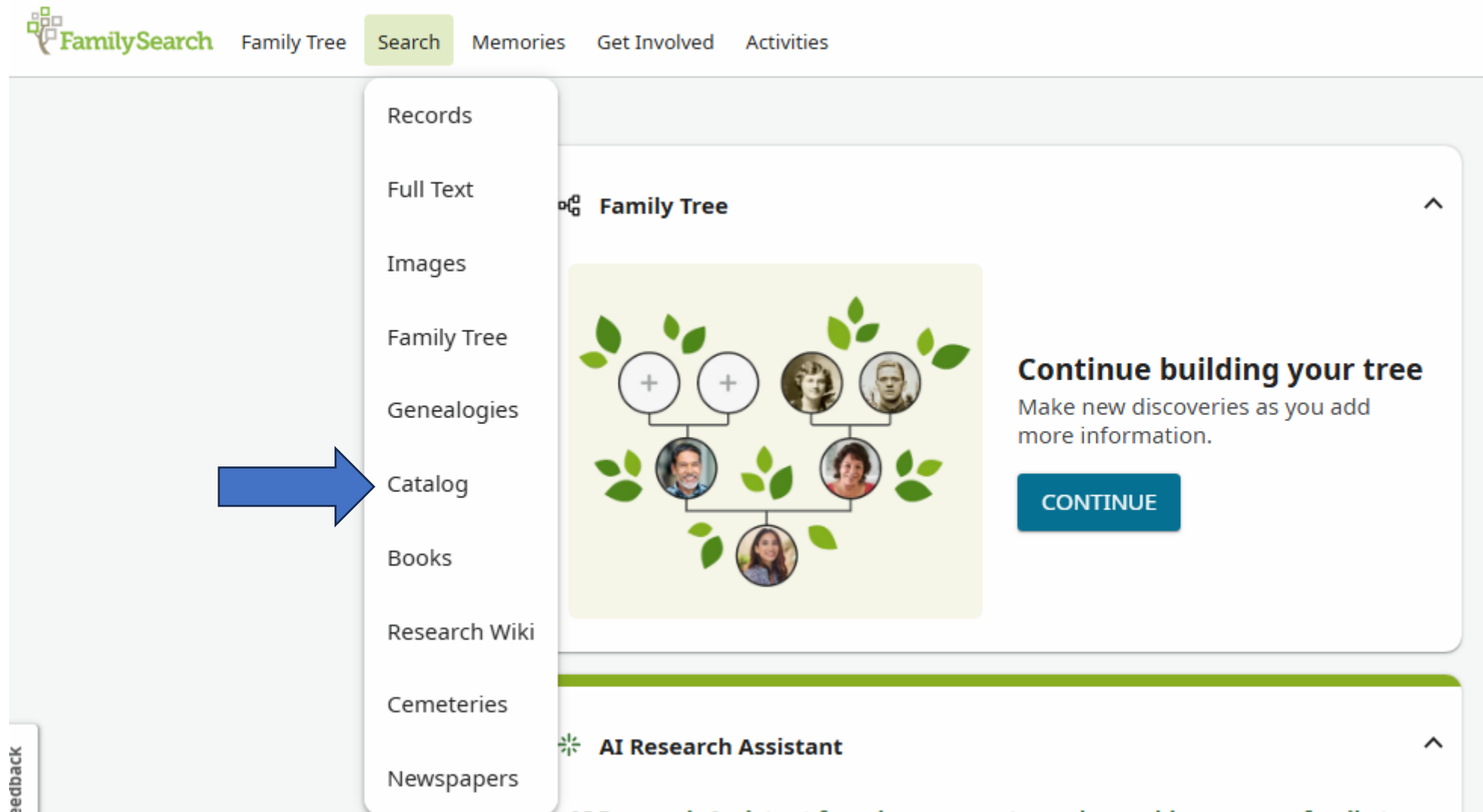
Inger Marie **Antonsdatter**:
She changed her last name to
'Dahl' **before** she left Norway.

Port of departure:	Oslo
Destination:	N. Dakota
Date of arrival:	-
Ship:	C. F. Tietgen
Line:	-
Agent:	Kjerschow
Reason for emigration:	-
New occupation:	-
Ticket:	Prp
Passport:	-
Emigrating with family?:	-
Remarks:	-

Regional Archives of Norway: Emigrants from Oslo 1867 – 1930

<https://www.digitalarkivet.no/en/view/8/pe00000000590917>

Family Search Card Catalog



The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes the FamilySearch logo, "Family Tree", "Search" (highlighted), "Memories", "Get Involved", and "Activities". A dropdown menu is open under "Search", listing options: Records, Full Text, Images, Family Tree, Genealogies, Catalog (indicated by a blue arrow), Books, Research Wiki, Cemeteries, and Newspapers. The main content area features a "Family Tree" section with a tree diagram showing several individuals. To the right of the tree, the text reads "Continue building your tree" followed by "Make new discoveries as you add more information." and a "CONTINUE" button. Below this, there is a section for the "AI Research Assistant".

FamilySearch

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AI Research Assistant

Place: New York City, New York, United States

Record Type: Migration and Citizenship (20) 

▼ Year

^ Record Type

- ▼ Birth, Marriage and Death

8

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57

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- ▼ Census, Taxation, and Voter Lists

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- ▼ Government Records

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Catalog Filtered Search Results (26)

 TIPS AND RESOURCES

 PRINT

 CATALOG PRINT LIST (0)

Subject, Search Terms

- Emigration and immigration (10) 
- Emigration and immigration - Indexes (14) 
- Naturalization and citizenship (1) 
- Naturalization and citizenship - Indexes (1) 

Discover the stories hidden in your family photos and home movies

New! Digitize photos and home movies

Explore more



Hi, Tony



Who's next?

Family of Tony Hanson

Last updated

Nikoline K J



Nikoline K J

All Collections

Census & Voter Lists

Birth, Marriage & Death

Military

Immigration & Travel

Directories & Member Lists

Public Member Trees

Search by face

Member Search

Card Catalog



and films!



Family of Tony

[Tree checker](#)

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Edward W

Card Catalog

Searchable listing of all record collections

Title

Keyword(s)

New York

Search

or

Clear All

Filters

- ✕ Immigration & Emigration
- ✕ 1800-1899
- ✕ North America

Filter By Category

Border Crossings & Passports	4
Citizenship Records	22
Crew Lists	17
Immigration & Emigration Books	43
Passenger Lists	37
Ship & Port Pictures	2

Results 1-25 of 33

Sort By

Relevance



[Search entire "Immigration & Travel" Category](#)

Title	Category	Records
 New York, U.S., Irish Immigrant Arrival Records, 1846-1851	Immigration & Travel	602,753
 Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore Steamship Arrivals, 1890-1930	Immigration & Travel	39,721
 Denizations, Naturalizations, and Oaths of Allegiance in Colonial New York	Immigration & Travel	130
 Dutch Immigrants: New York Passenger Lists, 1881-1894	Immigration & Travel	55,355
 Early New York Naturalizations	Immigration & Travel	463
 New York Alien Residents, 1825-1848	Immigration & Travel	126
 New York City Immigrants (Austria, Galicia, Poland), 1891	Immigration & Travel	52,647
	Immigration & Travel	1,900

Still No Luck?

- Try other online sources of information
- Then research relevant books that have been created about early immigrants.

German Roots: German Genealogy

Resources for German Genealogy on the Internet

Research Information for Americans of German Descent

[Search Online Genealogy Records - USA](#)

death indexes, military records, more...

[German Genealogy Records and Indexes](#)

places to search online...

[U.S. Census Records](#)

online records, soundex info...

[Online Death Records and Indexes - USA](#)

death certificates, obituaries, cemeteries...

[Online Birth and Marriage Records Indexes \(USA\)](#)

[Emigration and Immigration Records](#)

passenger lists, naturalizations...

[Finding People and Places](#)

maps, phone books, town locators

[German Genealogy Resources](#)

a directory of online resources

[General Genealogy Resources](#)

FamilySearch, vital records info, more...

[Basic Research Guide for German Genealogy](#)

for beginning and intermediate researchers

<https://www.germanroots.com/>



Emigration and Immigration Records and Resources

including Ship Passenger Lists and Naturalization Records

Emigration means to leave a country and settle in another. Immigration means to enter a new country and settle there.

[Passenger Arrival Records](#) | [Passenger Departure Records](#) | [Naturalization Records](#)

Passenger Arrival Records (USA)

[Online Ship Passenger Lists and Records](#) [on this website]

Links to websites that have transcribed passenger lists and indexes on the Internet.

[Finding Passenger Lists from 1820 to the 1940s](#) [on this website]

A list of indexes for finding your ancestors in ship passenger records for US ports. Includes online indexes, microfilm (with National Archives and Family History Library Catalog numbers), and books.

[Finding Passenger Lists before 1820](#) [on this website]

A list of sources that can help you find passenger lists and immigration-related records prior to 1820.

Finding Passenger Lists & Immigration Records 1820-1940s

Arrivals at U.S. ports from Europe

by Joe Beine

Introduction: This is a list of indexes of passenger lists (also called immigration records or ship manifests) for ships that sailed to the United States from 1820 to the 1940s (and now into the 1950s), including microfilm (some rolls have now been digitized), books, and online indexes and databases.

Some of the online indexes or databases listed below include digitized images of the passenger lists from the National Archives microfilm, which can be viewed online at Ancestry (fee-based) and FamilySearch (free with registration).

<https://www.germanroots.com/>

Indexes for Passenger Lists by Port and Time Frame

New York was the most commonly used port for immigrants in the 19th and early 20th Centuries. The list below begins with New York, followed by Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Galveston, and smaller ports.

New York 1820-1962 (includes the Castle Garden, Barge Office, and Ellis Island years)

- Online Database: [New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957](#) (at Ancestry/requires payment) name index plus passenger list images from the National Archives microfilm - includes the Barge Office, Castle Garden and Ellis Island years
- [New York Passenger Lists Research Guide 1820-1962](#)
- Article: [Ellis Island? Castle Garden? Which One? And When?](#) includes a timeline for when New York's immigrant processing centers were operating

New York 1820-1897 - Additional Finding Aids

- [Germans to America 1850-1897](#) (books and online database)
- [Irish to America 1846-1851](#) (books and online database)
- [Italians to America 1880-1904 and 1855-1900](#) (books and an online database)
- [Russians to America 1834-1897](#) includes Russians, Finns, Poles and Germans from Russia
- [Dutch Immigrants in U.S. Ship Passenger Manifests 1820-1880](#) (books or online database)
- [Registers of Vessels Arriving at the Port of New York 1789-1919](#) lists of New York ship arrivals by name of ship and date of arrival (no passengers are listed)
- [Miscellaneous Sources: Armenian Immigrants, Czech Immigrants, Greek Immigrant Passengers, Luxembourg Immigrants, Swedish Immigrants to New York](#)

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Galveston, Texas

A separate webpage has been set up for the port of Galveston...

- [Finding Galveston, Texas Passenger Records](#)

New Orleans 1820-1963 (with gaps)

- Online Database: [New Orleans Passenger Lists Index and Images 1820-1963](#) (at Ancestry/requires payment) some years are missing
- For a detailed guide about finding New Orleans passenger lists see: [Finding Passenger Arrival Records at the Port of New Orleans, Louisiana](#)

Philadelphia 1800-1962 (with gaps)

- Online Database: [Philadelphia Passenger Lists - Index and Images 1800-1962](#) (at Ancestry/requires payment) includes digitized images of the passenger lists from the microfilm; July 1, 1948 to November 30, 1954 is missing
- For a detailed guide about finding Philadelphia passenger lists see: [Philadelphia Passenger Lists Research Guide](#)

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Finding Passenger Lists Before 1820

Arrivals at US Ports from Europe

A Bibliography of Books and Online Databases - Compiled by Joe Beine

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Resources for Finding Passenger Arrival Records at the Port of New Orleans, Louisiana

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New Orleans Passenger Lists - Immigration Records

This is a listing of sources online and off for finding passenger lists for the port of New Orleans, Louisiana. It is divided into two categories: "Before 1820" and "1820-1952." Some of the items listed may overlap within the two time frames so be sure to look at both categories. NARA=National Archives & Records Administration; FHL=Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

New Orleans Passenger Arrivals Before 1820

- **General Index:** Passenger and Immigration Lists Index - Edited by P. William Filby. Although not specific to New Orleans, this index is the good source for finding immigration material for the pre-1820 time frame. It is available in a multi-volume book series or online. For more information see the first listing at the [Finding Passenger Lists Before 1820](#) webpage.
- **Book:** [New World Immigrants](#) a Consolidation of Ship Passenger Lists and Associated Data from Periodical Literature by Michael Tepper (Editor); GPC 1988. Includes "Ship Lists of Passengers Leaving France for Louisiana" (1718-1724) originally published in the Louisiana Historical Society Quarterly
- **Website:** [New Orleans Passenger Arrival Lists 1813](#)
- **Website:** [Transcriptions of 5 known New Orleans Passenger Lists for the year 1815](#)

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Books...

- One Hundred and Sixty Allied Families, by John Osborne Austin
- The English Ancestry and Homes of the Pilgrim Fathers, by Charles E. Banks
- The Planters of the Commonwealth...in Massachusetts, 1620-1640, by Charles E. Banks
- The Winthrop Fleet of 1630, by Charles E. Banks
- Topographical Dictionary of 2885 English Emigrants to New England, 1620-1650, by Banks
- Soldiers in King Philip's War 1675-1677, by George M. Bodge
- Marriage Notices, 1785-1794, by Charles K. Bolton
- The Real Founders of New England, by Charles K. Bolton
- Immigrants to New England, 1700-1775, by Ethel S. Bolton
- Result of Researches...Relative to the Founders of New England, by Samuel G. Drake
- Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New-England, by John Farmer
- Genealogical Notes on the Founding of New England, by Ernest Flagg

Most of these books have been digitized and are available on-line.

See my website.

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to Texas

[Texas Seaport Museum - Galveston Immigration Database](#)

Here you will find a database containing over 130,000 passengers who arrived at Galveston, Texas from 1846-1948.

Corpus Christi: [Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at Corpus Christi, Texas, and Vicinity, June 1948-January 1959](#) at FamilySearch; from NARA microfilm publication A3458

[Indianola Texas Immigrant Database](#)

Also see: [Finding Galveston Passenger Lists](#) [on this website]



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[List of Deaths on Ships in Volumes 17-19](#)

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Biographies of passengers on board. Check back often as more will be added.

[\[Rescued Passengers and Seamen\]](#)

[\[Australian Convict Ships 1788-1791\]](#)

[\[WW2 Refugees to Australia\]](#)

[\[Photos of the SS Nelly and Camp Bathurst 1949\]](#)

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[\[The Adoption Experience\]](#)

[\[Early Georgia Settlers \(Salzburg Settlers\)\]](#)

[\[German Departures\]](#)

[\[Halifax, N.S., Canada Depart & Arrivals\]](#)

[\[Hawaii Arrivals 1898-1899\]](#)

[\[Immigrant Pictures\]](#)

[\[Irish to Argentina\]](#)

[\[Jacobite Rebellion Ships\]](#)

[\[Maritime News\]](#)

[\[1903 Project\]](#)

[\[Postcards, Journals & Diaries\]](#)

[Emigration in the 19th Century from the municipalities of \*\*Borghorst\*\* and \*\*Burg Steinfurt\*\*,](#)

**City and County of Burghorst** (by name), Passenger lists to the US including Port of Arrival, Brazil arrivals, Arrivals in countries other than the US and Brazil and Extracts of the baptism register for the Catholic parish of St. Nikomedes; **Emigrants from Burg Steinfurt** (by name), Passenger lists to the US Including Port of Arrival, Other emigration by name, Extracts of the baptism register for the Catholic parish of St. Joh. Nepomuk and Extracts of the birth register of the Jewish Parish.



- Google searches sometimes produce useful results
- Try searching for variations of the name
- If you know where they came from, try searching for the town name

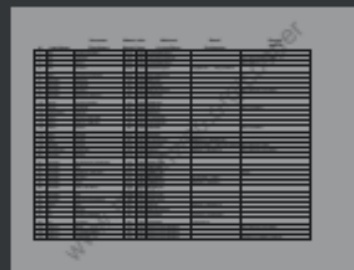


## Immigrant from Meiningen, Germany

2 / 87



98%



1



2



|    |        |                  |     |      |                    |
|----|--------|------------------|-----|------|--------------------|
| 30 | Alt    | Regina           | Aug | 1867 | Bettenhausen       |
| 31 | Am     | Caspar Friedrich | Mar | 1854 | Gießübel           |
| 32 | Am     | Christian        | Mar | 1854 | Gießübel           |
| 33 | Amborn | Anton            | Apr | 1853 | Niederschmalkalden |
| 34 | Amborn | Caspar Friedrich | Mar | 1847 | Niederschmalkalden |
| 35 | Amborn | Christiane       | Apr | 1853 | Niederschmalkalden |

|    |        |                  |     |      |                    |
|----|--------|------------------|-----|------|--------------------|
| 36 | Amborn | Daniel           | Apr | 1853 | Niederschmalkalden |
| 37 | Amborn | Daniel Friedlieb | Mar | 1848 | Niederschmalkalden |
| 38 | Amborn | Heinrich         | Mar | 1847 | Niederschmalkalden |
| 39 | Amborn | Heinrich Adam    | Mar | 1848 | Niederschmalkalden |
| 40 | Amborn | Sebastian        | Apr | 1852 | Niederschmalkalden |
| 41 | Amborn | W.               | Apr | 1846 | Unterkatz          |

# Transmigration

- Immigrants did not always sail directly from their native country
  - Many traveled to Rotterdam, Antwerp, Le Havre, Bremen and Hamburg from other countries
- Many entered the United States via Canada
  - Sometimes it was the least expensive route
  - Some chose that route to avoid US regulations
- Many European emigrants passed through England on their way to North America

# Transmigration

- England dominated the Atlantic route (because of the number of British and Irish immigrants)
  - More ships
  - Better Service
  - Lower cost
- This dominance grew as they established feeder routes to England from the rest of Europe

# Hull, England

- The largest transmigration port in England
  - Between 1836 and 1915 about 2.2 Million emigrants from Denmark, Finland, Germany, Norway, Russia and Sweden passed through Hull
- They would remain on their ships until their train was ready
- Then they would travel directly to Liverpool, Glasgow, London or Southampton and immediately board their ship
  - The train station was usually immediately adjacent to the boat dock
- Grimsby was also a major transmigration port





# They All Sailed From England or Scotland

- Regardless of their county of origin
- Keep this in mind when searching for them

# Don't Make Assumptions About the Route

- April 1903 – Great Grandfather Hans Isakson sails from Liverpool to **Quebec**
- February 1904 – Sons sail from Liverpool to **Boston**
- March 1904 – Wife and daughters sail from Liverpool to **Boston**
- February 1906 – daughter sails from Liverpool to **Halifax, Nova Scotia**
- May 1908 – Grandmother sails from Oslo directly to **New York**

# They Came – But Did They Stay?

- Some returned to visit their native country
- Some returned to their native country permanently
- Some traveled back and forth several times
- 44% of the homestead entries made in western Canada between 1900 – 1910 were by immigrants from the United States\*

\* *“From Fjord to Frontier: A History of the Norwegians in Canada”*, Gulbrand Loken, 1980, Page 41

# Online Search Tips

# Quality of the Information Recorded

- It was created at the port of departure
- The informant and the recorder may not have spoken the same language
- The informant may not have been able to read or write
  - Or knew how, but used a different alphabet

# The Index May Have Incorrect Information

- The recorder's handwriting may be hard to read
- The condition of the document may have deteriorated prior to transcription, making accurate transcription difficult or impossible

# Start Narrow: Widen the Search if Necessary

- Start by searching the person/people of interest in the Emigration/Immigration records first.
- If you cannot find them there, broaden the search out to other record sources and types.

# Age on Arrival and/or Year of Birth

- Most search engines are sensitive to the year of birth or age on arrival
  - They will restrict results to match what you specify
- If these are indexed incorrectly, they may cause your search to fail
  - You know they were **50**, but it was indexed as **30**
  - You know they were **50**, but it was not indexed at all
- Possible solutions:
  - Specify a very wide date range
  - Don't specify the age on arrival in your search query
  - Don't specify the birth year on arrival in your search query

# Names

- It is very common for names to be recorded incorrectly
- Some emigrants intentionally changed their names when they immigrated

# Solutions

- Only specify a first name
- Only specify a last name
- Take advantage of “Advanced Search Options”
  - Similar names
  - Soundex Match
  - Try using **Wild Card** characters

# Wild Card Characters

- Special instructions to the search engine
- The most popular one is the asterisk ( \* )
  - It means “look for zero or more characters in this position”
- A search for “Hans\*” would match on these (and many more) names
  - **Hans**
  - **Hanson**
  - **Hansen**
  - **Hanssen**
  - **Hansson**
  - **Hansdatter**

You may need to specify an exact match to make this work

# Wild Card Characters

- The asterisk can be used anywhere in the string

\*born (to search for variations on Amborn)

Johansd\*ter (to search for variations of datter/daughter)

# Wild Card Characters

- Another popular one is the question mark ( ? )
  - It means “look for any **single** character in this position”
- A search for “Hans?n” would match on these names
  - **Hanson**
  - **Hansen**

You may need to specify an exact match to make this work

# Search For Travel Companions

- If you have names other people who were traveling with your emigrant, try searching for them instead
- If you can locate them, your emigrant may be listed nearby

# Looking for my Great Grandfather

- I knew was traveling with his nephew:
  - Otto Lorentsen who lived on the Handaa farm
  - I found him listed as **Otto L Handa**
- My Grandfather (Hans E Isakson) was listed on the next line



562 23 Otto L. Handaa 15/10

A photograph of a handwritten entry from a census record. The text is written in cursive on a light-colored background. The entry reads "562 23 Otto L. Handaa 15/10". The number "23" is printed in a bold, sans-serif font, while the other text is handwritten. The entry is on a single line.

# Search Other Repositories

- If the images have been indexed by somebody else, try searching their database
  - Sometimes things get indexed differently
  - Family Search
  - Ancestry.com
  - MyHeritage

# Look For Records in the Country of Departure

- You may find something in that record that will help you find them in the US arrival records

# Newspapers

- Ship departures and arrivals were reported in local newspapers
- If you know when and where your immigrant ancestors ship arrived, you may be able to find a notice in the paper
- This may tell you when the ship departed, where it sailed from and other information about the voyage

# MARITIME HERALD.

## PORT OF NEW YORK, AUGUST 13.

|                     | H | M  |                      | H  | M    |
|---------------------|---|----|----------------------|----|------|
| SUN RISES . . . . . | 5 | 09 | MOON RISES . . . . . | 11 | 00 M |
| SUN SETS . . . . .  | 6 | 59 | HIGH WATER . . . . . | 1  | 10 M |

### Cleared.

Brigs Sansdad, Elema, Arella, Lisbon, Grinnell, Minturn & co; Joseph, Kellar, Bangor; Tampico, Neagle, New Haven; schrs Exemplar, [Br] Lockhart, Fogo, N F, T Winniett; Rebecca, Collins, Philadelphia; Iowa, Dayton, Baltimore, Gager & Mailler; Caroline, Long, Boston; Fidelia, Turner, Boston; Olive, Porter, Wilmington; A Marshall, Mayo, Boston; Cornelia, ———, Boston; sloop Moses Eddy, Bliven, Philadelphia; barge Shark, Philadelphia.

### Arrived.

Packet ship Hudson, Doane, from Glasgow, 28th June, with mdse to Dunham & Dimon. July 19, lat 44, lon 39, exchanged signals with an American bark, bound E, showing a white signal with a red circle, and a black ball in the centre; same time spoke the Br brig Rose, from Liverpool, for Hallifax, 26th, lat 43, lon 46, saw a packet ship bound E, with cross in her fore topsail. 28th, lat 42, lon 51, picked up a square bale of cotton. 27 steerage passengers—one died on the passage.

Ship Ely Whitney, Dyer, (of Boston) 39 days from Havre,  
in ballast to Boyd & Hincken—210 steerage passengers.  
Br ship Constitution, Neil. 41 days from Liverpool, with  
salt to Roach Brothers—200 steerage passengers.  
Br ship Madras, Collins. 77 days from Hull. (For A Smith

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 3C <i>Union</i>                                                                |                                                        | <i>Swedish</i>          |                      | Date <i>May 10 - 03</i>                        |                      | Serial No. <i>62-23</i>          |              |
| MANIFEST                                                                       |                                                        | Part of <i>Swedish</i>  |                      | Family name                                    |                      | Given name                       |              |
| <i>530 HANDBA</i>                                                              |                                                        | <i>OTTO L.</i>          |                      | Accompanied by                                 |                      |                                  |              |
| C.I.V. No.                                                                     | Place and date of issue                                | Section and subdivision |                      | Quota country charged                          |                      | R.P. No.                         |              |
|                                                                                |                                                        | Act of 1924             |                      |                                                |                      | P.V. No.                         |              |
| Place of birth (town, country, etc.)                                           | Age                                                    | Yrs.                    | Sex                  | M.                                             | S.                   | Occupation                       | Read         |
|                                                                                | <i>18</i>                                              | <i>Mon.</i>             | <i>M</i>             | <i>W.</i>                                      | <i>D.</i>            | <i>Farmer</i>                    | <i>Write</i> |
| Language or exemption                                                          | Race                                                   | Nationality             |                      | Last permanent residence (town, country, etc.) |                      |                                  |              |
|                                                                                | <i>Roman.</i>                                          | <i>Roman.</i>           |                      | <i>London, Sweden</i>                          |                      |                                  |              |
| Name and address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came    |                                                        |                         |                      |                                                |                      |                                  |              |
| Ever in U.S. From                                                              |                                                        | To                      |                      | Where                                          |                      | Passage paid by                  |              |
| <i>No.</i>                                                                     |                                                        |                         |                      |                                                |                      | <i>Bro.</i>                      |              |
| Destination, and name and complete address of relative or friend to join there |                                                        |                         |                      |                                                |                      |                                  |              |
| <i>English, N.Y. to Bro. J. Lindgren</i>                                       |                                                        |                         |                      |                                                |                      |                                  |              |
| Money shown                                                                    | Ever arrested and deported, or excluded from admission |                         |                      | Purpose in coming and time remaining           |                      |                                  |              |
| <i>50</i>                                                                      | <i>No.</i>                                             |                         |                      | <i>Colon.</i>                                  |                      |                                  |              |
| Head tax status                                                                | Height                                                 | Complexion              | Hair                 | Eyes                                           | Distinguishing marks |                                  |              |
| <i>562</i>                                                                     | <i>5</i>                                               | <i>Br.</i>              | <i>Bl.</i>           | <i>Gr.</i>                                     |                      |                                  |              |
| Seaport and date of landing, and name of steamship                             |                                                        |                         |                      |                                                |                      | Con. Im. Identification card No. |              |
| Records by                                                                     | Previously examined at                                 | Date                    | Previous disposition | Present disposition, P. I.                     | Arrived by           |                                  |              |
| <i>J. J.</i>                                                                   |                                                        |                         |                      |                                                |                      |                                  |              |

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# St. Albans Border Crossing Records

- All of the records created by the US Agents in Canada were sent to Montreal to be filed
- These records were later moved to the INS district office in St. Albans, Vermont in the United States
  - They were micro-filmed and then destroyed
  - A Soundex index for the cards was created

*Vermont, St. Albans Canadian Border Crossings, 1895-1954 (Canada to the U.S.)*

# Vermont, Franklin, St. Albans, Canadian Border Crossings, 1895-1954

This collection contains an index to Canadian border entries through the St. Albans, Vermont, District, 1895-1954 and corresponds with NARA collections M1461, M1463, M1464, M1465.

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## Start your search

### Add Ancestor Information

NAME ALTERNATE NAME SEX

First Names

☐

Last Names

☐

### Add Life Event

BIRTH MARRIAGE RESIDENCE DEATH ANY

Birth Place

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Birth Year (Range)

## Collection Details

 Record Type: Migration

 6,234,950 Records

 6,235,622 Personas

 4,140,062 Images

## Location of Original Records

National Archives and Records Administration

Attach to Family Tree

(M1465) Manifest of Passengers Arriving in the St. Albans, Vermont, District through Canadian Pacific Ports, 1929-1949

# SALED, CANIN, AND STEERAGE ALIENS MUST BE COMPLETELY MANIFESTED. THIS SHEET IS FOR STEERAGE PASSENGERS. LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION. Required by the regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, under Act of Congress approved March 3, 1893, to be delivered to the Commissioner of Immigration by the Commanding Officer of any vessel having such passengers or being so arrived at a port in the United States. *S. S. Denmark* sailing from *Luxemburg*, *March 1907* Arriving at Port of *San Francisco* MAY 10 1907 1907

Chronological order or alphabetical order

Roll 1, A000 Aarne-A130 Runge

Roll 1, A130 Ruth-A160 Ivy Mary

Roll 2, A160 Herbert-A220 Teiji

Roll 3, A220 Teiji-A246 Golde

Roll 4, A246 Gregoire-A300 Maurice

Roll 5, A300 May-A350 Margaret

Roll 6, A350 Margaret-A400 Joseph

Roll 7, A400 Joseph Goodwin-A425 Catherine

Roll 8, A425 Caustine-A450 Catherine

Roll 9, A450 Catherine-A453 Rebecca

Roll 10, A453 Robert-A524 Albert

Roll 11, A524 Albert-A535 Luigi

Roll 12, A535 Luigi-A536 Elizabeth

Roll 13, A536 Elizabeth-A536 Juzef

Roll 133, E131 Clara-E210 Ivar

Roll 134, E210 Jacob-E250 Johann

Roll 135, E250 John-E350 Louise

Roll 136, E350 Mabel-E420 Hyman

Roll 137, E420 I.W.-E452 Bertran

Roll 138, E452 Carl-E525 Gustav

Roll 139, E525 Hans-E625 Eyvind

Roll 140, E625 "F"-F146 Pietra

Roll 141, F150 Alex-F220 Justyna

Roll 142, F220 "K"-F250 Otto

Roll 143, F250 Pacific-F320 Fredrich

Roll 144, F320 Gaston-F400 Zacharia

Roll 145, F410 Aaron-F430 Ewa

Roll 146, F430 Fannie-F450 Martin

Roll 268, M360 Jane-M420 Pattie

Roll 269, M420 Paul-M450 Arsene

Roll 270, M450 arthur-M460 Augoton

Roll 271, M460 August-M463 Sylvestro

Roll 272, M453 Thelma-M522 Anita

Roll 273, M522 Anna-M532 Wildred

Roll 274, M532 William-M563 Helen

Roll 275, M563 Hermance-M600 Joseph P.

Roll 276, M600 Joseph R.-M610 Theresa

Roll 277, M610 Thos-M620 Milroy

Roll 278, M620 Milton-M624 Betty

Roll 279, M624 Beulah-M625 Minerva

Roll 280, M625 Minnie-M634 Paul

Roll 281, M634 Paul B.-M635 Rosalie

# Still no luck?

- Thoroughly document (and source) everything that is known
- Document all known sources of information
- Create a timeline of events
  - Determine earliest and latest possible dates of arrival
- Create a hypothesis (theory)
- Create a document describing everything you know (and don't know).

The probable arrival date ranges **Rozina Josephi Zang** or her mother **Rosina Josephi Schmitt Zang** can be estimated based on the following facts:

- There is no doubt that **Rozina Josephi Zang Curran** was in the United States in March 1890 when her son James was conceived.
- The information provided on the 1900 census (arrival in 1867 or 1868) should be viewed as the most accurate based on the fact that it was presumably reported by people with direct knowledge of the event and is (albeit 32 years after the alleged event) the record created closest to the occurrence of the event.
  - The arrival date reported by **Margaret Zang** Schultz (1868) corroborates this information
  - If correct, it means that **Rosina Josephi Schmitt Zang** left her husband and young (13 – 14 year old) son Philip Josef in Germany.
- An 1888 arrival date was recorded for **Rozina Josephi Zang Curran** in the 1910 census.
- The 1884 date reported in **Rosina Josephi Schmitt Zang**'s obituary in 1903 agrees with the arrival date **Rozina Josephi Zang Curran** reported for herself on the 1930 census.
  - It is possible and maybe even probable that she was the informant for the obituary.

#### February 2020 update:

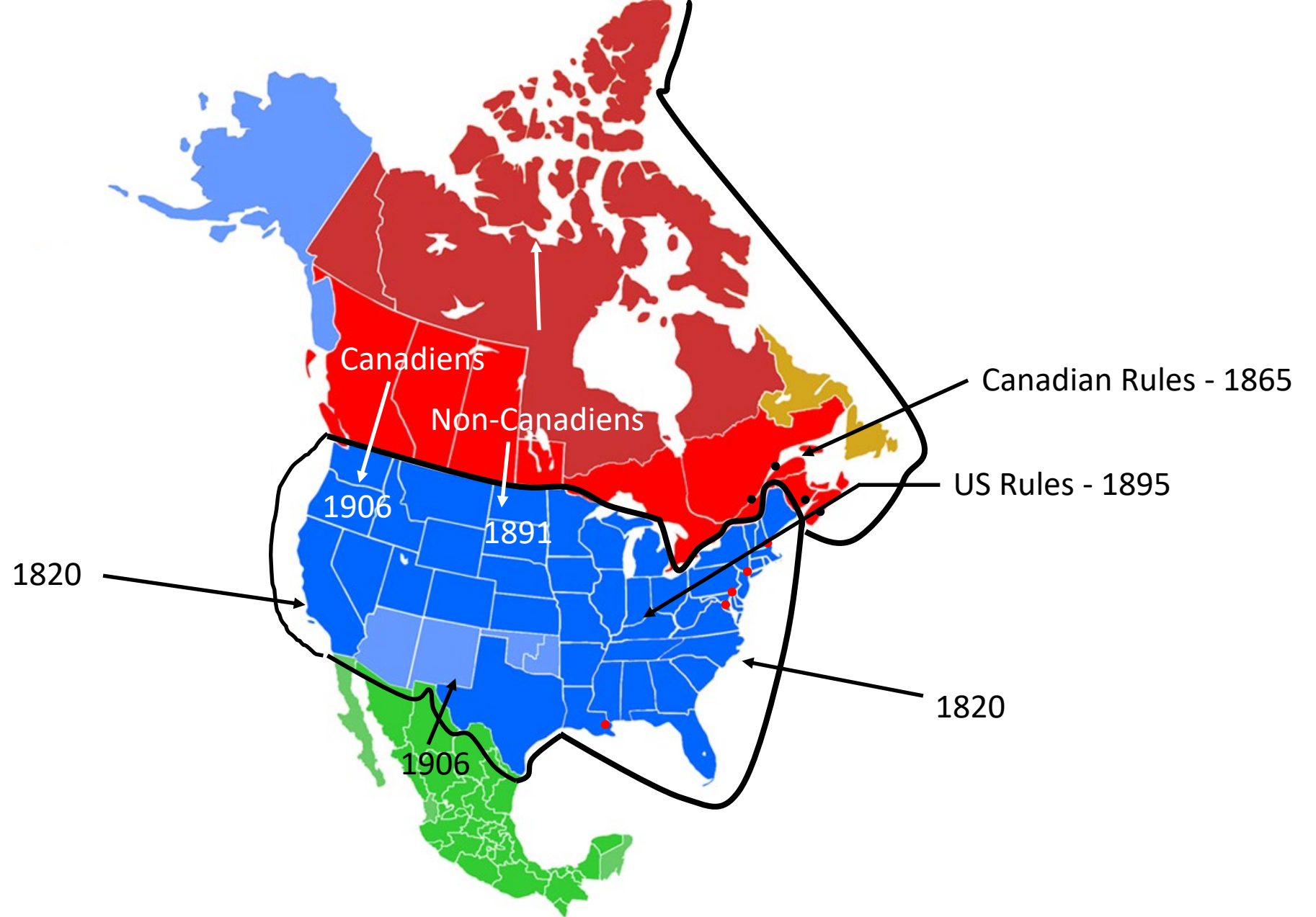
I initially rejected the 1867 – 1868 emigration time-frame as being unlikely. I had (and still haven't) found any indication that **Rosina Josephi Schmitt Zang**'s husband (**George Karl Zang** b. 1824, d. 1871) or her son (**Phillip Josef Zang**, b. 1854, d. 1905) came to the United States, and I viewed it as unlikely that the mother and two daughters would leave them behind when they emigrated. This view was somewhat supported by my inability to find any record of their presence in the United States prior to 1890.

However, I have exhaustively researched the 1884 – 1888 time-frame for any records documenting their presence or of their journey to the United States with negative results. I also just discovered Margaret Zang's obituary, with its reference to having lived in the Chicago area prior to moving to Wisconsin.

In reviewing the above information, it is probably necessary to view the 1867 – 1868 dates provided in the 1900 census as being much more likely.

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- Go through relevant image collections page by page
- Record every search & the results
- Consider hiring a professional researcher



Map Source:  
Wikipedia - *Territorial evolution of North America since 1763*

# Questions?

# Thank You!

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<https://www.rayson.us/aehanson/presentations/current/atlantic-migration-to-america/>

