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***Immigration and Naturalization
Service (INS) Exclusion and
Deportation files
at the National Archives***



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Do you have an immigrant ancestor who was held on Ellis Island? An old family story about a relative who was “sent back to the old country?” If so, there may be a record in the Archives. This presentation will use case study examples to introduce family historians to INS exclusion and deportation files (1893–1950) now in the National Archives. Viewers will hear tips for determining if a record may exist, learn the best ways to search for exclusion and deportation files, and see sample files from immigrants eventually admitted, excluded, or deported.

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