

Bridging the Atlantic: Finding the Ancestral Home

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1. Identify the colonist or immigrant
2. Search all original source materials for the locality and era in North America where the ancestor resided.
3. Ascertain the national origin
4. Consult onomastical tools
5. Remember the cluster approach
6. Passenger arrival lists
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 - d. -----, *North American Wills Registered in London, 1611-1857*.
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 - k. -----, *Scottish American Wills*.
 - l. Henry Wagner, *Huguenot Wills and Administrations in England and Ireland 1617-1849*.
9. Land Records.
10. Military and Pension Records.
11. Court Records.
12. Vital Statistics
13. Diaries, journals, correspondence
14. Nostalgia
15. Newspapers
16. Genealogical literature
 - a. Persi
 - b. World wide web
 - c. Local Histories
17. Family Search
18. Alumni Registers
 - a. Joseph Foster, *Alumni Oxonienses, 1500-1886*. 8 vols.
 - b. John Venn. *Alumni Cantabrigienses, 1250-1900*. 6 vols.

19. Occupations
 - a. clergy
 - b. guilds
20. Biographical directories of colonists
21. Church records
 - a. Society of Friends
 1. Joseph Besse, *A Collection of the Sufferings of the People Called Quakers*.
 2. Audrey Sullivan, *Index to Volume I and Volume II of a Collection of the Sufferings ...*
 3. Friends House Library Digest, *Registers of Births, Marriages, and Burials for England and Wales, 17th Century—1832*. Microfilm, 32 rolls.
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 - c. Hermann F. Macco, *Swiss Emigrants to the Palatinate in Germany and to America 1650-1800, and Huguenots to the Palatinate and Germany*.

FINDING YOUR IMMIGRANT ANCESTOR, OR BRIDGING THE ATLANTIC

1. Identify the colonist or the immigrant and the era of time.
2. Search all source material for clues pertinent to him or her.
3. Seek to establish the country of origin.
 - a. Family traditions.
 - b. Interviews with collateral relatives.
 - c. Awareness of national customs among descendants.
 - d. Heirlooms which might be identified with a particular period of time and/or a geographical locality.
4. Consult reference works on surnames.
5. Use the cluster approach.
6. Passenger arrival records.
 - a. Colonial.
 - b. Federal.
 - i. New Orleans: lists 1820-1902; 1903-1945; indexes 1853-1899, 1900-1952; quarterly abstracts 1820-1875.
 - ii. Baltimore: lists 1820-1891, 1851-1948; indexes 1820-1897, 1833-1866, 1897-1952; quarterly abstracts 1820-1869.
 - iii. Boston: lists 1820-1891, 1891-1943, 1902-1942; indexes 1848-1891, 1902-1906, 1906-1920.
 - iv. New York City: lists 1820-1897, 1897-1942; indexes 1820-1846, 1897-1902, 1902-1943, 1944-1948.
 - v. Philadelphia: lists 1800-1882, 1883-1945; indexes 1800-1906, 1883-1948.
 - vi. Miscellaneous Atlantic, Gulf Coast, & Great Lakes Ports: lists 1820-1873; indexes 1820-1873.
 - vii. San Francisco: (from insular possessions) 1907-1911; (from Honolulu) 1902-1907; indexes (non-Chinese) 1893-1934;
 - viii. San Pedro/Wilmington/Los Angeles 1907-1936.
 - ix. Overland border crossings
 - (a) Canadian border
 - (1) VT St. Albans 1895-1954, 1929-1949
 - (b) Mexican border
7. Naturalization records.
 - a. Courts of records.
 - b. Colonial indexes.
 - i. Maryland.
 - ii. New Jersey 1702-1776.
 - iii. New York.
 - iv. Pennsylvania 1740-1773.
 - v. Virginia.
 - c. Statewide indexes.
 - i. Arkansas 1809-1906.
 - ii. Connecticut 1791-1906.
 - iii. Georgia -1950.
 - iv. Indiana 18__-1906.
 - v. Louisiana 1831-1906.
 - vi. Maine 1791-1906.
 - vii. Maryland 1791-1951.
 - viii. Massachusetts 1791-1906.
 - ix. Mississippi 1788-1906.
 - x. New Hampshire 1791-1906.
 - xi. North Carolina 1792-1862.
 - xii. Rhode Island 1791-1906.
 - xiii. South Carolina 1783-1850.
 - xiv. Texas, 1846-1939.

8. Probate records.
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9. Land records.
10. Military and pension records.
11. Court minutes.
12. Census records, both federal and state.
 - a. 1820 & 1830. b. 1850. c. 1870. d. 1880. e. 1900, 1910 & 1920.
13. Mortality schedules.
14. Passport applications.
15. Family documents.
16. Newspapers.
17. Vital statistics.
 - a. Death certificates of immigrants.
 - b. Birth certificates of children of immigrants.
 - c. Church records.
 - d. Cemetery records.
18. Photographs.
19. Bibles.
20. Diaries, journals, correspondence.
21. Nostalgia.
22. The genealogical literature.
 - a. Periodicals.
 - b. County and town histories.
23. The International Genealogical Index.
24. Departure records from Europe.
 - a. Hamburg.
 - b. LeHarve.
 - c. Antwerp

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- b. John P. Colletta, *They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your*

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- c. P. William Filby, Passenger and Immigration Lists Bibliography 1538-1900, Being a Guide to Published Lists of Arrivals in the United States and Canada.
- d. -----, Passenger and Immigrant Lists Index.
- e. Immigrant and Passenger Arrivals, A Select Catalog of National Archives Microfilm Publications.
- f. John J. Newman, American Naturalization Records 1790-1990: What They Are and How to Use Them.
- g. 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.
- h. Bradley W. Steuart, Passenger Ships Arriving in New York Harbor (1820-1850).
- i. Arnold Kludas, Great Passenger Ships of the World. 6 vols. [1858-1975]
- j. Loretto D. Szucs, They Became Americans: Finding Naturalization Records and Ethnic Origins.

By National Origin:

- a. Ira A. Glazier, Germans to America, Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports, 1850+ .
- b. -----, Italians to America, Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports, 1880-1899.
- c. -----, Famine Immigrants, List of Irish American Arriving at the Port of New York, 1846-1851.
- d. -----, Migrations from the Russian Empire, Lists of Passengers Arriving at the Port of New York, January 1875+ .
- e. Robert P. Swierenga, Dutch Immigrants in U.S. Ship Passenger Manifests 1820-1880, An Alphabetical Listing by Household Heads and Independent Persons.
- f. John O. Evjen, Scandinavian Immigrants in New York, 1630-1874.
- g. Mary Voultzos, Greek Immigrant Passengers 1885-1910.
- h. Robert E. Owen, Luxembourgers in the New World, A Re-edition Based on the Work of Nicholas Gonner Die Luxemburger in der neuen Welt.
- i. Gerhard B. Naeseth, Norwegian Immigrants to the United States, A Biographical Dictionary 1825-1850.
- j. Leo Baca, Czech Immigration Passenger Lists. 8 vols.
- k. Nils W. Olsson, Swedish Passenger Arrivals in the United States 1820-1850.
- l. David A. Haurly, Index to Mennonite Immigrants on U.S. Passenger Lists, 1872-1904. [15,000]
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4. -----, Passenger Arrivals at the Port of Charleston, 1820-1829.
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