

## Ellis Island Genealogy Sites

There were no immigration laws until 1820 when the US federal government started to regulate immigration by requiring each ship to submit a passenger list. Passengers disembarked on any available dock and they were not inspected or recorded.

### Researching Castle Garden Immigrants

- Most of Castle Clinton immigrant passenger records were destroyed in a fire that consumed the first structures on Ellis Island on June 15, 1897
- The free [CastleGarden.org database](http://CastleGarden.org), provided online by the New York Battery Conservancy, allows you to search by name and time for immigrants who arrived in Castle Garden between 1830 and 1890.
- Digital copies of many of the ship manifests can be accessed through a paid subscription to Ancestry.com's
- [New York Passenger Lists, 1820–1957](#). Some images are also available for free on [FamilySearch](#). Microfilms of the manifests can also be obtained through your local Family History Center or National Archives (NARA) branches.
- The Castle Garden database is down somewhat frequently. If you receive an error message, try the alternative search features from Steve Morse's [Searching the Castle Garden Passenger Lists in One Step](#).



Launched on January 1, 2000, the GG Archives offers access to more than 10,000 documents and photographs, including passenger lists, original immigrant passage contracts, steamship brochures, immigration related documents and much more.

[Gjenvick-Gjønvik Archives | GG Archives](http://www.gjenvick.com/#axzz4rvL54Jnh) <http://www.gjenvick.com/#axzz4rvL54Jnh>

### THE FORGOTTEN OF ELLIS ISLAND

Deaths in Quarantine, 1909-1911 Hoffman and Swinburne Island

Also, included on the list are two or three deaths registered as having occurred on either the Quarantine Landing or the Health Officers' Boat.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~quarantine/index.htm>

**American Family Immigration History Center**

- Contains ship passenger records for arrival in the Port of New York and Ellis Island from 1820-1957
- Over 7 million manuse pages available
- Access to pictures of over 200 ships and historic information on over 6500 ships
- Opportunity to purchase reproductions of ship manifests and ship pictures
- 30-minute search sessions for individual and family groups — no reservation required
- Searches can be saved and continued online at: [LibertyEllisFoundation.org](http://LibertyEllisFoundation.org)

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The Center was developed and is operated by the American Family Immigration History Center, Inc., which was responsible for the restoration and preservation of the records of the National Museum of Immigration. The Foundation's work is supported by donations from the American people.

**Are you one of the 100 million Americans who can trace an ancestor back to Ellis Island? Find out now.**

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at Ellis Island: The National Museum of Immigration - 1st Floor

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[LibertyEllisFoundation.org](http://LibertyEllisFoundation.org)

Bookmark from American Family Immigration History Center at Ellis Island  
<https://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/genealogy>

## National Archives at New York City

<https://www.archives.gov/nyc/finding-aids/passenger-lists.html>

Our office has microfilm of passenger lists of vessels arriving at the Port of New York, 1820 to July 3, 1957, and indexes for the years 1820-1846 and 1897-1948. The passenger list records were created by the U.S. Customs Service (Record Group 36), and the Immigration and Naturalization Service

See the complete list of our passenger arrival records for the Port of New York. These microfilm publications are available in our Research Room.

Please also see our Select List of Microfilm of Genealogical Value for lists of our New York facility's microfilm pertaining to Census, naturalization, and passenger arrival records and more.

### Online Databases

#### Access to Archival Databases (AAD)

Data Files Relating to the Immigration of Russians to the United States, documenting the period 1834 - 1897

Records for Passengers Who Arrived at the Port of New York During the Irish Famine, documenting the period 1/12/1846 - 12/31/1851

Data Files Relating to the Immigration of Germans to the United States, documenting the period 1850 - 1897

Data Files Relating to the Immigration of Italians to the United States, documenting the period 1855 - 1900

Created by the Center for Immigration Research at the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies, these listings of primarily Russian, Irish, German, and Italian immigrants who came to New York during certain periods in the mid to late 1800s are searchable through NARA's online catalog Access to Archival Databases (AAD).

Has direct links to Castle Garden, Ellis Island, Ancestry, FHC