

Tuesday, September 3, 10 A.M.-4 P.M. (EDT)

TIME	#	LECTURE TITLE	PRESENTER
10 A.M.	1	Introduction to Military Records at the National Archives	John Deeben National Archives at Washington, DC
11 A.M.	2	Introduction to Genealogy: Civilian	Rebecca K. Sharp National Archives at Washington, DC
NOON	3	Alien Files (A-Files)	Elizabeth Burnes National Archives at Kansas City, MO
1 P.M.	4	Native American Records	Michael Wright National Archives at Fort Worth, TX
2 P.M.	5	National Archives Online Resources for Genealogy	Nancy Wing National Archives at Washington, DC
3 P.M.	6	Citizenship Matters: Bureau of Naturalization Files at the National Archives	Zack Wilske U.S. Immigration & Citizenship Services, Washington, DC

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INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY: CIVILIAN Rebecca Sharp

This lecture provides tips for beginning your genealogical research in Federal records. Topics covered include census and immigration records.

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INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY: CIVILIAN

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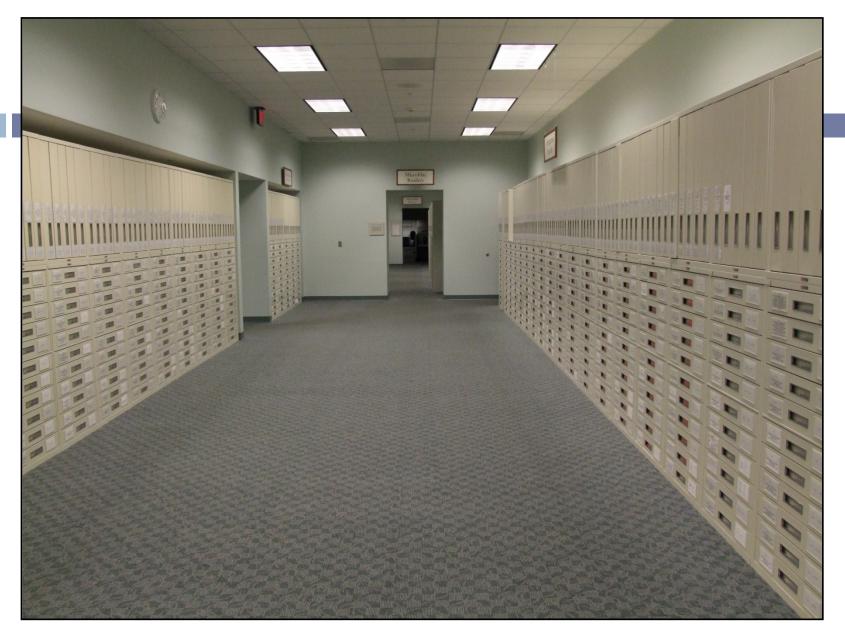
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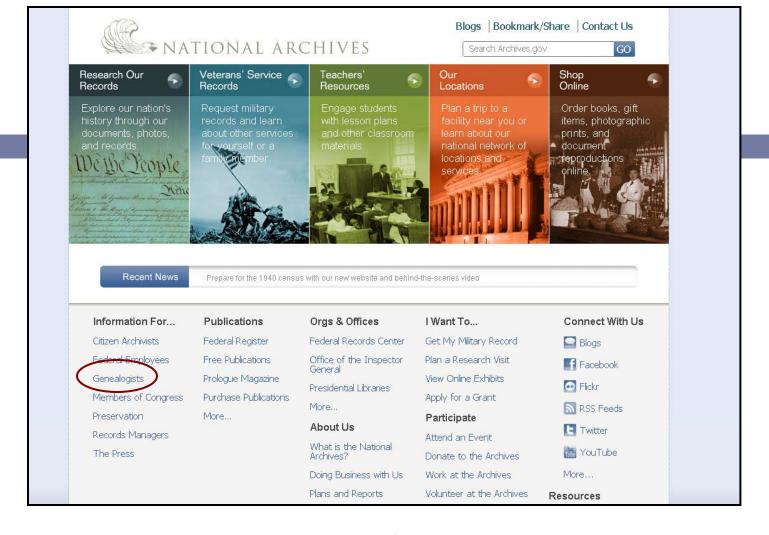


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- Read books about genealogy
- Join a genealogical society
- Attend lectures and genealogical conferences
 - NARA Know Your Records lectures <u>www.archives.gov/calendar</u>
 - Local conferences
 - National conferences
 - Federation of Genealogical Societies, <u>www.fgs.org</u>
 - National Genealogical Society, <u>www.ngsgenealogy.org</u>
- Start with yourself & your family
 - Interview your relatives
 - Examine family documents
 - Record full names, important dates (birth, marriage, death), residences
 - Organize your information

State & local records & published sources

- Vital records
 - birth
 - marriage
 - divorce
 - Death
- Published family histories
- Newspapers



www.archives.gov

For a tour of the National Archives website, view "National Archives Online Resources for Genealogy"

Census Records

- **1790-1940**
- Every 10 years
- □ Closed for 72 years after they are taken
- Arrangement
 - Year
 - State
 - County
- Start with the most recent census and work backwards

Census Records

- **1790-1840**
 - Lists the head of the household
 - Gives statistics on the household members

1840 Census

Union Township, Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania

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Samuel Yoder

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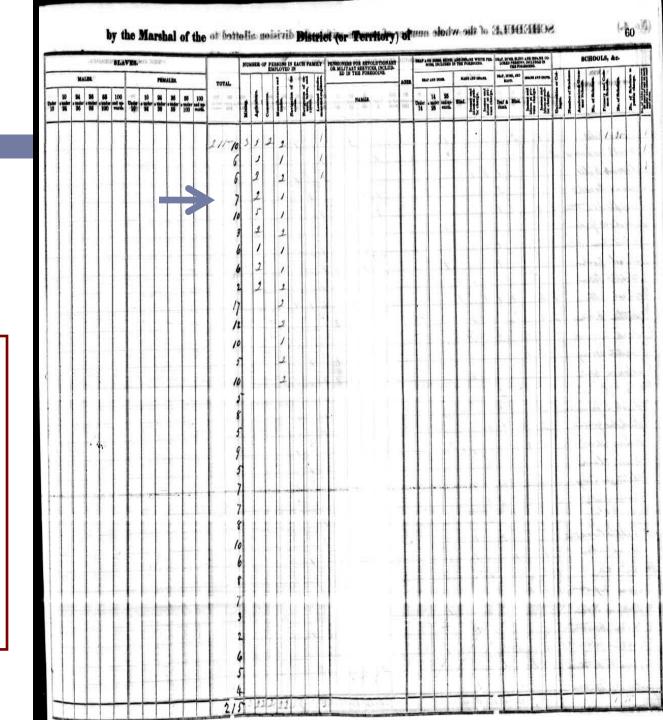
Samuel Yoder

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7 people in household

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2 people work in Agriculture



Census Records

- **1850-1870**
 - List all members of the household
 - Does not give relationship to head of household

- **□** 1850 & 1860
 - Separate Free and Slave Schedules

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Census Records

- **■** 1880-1940
 - Relationships to the head of household
 - Citizenship Information
 - year of immigration (1900-1930)
 - naturalization status (1900-1940)
 - ■Naturalized Na; filed first papers Pa; Alien Al
 - ■1920 year of naturalization
 - Arrangement by Enumeration Districts

1890 Veterans Census

Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts

William Finn

Served in the 1st Engineers, Co. J

Enlisted June 1862

Discharged Oct. 13, 1868 (served 6 years, 3 months)

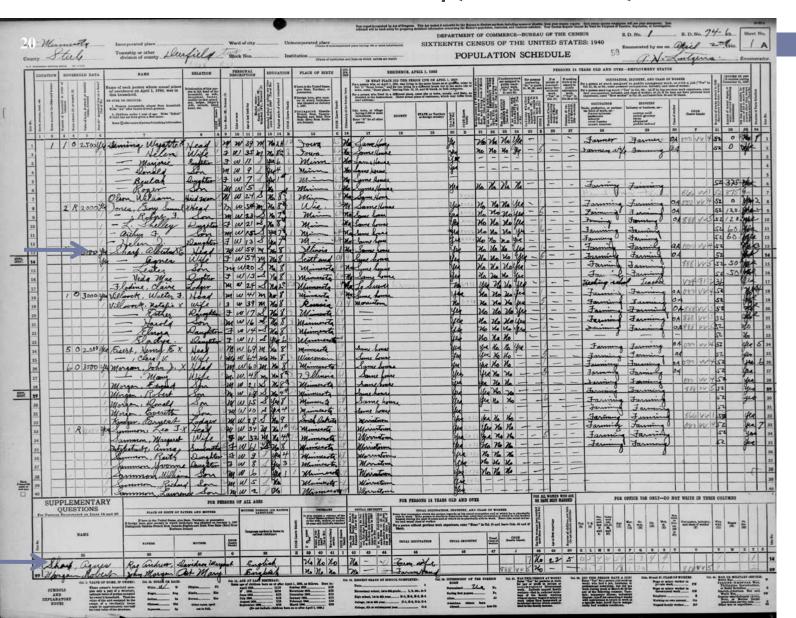
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- □ Release date: April 2, 2012
- Digital (no microfilm)
- http://1940census.archives.gov/
 - General information
 - How to start your 1940 search
 - Finding aids
 - Videos
 - Articles

1940 Census

Deerfield Township, Steele Co., Minnesota



Census Records – Availability

- □ Microfilm
 - National Archives Building & Regional Archives
 - FamilySearch Centers <u>www.familysearch.org</u>
- Online
 - www.ancestry.com
 - www.heritagequestonline.com
 - <u>www.fold3.com</u> (partial)
- Mail Order:
 - www.archives.gov
 - for a fee

Immigration Records

- □ U.S. Customs Service
 - **1820-1890**
 - Philadelphia starts in 1800

- □ Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)
 - **1891–1957**

Immigration Records – Major Ports

Pl	hiladelphia	1800 -	1952

■ San Francisco 1882 – 1957

Border Crossings

- St. Albans 1895 1954
- Mexican ca. 1903 ca. 1955

Immigration Records – What Can I Find?

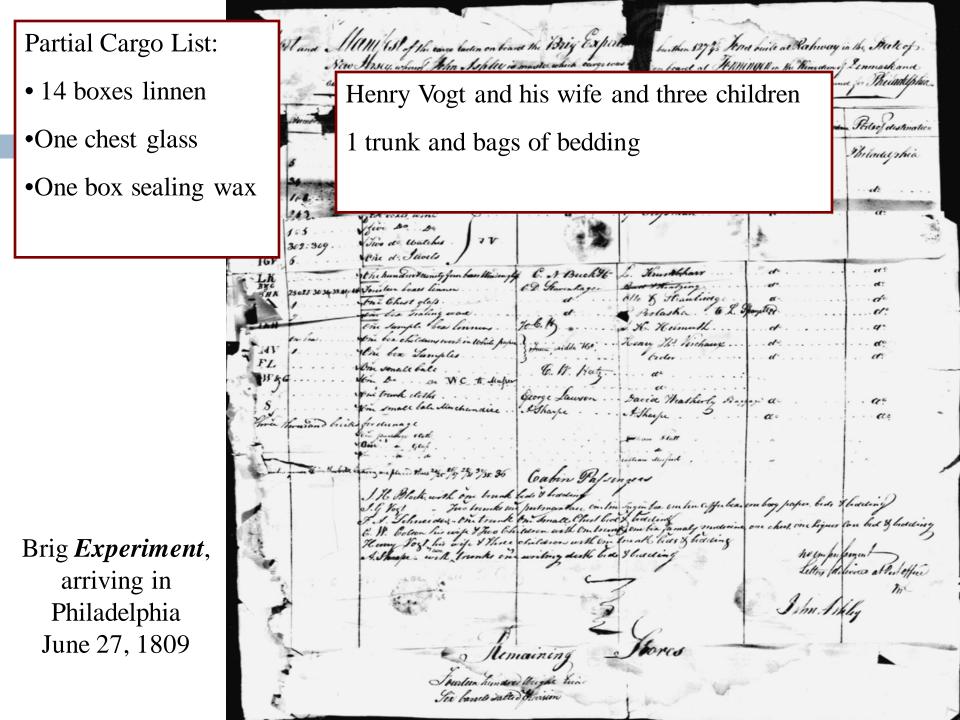
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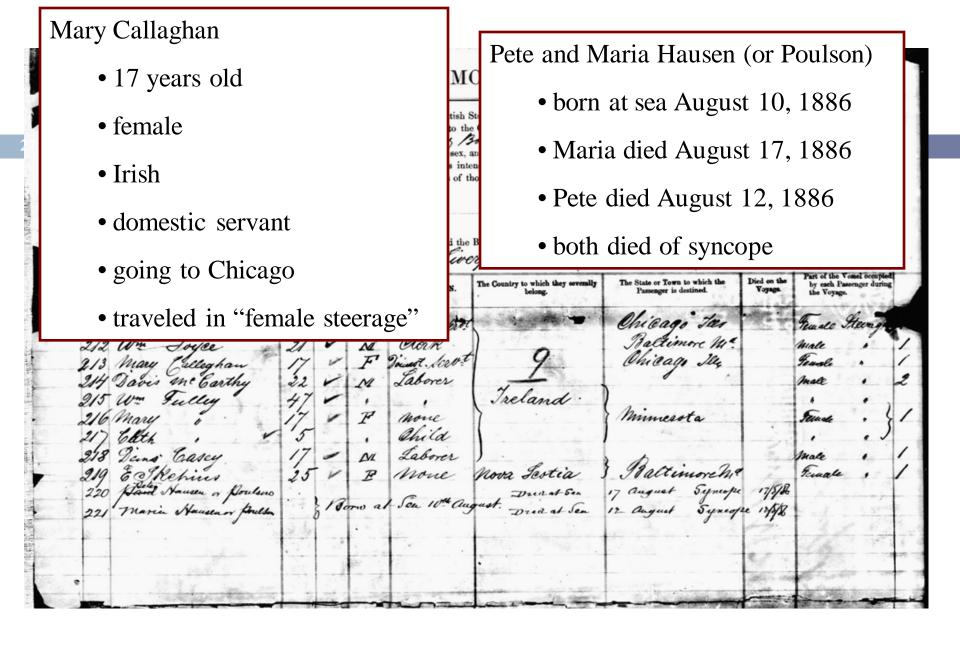
- Name of the Vessel
- Name of the Ship's Master
- Ports of Arrival and Embarkation
- Date of Departure
- Date of Arrival

Immigration Records – What Can I Find?

Early Records (early to mid 19th century records)

- Name of individual
- Age
- Occupation
- Country of origin
- Destination





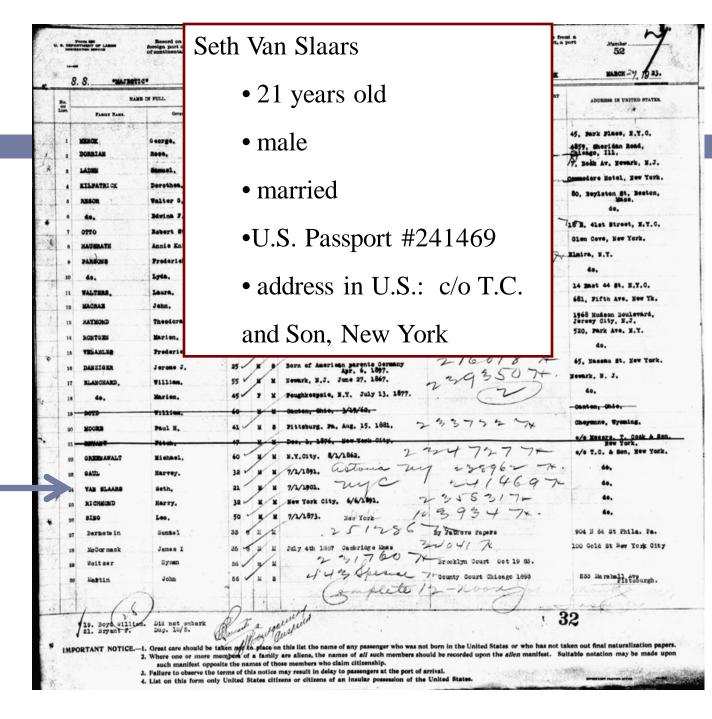
S.S. Nova Scotian arriving Baltimore August 1886

Immigration Records – What Can I Find?

Later Records (late 19th century to 20th century records)

- Name of individual
- Names of traveling companions (if any)
- Age and personal description
- Occupation
- Last residence
- Name and address of relatives they are going to join
- Whether they can read or write
- Whether they are a polygamist or an anarchist
- Amount of money they are carrying

S.S. Majestic arriving New York March 27, 1923



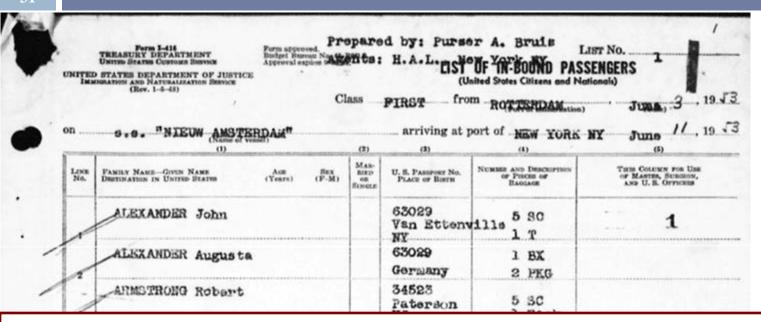
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- father born in Smyrna and immigrated to the U.S. in 1895
- intends to travel to Spain, Algeria, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Monaco, France and the British Isles
- includes affidavit from mother about his birth
- includes a photograph

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Passport Application of Sidney Van Slaars

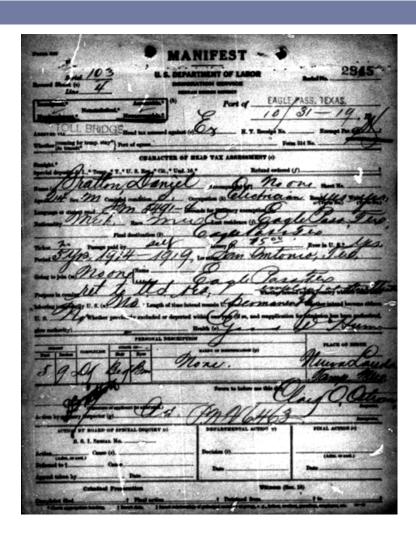
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arriving New York June 11, 1953



John Alexander	Augusta Alexander
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Border Crossings – Mexican



Daniel Bratton

- age 24
- Electrician
- Carrying \$15.00
- Lived in San Antonio, TX 1914 1919
- Returning to U.S. residence
- final destination: Eagle Pass, TX
- employed at the state theatre
- Personal Description:
 - 5'9"
 - Dark complexion
 - Brown eyes

Eagle Pass, Texas

Immigration Records - Availability

- Microfilm
 - National Archives Building & select Regional Archives
 - FamilySearch Centers <u>www.familysearch.org</u>
- Online
 - <u>www.ancestry.com</u> (database & digital images)
 - www.ellisisland.org (database & digital images)
 - <u>www.castlegarden.org</u> (database)
- Mail Order:
 - www.archives.gov
 - for a fee



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Questions?