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On the 188 rolls of this microfilm publication is reproduced an incomplete alphabetical card index to the names on passenger lists of vessels arriving at Atlantic and Gulf coast exports, excluding New York, 1820-74. The index, which is in the National Archives, was prepared under the sponsorship of the Immigration and Naturalization Service by the Work Projects Administration between 1935 and 1937 from copies of passenger lists submitted by collectors of customs to the Department of State. Also indexed in this microcopy are entries in selected volumes of an eight-volume series of transcripts that include names of passengers arriving at most Atlantic and Gulf coast ports, 1819-32. The volumes apparently were prepared in the Office of the Secretary of State from copies of lists or from abstracts submitted by the collector of customs. Originally there were nine volumes, but volume 2 is missing.

The index supplements other separate indexes in the National Archives to names on passenger lists of vessels arriving at the following ports: Baltimore, 1833-66 (Microcopy 326), and 1820-97 (Microcopy 327); Boston, 1848-91 (Microcopy 265); New Bedford, 1875-99; New Orleans, 1853-99; and Philadelphia, 1800-1906 (Microcopy 360).

The cards are arranged alphabetically by name of passenger regardless of the port of arrival. They include information under the headings as follows: Family name; Given name; Accompanied by; Age: \_\_\_ Yrs., \_\_\_ Mos.; Sex; M., S., W., D.; Occupation; Nationality; Last permanent residence (Town, Country, etc.); Destination; Port of entry; Name of vessel; Date. The quantity of information on the cards varies. Given names are sometimes indicated by initials or abbreviations, and entries for names of places and gender of passengers are often abbreviated. The names of persons who apparently constituted a family group are usually listed on the front of the card under the heading "Accompanied by"; on some cards the names appear on the reverse. Because the index also contains a separate card for each person, the reverse was not filmed. A few duplicate cards are reproduced.

An act of March 2, 1819 (3 Stat. 489), provided that effective January 1, 1820, the captain or master of a vessel arriving at a port in the United States or in any of its territories from a foreign country was to submit a list of the passengers to the collector of the district in which the vessel had arrived. The act also provided that every collector of customs submit quarterly reports, consisting of copies of passenger lists, to the Secretary of State, who was required to submit such information at each session of Congress. The information was later published in the form of Congressional documents. An act of May 7, 1874 (18 Stat. 42), repealed the provisions of the legislation requiring collectors to send copies of passenger lists to the Secretary of State. Thereafter, collectors of customs were to send statistical reports only on passenger arrivals to

the Department of the Treasury.

The lists normally give information about each passenger as to name, age, sex, occupation, the country to which he belonged, and the country of which he intended to become an inhabitant, and notations as to the number and cause of deaths on board. The law required that the lists be sworn to by the master in the presence of the collector or his deputy.

The records reproduced in this microcopy and the lists mentioned above are in Record Group 36, Records of the Bureau of Customs, in the National Archives.

In the same record group are passenger lists of vessels arriving at miscellaneous ports on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts and Great Lakes, 1820-73 (Microcopy 575); and at the ports of Baltimore, 1820-91 (Microcopy 255); Boston, 1820-91 (Microcopy 277); New Bedford, 1823-99; New Orleans, 1820-1902 (Microcopy 259), and quarterly abstracts, 1820-75 (Microcopy 272); New York, 1820-97 (Microcopy 237); and Philadelphia, 1800-82 (Microcopy 425). There are some lists for Mobile, 1820-62, with a few as late as 1884. There is also an index to passenger lists of vessels arriving at New York, 1820-46 (Microcopy 261).

In Record Group 85, Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, are additional indexes or passenger lists for ports as follows: Baltimore, passenger lists, 1891-1909 (Microcopy T-844); Boston, index, 1902-6 (Microcopy T-521), and passenger lists, 1891-1943 (Microcopy T-843); New Orleans, passenger lists, 1903-45 (Microcopy T-905); New York, index, 1897-1902 (Microcopy T-519), and passenger lists, 1897-1942 (Microcopy T-715); and Philadelphia, passenger lists, 1883-1945 (Microcopy T-840). Lists less than 50 years old are not available for reference purposes.

Related published sources of information are reports of passenger arrivals submitted by the Secretary of State to Congress, 1820-70. His reports, published as Congressional documents, indicate by port of arrival the number of passengers, nationality, and occupation, and sometimes age and sex. Only those for 1820 contain the names of passengers. Some of the reports are based on calendar years, but others are for report years ending September 30.

Comparable statements or reports, prepared and published by the Treasury Department, Bureau of Statistics, begin in 1867 and extend through Fiscal Year 1894. The statements for 1867-69 are included in the Annual Report of the Treasury Department for Fiscal Year 1869. These reports, also published as Congressional documents, indicate by district of arrival summary statistics on age, sex, nationality, and occupation of passengers. The details in the later reports usually are more complete.

Statistics on immigration from 1820 to 1910 have been published in volume 3 of the Reports of the Immigration Commission (S. Doc. 756, 61st Cong., 3d sess., Serial No. 5878, Washington, 1911).

Names of ports or districts for which the National Archives has copies, abstracts, or transcripts of passenger lists, 1820-74, are listed after these introductory remarks. As a rule, no one port or district has complete records for the entire period.

The records reproduced in this microcopy were prepared for filming by Joyce D. Ciarrocchi, who also wrote these introductory remarks and provided the other editorial material.

## CUSTOMS PORTS AND DISTRICTS

(excluding New York)

Alexandria, Va.  
Annapolis, Md.  
Baltimore, Md.  
Bangor, Maine  
Barnstable, Mass.  
Bath, Maine  
Beaufort, N.C.  
Belfast, Maine  
Boston and Charlestown, Mass.  
Bridgeport, Conn.  
Bridgetown, N.J.  
Bristol and Warren, R.I.  
Cape May, N.J.  
Charleston, S.C.  
Darien, Ga.  
Dighton, Mass.  
East River, Va.  
Edenton, N.C.  
Edgartown, Mass.  
Fairfield, Conn.  
Fall River, Mass.  
Frenchman's Bay, Maine  
Galveston, Tex.  
Georgetown, D.C.  
Gloucester, Mass.  
Hampton, Va.  
Hartford, Conn.  
Havre de Grace, Md.  
Hingham, Mass.  
Kennebunk, Maine  
Key West, Fla.  
Little Egg Harbor, N.J.  
Marblehead, Mass.  
Mobile, Ala.  
Nantucket, Mass.  
Newark, N.J.  
New Bedford, Mass.

New Bern N.C.  
Newburyport, Mass.  
New Haven, Conn.  
New London, Conn.  
New Orleans, La.  
Newport, R.I.  
Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va.  
Oswegatchie, N.Y.  
Passamaquoddy, Maine  
Penobscot, Maine  
Perth Amboy, N.J.  
Petersburg, Va.  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
Plymouth, Mass.  
Plymouth, N.S.  
Portland and Falmouth, Maine  
Port Royal, S.C.  
Portsmouth, N.H.  
Providence, R.I.  
Richmond, Va.  
Rochester, N.Y.  
Sag Harbor, N.Y.  
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