



Introduction to Genealogy at the National Archives

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Learn how to do basic genealogical research using Federal records at the National Archives including census, immigration, and military service and pension records.



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Getting Started on Your Research

An Introduction to Using Records in the National Archives

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Genealogy: A Lifetime Hobby Makes History Relevant

- Geography
- Economics
- Politics
- Social factors
- Religion
- Climate
- and other forces shaped our ancestors lives.

Begin with Yourself

- First, Get Organized, Get Your Tools
 - Box or Binder
 - Full-sized paper or notebooks
 - Pencils, pens, pencil sharpener, stapler.
 - Four- or five-generation ancestor chart
 - Family group sheets
 - Genealogy computer program? or word processing program

Begin with Yourself



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Ancestral Chart

Chart No. _____

- Fill out your ancestor chart

Born
Place
Married
Place
Died
Place

Born
Place
Married
Place
Died
Place

Born
Place
Died
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Born
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Born
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Died
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Born
Place
Married
Place
Died
Place

Born
Place
Died
Place

Cont. On Chart _____

Name of Spouse

Begin with Yourself



Family Group Sheet

- Fill out a family group sheet for each ancestor and each ancestor's siblings.

Husband			Occupation(s)	
	Date	Place	Immigration	
Born			Naturalization	
Christened			Military Service	
Died			Cause of Death	
Buried			Date of Will	
Married			Other Marriages	
Father				
Mother				

Wife (maiden name)			Occupation(s)	
	Date	Place	Immigration	
Born			Naturalization	
Christened			Military Service	
Died			Cause of Death	
Buried			Date of Will	
Father			Other Marriages	
Mother				

Other Information/Records (ie. Census, Passports, etc...)

Begin with Yourself

Organize any “old family papers” you may have:

Certificates of birth, marriage, death.

Newspaper death notices.

Military papers, Social Security Cards,

Photographs, everything.....

Interview Your Relatives

- Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins....
- They may know names, dates, places, family stories.
- They may have “old family records” pertinent to your ancestors.
- Stories, family traditions, “life in the olden days”

Starting points

- Collect basic facts
 - Names of ancestors, their siblings, other relatives
 - Dates of birth, marriage, death, divorce
 - Places of birth, marriage, death, divorce
 - Occupation
 - Military service
 - Other biographical details

Linking it all Together

Name plus some additional fact that links him or her to a specific geographic location or event on a specific date.

AND the source of that information.

Name by itself is not enough.

Why Knowing the Source is Important...

Fred T. Brown

Death certificate Died 1921

Gravestone Died 1922

Why Knowing the Source is Important...

Sarah M. Presley Hayford

Death record..... Died 2 Apr. 1902

Newspaper..... Died 3 Apr. 1902

Join Genealogical Societies

- National Genealogical Society
- Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society
- State genealogical societies: the state in which you live, and the states in which your ancestors lived
- County genealogical societies: county in which you live and counties in which your ancestors lived
- Historical societies

Why Join Genealogical Societies?

- Publications
 - Articles useful to you
 - Vehicle for *you* to publish in
- Information about the area
 - History, records, research facilities, more
- Networking
- Education - conferences, classes, etc.

Publish or Your Research Perishes!

- Publications by Genealogical Societies:

County

State

National

- Self-publish.

Write up your family story – do it well.

Make sure copies of your “book” are with other family members, libraries where your family lived, libraries with “national” collections

Learn How to Do Genealogy Right

- Borrow books from your public library on how to do genealogy, relevant aspects of history, and so forth
- Take genealogy classes
- Follow the research standards recommended by the National Genealogical Society

Do Research in Real Records

- Federal
- State
- County
- Libraries: books, microfilmed records, more!
- Other: cemeteries, churches, funeral homes, private organizations

Federal Records (NARA)

- Census: 1790–1940
- Military Service Records, Pension Records, Unit Records, World War I and II Draft Registration Cards
- Immigration Records: 1820–1950s, entry at sea or land border ports of arrival
- Naturalization Records
- Many other possibilities

Doing Research in Archival Records: The “misspelled name”

- The name may not be spelled as you expect to find it.
 - The “ear” test:
 - What did the census taker (or other record keeper think was said?
 - Probably didn’t ask how it was spelled.

The misspelled name

Westurn Western, Weston

Hayford Hefford, Hafford, Heyford

Siml Symel, Chimel

McCuller ... McAlley

Census, 1790–1940

- Start with 1940 and work backwards
- Find everyone in the entire extended family in every census
 - To get a complete picture of the family
 - Work yourself around brick walls
- Indexes (computer or in book form) have mistakes.

Census, 1790–1930

- What do you do when you “can’t” find the person using an index?
 - Try spelling the name a different way
 - Use “brute force” -- If you know where the person lived, read the census for that town/township/village/district, etc., page by page, line by line.

Census, 1790–1930

- Census is arranged geographically
 - By state
 - Then by county
 - Then by local jurisdiction

Census, 1790–1940

- 1870–1940: Every person listed by name
 - Name
 - Age & gender
 - Race
 - Marital Status
 - Occupation
 - Birthplace
 - 1880–1930: birthplace of parents
 - & more

Census, 1790–1940

- 1850–1860: Every free person listed by name
 - Name
 - Age & gender
 - Race
 - Marital status
 - Occupation
 - Birthplace

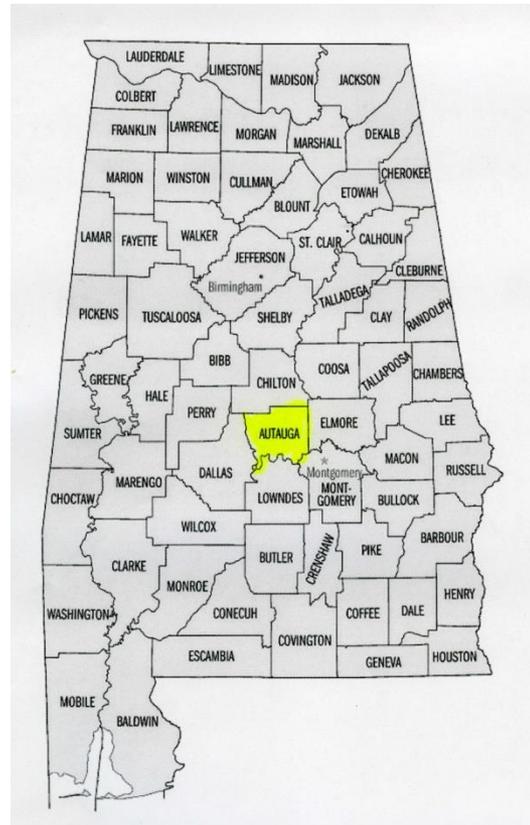
Census, 1790–1940

- 1850–1860 Slave Schedules
 - Name of slave owner
 - List of slaves by age and gender: no names

Census, 1790–1940

- 1790–1840: Name of head of household
 - All household members listed by gender and age categories: no names
 - Slave would be part of master's household

Sample Census Search for an African-American Family in Autauga Co., Alabama



Sample Search: “Jese” Washington Family - beginning with 1930

- 1930: Live in Washington, Autauga County, Alabama. T626, Roll 1, E.D. 1-3.
 - Jese, 63
 - Ella, 58
 - Harry, 17
 - Dotty, 16
 - Betty, 15
 - Arch, 14
 - Quince, 13
 - plus Albert Walter, grandson, 14

Sample Search: Joe Washington Family – now back to 1920

- 1920: Live in Washington, Autauga County, Alabama. T625, Roll 1, E.D. 3:
- Joe, 45
- Ella, 40
- Ida, 24
- Anna, 16
- Eddie, 15
- Foster, 14
- Lula, 12
- William, 10
- *Harry, 9*
- *Dollie, 8*
- *Bomista [?], 6*
- *Archie, 5*
- *Quincy, 3*
- *Albert, 4, “step son”*
- Notice: Parents are 45 & 40 instead of expected 53 & 48

Sample Search: Joe Washington Family – now back to 1910

- 1910: Live in Washington, Autauga County, Alabama. T624, Roll 1, E.D. 3:
- Joe, 36
- Ella, 35
- *Ida L., 13*
- Clarence, 12
- *Anna, 9*
- *Eddie, 7*
- *Foster, 5*
- *Lula, 3*
- *William, 2*
- *Harrie, 9/12*
- Note: Parents are 36 & 35 instead of the “expected” 35 & 30

Sample Search: Joe Washington Family – now back to 1900

- 1900: Live in Washington, Autauga County, Alabama. T623, Roll 1, E.D. 3:
- Joe, Sept. 1869 (30)
- Ella, Jan. 1878 (22)
- *Clarence, July 1898 (2)*
- *Idalee, July 1897 (3)*
- George, Sept. 1899 (8/12)

Sample Search: Joe Washington Family – now back to 1890

- Very little of 1890 Census survives.
- Most destroyed as a result of a fire in Commerce Department Building in 1921.

Sample Search: Joe Washington Family – now back to 1880

- With the information I had, I tried online indexes, but did not find him. He must be on the census somewhere. Strategies:
 - Search Autauga County line by line.
 - May be in a different county.
 - Have to use other records to find parents & origins, or siblings....

Sample Search: Joe Washington – now back to 1880

- Issues:
 - He should be a son in someone's household.
 - Age range is variable based on later censuses:
 - 1880: Age ? – somewhere between 5 and 13
 - 1900: Age 30 (Sept. 1869)
 - 1910: Age 36 (1874)
 - 1920: Age 45 (1875)
 - 1930: Age 63 (1867)

Joe Washington's wife

- Autauga County Marriage Records
- Vol. 9, Page 408
- Joe Washington to Ella Livingston (1895)
- Be sure to get copy of original record; may have more information than what is online.

Joe Washington's wife

Autauga County, Alabama Index To Marriage Records

Compiled By: Larry W. Nobles

Additional information may be acquired from:

Autauga Genealogical Society
Post Office Box 668
Prattville, Alabama 36067-0668

Autauga County Heritage Association
Post Office Box 178
Prattville, Alabama 36067-0178

Search Results:

Entries matching "washington"

If no names are listed below here, then none were found.

NAME	SPOUSE	DATE	BK	PAGE
WASHINGTON, ARON	TATUM, SALLIE	15 DEC 1875	7	71
WASHINGTON, CALLIE	CREWS, WILLIE	29 DEC 1892	9	240
WASHINGTON, CUBIT	WRIGHT, HATTIE	29 JAN 1891	9	130
WASHINGTON, DUMAS	GOLDEN, ELLA	28 FEB 1878	7	216
WASHINGTON, ELIZA	OBANNON, CARSON	21 OCT 1874	7	7
WASHINGTON, ERIUS	HUNTER, ARINA	24 JUL 1879	7	292
WASHINGTON, GABRIEL	BROWN, CAROLINE	12 FEB 1880	7	339
WASHINGTON, GEO.	DUBOSE, HATTIE	3 MAY 1890	9	84
WASHINGTON, GEORGE	PORTER, COMFORT	27 JUN 1872	6	481
WASHINGTON, JACOB	DRAKE, MARY ANN	23 OCT 1880	7	368
WASHINGTON, JACOB	DRAKE, MARY ANN	23 OCT 1880	7	368
WASHINGTON, JAMES	FRAZER, ALABAMA	16 JUL 1896	10	73
WASHINGTON, JOE	LIVINGSTON, ELLA	14 FEB 1895	9	408
WASHINGTON, JOSEPH	DEJARNETTE, MATILDA	13 DEC 1868	11	10
WASHINGTON, LONALLA	GOLSMITH, CHARLIE	10 JUN 1895	9	417
WASHINGTON, LUENAN	QUALES, JOHN	23 MAR 1871	6	483
WASHINGTON, MARIAH	GROVES, EUGENE	29 JUL 1897	10	182
WASHINGTON, SELLA	TAYLOR, TONY	19 MAY 1883	8	56
WASHINGTON, WILLIE	JOHNSON, ADA	28 JAN 1891	9	129

Ella Livingston's family – back to 1880

- Issues: We're working with little information. Likely in Autauga County.
- Ella's age range is variable based on later censuses:
 - 1880: Age ? – between 2 and 8 years old.
 - 1900: Age 33 (1878)
 - 1910: Age 35 (1875)
 - 1920: Age 40 (1880)
 - 1930: Age 58 (1872)

Ella Livingston's family – back to 1880

- 1880: Living in Prattville, Autauga County, Alabama, T9, Roll 1, E.D. 2. Likely match:
 - Hill Livingston, age 45
 - Mary, 30
 - Melissa, 16
 - George, 12
 - Archie, 12
 - Clara, 11
 - Hilliard, 7
 - **Ella, 6**
 - Edgar, 3
 - Hattie, 6 months
- “Hill” is likely short for Hilliard.

1880 Census Image

44	192 1/4	Livingston Roll	B 20 45		1	Farmer			1	ala	S. G.	ala
45		Wife	B 7 36	Wife	1	Keeping house			1	ala		
46		Missie	B 5 16	Daughter		At home			1	ala	ala	ala
47		George	B 12 12	Son	1	At home			1	ala	ala	ala
48		Archie	B 30 12	son	1	at home			1	ala	ala	ala
49		Oliver	B 3 11	Daughter		At home			1	ala	ala	ala
50		Phillip	B 7 7	son	1					ala	ala	ala

Note D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 to 23, an affirmative each only will be used—Yes /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.
 Note E.—Question No. 23 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 18 or to question 21.
 Note F.—Question No. 24 will only be asked in cases where a paid occupation has been reported in column 11.
 Note G.—In column 7 an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

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June 13, 80

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 Supervisor's Dist. No. 4
 Enumeration Dist. No. 2

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
 Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
 Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in W. H. Prattville Street, in the County of Chautauq, State of Alabama, enumerated by me on the 11 day of June, 1880.

Thos. W. Smith, Enumerator.

T9, Roll 1

In 1880	Name	Sex	Age	Personal Description	Relationship to head of family	Civil Condition	Occupation	Health	Education	Native	Place of Birth		
											State	County	Township
	Livingston Wills	B	37 6	Daughter	1						ala	ala	ala
	Wesley	B	3	Son	1						ala	ala	ala
	Walter	B	7 4	Daughter	1						ala	ala	ala

Ella Livingston's family – back to 1870

- Likely match: “Hilliard Livingston”, age 33, found in Beat 5, Post office Prattville, Autauga County, Alabama.
- Where's his wife and children?

1870 Census Image (1)

M593, Roll 1

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Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Post No 5, in the County of Autauga, State of Alabama, enumerated by me on the 13th day of June, 1870.

Post Office: Prattville William B Jackson, Ass't Marshal.

1	2	3	DESCRIPTION.			7	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED.		10	PARENTAGE.		13	14	EDUCATION.		18	CONSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS.		
			4	5	6		8	9		11	12			15	16		17	19	20
The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.			Age at last birth-day. If under 1 year, give months in fractions, thus, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.	Sex—Males (M), Females (F).	Color—White (W), Black (B), Mulatto (M), Chinese (C), Indian (I).	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Father of foreign birth.	Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.).	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.).	Attended school within the year.	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards.	Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards, who are not naturalized or privileged as other grounds than in-birth or other crime.
1		Alexander Galin	6	M	B	at Home			Alabama										
2		Alexander George	3	M	B	at Home			Alabama										
3		Alexander Arch	3	M	B	at Home			Alabama										
4		Alexander Clara	12	M	B	at Home			Alabama										
5		Livingston Willard	33	M	B	working in Cotton Mill			Alabama						/	/		/	/
6	232	Spitzer James B.	35	M	W	working in Cotton Mill			Alabama									/	/
7		Smith Sarah	39	F	M	Keeping House			Alabama										

Ella Livingston's family – back to 1880

- 1870: Living in Beat No. 5, Autauga County, Alabama, M593, Roll 1. Likely match:
- Alexander, Mary, age 30
- Alexander, Malissa, 6
- Alexander, George, 3
- Alexander, Arch, 3
- Alexander, “Clarence,” 9/12 (Sept. 1869)
- Livingston, Hilliard, age 33

Military Service Records and Military Pension Records, ca. 1775-ca. 1906

- Revolutionary War
- War of 1812
- Civil War
- Miscellaneous wars
- Indian Wars
- Spanish-American War
- Philippine Insurrection

Military Service Records

- Indexed by War, then by name
- Provides basic facts & possibly more
 - Name
 - Age
 - Location of enlistment & how long
 - Unit(s) in which served & rank(s)
 - Basic information about his service

Compiled Military Service Records

McCullar William
 15 Massachusetts Regiment
 (Revolutionary War.)

Private Private

CARD NUMBERS.

3559	6108	27
6182		27
6246		28
6345		29
6371		30
6431		31
9369		32
716	9179	33
		34
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Number of personal papers herein *01*

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See also _____

McCullar 15 Mass.
 (Col. Timothy Bigelow.)

William McCullar
 Corp. Captain Daniel Barns' Co. in the
 Batt'n of Massachusetts Bay Forces
 commanded by Colonel Timothy
 Bigelow.
 (Revolutionary War.)

Appears on
 Company Muster Roll
 of the organization named above for the month
 of *February*, 1778.
 Roll dated *Valley Forge*
March 5, 1778.

Appointed _____, 17
 Commissioned _____, 17
 Enlisted _____, 17
 Term of enlistment *3 yrs*
 Time since last muster or enlistment _____

Alterations since last muster _____

Casualties _____

Remarks: *On duty*

Hewson

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Military Service Record

Original Record copied to Record Card

Master Roll of Cap^t Daniel Davis Comp^y in the Battalion of Massachusetts Bay Forces in the Service of the United States Commanded By Timothy Bigelow Esq^r Taken in the Month of March 1778

*Original Record of Capt^t Daniel Davis Comp^y on Furlough
 Jan^y 1st 1777
 Jan^y 1st 1777 Moses Robbitts
 Jan^y 1st 1777 John Pratt Esq^r Lib^r on Camp*

Sergeants				Privates			
No	War	Year	Remarks	No	War	Year	Remarks
1		1		18		1	
2		1		19		1	
3		1	on Duty	20		1	
4		1	Lib ^r on Camp	21		1	
				22		1	
				23		1	on Guard
				24		1	
				25		1	on Guard
				26		1	
				27		1	
				28		1	
				29		1	
				30		1	
				31		1	on Guard
				32		1	
				33		1	
				34		1	

Volley Ferry April 7th 1778 then Myles Cap^t Davis Comp^y was Mustered in the above Roll

Military Pension Records, ca. 1775-ca. 1916

- Indexed
 - Revolutionary War
 - War of 1812
 - “Old Wars”
 - Civil War & later
- More details about service, family members (widow and dependent children), medical condition

World War I and II Draft Registration Cards

- World War I: All men age 18-45 (whether or not they served)
 - Three different types of cards (information content varies)
 - Name, date & place of birth, occupation & employer, next of kin & their address, physical description
- World War II: 4th Registration (“old men”), age 45 & up

Immigration Records

- Ship Passenger Arrival Records, 1820–1957
- Land Border (Canada): 1895–1950s
- Land Border (Mexico): 1903–1950s

Immigration Records

Ship Passenger Arrival Records, 1820–1957

Year
1873

National Archives Microfilm Publication M255, Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, Maryland, 1820-1891, Roll 22, vessel Inca, arrived 14 July 1873, Johann Symel family

Document by **BERNARD ROOP & CO.**
A. F. C.
Ch. Winkler
 Master of the **Steamer Inca**
 do solemnly, sincerely and truly certify that the following List or Manifest of all the PASSENGERS taken on board of the said Ship, before me, this **14th** day of **July**, 1873, at **Baltimore**, Md., was presented to me, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs of the District of New-York, in a full and perfect list of all the passengers occupied by each, during the passage, the country to which each belongs, and also the country of which it is intended by each to become an inhabitant, and that said List or Manifest truly sets forth the number of said passengers who have died on said voyage, and the names and ages of those who died.

Sworn to, this **14th** day of **July**, 1873, at **Baltimore**, Md.
 Before me, **Ch. Winkler**
 Notary Public
 List or Manifest of all the PASSENGERS taken on board of the **Steamer Inca** from **Baltimore** to **Baltimore**

NAME	AGE	SEX	OCCUPATION	The country to which they are going	The country in which they intend to become inhabitants	Died on the voyage	Part of the crew
Adelina Winkler	34	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Charlotte Lohr	19	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Adelung Langemann	25	1	male	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Richard	21	2	male	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Esther	23	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Richard Karpusky	28	2	male	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Charlotte Karpusky	24	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
William	12	1	male	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Mathias Chack	35	2	male	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Esther	23	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Esther	10	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Adelung Lohr	10	1	male	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Joseph Link	37	2	male	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
"	28	2	male	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Adelung Lohr	27	2	male	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Charlotte	5	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Mathias	55	1	male	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Esther	35	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Esther	10	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Joseph	4	1	male	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Joseph	2	1	male	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Esther	22	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Esther	29	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Esther	2	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Esther	27	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Esther	28	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Esther	52	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Esther	4	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Esther	22	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Esther	20	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Esther	51	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Esther	42	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Esther	20	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger
Esther	17	2	female	Prussia	Prussia		Passenger

30th 1873

Immigration Records

- Ship Passenger Arrival Records, 1820-1957

National Archives Microfilm Publication TB44, Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, Maryland, 1891-1909, Roll 31, vessel Cassel, arrived 20 Aug. 1902, Franz Polak, line 13

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Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen, Steamship Company.

LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN IMMIGRANTS FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION.

List No. 13

Required by the regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, under Act of Congress approved March 3, 1883, to be delivered to the Commissioner of Immigration by the Commanding officer of any vessel having such passengers on board upon arrival at a port in the United States.

No. *Cassel* sailing from Bremen, *Aug 20* 1902 Arriving at Port of Baltimore, *Aug 20* 1902

No. on List.	NAME IN FULL.	Age	Married or Single	Calling or Occupation.	Able to Read Write	Nationality.	Last Residence.	Seport for landing in the United States.	Final destination in the United States. (State, City or Town.)	Whether having a ticket to reach final destination.	By whom was passage paid.	Whether in possession of money, if so, whether more than \$10 and how much if \$10 or less.	Whether ever before in the United States, and if so, when and where.	Whether going to join a relative, and if so, what relative, their name and address.	Ever in Prison or Alms-house or supported by charity, if yes, state which.	Whether a Polygamist	Whether under Contract, express or implied, to labor in the United States.	Condition of Health, Mental and Physical	Deformed or Crippled, Nature and Cause.	No. on List.
1	<i>Mija Poksic</i>	23	m	hammer	yes	Croatia	Trinjica	Baltimore	London	self	\$ 40	no	no	friend S. Polak	no	no	no	good	no	1
2	<i>Antoni Vukovic</i>	40	"	"	yes	"	"	Baltimore	Baltimore	"	7.50	"	"	friend Joseph Hadzic	no	no	no	good	Rel. 1901	2
3	<i>James Cook</i>	41	"	"	yes	"	Memoriah	Chicago Ill	Chicago Ill	"	100.4	2 years	no	Indigent in Worcester Prison 36 Grand Island N. York	no	no	no	Rel. 5-9-00	"	3
4	<i>Nekanda Rzym</i>	32	"	"	yes	"	Chrabrotka	Chicago Ill	Chicago Ill	"	21.10	"	no	Indigent in New York Prison Chicago Ill N. York	no	no	no	Rel. 5-9-00	"	4
5	<i>Steph Andrej</i>	25	"	"	yes	"	Polonia Angri	Chicago	Chicago	"	20.50	"	no	Indigent in Worcester Prison	no	no	no	"	"	5
6	<i>Wawrzyniec Berges</i>	33	"	"	yes	"	Polonia Angri	Chicago Ill	Chicago Ill	"	14.5	"	no	Indigent in Worcester Prison	no	no	no	Rel. 17-11-00	"	6
7	<i>Andzej Grzymasz</i>	20	"	"	yes	"	"	Chicago	Chicago	"	13.5	"	no	Indigent in Worcester Prison	no	no	no	"	"	7
8	<i>Wladyslaw Reichner</i>	24	"	"	yes	"	Polonia Angri	Chicago Ill	Chicago Ill	"	4.75	"	no	Indigent in Worcester Prison	no	no	no	"	"	8
9	<i>Regina Trabel</i>	25	f	"	yes	"	Polonia Angri	Chicago	Chicago	"	100.20	"	no	Indigent in Worcester Prison	no	no	no	"	"	9
10	<i>Anna</i>	4	f	"	no	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	no	Indigent in Worcester Prison	no	no	no	"	"	10
11	<i>Karl Schneider</i>	14	m	"	yes	"	Polonia Angri	Chicago	Chicago	"	9.00	"	no	Indigent in Worcester Prison	no	no	no	"	"	11
12	<i>Jan Furysty</i>	25	"	"	yes	"	Hungary	Chicago	Chicago	"	20.70	"	no	Indigent in Worcester Prison	no	no	no	"	"	12
13	<i>Frank Polak</i>	24	"	"	yes	"	Polonia Angri	Chicago	Chicago	"	4.05	"	no	Indigent in Worcester Prison	no	no	no	"	"	13
14	<i>Wojciech</i>	24	"	"	yes	"	Hungary	Chicago	Chicago	"	10.5	"	no	Indigent in Worcester Prison	no	no	no	"	"	14

Year
1902

Immigration Records

- Land Border (Canada): 1895–1950s
- Land Border (Mexico): 1903–1950s

Form 621 (STATISTICAL) 7-2-1925

Name Zapata, Oblester Manifest No. 5757
Age 30 Sex M
Conj. cond. M Occupation clerk Read y
Write y Illit. exempt _____ Race MEX
Last res. Laredo Tam Mex Class im-a-str
Future res. Laredo Tex Passage paid by self
Going to join _____ Money \$10
ADMITTED at LAREDO TEXAS Date DEC 24 1925
Med. Cert. _____ S. I. No. _____
Height 5-8 Complexion dk Hair br Eyes br
Marks _____
Place of birth Nadadores Coah Mex Nationality MEX
Accompanied by _____

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Naturalization Records

- The process of becoming a citizen
- Two steps:
 - Declare Intent to become a citizen (2 yrs.)
 - Petition for naturalization (3 yrs.)

Other Federal Records

- What relationship did your relatives have with the Federal Government?
 - Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
 - Freedman's Savings & Trust (Freedman's Bank)
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs
 - Southern Claims Commission
 - Postmaster
 - Other Federal Employee
 - Buy or Obtain Land from the Federal Government

State Records

- Vital Records

Birth and death records kept at the state level, since the early 1900s, with copy at the county level.

County Records

- Vital records: birth, marriage, death, divorce
- Land records: deeds, mortgages, taxes
- Court records: naturalization, probate, litigation, criminal justice
- Voter registration
- Other

Libraries

- Microfilmed original records (census and more)
- Newspapers (microfilmed) for death notices, obituaries, news stories, etc.
- Books for compiled records, histories, genealogies, and more

Keep Researching

- There's always more to learn about your family.
- Stay organized!
- Keep writing your family's history as you go along! (Don't wait for "someday")
- Remember that names are not always spelled how you expect to find them.
- Different records may give conflicting information.

Thank You!

More Information

- NARA

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- NARA Genealogy

www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/topics



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