



***Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)
Accessioned Microfilm***

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) holds the microfilmed records of immigrant arrivals from the 1800s to the 1980s, but not all filmed series have been processed and made available for researchers. The unprocessed series are known as accessioned microfilm. As these records are processed for eventual digitization, the microfilm will be transferred to the Federal Records Center at Lenexa, Kansas, for storage.

Since many of these films are the original negatives or positive copies and are often the only existing copies of the passenger manifests, they must be protected from scratches or other types of damage. For this reason, these records are unavailable and will not be used for reference.

Prior to May 1, 1951

For records prior to 1951 that are not available online or on microfilm, contact the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Fill out a Genealogy Index Search Request, form G-1041. The form can be found at www.uscis.gov.

Requests should be mailed to:

USCIS Genealogy Program
PO Box 805925
Chicago, IL 60680-4120

Post May 1, 1951

For records after 1951, complete form G-639 FOIA/PA to request the immigrant's file, which will contain the individual's official entry record. The form can also be found at www.uscis.gov.
Mail requests to:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office
PO Box 648010
Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010

Additional information about USCIS or its genealogy program can be found at www.uscis.gov.

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