

# Using Records & the Internet to Find Ancestral Homelands

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Where did my ancestor come from?	When did my ancestor come?	What ship did my ancestor come on?
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## Background Information

- Rate of immigration over time brings millions to the United States
- Reasons to leave one's country
- Reasons to re-settle in another country
- Immigration routes
- Major ports in the US
  - New York
  - Boston
  - Baltimore
  - Philadelphia
  - New Orleans

## Sources with Immigration Information

- American sources
- Home sources
- Census records
- Vital records
- Obituaries
- Newspapers
  - New York Times Arrivals and Departures at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ote/ships/nytimes.htm>
- Church records
- Naturalization records
  - Michigan Naturalization records and indexes
- Military records

## Immigration Records (Coming IN to a country)

- Passenger lists
- Customs Passenger lists
- Immigration lists
- Border crossings
  - Canadian
  - Mexican
- Passport applications

## Emigration Records (Exiting or leaving a country)

- Emigration records
  - England (after 1890) <https://www.findmypast.com> & <https://www.ancestry.com>
  - [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England Emigration and Immigration](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England_Emigration_and_Immigration)
- [https://www.Familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany Emigration and Immigration](https://www.Familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Emigration_and_Immigration)
  - Hamburg, Germany
  - Baden, Germany
  - Wuerttemberg, Germany
  - Sweden
- [https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Sweden Emigration and Immigration](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Sweden_Emigration_and_Immigration)
  - Norway
- [https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Norway Emigration and Immigration](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Norway_Emigration_and_Immigration)
  - Scotland
- [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Scotland Emigration and Immigration](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Scotland_Emigration_and_Immigration)
- Departure lists
  - Many on microfilm, cover Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden & Germany
  - Dutch emigrants: 1835-1880
  - English to America: 1773-1776
  - Irish Departures: 1833-39 & 1847-1871 (incomplete)
  - Scotland Passenger lists:  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20150206043511/http://www.scotlandsfamily.com/ships-passengers.htm>

## Resources

- Printed Resources
  - Filby's Passenger & Immigration Lists
  - Missing Friends (Boston Pilot)
- Internet Resources
  - Ancestry.com
  - EllisIsland.org
  - Stevemorse.org
  - Castlegarden.org
  - Findmypast.co.uk
  - Germanroots.com.ei.html

## Research Tips

- Names variations
- Language issues
- Culture differences
- Different indexes
- Various ship lists
- Detention lists
- Aliens held for special inquiry
- Duplicate customs passenger lists
- Cluster Genealogy
- Manifest Markings (<http://www.jewishgen.org/infofiles/manifests/>)

