

Negotiating Online Passenger & Immigration Lists

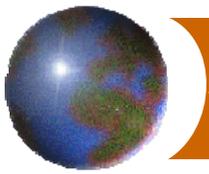
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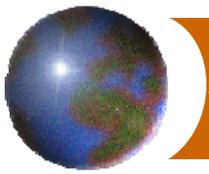
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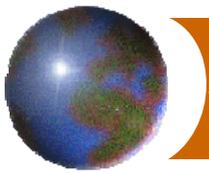
Finding Immigrant Ancestors

- Link to homeland
 - Where did they come from, and when?
- Insight into reason for immigration
 - Why did they come to the United States?
- Who did they immigrate with?
 - Who did they leave behind?



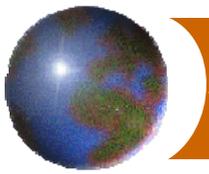
Immigration Basics

- Every ship had a passenger list or cargo manifest.
 - ▣ Prepared at the point of departure.
 - ▣ Included name of ship, name of captain, dates of departure/arrival, roster of passenger names.
- 1565: The first permanent European settlers arrived in the new world.
 - ▣ In St. Augustine, Fla.



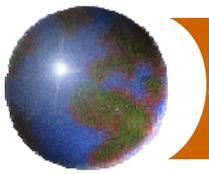
Immigration Basics

- 1820: U.S. government established law requiring that passenger arrival information be recorded.
 - Mandated that certain details be recorded.
 - Ship name, captain's name, dates and ports of departure and arrival.
 - Name, age, sex, nationality and occupation of passengers.
 - Sometimes only the name of the head of household.



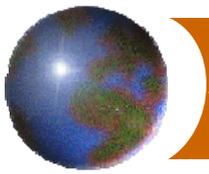
Immigration Basics

- Prior to 1820, immigration information may have been required by individual states or port cities.
 - It's rare that these original lists still exist.
 - However, many of these lists have been published in secondary sources.
 - IF a list still exists, it could be held in any number of places, including at local level.



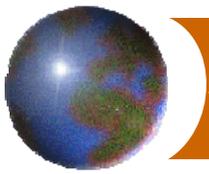
Major Ports

- In the beginning, people landed where they landed.
 - No official ports or customs stations.
- 18th century: Philadelphia was the major port of entry.
- 1825: New York City became the busiest port with opening of Erie Canal.
- 19th and early 20th century – 101 ports.



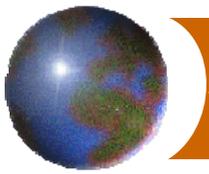
How Long Did It Take?

- Sailing vessels could take four to 12 weeks to cross the Atlantic.
 - Seven to eight weeks on average.
- 19th century steamships: two to three weeks.
- By the 1920s, the journey took only five days.



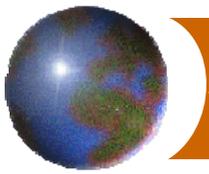
Where Immigrants Came From

- Prior to 1882, the majority of immigrants came from northern and western Europe.
- By 1907, three-quarters came from southern and eastern Europe.



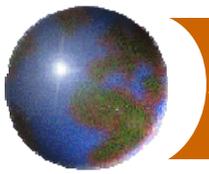
Immigration Regulation

- Prior to 1875, states regulated ports.
- 1875 to 1890: Federal and state governments handled immigration jointly.
- 1890: U.S. took control of immigration at New York City.
- 1891: U.S. took over all ports.



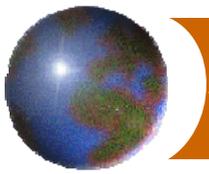
1893: U.S. Required More Info

- Marital status
- Last residence
- Final destination
- If in U.S. previously
- If joining a relative
- Able to read, write
- If had train ticket to final destination
- Amount of money
- State of health
- 1903: Added race
- 1906: Added personal description, place of birth
- 1907: Added nearest living relative in native country



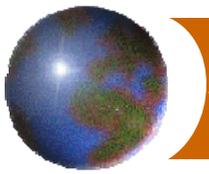
What About Ellis Island?

- Castle Garden came before Ellis Island.
 - ❑ Aug. 1, 1855 to April 18, 1890.
 - ❑ First processing station for immigrants in the U.S.
 - ❑ Established by the state of New York.
- Temporary center used April 19, 1890 to Dec. 31, 1891.
- Ellis Island opened Jan. 1, 1892.
 - ❑ Country's first federal immigration center.
 - ❑ Designed to handle up to 10,000 immigrants a day.
 - ❑ June 14, 1897: Fire destroyed the center.



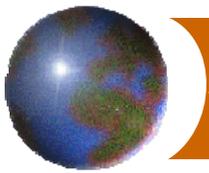
What about Ellis Island?

- Temporary office reinstated June 1897 to Dec. 16, 1900.
- Dec. 17, 1900: New building opened.
 - Not as big as the original building because immigration had slowed because of the cholera epidemic in Europe and the economic depression in the United States.
 - This building underwent many additions.



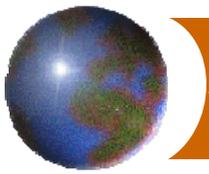
What about Ellis Island?

- 1st and 2nd class passengers did not go through Ellis Island.
 - Boat would dock at pier, and steerage passengers were ferried back to Ellis Island for inspection.
- Immigration officials did not change names.
 - They worked from passenger lists created at port of departure.



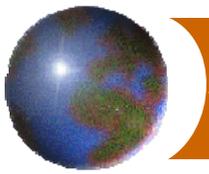
1920s Bring Changes

- 1921: Emergency Quota Act set restrictions on immigrations.
 - Southern, eastern Europeans and Japanese faced tightest restrictions.
- 1924: Law requires immigrants to apply for visas and be accepted for admission prior to leaving for the United States.
 - Ellis Island no longer needed to process immigrants.
- By the 1960s, most immigrants were arriving by airplane.



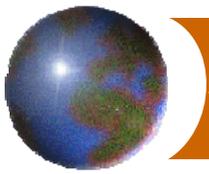
Finding Passenger Lists

- Passenger lists from 1820 to 1950s are on microfilm at the National Archives.
 - ▣ Library of Michigan has many of these indexes and some copies of these lists.
 - ▣ More are added to various Web sites all the time.



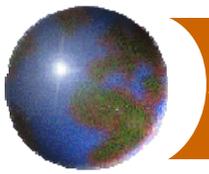
Searching Passenger Lists

- Lists were created at port of departure.
 - Recorded by ship's officer.
 - Word of mouth.
- Check the original source if available.
- Be aware of variant spellings.
- Search years before and after the immigration year you have.
- Births and deaths at sea may be listed at the end of a passenger list.



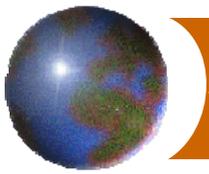
Print Resources

- Using index books to find immigrants.
 - ▣ Read the introductory material.
 - This should explain source information, what's being indexed and how information is organized.
- "Passenger and Immigration Lists Index"
 - ▣ Indexes other immigration books.
- Other books indexed by nationality, arrival port or place of settlement.
 - ▣ "Germans to America," "Immigrants to New England, 1700-1775"



Preliminary Information for Searching

- Name at time of immigration
 - Some changed name upon arrival
- Age
- Year of immigration
- Port of arrival
- Port of departure
- Ethnicity/nationality
- Any information on fellow travelers



Finding Preliminary Information

- U.S. census

- Beginning in 1870, census listed place of birth for individuals, whether parents were foreign-born.
- Beginning in 1880, parents' place of birth also included.
- 1900-1930 lists year of immigration, naturalization status.

- Family records

- Naturalization papers

Date Illinois Chicago City
 Census 1910 Ward of city 9 Block No. 300
 Territory of 1910 X
 Incorporated year X

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
 FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910
 POPULATION SCHEDULE

Enumeration District No. 16-392
 Reporting's District No. 79
 Enumerated to date April 15, 1910

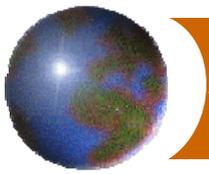
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Ancestry Library Edition

- Subscription site available at the Library of Michigan.
- New passenger information added frequently.
 - Especially within the last year or two.
- Find information from a variety of ports, time periods and sources.
- Ancestry.com has "Passenger and Immigration Lists Index."
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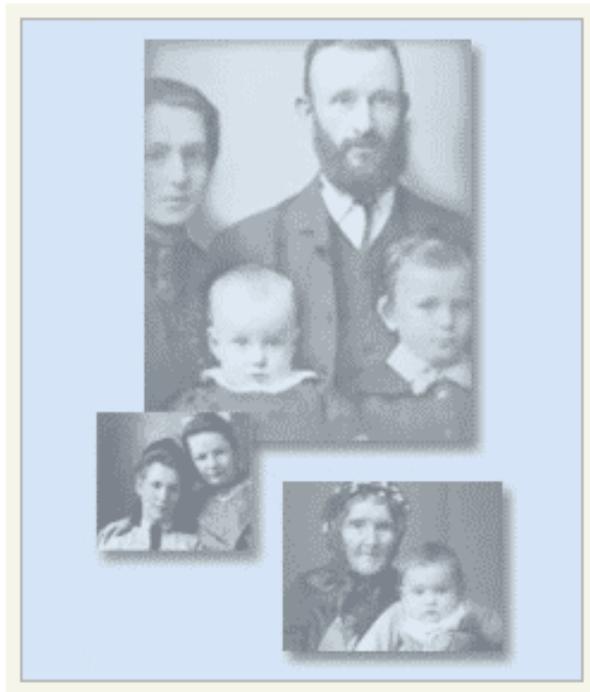
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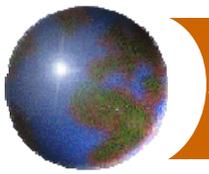
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LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES

Required by the regulations of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor of the United States, under Act of Congress approved February 20, 1907, to be delivered

S. S. *Argentine*, sailing from *Genoa* on *April 19, 1908*

No. of Passenger	Name of Passenger		Sex	Age	Color of Hair	Color of Eyes	Complexion	Height	Build	Place of Birth	Last Known Residence		The name and address of the agent or other person to whom the passenger is consigned	Date of Arrival		
	Family Name	Given Name									Street	City		State	Day	Year
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	<i>108-45 ave East Side Chicago</i>									<i>Sweden</i>	<i>Stockholm</i>	<i>Sweden</i>				



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- Free Web site.
- www.castlegarden.org
- 10 million names covering 1830 to 1892.



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Enter passenger's first name if possible, and last name. Use * as a wildcard

First name

Last name

Next, select a range of dates for their arrival.

1882

- 1887

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CastleGarden.org offers free access to an extraordinary database of information on 10 million immigrants from 1830 through 1892, the year Ellis Island opened. Over 73 million Americans can trace their ancestors to this early immigration period.

Castle Garden, today known as Castle Clinton National Monument, is the major landmark within The Battery, the 23 acre waterfront park at the tip of Manhattan. From 1855 to 1890, the Castle was America's first official immigration center, a pioneering collaboration of New York State and New York City.

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The Battery remains one of the oldest public open spaces in continuous use in New York City. American Indians fished from its banks, and the first Dutch settlers built a low, stone wall with cannons, a battery to protect the harbor and New Amsterdam. The transformations of The Battery and that of the Castle tell the history of New York and, by association, the

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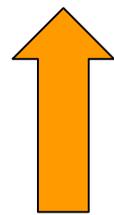
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VALENTIN SOHM

OCCUPATION CARPENTER**AGE** 43**SEX** M**LITERACY** U**SHIP** LABRADOR**ARRIVED** 24 Jan 1884**ORIGIN** GERMANY**PORT** HAVRE

LAST RESIDENCE

DESTINATION 7554**PLAN** Unknown**PASSAGE** Unknown

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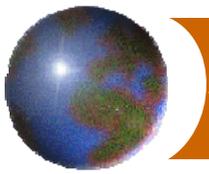
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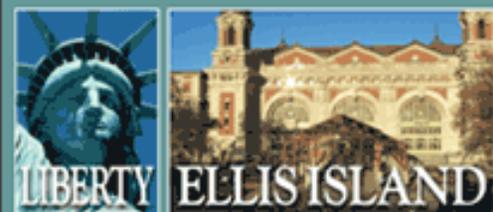
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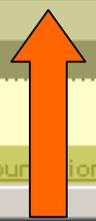


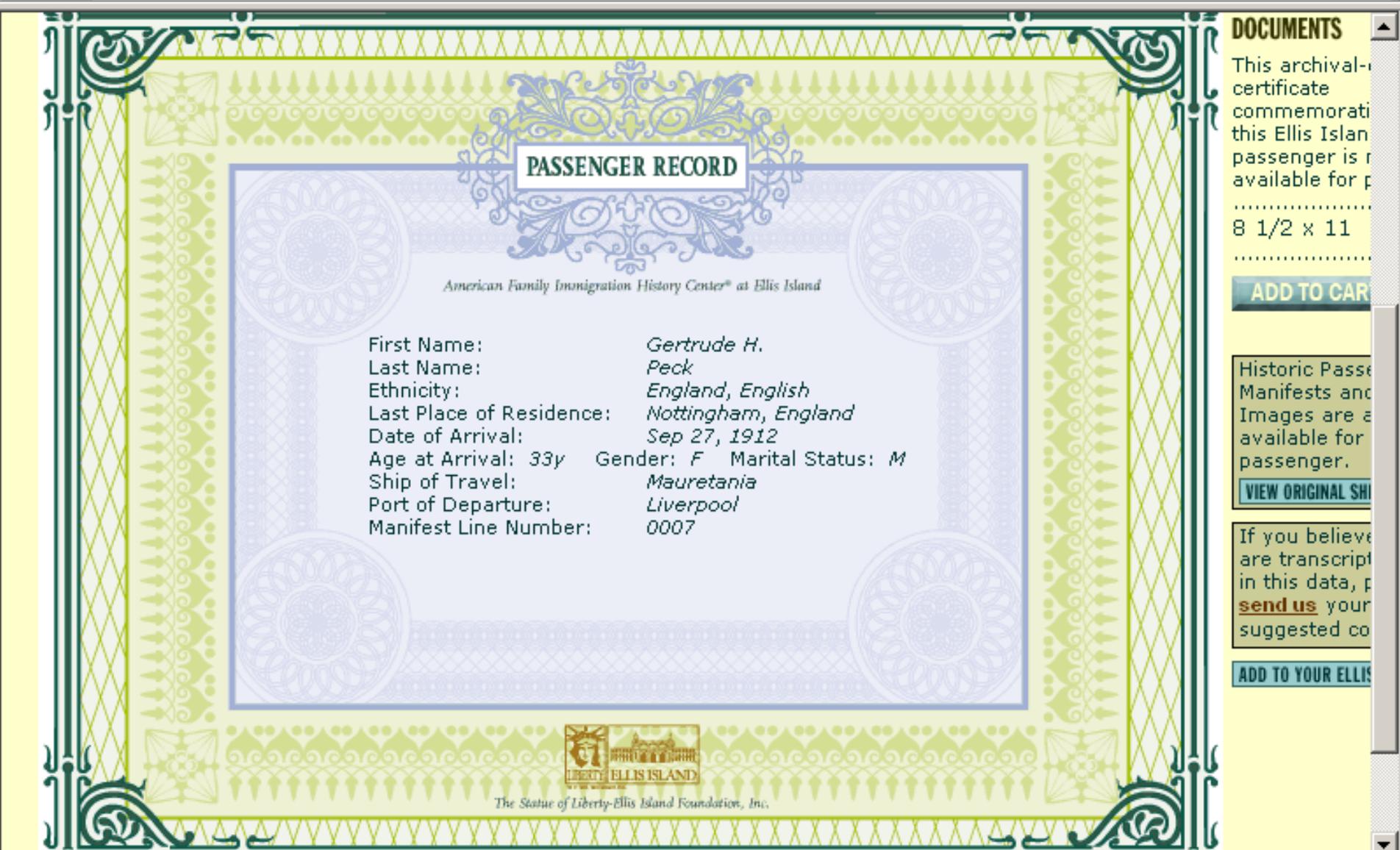
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PASSENGER RECORD

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First Name:	<i>Gertrude H.</i>				
Last Name:	<i>Peck</i>				
Ethnicity:	<i>England, English</i>				
Last Place of Residence:	<i>Nottingham, England</i>				
Date of Arrival:	<i>Sep 27, 1912</i>				
Age at Arrival:	<i>33y</i>	Gender:	<i>F</i>	Marital Status:	<i>M</i>
Ship of Travel:	<i>Mauretania</i>				
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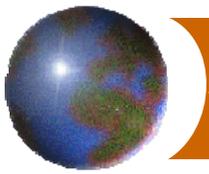
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Age.		Sex.	Married or Single.	Calling or Occupation.	Able to—		Nationality. (Country of which citizen or subject.)	Race or People.	*Last Permanent Residence.		
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Peck	Gertrude H.	33	W	Wife							
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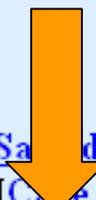
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Bark Johanna Elise

Hamburg, Germany to New York
10 June 1856

DISTRICT OF NEW YORK – PORT OF NEW YORK

I, H. Wyborg *, Master of the Bark Johanna Elise do solemnly, sincerely, and truly swear that the following List or Manifest, subscribed by me, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs of the Collection District of New-York, is a full and perfect list of all the passengers taken on board of the said vessel at Hamburg from which port said vessel has now arrived; and that on said list is truly designated the age, the sex, and the occupation of each of said passengers, the part of the vessel occupied by each during the passage, the country to which each belongs, and also the country of which it is intended by each to become an inhabitant, and that said List or Manifest truly sets forth the number of said passengers who have died on said voyage, and the names and ages of those who died. So help me God. (Signed) H. H. Wiborg*. Sworn to this 10th June 1856. Before me, (signed) ?. W?1?? Jap????.

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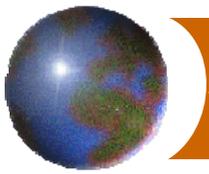




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147	Mathilde Sellmer	4 F	Prussia		Between decks
148	August Sellmer	2 M	Prussia		Between decks
149	Johann Sellmer	M	Prussia	born on the voyage	Between decks
150	Jacob Lieske	32 M Farmer	Prussia		Between decks
151	Wilhelmine Lieske	26 F	Prussia		Between decks
152	Gottlieb Lieske	3mos M	Prussia	died on the voyage	Between decks
153	Michael Hunger	25 M Farmer	Prussia		Between decks
154	Wilhelm Heyden	26 M Carpenter	Prussia		Between decks
155	Minna Heyden	26 F	Prussia		Between decks
156*	Minna Lie?a?d	20 F	Prussia		Between decks
157	Wilhelm Heyden	9mos M	Prussia		Between decks
158	Johann Peter	30 M Farmer	Mecklenburg		Between decks
159	Doris Peter	21 F	Mecklenburg		Between decks
160	Emil Wadell	19 M Locksmith	Prussia		Between decks
161	Eduard Wadell	17 M Gilder	Prussia		Between decks
162	August Winkel	25 M Butcher	Prussia		Between decks
163	Friedrich Winkel	19 M Butcher	Prussia		Between decks
164*	Barth??? Brei?bach	30 M Tailor	Prussia		Between decks
165*	A. Deddenhause?	50 M Tailor	Prussia		Between decks
166	Martin Henschell	26 M Labourer	Prussia		Between decks
167	Sophie Henschell	30 F	Prussia		Between decks
168	Auguste Henschell	4 F	Prussia		Between decks
169	Emilie Henschell	2 F	Prussia		Between decks
170	Maria Henschell	8 F	Prussia		Between decks
171	Julius Henschell	6mos M	Prussia	died on the voyage	Between decks
172	Friedrich Fischer	24 M Tailor	Prussia		Cabin
173	Rosalie Fischer	24 F	Prussia		Cabin
174	Auguste Fischer	6mos F	Prussia		Cabin
175	Johann Hintz	31 M Carpenter	Denmark		Cabin
176	Herman Helgenberg	18 M Merchant	Prussia		Cabin
177*	H. Rassinger	2.5 M Labourer	Prussia		Cabin





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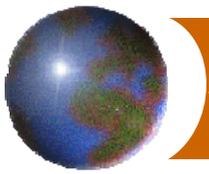
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	Family Name	Given Name	Surname						Country	City or Town		Country	City or Town

Last Permanent Residence.		The name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came.
Country.	City or Town.	
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Sister Mrs Amadio.
1075 O. Ave S. Chicago Ill

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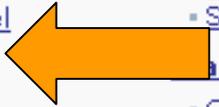
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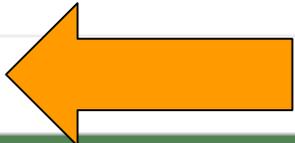
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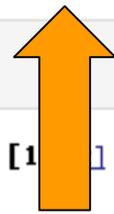
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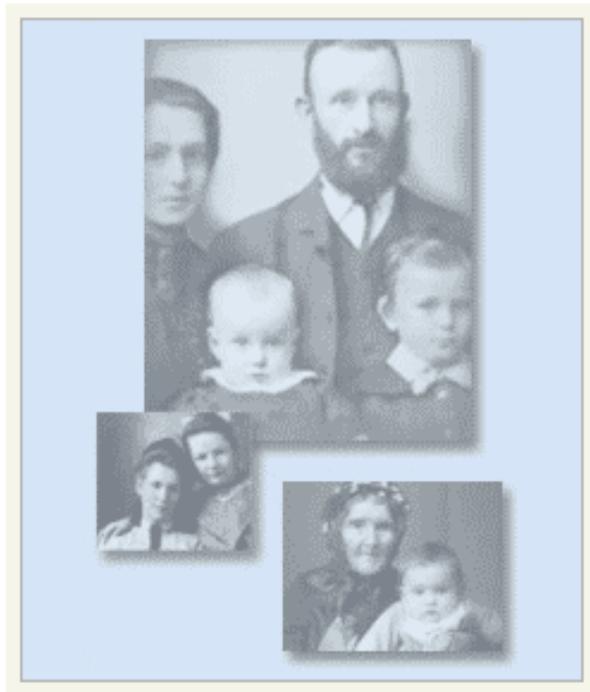
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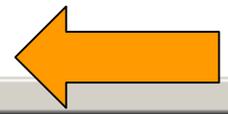
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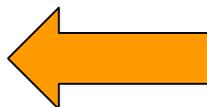
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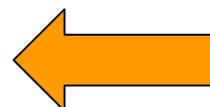
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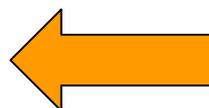
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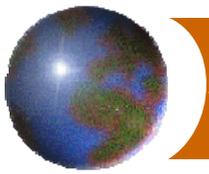
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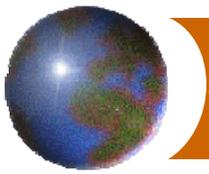
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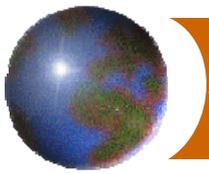
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- The first immigration stations on the border opened in the 1890s.
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The chief of the Astor family in America appears to have grown taller during his trip abroad and seemed to be glad to return again to his native land. When questioned as to his future plans, he referred, as usual, to the faithful Dobbin, who was his father's secretary for so many years and who was at the pier to meet him.

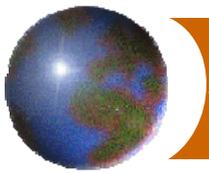
Mr. Astor did say, however, that his mother would come over in about ten days and spend a part of the Winter in New York, and also that he had leased the house in Fifth Avenue owned by Lloyd Bryce, the American Ambassador to Holland. When asked if he was likely to marry soon, Mr. Astor said that for the present his time would be fully taken up by looking after his father's vast estate, and that, anyway, he was too young to wed.

Another passenger was Irving M. Day of J. K. Rice, Jr., & Co., who had been away on a short trip through Europe. Mr. Day said that, judging from his own impressions, business in general abroad was steadily improving and the bankers seemed favorably impressed with American securities as an investment.

Louis Ralston, an artist, who returned on the Mauretania, brought with him several paintings, which included a portrait of Mrs. Donald Rennle and her son and daughter by Sir Henry Raeburn, 43 by 54 inches in size; another of Miss Louisa Meredith by Sir Thomas Lawrence, and a portrait of the Hon. Mary Lillian Scott, from the collection of Lord Polworth of Mertoun Castle, Roxburghshire.

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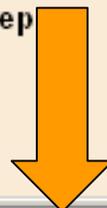
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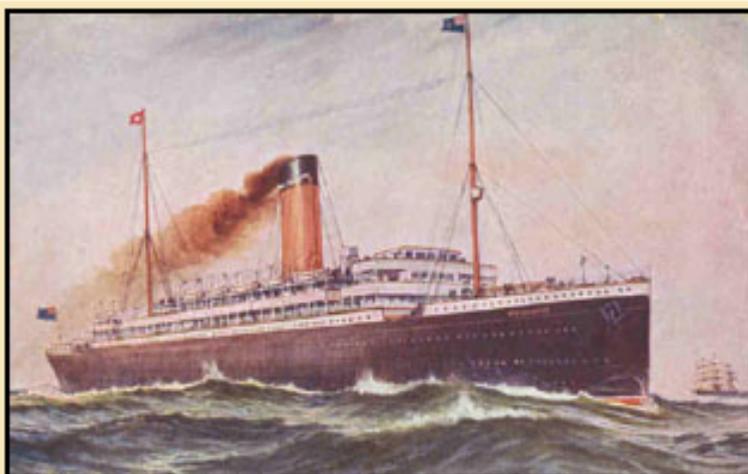
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1909 - 1933

In 1907, the Cunard Line had introduced two new astounding ocean liners named *Lusitania* and *Mauretania*. They became known as the largest, fastest and most luxurious passenger liners afloat. With a service speed in the vicinity of 25 knots, the two ships captured the Blue Riband of the Atlantic from the German liners *Kaiser Wilhelm II* and *Deutschland*.

With Cunard stealing all the glory, the British rival White Star Line, wanted its share as well. They started to plan for two new ships that would outmatch *Lusitania* and *Mauretania* in size and luxury, but not in speed. If the first two ships were successful, they would be followed by a third. Of course, these ships were the *Olympic*, *Titanic* and *Britannic*. With a gross tonnage of roughly 45,000 tons, they would beat the Cunarders with 15,000 tons.

Lusitania and *Mauretania* owed the Blue Riband to their spectacular machinery. Instead of the conventional triple or quadruple



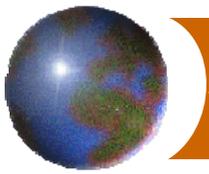
The Megantic at sea.

expansion engines, Cunard had invested its money in the new turbine engines. This type of machinery gave the two liners 68,000 horsepower. If they had been equipped with expansion engines, it is possible that they would not have taken the Blue Riband from the Germans.

With the success of turbine power for Cunard, White Star thought they also needed a new type of engines for their new liners. The previous prime ships of the line – the *Celtic*, *Cedric*, *Baltic* and *Adriatic* – had all been equipped with two screws and expansion engines, but to the cost of a fairly low service speed at 16 knots. However, they were very reliable, and the North Atlantic passengers enjoyed these comfortable ships.

White Star Line did not go as far as to decide on genuine turbine engines straight away. They saw two choices – either would they have the conventional expansion engines with two screws fitted into the *Olympic*-class, or they would invest in a combined sort of engine with triple

expansion engines that powered a turbine engine with excess steam. The expansion engines would turn two wing propellers, while a centre propeller would be powered by the turbine. But before inserting one of the choices into the ships straight away, White Star needed to test the two engine types against each other.



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