

Resources We Have . . .

Census Records

Our facility has microfilm copies of the existing Federal population census schedules, taken every 10 years, for all states 1790–1930 (nearly all of the 1890 schedules were destroyed by fire in 1921). There are Soundex indexes to the 1880, 1900, and 1920 censuses and partial Soundex indexes to the 1910 and 1930 censuses. In addition, commercially published indexes are available in our research room for most states and census years, including print sources, online databases, and CD-ROM.

The archives also has microfilm copies of non-population census schedules for Massachusetts 1850–80, and Vermont 1850–70, as well as some schedules of a special census of Union veterans and widows of veterans taken in 1890.

Naturalization Records

Our holdings include records of immigrants living in New England who applied for American citizenship. Below is a list of these naturalization records, consisting of the original petition and some declarations of intention. Complete or partial indexes are available for some of the courts. In addition, there is a Soundex index to naturalization petitions and records for all Federal and non-Federal courts in the New England states covering the years 1790–1906 (Connecticut 1790–1939).

1. Federal Court Records (U.S. District Courts and Circuit Courts)

Massachusetts, 1790–1991	Rhode Island, 1842–1991
Maine, 1790–1991	Vermont, 1801–1982
Connecticut, 1842–1991	New Hampshire, 1873–1991

2. Other Court Records

We have 5" x 8" photostat negative copies ("dexigraphs") of naturalization records from Federal, state, county, and municipal courts in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont, 1790–1906.

3. Connecticut Naturalization Records

We have some records from non-Federal courts, 1790–1974. Included are records of Connecticut Superior Courts, Courts of Common Pleas, District Courts, and some municipal courts.

Passenger Arrival Lists and Border Crossings

Our holdings include microfilm copies of the lists for the ports of:

Boston (1820–1943)	Baltimore (1820–91)
Gloucester, MA (1906–42)	Philadelphia (1800–1926)
New Bedford, MA (1826–52; 1902–42)	New Orleans (1820–1902)
Portland, ME (1820–68; 1893–1943)	New York (1820–1926)
Providence, RI (1820–67; 1911–43)	Galveston (1896–1951)
Canadian Border Crossings (1895–ca.1954)	

At least partial indexes exist for most of the above lists.

Customs Records

American seamen from New England are documented in U.S. Customs Service records. These records may provide information that includes place of birth, town of residence, physical description, and sometimes names of relatives. Specific records include crew lists, shipping articles (which document payments), records of seamen's protection (issued for identification), case files of deceased and deserted seamen, and Marine Hospital returns of seamen (not medical records, documents money withheld for dues). These are available for various New England ports, 1789–ca. 1950. Researchers will need to know what ports individual seamen may have shipped out of in order to effectively use these records. To locate crew lists it is usually necessary to know the vessel name and port. Please inquire about using these records before visiting, since the records listed above do not exist for every New England port in all time periods.

Draft, Military Service, and Pension and Bounty Land Application Records

We have microfilm copies of the applications for pension and bounty land warrants issued to veterans of the Revolutionary War and military service records of those who served in the war. These records cover all states and include name indexes. We also have War of 1812 military bounty land war-

Form 1 30-267 REGISTRATION CARD No. 28

1	Name in full: George Herman Ruth	Age in yrs: 28
2	Place of birth: Baltimore, Md.	State: Md.
3	Date of birth: Feb 7, 1894	(Month) (Day) (Year)
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)?	1 natural born
5	Where were you born?	Baltimore Maryland U.S.A.
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office?	Base Ball - Boston American
8	By whom employed?	28 Fenway Park
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)?	the
10	Married or single (specify)?	Married