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Dear Mr. St. Clair,

Thank you for your query regarding your ancestor, Johanna Josephine Shinnors. We are pleased to bring you the following information.

Johanna Shinnors was baptised on 01.08.1841 in Donoughmore R.C. church, County Limerick. She was one of five children of James Shinnors and Ellen Madden, as follows:

Baptism Date:	Name:	Sponsors:
03.02.1833	Maria	Bridget Ryan, Michael Murphy
30.09.1835	Margaret	John Shinnors, Elizabeth O'Brien
13.02.1838	John	Michael Jackson, Maria O'Brien
01.08.1841	Johanna	Michael Ryan, Maria Mears
28.04.1844	Michael	Patrick Ryan, Bridget Scott.

You will notice that there is a difference of ten years between the age given by you for Johanna and the date given on the church records. This is a perfectly common occurrence in 19th Century records as, in our experience, people genuinely did not know their own ages and, when faced with officialdom, they provided a rough estimation. As this period in history coincides with the famine, the accuracy or otherwise of a person's age was not a priority.

We searched for a marriage record for James Shinnors and Ellen Madden but were unsuccessful. As you will note from the enclosed parish map, the church records for Donoughmore start in 1830. If James and Ellen married in the parish prior to that date, then their marriage was either not recorded, or the church register was lost. It is equally possible that the couple married in another parish where the church records did not start until later. As civil registration did not commence in Ireland until 1864, prior to that date we depend on church records for our research, and as you will appreciate, some church records are available earlier than others.

We did find an entry in 1826 for James Shinnors of Parkroe, Donoughmore in a land survey entitled the Tithe Applotment, which was an assessment of land values for a church tax known as a tithe. The survey dates between 1825 and 1835 and only concerns land, not houses. The survey included the land-holder who would have leased his land, frequently as little as just one acre. As you can see from the enclosed extract from the Tithe Applotment Book, James Shinnors paid rental of Irish £8 and ten shillings per annum for his plot of land and his tithe assessment is for one tenth of that amount, eight shillings and one penny.

You mentioned in your questionnaire that you did not know if the parents of Johanna and Margaret had emigrated. We searched for death records after 1864 of James Shinnors and Ellen Madden Shinnors without success, so it is possible that they also emigrated, or at least moved from the Limerick area. If any further information comes to light, please let us know and we can investigate for you. We enclose an explanatory leaflet on how to find your immigrant ancestor's ship. It may be worth pursuing this in case the family emigrated as a group. Also included is a list of U.S. sources, which you may find useful.

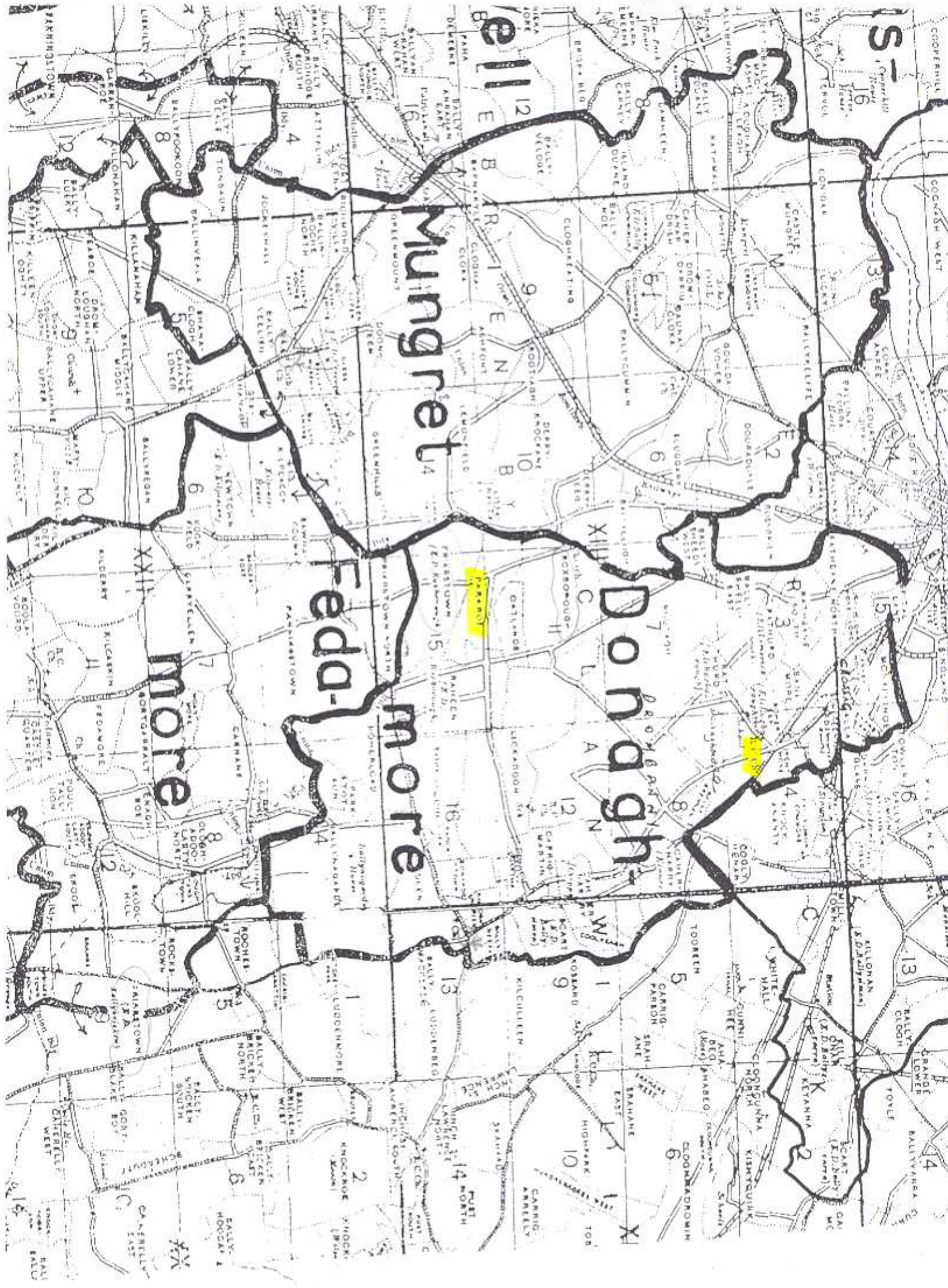
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We hope you enjoy what we have found for you and would welcome any questions or comments that you may have.

Yours sincerely,

*Jean Mulloy*





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APPENDIX TO MAP SHOWING PARISHES OF LIMERICK

Notes:

Prior to 1826, Manister is included in Fedamore  
 Prior to 1841, Cappagh is included in Kilcornan  
 Prior to 1864, Templeglantine is included in Monagay  
 Prior to 1861, Banogue is included in Croom  
 Prior to 1855, Loughill is included in Glin  
 Prior to 1855, Ballyhahill is included in Shanagolden  
 Prior to 1861, Ardpatrik is included in Kilfinnane

Gaps in Records

St. Michaels	July 1804 to Oct. 1807 (Marrs.)
St. Munchins	1792 to 1798
Bruff:	1790 to 1807
St Johns:	1797 to 1825 (marrs. from July 1821)
Ballingarry:	1828 to 1849 (bapts.) Mar. 1836 to 1849 (marrs.)
Rathkeale:	1812 to 1821 & 1823 to 1831 (bapts. only)
Monagay:	1792 to 1829 (bapts.) except 1809-1813 Jan. 1832 to Aug. 1833 (bapts.)
Knockaderry:	1820 to 1838
Rockhill/Bruree:	1835 to 1840
Dromin & Athlacca:	Sept 1837 to March 1849
Knocklong:	July 1819 to August 1823 July 1830 to December 1831
Fedamore:	July to Dec 1813 and Jan. 1822 to Jan. 1826
Solohead & Oola:	1828 to 1837 (Bapts.) & 1828-1832 (Marrs.)
Mahoonagh:	Sept. 1830 to mid-June 1832 & July 1838 to Nov. 1839 (bapts.) May 1839 to Feb. 1840 (marrs)
Dromcolliher:	Oct. 1850 to Nov. 1851
Galbally:	July 1820 to July 1821 (bapts.)
St. Patricks:	Jan. 1828 to July 1832 (bapts.) 24 Dec. 1835 to 20 April 1835 (bapts.)
Croom:	From 1806 for marriages. Some sporadic earlier records exist from 1770 onwards.
Ballyagran:	Several small gaps, particularly in the 1840s
Doon:	1839 for marrs. with a few in 1830



# Landholders

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	Brought forward	"	"
72	Patrick Davern	"	"
73	Henry Hayes	"	"
74	Patrick Hayes	"	"
75	John Hayes	"	"
76	John Hayes	"	"
77	James Barry	"	"
78	James Shinnars	"	"
79	Michael Ryan	"	"
80	John Floya	"	"
81	Robert McNameara	"	"
82	Patrick McNameara	"	"
83	Michael Leary	"	"
84	James Connors	"	"



Journal of Number Continuum

Smithholders

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92	Boyle forever	"	"	9	0	0	29	3	23	24	2	18	25	2	6
92	Patrick Power	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	3	35	"	"	"
93	Henry Hayes	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	2	32	"	"	"
94	Patrick Hayes	"	"	"	"	"	2	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
95	Ed. White Hayes	"	"	"	"	"	1	3	0	"	"	"	1	2	0
96	John Hayes	"	"	2	2	0	0	2	37	1	3	0	"	"	"
97	James Barry	"	"	2	2	0	1	2	0	"	"	"	3	0	0
98	James Steinar	"	"	1	2	0	0	3	0	"	"	"	2	0	0
99	Michael Myers	"	"	1	2	0	0	3	0	"	"	"	2	0	0
80	John Hayes	"	"	"	"	"	0	3	0	"	"	"	0	2	0
81	Robert McManus	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	0	2	0
82	Patrick McManus	"	"	"	"	"	0	2	0	0	3	37	"	"	"
83	Michael Leary	"	"	1	0	0	1	2	21	1	0	0	0	3	0
84	James Connors	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	30	"	"	"
85	William Connors	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	0	30	"	"	"



# Journal of Number Continents

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## OVERSEAS SOURCES OF FAMILY INFORMATION

**The Family:** Clients should be reminded that the single most useful (and enjoyable) source of information on their ancestor is their own family. Old letters, newspaper cuttings, testimonials from clergymen, family tradition - any of these may provide the vital link with a specific locality in Ireland.

### U.S. SOURCES

**Naturalization Records:** These may contain the date and place of birth, place of residence, and the name of the ship on which the immigrant arrived. The information can be very variable, however. The records are still, for the most part, with U.S. District Court, any court of record in the States, or the district or supreme courts of the territories (before statehood). Some records are now in Federal Records Centers. Indexes for the states of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island before 1906 are available in the National Archives, Washington.

**Cemetery Records:** There are two classes of potentially useful records - gravestone inscriptions and sexton's records. These vary enormously in usefulness, but may sometimes include precise place of origin.

**Printed Obituaries:** Around the turn of the century it became a common practice to have an obituary printed in a local newspaper, particularly if a senior member of the family died. These are often useful for the information they give about the place of origin of the deceased.

**Immigration and Passenger Records:** These are now mostly in the National Archives, Washington. The two categories most likely to be of value are the Customs Passenger Lists, dating from 1820, and the Immigration passenger lists, dating from 1883. The former are easily accessible, at least up to 1855, but normally only give the country of origin. The latter include details of last residence.

**Vital Records:** State records of births, marriages and deaths began at different periods in the different states. Generally, they are quite late, starting only around the end of the nineteenth century, and thus of limited genealogical value. However, death certificates often give the parent's names of the deceased, information which is usually essential for further research.

**Census Records:** A census was carried out every ten years from 1790, but the quantity and quality of information surviving varies greatly from place to place. A survey can be found in Val D. Greenwood's 'The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy' (Baltimore: GPC, 1973). The National Archives holds most of the surviving records.

**Church Records:** These can be very informative. Most Catholic records are still in the parishes, and in most cases only the parish priest may search them. Other denominations' records may be in local custody or deposited with a wide variety of record-holding institutions.

**Military Records:** Both service records and veterans' records are of possible value. Mostly they may be found in the National Archives.

**Local Histories:** Directories and local histories published by subscription sometimes give full information about the subscribers' families. See C.S. Peterson's 'Consolidated Bibliography of County Histories in 50 States in 1961' (Baltimore: Gpc, 1963).

**Wills:** These are mostly held and registered in the counties where originally probated.



NOTE: There are NO RECORDS at Ellis Island. To find out about immigrants please contact the Regional Archive Centers listed below.

# REGIONAL ARCHIVES SYSTEM

REGIONAL ARCHIVE	ADDRESS	LOCATION	PHONE	AREA SERVED
New England	580 Tripelo Road	Waltham, MA 02154	617-647-8100	CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT
Northeast	201 Varick Street	New York, NY 10014	212-337-1300	NJ, NY, PR, VI
Mid-Atlantic	9th & Market Streets, Room 1350	Philadelphia, PA 19107	215-597-3000	DE, PA, Md, VA, NY
Southeast	1357 S. Joseph Avenue	East Point, GA 30344	404-763-7477	AL, GA, FL, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN
Great Lakes	7358 S. Pulaski Road	Chicago, IL 60629	312-581-7816	IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI
Central Plains	2312 East Bonmister Road	Kansas City, MO 64131	816-926-6272	IA, KS, MO, NE
Southwest	501 West Felix Street, PO 6216	Fort Worth, TX 76115	817-334-5525	AR, LA, MA, OK, TX
Rocky Mountain	Blgd 58, Denver Fed rail Center, PO 25307	Denver, CO 80225	303-36-087	CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY
Pacific Southwest	24000 Wilo Road	Laguna Niguel, CA 92656	714-643-4241	AZ, CA(South), Clark Co., NV
Pacific Sierra	1000 Commodore Drive	San Bruno, CA 94066	415-876-9009	CA (North), HI, NY, American Samoa, Pacific Areas
Pacific Northwest	6125 Sand Point Hwy	Seattle, WA 98115	206-526-6507	ID, OR, WA
Alaska	554 West 3rd Avenue	Anchorage, AK 99501	907-271-2441	AK

THE LARGEST BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES IS:  
 GENERAL REFERENCE BRANCH (NRRG), NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION  
 714 & PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20408



# How to Find Your Immigrant Ancestor's Ship

If your ancestors came to this continent by ship, you may be able to discover which ship brought them. Each search for an ancestor's ship is unique. Your search may be easy and result in quick success. Or it may be a challenge requiring time and persistence. Here are the steps you follow:



Courtesy of  
The Service of Library NM and  
Ellis Island  
National Park Service,  
Department of the Interior

## 1

You must know your ancestor's:

Full real name  
Approximate age at arrival  
Approximate date of arrival

Where you can find this information:

Oral family tradition  
Family documents—Passports, letters, Bible inscriptions, etc.  
Public records—military service, naturalization, U. S. census, etc.  
Published genealogies, local histories

What will the passenger list tell you about your ancestor?

When you find your ancestor's name or the ship's name in the index, use the reference cited in the index to locate the published or microfilm list. Then read the list line by line to find the name. Double check what you find against your ancestor's real name, approximate age at arrival, and approximate date of arrival, to be certain you have your ancestor.  
In all cases, the list will give the name of his or her ship, the date and port of his arrival in America, and usually your ancestor's age and country of origin. Lists to 1893 contain little more than this. You may learn if your ancestor was travelling alone or with family, and how many bags he or she was carrying. From 1893 on, lists become increasingly informative, including the above data plus marital status, occupation, last residence, birthplace, final destination in the U.S.A., whether joining a relative (if so, who and where), whether previously in the U.S.A. (if so, when and for how long), and more.

## 2

If your ancestor arrived between 1865 and 1819, search the indexes to published lists.

The passenger list, if it still exists, might be in any archive, museum, courthouse, basement, or attic. But many have been published.

If you know the name of your ancestor's ship:

Search for that ship in indexes compiled by ship name.

If you do not know the ship:

Search for the ancestor in indexes compiled by passenger name.

If you know your ancestor's nationality:

Search the indexes compiled by nationality.

If you do not know the nationality:

Search in indexes by particular group (such as indentured servants or Irish Potato Famine immigrants), or by geographic settlement, or by port of entry;

If your ancestor was a slave:

He or she was not listed by name in the cargo manifest. Circumstantial evidence of your ancestor's ship can be obtained, however, if you know where when and by whom the slave was first purchased. Then search in the National Archives manifests of ships importing slaves into the ports of Savannah, Mobile, and New Orleans, 1789-1808; or  
In museums, special collections containing manifests of slave ships; or  
In libraries, published compilations of documents relating to the slave trade in America.

## 3

If your ancestor arrived between 1820 and 1854, search the National archive or the other indexes listed below.

A copy of the passenger list is probably at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

### National Archives Indexes

Indexes to the passenger lists are compiled by most U.S. ports on the Atlantic, Pacific, Great Lakes, and Gulf Coast. But they do not cover every year or every port.

If you know your ancestor's port of entry: Search the index to passenger arrivals for that port.

If your ancestor arrived in New York, 1847 - 1896:

Search the Registry of Vessel Arrivals, note which ships arrived when your ancestor did, then search those lists. If you do not know the port of entry: Search all available indexes to passenger arrivals.

National Archives staff will search the indexes for you if you supply a passenger's name, port of entry, and month and year of arrival. *See NOTE form #1.* More detailed information is needed for staff to search individual lists.

### Published Indexes

These specialized indexes do not cover all passengers or all periods of time, but they often complement the National Archives indexes. Search in indexes compiled by nationality or port of entry.

### The Morton-Allan Directory

This book lists the arrival date of every steamship from Europe entering New York, 1890 - 1930, and Baltimore, Boston, and Philadelphia, 1904 - 1926.

If you know the name of your ancestor's ship: Note every date when that ship arrived, then search those lists.

If you know the date when your ancestor arrived: Note which ships arrived on that date, then search those lists.

### The Hamburg Emigration Index

If your ancestor emigrated from eastern, northern, or central Europe, he or she may have embarked from Hamburg, Germany. Emigration lists at Hamburg are indexed, 1854 - 1934.

Search a microfilm copy of the index at any branch of the *Letter-der Selbst Family History Library.*



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