

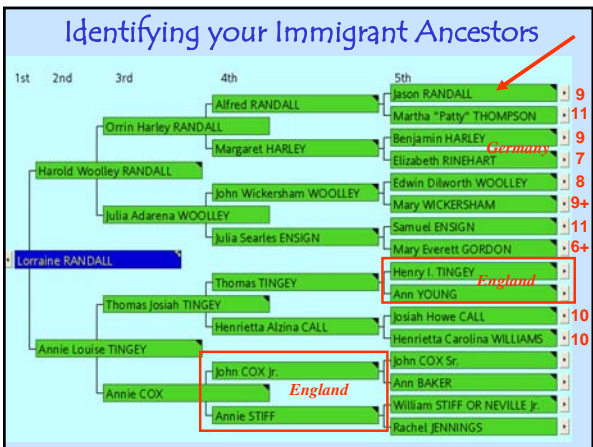
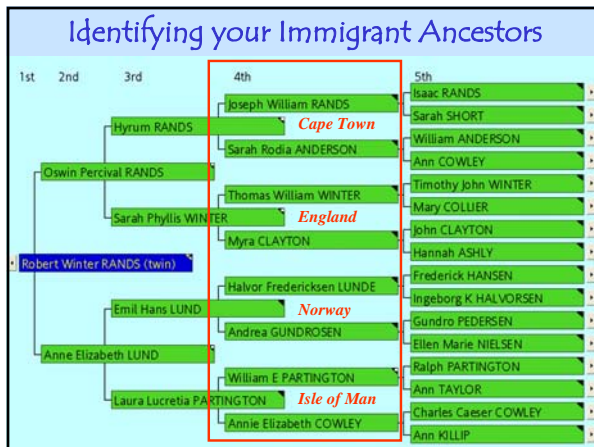
North American Immigration and Naturalization

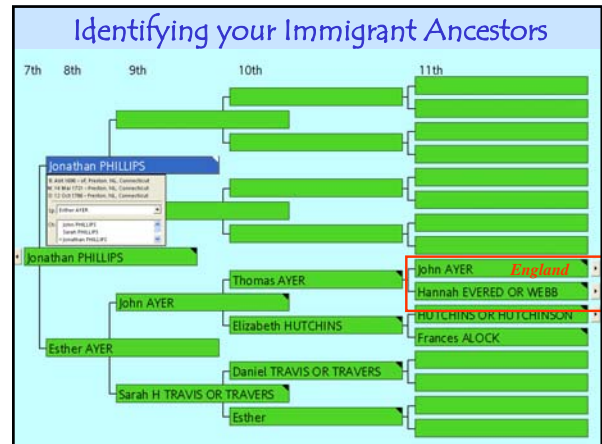
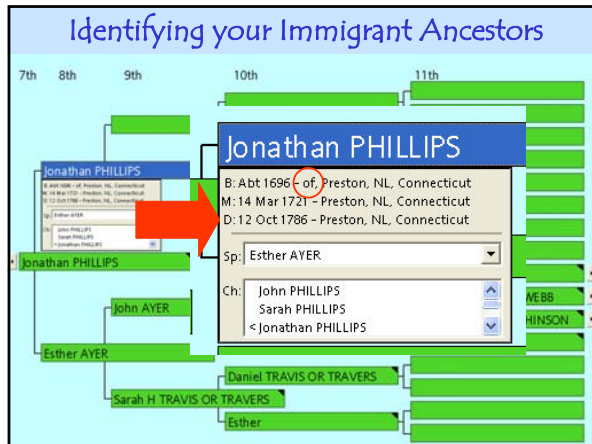
- ## Goals & Strategies
- Pinpoint your Immigrant Ancestors' origin abroad
 - Understand the records created during immigration
 - Locate the right records
 - Understand what factors affect the kind of records to look for

Important Dates for Immigration Researchers

Date	Event
1498	King Henry VII grants letters of Patent to John Cabot & sons for new undiscovered lands
1534	New France established on St. Lawrence River (Canada)
1565	Saint Augustine (Florida) settled by Spanish
1603	Charter of Acadia by King Henry IV of France
1607	Jamestown (Virginia) settled by English
1608	Polish join the English at Jamestown
1614	Quebec city founded by French
1614	Albany (New York) settle by Dutch
1619	Beginning of Black slaves at Jamestown
1620	Plymouth Colony (Massachusetts) settled by Mayflower pilgrims
1622	Grant for the Province of Maine
1623	New Amsterdam (New York City) settled by Dutch West India Company
1629	Massachusetts Bay Colony settled by Puritans
1630	Grant for Hampshire (New Hampshire)
1634	Maryland settled by English Catholics
1639	Colony of New Haven (Connecticut)
1646	Plantation Agreement at Providence (Rhode Island)
1648	German immigration prompted by Treaty of Westphalia (Thirty Years War)
1654	First Jewish immigrants settled in New Amsterdam (Spanish & Portuguese from Brazil)
1660	English discouraged from emigration (Charles II)
1663	Charter for Carolina (North Carolina)
1664	New Netherlands taken by English
1666	Charter for New Hampshire or New Jersey
1666	French add Fort Sainte Anne (Vermont) to New France
1681	Quakers colony in Pennsylvania (William Penn)
1685	Huguenots settle in South Carolina (French Protestants - Edict of Nantes)
1701	Fort St. Jean (New Orleans) founded by French
1709	Charter of Delaware
1717	Migration from German Palatinate begins (Northwest Germany - border with France)
1717	British begin to ship criminals to England (mostly Virginia & Maryland)
1732	Migration of Scots-Irish from Highland Clearances
1732	Foundation of Georgia (James Oglethorpe)
1740	Non-British immigrants in America given British citizenship
1755	French Acadians (Nova Scotia) expelled by British (settle in Colonies & Louisiana)
1763	New Orleans ceded to Spanish rule
1775	Quebec ceded to British
1775	British halt emigration to America (Revolutionary War)
1776	United States declares independence
1777	Constitution of Vermont

Dates	Events
1795	Second Naturalization Act (5 year residency)
1798	Alien and Sedition Acts (14 year residency)
1798	Failure of United Fishmen uprising - more Irish immigration
1800	Spain returns New Orleans to France
1802	Alien and Sedition Acts repealed (naturalization returned to 5 year residency)
1803	Napoleon sells Louisiana Purchase to the U.S.
1808	Importation of Black slaves prohibited
1812	War of 1812 halts British immigration
1814	Treaty of Ghent - British immigration resumes
1820	Immigration Law mandates US immigration passenger lists
1825	England repeals prohibition of emigration
1840	European immigration by steamship begins
1845-1849	Irish Potato Famine
1855	Castle Garden opens (1 August)
1865	Official Canadian passenger lists initiated at Quebec for US immigrants
1882	Chinese Exclusion Act (plus many undesirable categories)
1891	Federal jurisdiction over all Ports of Entry
1892	Ellis Island opens - replaces Castle Gardens (1 January)
1897	Ellis Island burns to the ground (14 June)
1900	Ellis Island reopens (17 December)
1905	Immigration surpasses 1 million individuals in a single year
1914-1918	WW I curtails immigration
1924	Immigration processing reassigned to American consulates abroad
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- ### Immigration Document Trails
- Passenger Lists
 - Naturalization Documents
 - Vital Records (BMD)
 - Census Enumeration (1870 on in U.S. & 1881 on in Canada)
 - Obituaries
 - Charitable & Ethnic societies

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- Port records
 - Ellis Island
 - Castle Garden
 - Canadian Border Crossing
 - Passport applications
 - Letters of Denization

- ### Immigration Document Trails
- Church records
 - Migration paths
 - Wills
 - Land records
 - Military records
 - Desertion records

Immigration Document Trails

- Newspapers
- Local Histories
- Occupational records
- Association records
- Foreign Emigration records
- Oath of Allegiance

Immigration Document Trails

- Town directories
- Funeral home records
- Tax records
- Family History societies
- One surname projects
- Ship transcription projects

Where to look

- Pre-1820 Passenger lists
 - Filby indexes
 - Passenger and Immigration Lists Index 1500s-1900s
 - Ancestry.com
 - Coldham: The Complete Book of Emigrants 1661-1699 & Emigrants from England to the American Colonies 1773-1776 & Supplement to the Complete Book of emigrants in Bondage 1614-1775

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 - Donovan: Pre-Revolutionary Irish in Massachusetts 1620-1775
 - Hacker: Eighteenth Century Register of Emigrants from Southwest Germany
 - Myers: Immigration of the Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania 1682-1750 & Irish Quaker Arrivals to Pennsylvania 1682-1750
 - Revill: Compilation of the Original Lists of Protestant Immigrants to South Carolina 1763-1773

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- Post-1820 Passenger Lists
 - Ancestry.com (New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Atlantic Ports, Detroit, Baltimore, Florida, California, Seattle, Hawaii, and more)
- Genealogy.com
 - Over 35 searchable datasets
- NARA
- FHL Catalog – A Guide (www.germanroots.com/passrecs.html)

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- Castle Garden.org
- Ellisland.org
- InGeneas.com
- St. Albans Border Crossings
- NARA Passport Applications
 - www.archives.gov/genealogy/passport/index.html
- Hamburg Passenger Lists 1850-1934
- FindMyPast.com
- Scotroots.com/immigrants.htm

Where to look

- Colonial Naturalization Records
 - Page: Letters of Denization & Acts of Naturalization for Aliens in England 1509-1800 (FHL 824513-4)
 - Guiseppi: Naturalizations of Foreign Protestants in the American and West Indian Colonies. (Ancestry.com)
 - New York and Pennsylvania Archives

Where to look

- U.S. Naturalization Records
 - Federal and District courts (NARA & FHLC)
 - Filby Indexes
 - Index to New England Naturalization Petitions 1791-1906 (FHLC)
 - District 9 (Northern) Indexes (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin)
 - USGenWeb.org
 - State Naturalization records
 - Ancestry.com
 - Footnote.com
 - Italiangen.org

Facilitating your search

- Ethnicity
- Religion
- Occupation
- Language
- Wealth
- Social standing
- Social affiliations
- Tombstone

Facilitating your search

- Freemasons
- Odd Fellows
- Russian Brotherhood Organization
- Irish Repeal Societies
- Ancient Order of Hibernians
- Loyal Orange Lodges
- Charitable Society of Boston

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- Knights of Columbus
- Knights of Pythias
- Grand Army of the Republic
- Ethnic newspapers
- Missing Friends ads
- Immigrant Savings Banks

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See: The Avalon Project: http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/statech.asp

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