



IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

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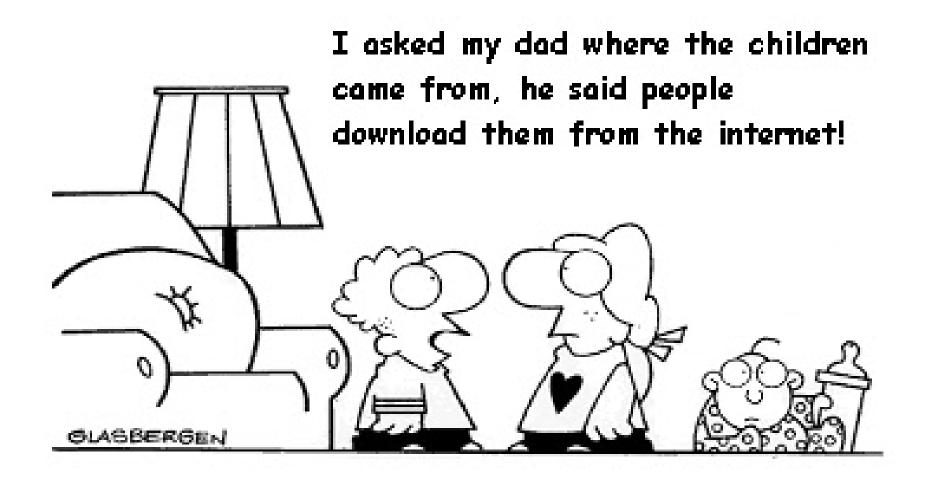
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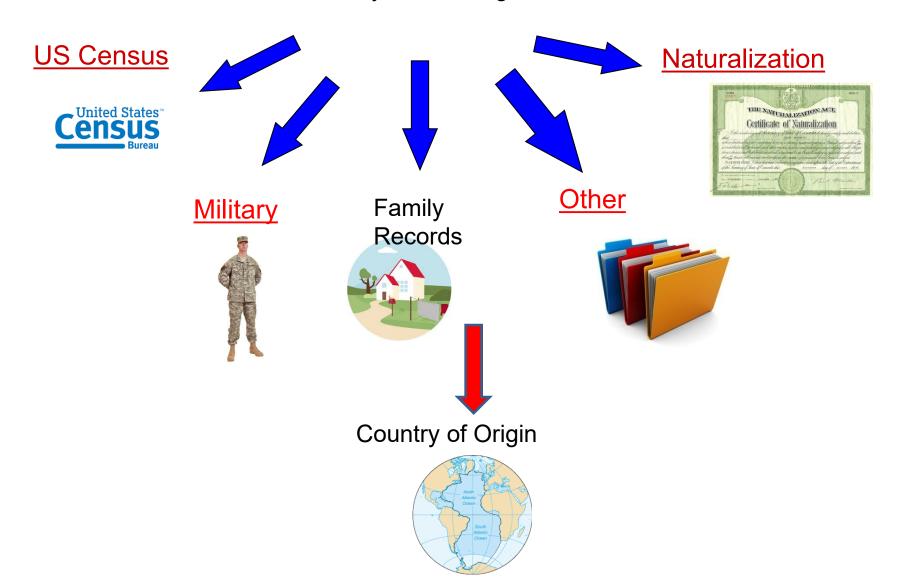






Immigration & Emigration

Sources to lead you to Immigration of ancestors



Why Search For Immigration Records?

- Usually shows original name
- Age (maybe ©)
- Emigration port
- Original country (maybe ©)
- Traveling companions = hint
- Name of nearest relative left in old country = hint
- Name of who they are joining in America = hint



Ports of Entry

 Ports of Entry are officially designated areas at U.S. land borders, seaports, and airports which are approved by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

• There are **328 official ports** of entry in the U.S. and 13 preclearance offices in Canada and the Caribbean. (2020)







Immigration-Entry Points

- Starting in the 1600's most immigrations to America are documented by a ship manifest (1928 first Zeppelin; 1939 flying boat)
- Some entries are documented by a 'border crossing' esp. from Canada & Mexico
- Some may be undocumented (illegal, destroyed, lost, etc.)





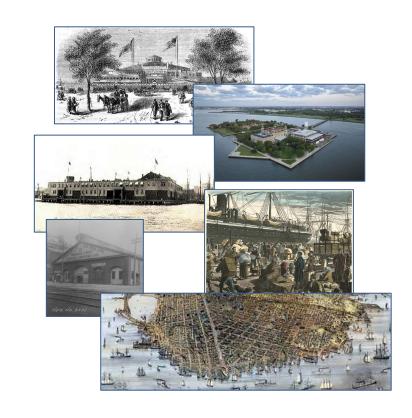




5 Major Ports of Entry

>30 million from early 1800s to 1950s

- New York (1820 1930) ~24 M
 - 1820 to 1892 Castle Garden (or Barge Office)
 - 1892 to 1957 Ellis Island
- Boston (1848—1891) > 2 M
- Baltimore (1600's—1891) ~1.5 M
- Philadelphia (1700—1776) >1.2M
- New Orleans (1820—1902) ~0.7 M



[However, in the early 1800's there were 78 eastern seaboard ports of entry!]

Finding information about Immigration-Entry Points

 US Ports of Arrival and their Available Passenger Lists 1820-1957

https://www.genesearch.com/ports.html

- Finding U.S. Naturalization Records a genealogy guide
 - www.germanroots.com/naturalizationrecords.html

US Ports of Arrival and their Available Passenger Lists 1820-1957

includes Canadian and Mexican Border Crossing Records

US Ports of Entry - their Immigration Records and Passenger Lists - A Genealogy Guide by Joe Beine

Below is a list of many United States sea ports and land border ports that have published immigration records (passenger arrival lists) 1820-1957, organized by state. Included are Canadian border crossing records, which are listed under each border state, with further information in a separate section near the end of this webpage. Mexican border crossing records are also listed here for California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. The rest are for ship passenger arrival records (and a select few for airplane passenger lists). Some crew lists, a few passenger departure records, and some passenger arrivals after 1957, are also included. U.S. Territories are listed following the Wisconsin section below.

- News, New Jersey, 1836
 Perth Amboy, New Jersey, 1820-1832
- New Mexico (Mexican Border Crossing Records)
- See the Mexico Border Crossings section below for an online database
- Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Columbus, New Mexico, 1917-1954 at FamilySearch from National Archives microfilm publication A3370

New York

- New York, New York Passenger Lists Research Guide, 1820-1962 (includes records from the Castle Garden, Barge Office and Filis Island periods)
- Alexandria Bay, New York, 1929-1956 "Alphabetical Card Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Alexandria Bay, Cape

Finding U.S. Naturalization Records

a genealogy guide

Finding Naturalization Records Created before Sept. 27, 1906

- Online Records... See: Online Naturalization Records and Indexes (USA)
- FamilySearch: Some naturalization records can be found on digitized microfilm from FamilySearch. Try a search in the FamilySearch Catalog for the place (the county, but sometimes the city or even the state) where your ancestors were living at the time they were naturalized. Then look for the topic called "Naturalization and citizenship." You may also see a topic called "Naturalization and citizenship Indexes" -- you might check both topics. If a listing in the catalog has a camera icon next to it, that means that microfilm roll is available online in digitized form. Click on the camera icon to see the images. For some items you may have to be at a Family History Center or the Family History Library in Salt Lake City to view the images.
- Also see the online indexes and finding aids listed below

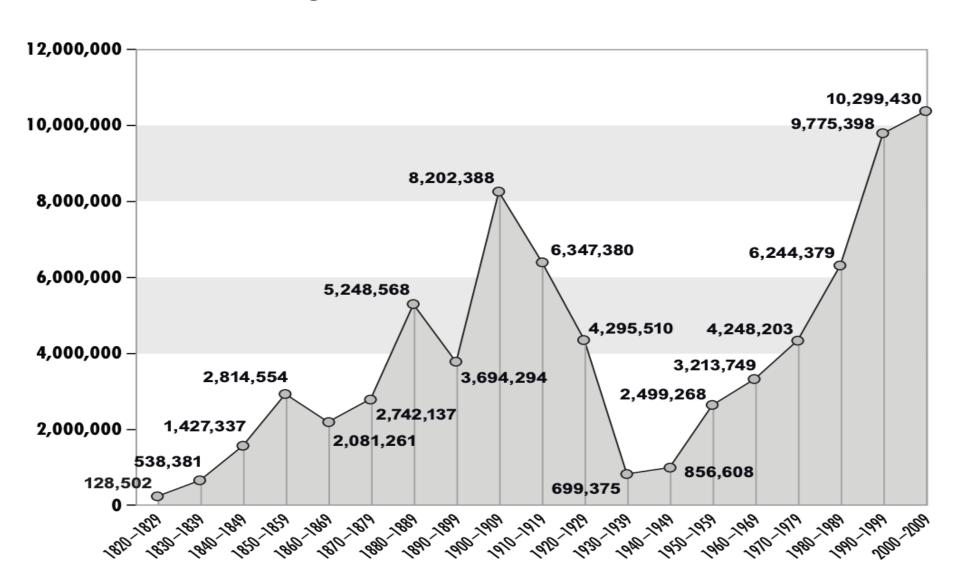
Finding Naturalization Records Created Sept. 27, 1906 and later

- Online Records... See: Online Naturalization Records and Indexes (USA)
- · FamilySearch See the FamilySearch section above.
- The National Archives... See: Naturalization Records at the US National Archives...
- USCIS U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (formerly the INS Immigration and Naturalization Service)

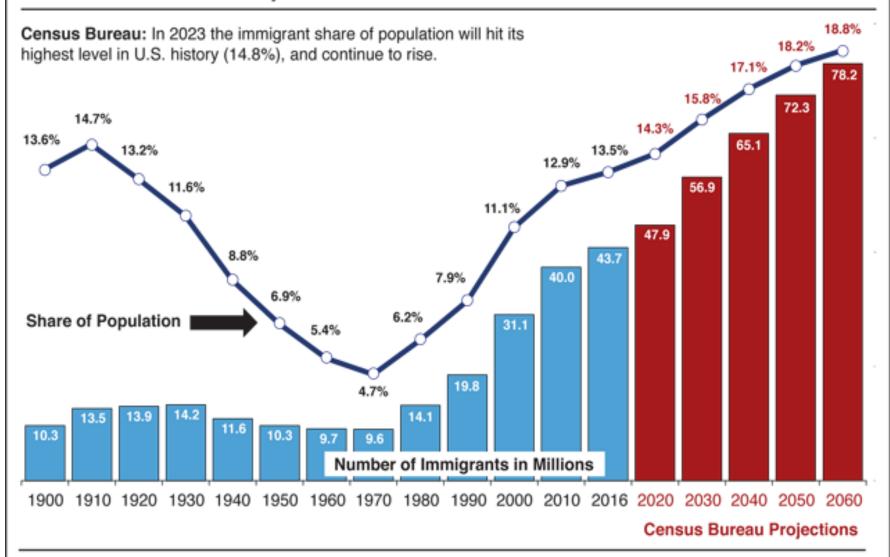
The USCIS has copies of Naturalization records from 27 September 1906 and later. Records available through the

Total Immigrants by Decade

This chart shows, by decade, the number of legal immigrants who came to America from 1820 through 2009.



Immigrants in the U.S., Number and Percent, 1900-2016 Plus Census Bureau Projections to 2060



Source: Decennial census for 1900 to 2000, American Community Survey for 2010 and 2016. For 2020 to 2060, see Census projections through 2060.

Foreign born population by state (2018)

State 🔺	Total foreign born population ^[2] ♦	Foreign born population (%) \$
X Alabama	162,567	3.4
Alaska	60,784	8.2
** Arizona	960,275	13.4
Arkansas	143,709	4.8
California	10,625,980	26.9
T Colorado	539,514	9.5
Connecticut	520,262	14.61
Delaware	91,230	9.21
i District of Columbia	97,846	13.9
X Florida	4,475,431	21.0
Georgia	1,064,073	10.1
Hawaii	266,147	18.7
Idaho	105,228	6.0
Illinois	1,791,313	14.1
Indiana	354,348	5.3
I es Iowa	175,137	5.5
Mansas Kansas	209,362	7.2
Kentucky	169,346	3.8
& Louisiana	195,027	4.2
Maine	47,418	3.5
36 Maryland	915,191	15.1

 Massachusetts 	1,198,148	17.4
Michigan	695,217	7.0
Minnesota	484,192	8.6
Mississippi	70,860	2.4
Missouri	258,390	4.2
Montana	23,366	2.2
Nebraska	138,953	7.2
**************************************	587,686	19.4
New Hampshire	83,002	6.1
New Jersey	2,033,292	22.8
New Mexico	198,522	9.5
Mew York	4,447,165	22.8
North Carolina	824,177	7.9
North Dakota	35,824	4.7
Ohio	555,583	4.8
Oklahoma	236,882	6.0
Oregon	432,410	10.3
Pennsylvania	922,585	7.2
Rhode Island	139,063	13.2
South Carolina	256,765	5.1
South Dakota	35,175	4.0
Tennessee	348,562	5.1
Texas	4,928,025	17.2
Utah	271,222	8.6
Vermont	30,813	4.9
Virginia	1,065,076	12.5
Washington	1,104,850	14.7

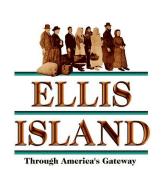
Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of U.S. states and territories by immigrant population

Some Sites for Finding Immigration Records

- FamilySearch.org
 - Immigration records
 - Canadian and Mexican "Border Crossings"
 - Don't forget to use the FamilySearch wiki (under "Search")
- Ellis Island (http://www.ellisisland.org/) (1892--1957)
- CastleGarden.org (1820 to 1892) before Ellis Island
- HeritageQuest Online
- Ancestry.com
- MyHeritage.com
- One-Step Webpages (<u>stevemorse.org</u>)



















General Search Principles

Start broad and narrow your focus



- Search for the right records for the right time of life
 - o Use maiden names early in life AND use married names later in life
 - o If searching for parents, narrow your search to the decade after the person's birth
- · Try searching individual collections instead of searching everything



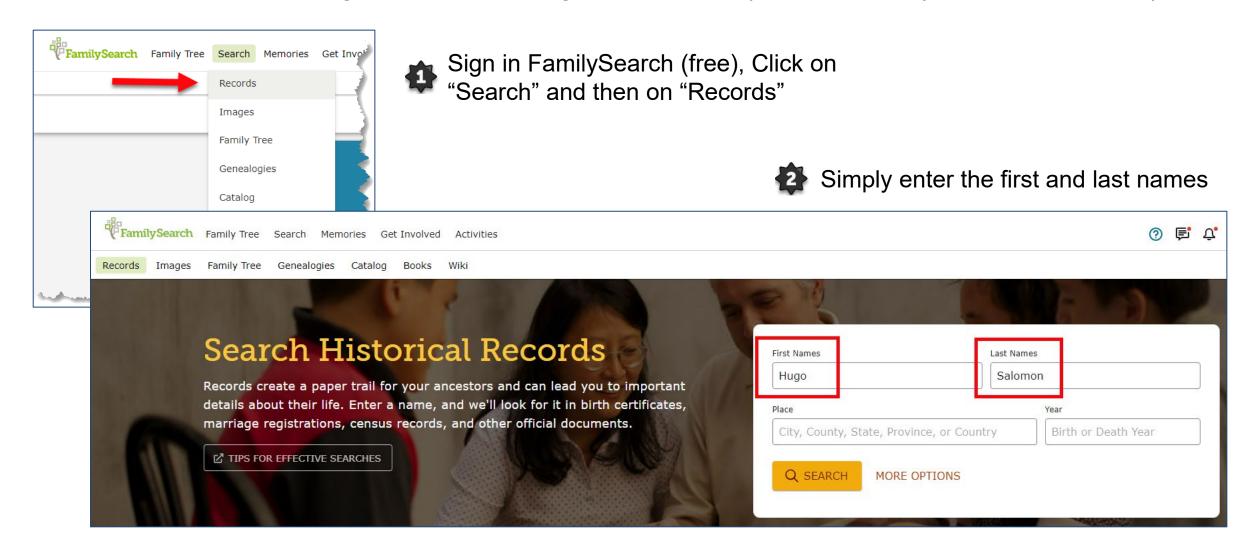
Attach what you find to your ancestor's profile to generate more hints

Be persistent

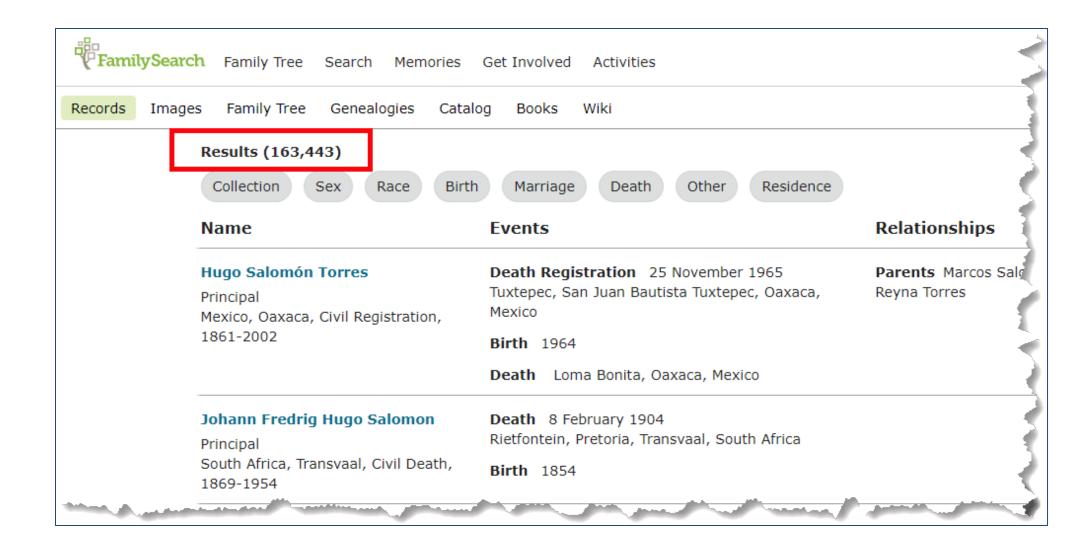


Start with a broad search – just first & last name

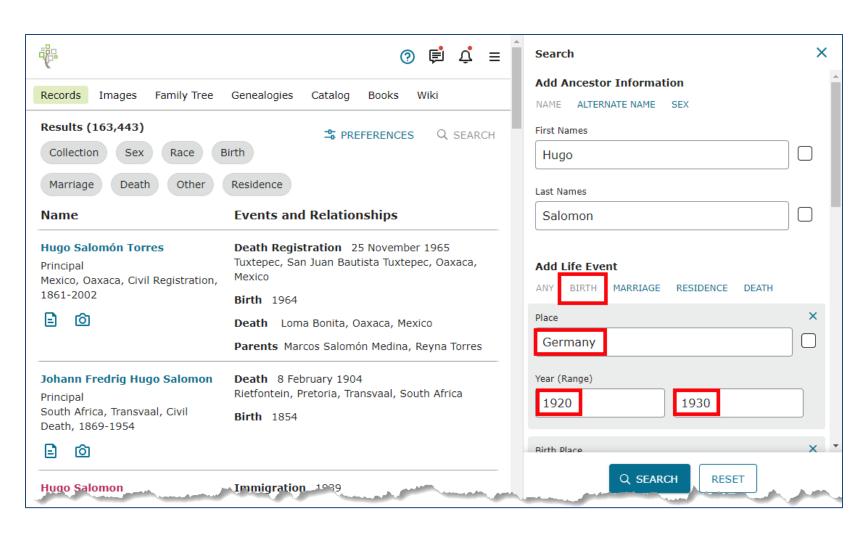
Goal: find Cousin Hugo on a passenger manifest (left Germany in before 1940)



Over 163K results – we need to add filters



We want a passenger manifest and we know he was born in Germany in the 1920s

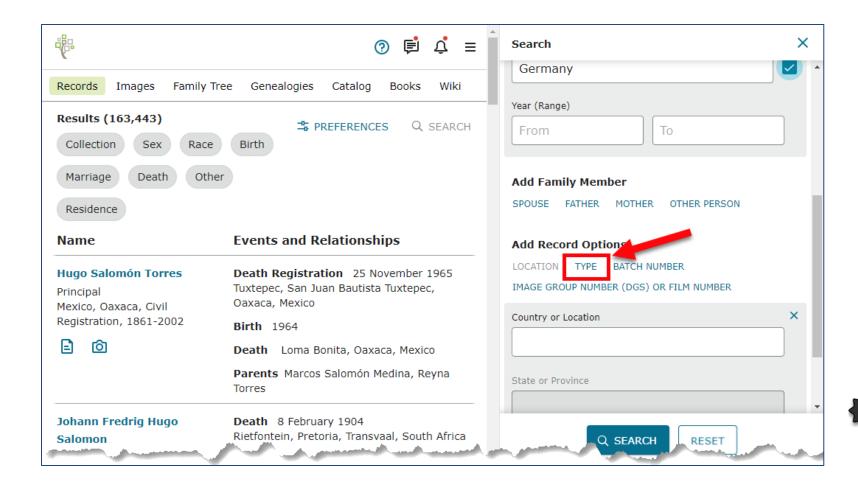


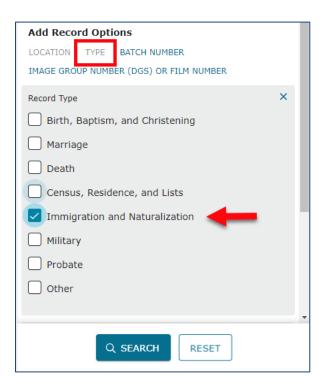


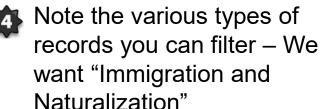
Select "Birth" and insert the "Place" (Germany) and the date range of his birth



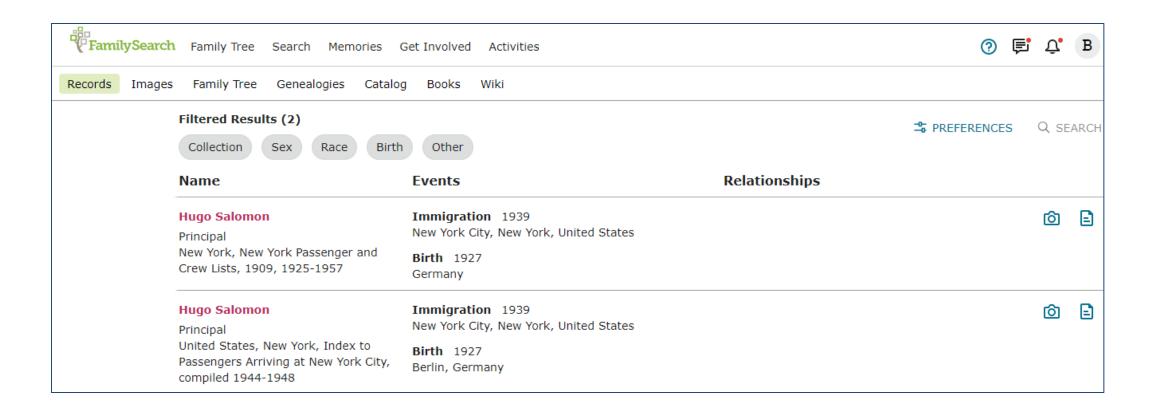
Don't overlook the "TYPE" filter!



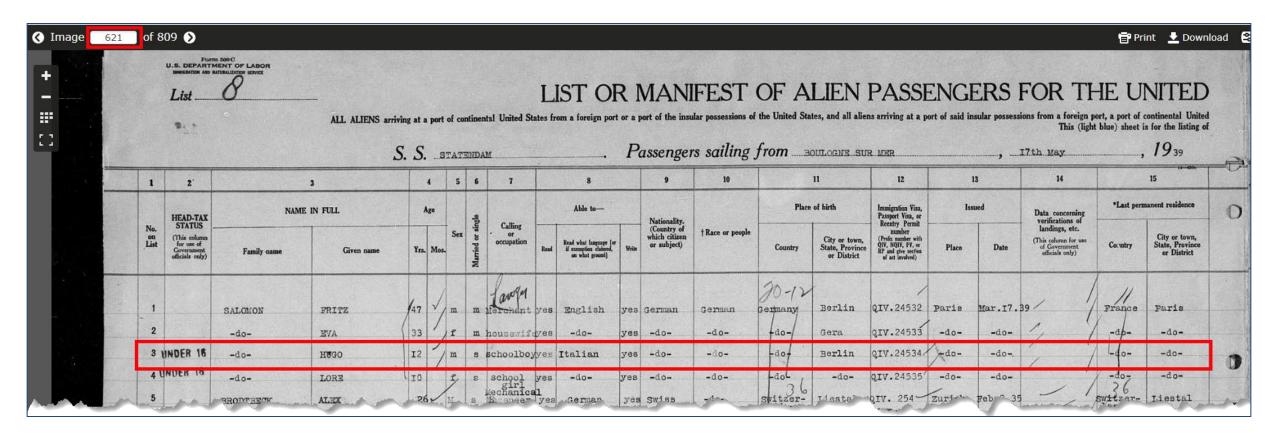




Now we're down to 2 results... and they're both for our cousin!

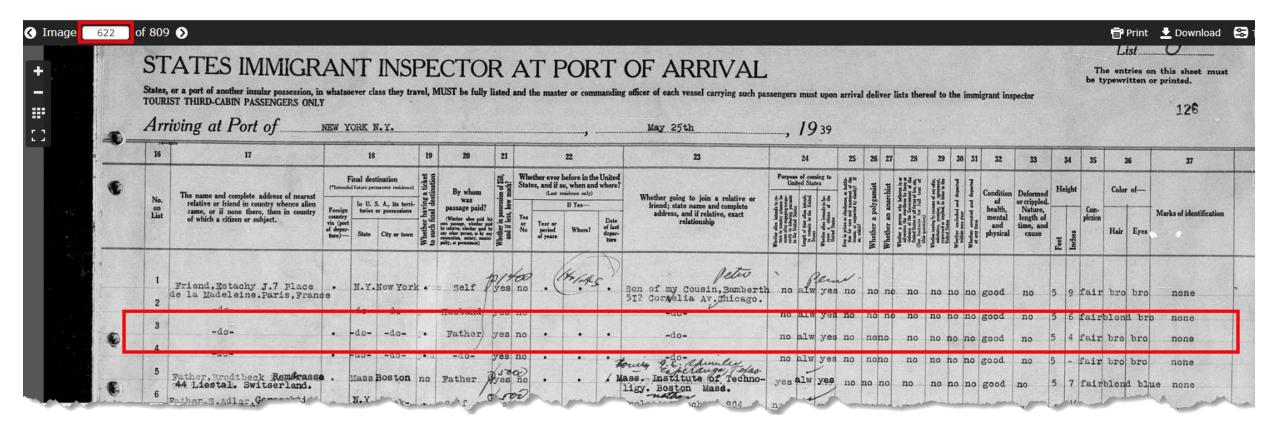


1st result = Passenger Manifest



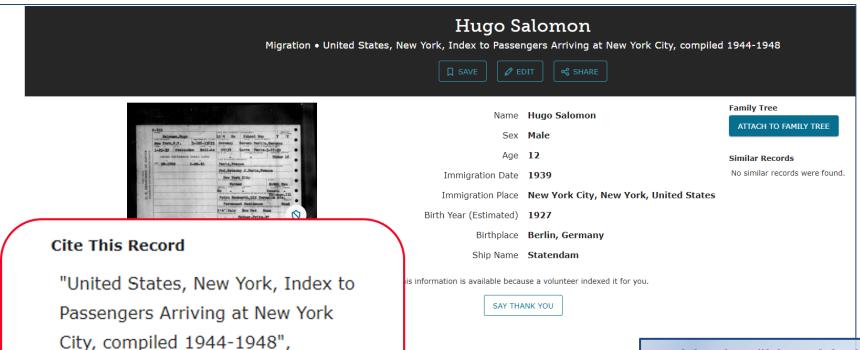
- Hugo, age 12, arrived with his parents and sister on 17 May 1939
- Hugo is a schoolboy, born in Berlin, who can speak Italian (I didn't know that....)
- NOTE: Does it look like we're only seeing half the page the left half?
- Click the arrow at the top left to advance to screen 622, keeping in mind that Hugo is row #3

The right side of the manifest on Image #622...



- Hugo last lived in Paris with friends of the family.
- The family is going to join a cousin in Chicago
- Hugo is NOT an anarchist, has never been in prison, is 5' 4" tall with a fair complexion and brown hair

What about that 2nd search result?



- It's the "New York Index to Passengers Arriving at New York City".
- Note that FamilySearch allows you to easily copy the source citation to your clipboard for placement – in your FamilySearch tree or your Ancestry tree or Family Tree Maker or anywhere you want.

Copy Citation

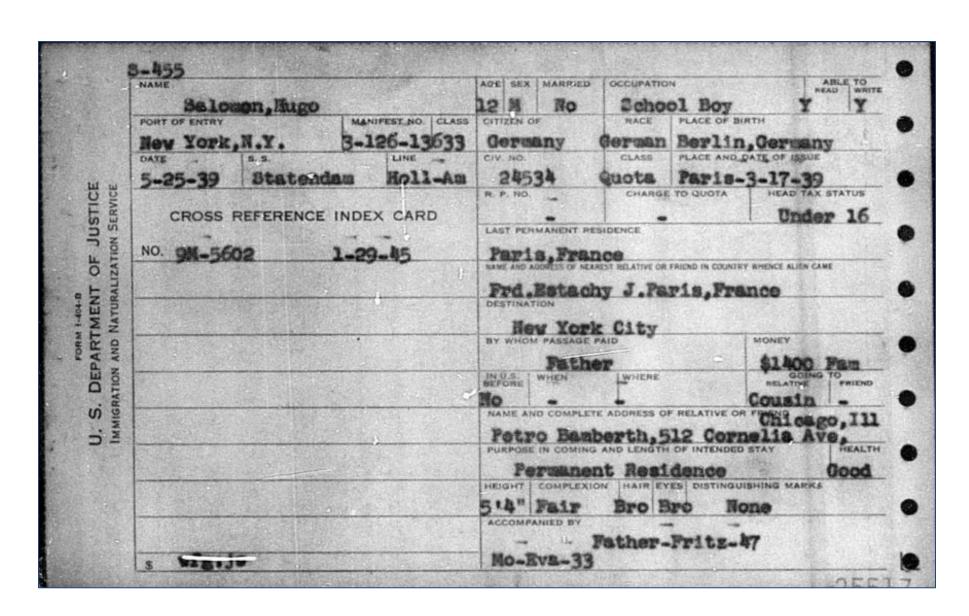
database, FamilySearch

(https://familysearch.org/ark:/619

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2019), Hugo Salomon, 1939.

What does that Index look like?

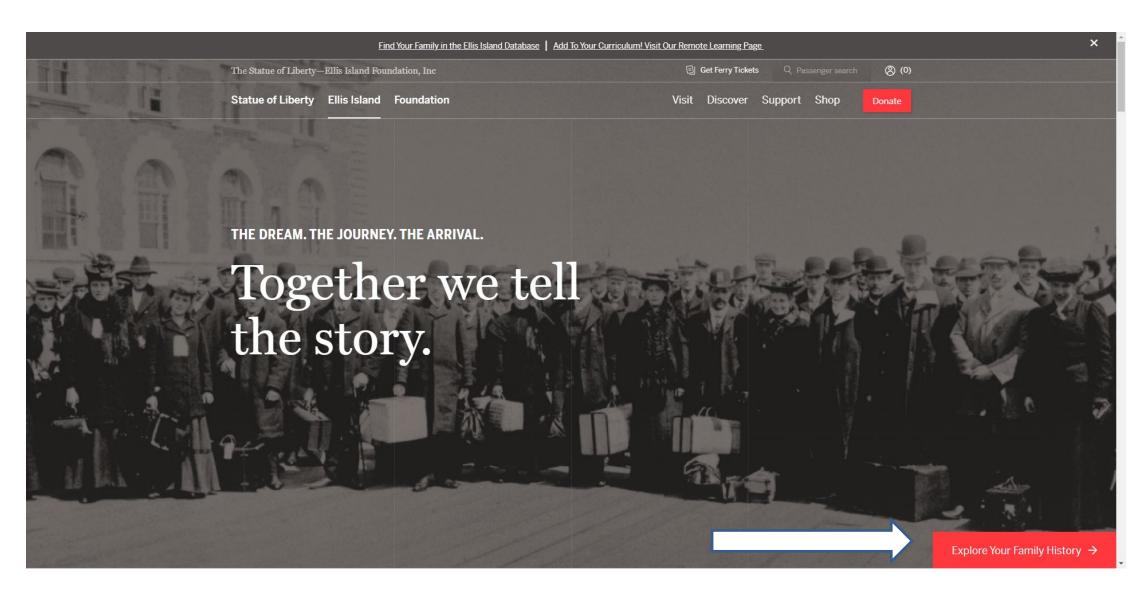


Finding immigration records from other sites

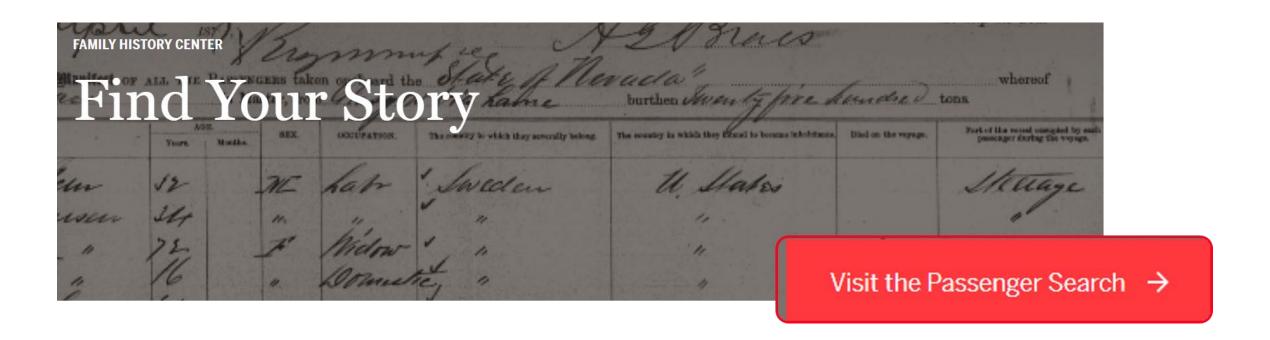


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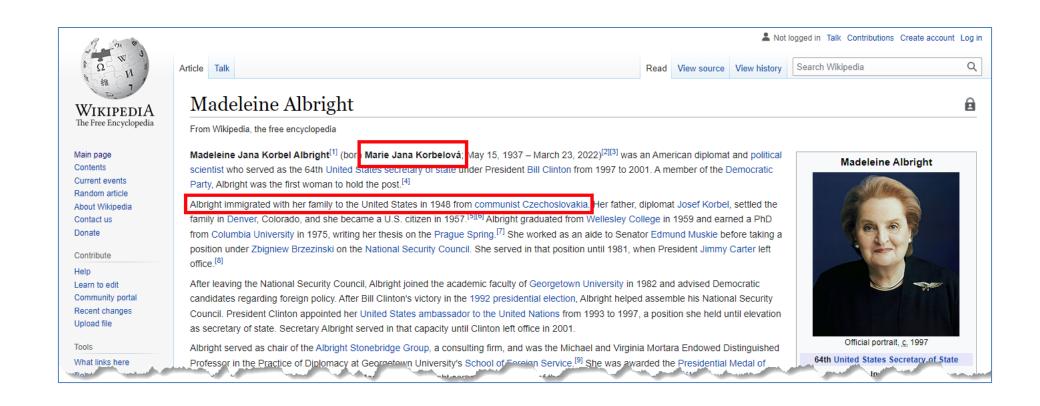
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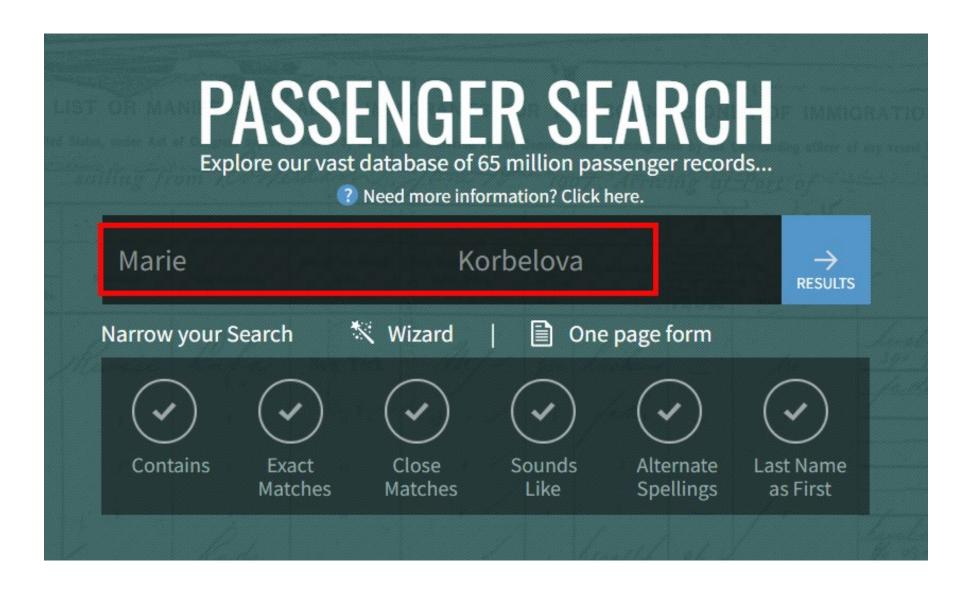
Visit the Passenger Search



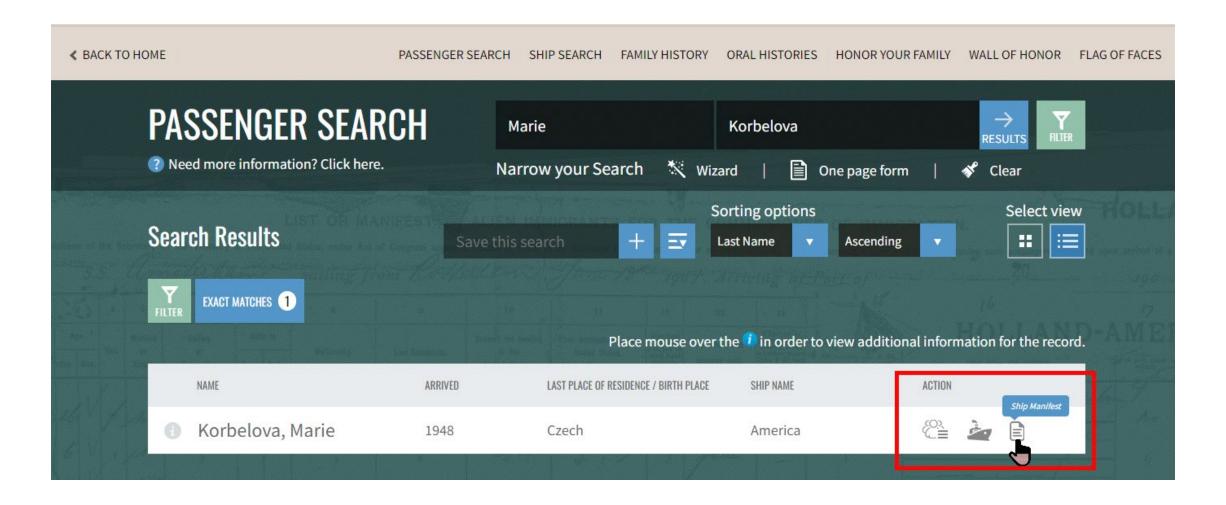
Let's search for the immigrant child who would become a U.S. Secretary of State



Enter her name in Ellis Island site

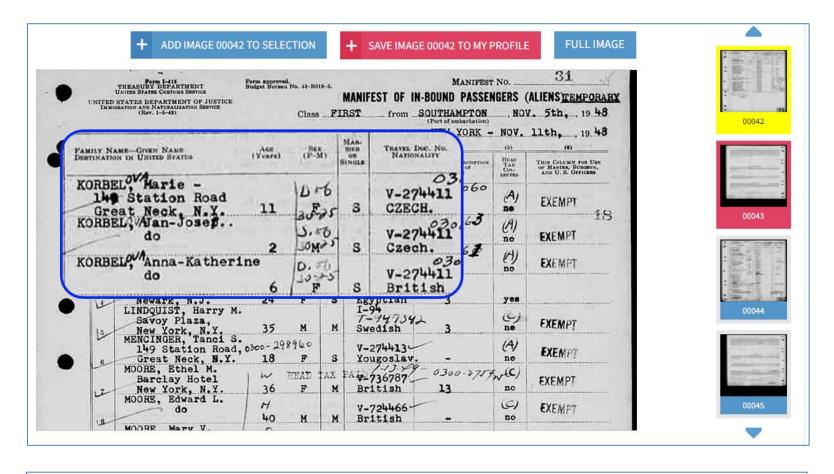


Search results – click on "Ship Manifest"



You don't have to pay...scroll down to the images





- Marie Korbelova (Madeleine Albright), age 11 is listed as is her younger brother and sister.
- In case you're wondering, their mother (Anna Korbelova) was with them and listed on the prior manifest page ("Manifest No. 30")

Finding immigration records from other sites



Accessing Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com is available via subscription (\$\$\$)



But it's available for free use:

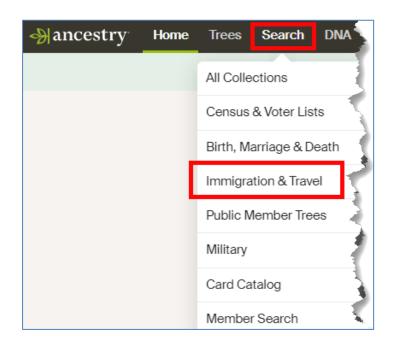
- At the Las Vegas FamilySearch Library (9th and Clark)
- At home if you have a Las Vegas library card
- At a Henderson public library

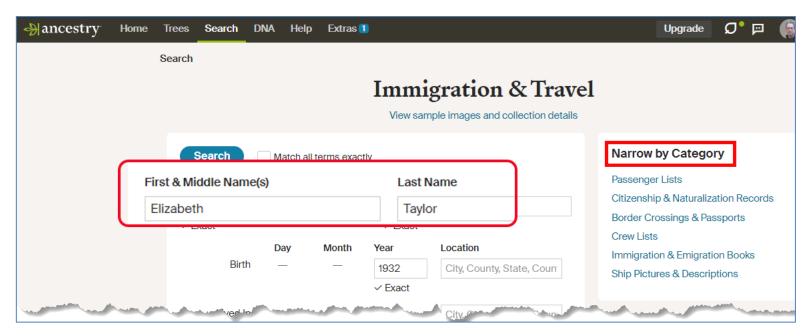






Searching for Immigration also reveals other travel







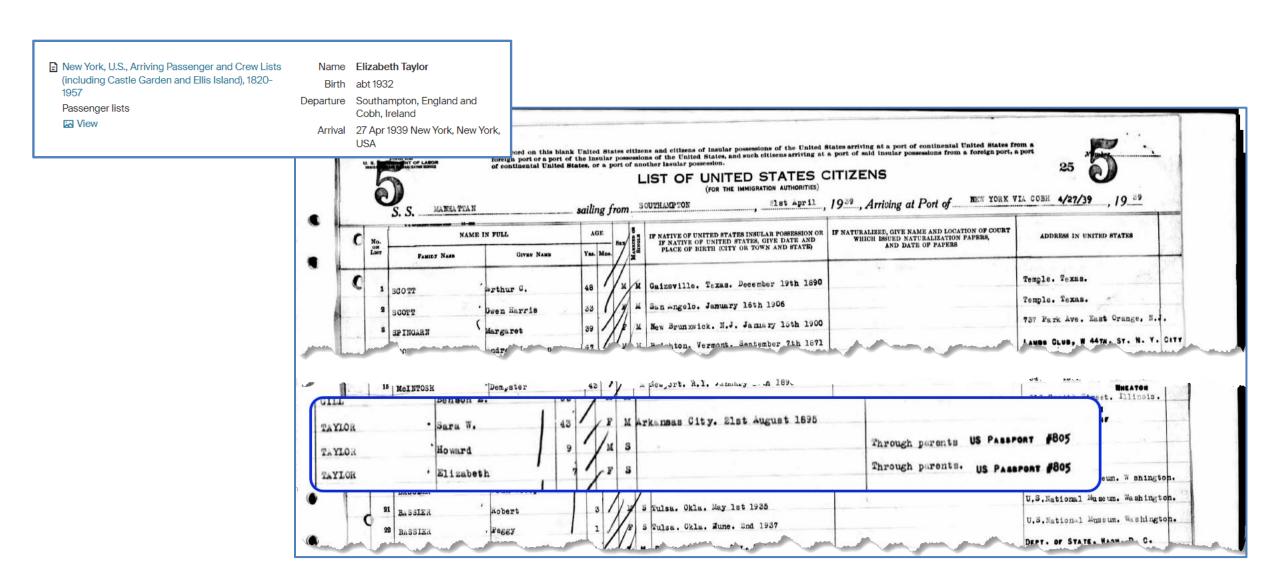
Elizabeth Taylor was born in London in 1932, to American-born parents

- Parents: Francis Taylor (art dealer) and Sara Sothern (actress) were born in Kansas
- At the urging of US Ambassador Joseph Kennedy, they decided to return to the U.S. because of the impending war in Europe.
- Sara travelled with daughter Elizabeth (7) and son Howard (9) in April 1939. Francis followed in December 1939.
- Both children held dual citizenship.





Arrived in New York on 27 Apr 1939



There were a number of travel records Create a timeline of your person's life events

New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957

Passenger lists

₩ View

Name Elizabeth Taylor Birth abt 1932

Departure Southampton, England

Arrival 26 Jul 1934 New York, New York,

USA

Liz, age 2, travels with family to NYC in 1934

New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957

Passenger lists

₩ View

Name Elizabeth Taylor

Birth abt 1932 Amer Parents eparture Southampton, England

Arrival 20 Nov 1936 New York, New

York, USA

Liz, age 4, travels with family to NYC in 1936

New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957

Passenger lists

₩ View

Name Elizabeth Taylor

Birth abt 1932

Departure Southampton, England

Arrival 9 Sep 1947 New York, New York,

USA

Liz, age 15, travels with mother to NYC in 1947

Mickey Rooney and Taylor in National Velvet (1944)

U.S., Departing Passenger and Crew Lists, 1914-1966

Passenger lists

∀iew

Name Elizabeth Taylor

Birth abt 1932 LONDON England

Departure 23 Oct 1948 New York, New York,

USA

Liz, age 16, travels with mother to England in 1948

Finding immigration records from other sites



One-Step Webpages by **Stephen P. Morse**



www.Stevemorse.org

Quick access to many different immigration record collections

Ellis Island & Castle Garden Search Forms and Ship Arrivals

Overview: Which Ellis Island Search Form to use

Ellis Island Passengers Gold Form (1892-1924): Preferred Form for Searching for Ellis Island Passengers in One Step

Ellis Island Passengers White Form (1820-1957): Form for Searching for Ellis Island Passengers prior to 1892 or beyond 1924 in One Step

Ellis Island Ship Lists (1820-1957): Searching for Ships in the Ellis Island Microfilms in One Step

Ellis Island Manifest Viewer (aka Missing Manifests) (1820-1957): Direct Access to Ellis Island Manifests in One Step

Ellis Island Passenger IDs: Decoding Ellis Island Passenger IDs in One Step

\$ All NY Passengers (1820-1957) - ancestry: Searching for all New York Passengers in One Step All NY Ship Lists (1820-1957) - ancestry: Searching for Ships in all New York Microfilms in One Step

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New York Passengers (1820-1891) - familysearch: Searching for New York Passengers up to 1891 in One Step

New York Passengers (1925-1957) - familysearch: Searching for New York Passengers from 1925 onward in One Step

All NY Ship Lists (1820-1957) - familysearch: Searching for Ships in all New York Microfilms in One Step

All NY Manifest Viewer (1820-1957) - familysearch: Direct Access to all New York Manifests in One Step

Ship Pictures: Obtaining Pictures of Passenger Ships in One Step

Ships & Fleets: Obtaining Details on Ships and Fleets in One Step

NARA/FHL Roll Numbers: Obtaining NARA and FHL Roll Numbers for NY Ship Arrivals in One Step

Ellis Island Name Change Myth: Did Officials Change Immigrant Names at Ellis Island

Ancestrylibrary.com/Ancestryinstitute.com: Using Ancestry from a library or institute in One Step

Search Castle Garden passengers

Search Ellis Island passengers

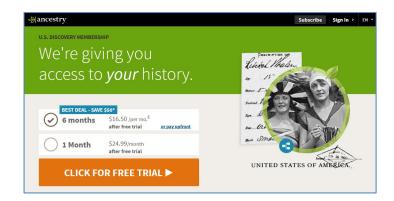
Links to other ports of immigration



Links preceded by a \$ sign go to a subscription site (i.e. Ancestry.com)



It will show you that results exist for your search. Note the Birth Year and Arrival Date are blurred



You are directed to a "pay wall". But, remember that you can access Ancestry.com with your LV or Henderson library card.

If you can't find your ancestor's immigration records, try a different site

Many sites have immigration record collections:

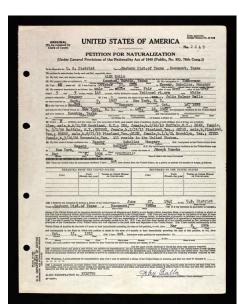
- FamilySearch.org
- Ellis Island
- Ancestry.com
- Stevemorse.org
- Fold3
- National Archives
- MyHeritage
- Findmypast
- Heritage Quest
- Italiangen.org
- and others...





"MEET ELSIE, MY SECOND COUSIN."

"WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FIRST ONE?"





Naturalization Records





Why search for naturalization documents?

- Original name / name changes
- Birth city
- Current address
- Name of spouse & birth date
- Name of children & birth dates
- Date of immigration
- Ship name
- More! (maybe)



Naturalization

Definition of *naturalization* **Noun**

"the course of action undertaken to become a citizen of a country other than the country where one was born"

Why become a U.S. citizen?

- The right to vote
- Can sponsor other family members
- Citizenship for spouse (sometimes) and children
- Citizenship for children born outside the U.S.
- Unrestricted travel time outside the U.S.
- Federal employment
- Pride in new country
- A new, fresh start



More about naturalization (or lack of)

- Naturalization is a voluntary act
- Naturalization is not required to reside in the U.S.

 Of the foreign-born persons listed on the 1890 through the 1930 censuses, 25% had NOT become naturalized of filed their "first papers"



A Green Card holder is a permanent resident that has been granted authorization to live and work in the U.S. on a permanent basis.

Naturalization Process

- 1. Residence in the U.S. for at least 1 year
- 2. File "**Declaration of Intention**" in any court
- 3. File "Petition of Naturalization" in any court
- 4. After meeting residency requirements, wait 5 years
- 5. Judge grants "Certificate of Naturalization"

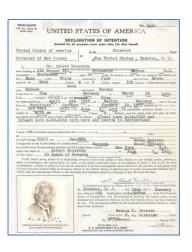


Notes: wives (1790 – 1922) and children (1790 – 1940) granted "Derivative Citizenship", BUT women could lose their citizenship (1907 – 1922) if they married an alien.

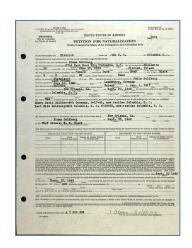
Types of Naturalization Records

- Declaration of Intention 1st Papers
- Petition for Naturalization 2nd Papers
- "Certificate of Naturalization"
- Naturalization depositions statements by witnesses in support of an applicant's petition
- Certificate of Arrival proof of legal entry sent to naturalization court

Alien registration files



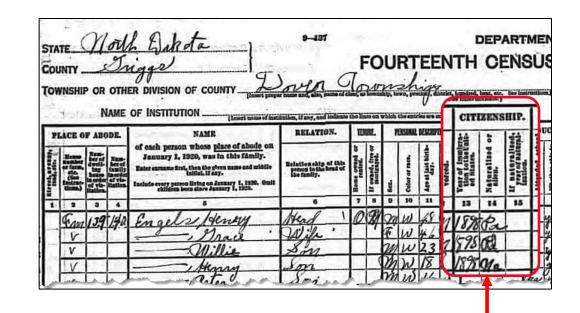


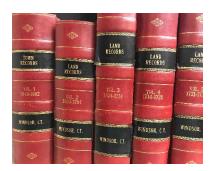




Other clues to naturalization

- Censuses
- Immigration records (passenger manifests)
- Voter registration records after 1906, an immigrant had to be a citizen in order to vote
- Land records immigrants had to file a declaration of intent before applying for land under the Homestead Act of 1862
 - Files available from National Archives
 - Relevant state's Bureau of Land Mgmt
 - County courthouse
- Military records
 - Veteran's pension applications may include documentation





AL = alien NA = naturalized PA = 1st papers file

IN = declaration of intention

SOLDIER	S APPLICATION FOR PENSION
STATE OF NORTH	CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF Jas	
On this 7 day of	of Jebrusary , A. D. 1903, personally appeared
Gastonso	, age & s years, and a post-office in said County and State, and who, being d
"An act for the relief of c	ertain Confederate Soldiers, Sailors and Widows," ratified Marc
that he is the identical	who enlisted in Co. H Atlanta Rev. R. C. St.
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(By the way...) - types of citizenship

1. Citizenship by ("jus sanguinis") – a child's citizenship is determined by their parents' citizenship

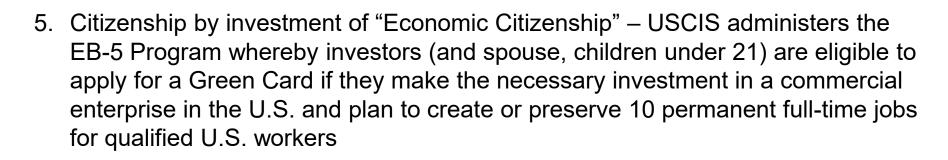


2. Citizenship by birth ("jus soli") – a child's citizenship is determined by the place of birth



3. Citizenship by marriage ("jus matrimonii") – fast-track naturalization based on the marriage of a person to a citizen.











Finding naturalization records - Online

- FamilySearch.org (free)
- Ancestry.com (\$\$ or via library)
- Fold3 (\$\$ or via library)
- MyHeritage.com
- Findmypast.com
- National Archives archives.gov
- Italiangen.org (greater New York area)
- Some state have online records see https://www.germanroots.com/naturalization.html
- Others



Finding naturalization records - Offline

- Courts county, state supreme courts, circuit, district, probate, common pleas court
 - See The Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources for summaries of court records available in each state:

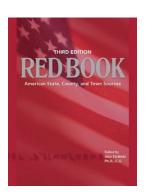
https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/Red_Book: American State, County, and Town Sources



- Family History Library (+ FamilySearch libraries)
- USCIS (US Citizenship & Immigration Services)







Red Book Online

In 2010, Ancestry.com digitized the content of Red Book: Americ chapter has been broken into one or more series of articles, links

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Alaska Family History Research

Arizona Family History Research

Arkansas Family History Research

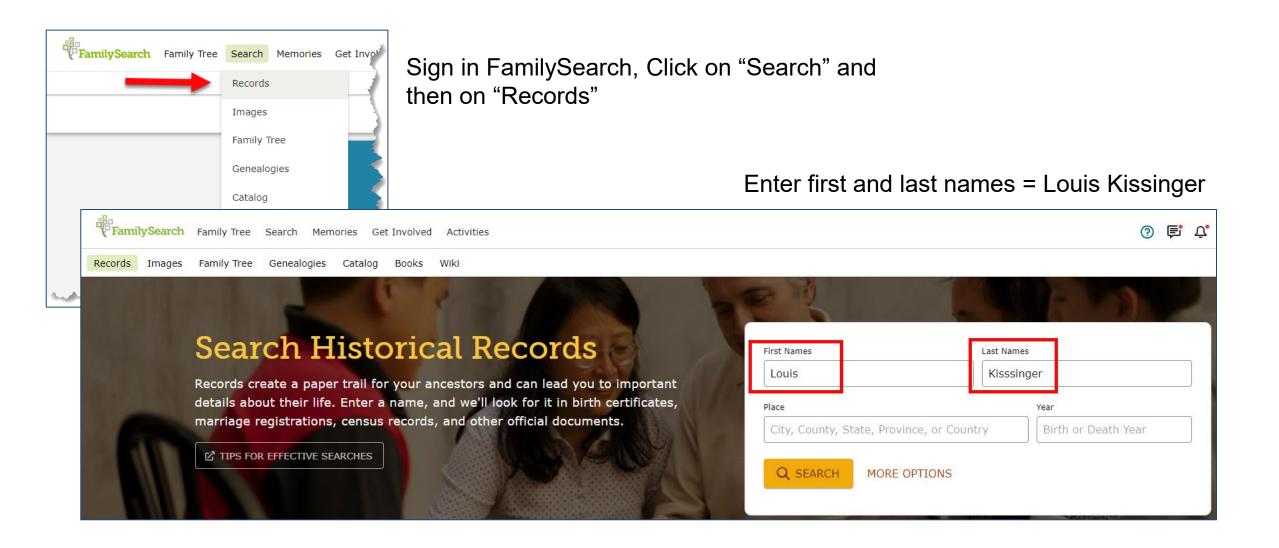
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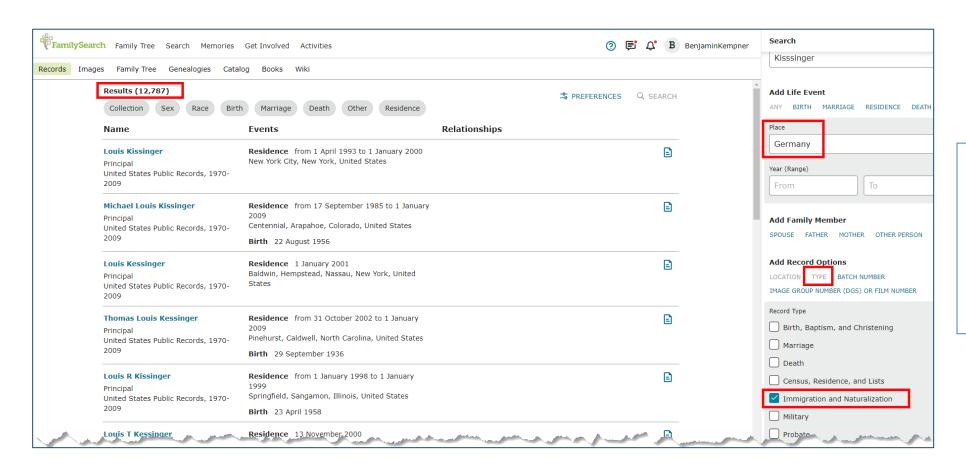
Example search using FamilySearch

Seeking naturalization documents for Louis Kissinger



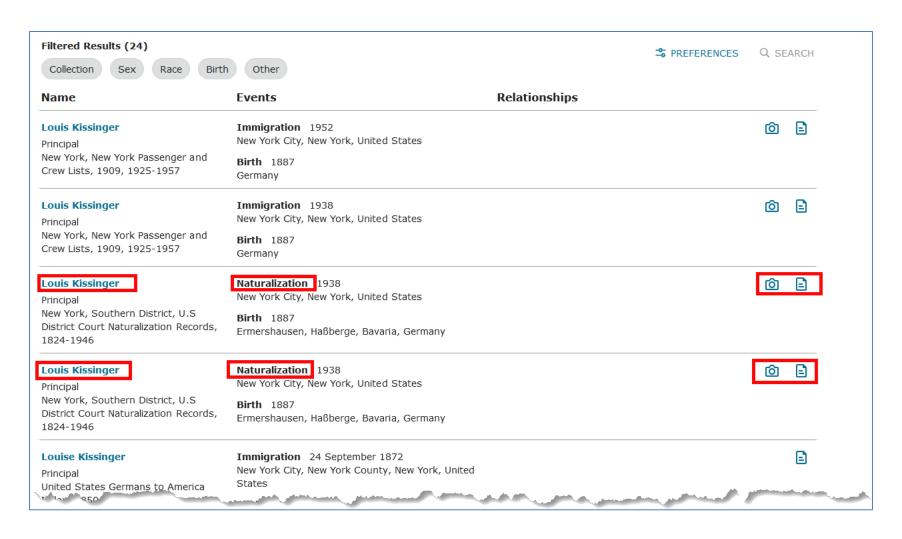
12,787 results! Let's add filters

We know he was from Germany and we want Naturalization Records



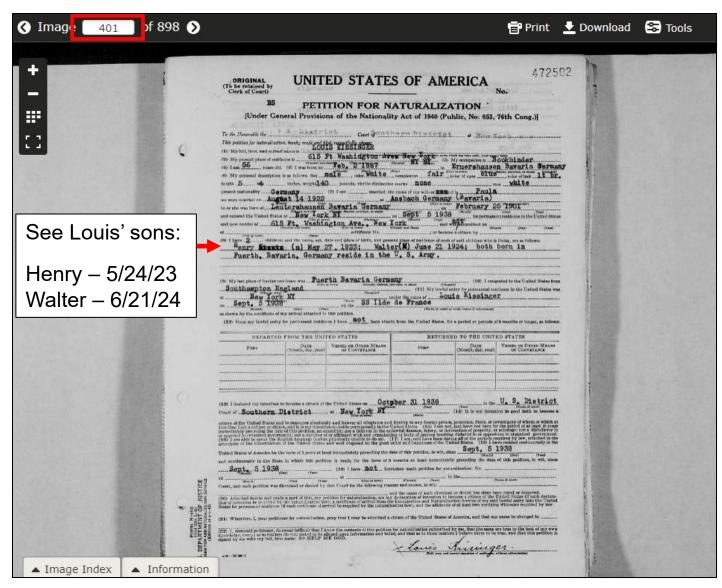
- Add Germany to the "Place" field
- Click on "TYPE"
- Select "Immigration and Naturalization"

This is "our" Louis and we are interested in the Naturalization Records



Petition for Naturalization revealed

in Image #401...



Great genealogical info on Petition:

- Name
- Address
- Occupation
- Birth date
- Birth location
- Physical description
- Wife
- Marriage date and location
- Wife's birth location and date
- Date of entry to the U.S.
- Children names, birthdates, locations
- Last place of foreign residence
- Emigration departure location & date
- Date of Declaration of Intention

Note the Image # (401) in top left corner.

Hint: try going back an image or forward.

Image # 399 = Certificate of Arrival

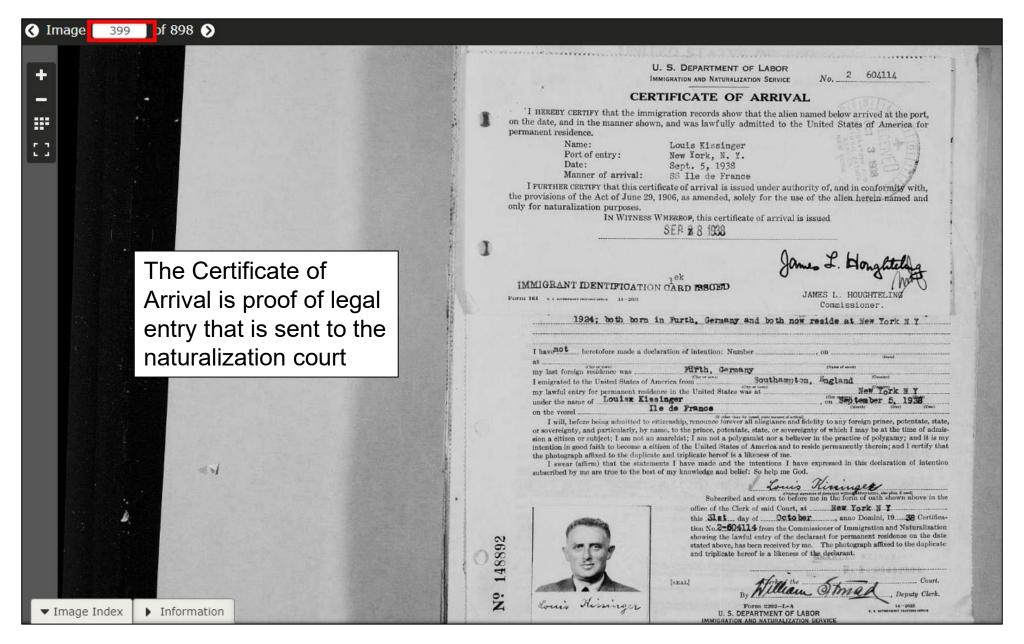


Image #400 = Declaration of Intention

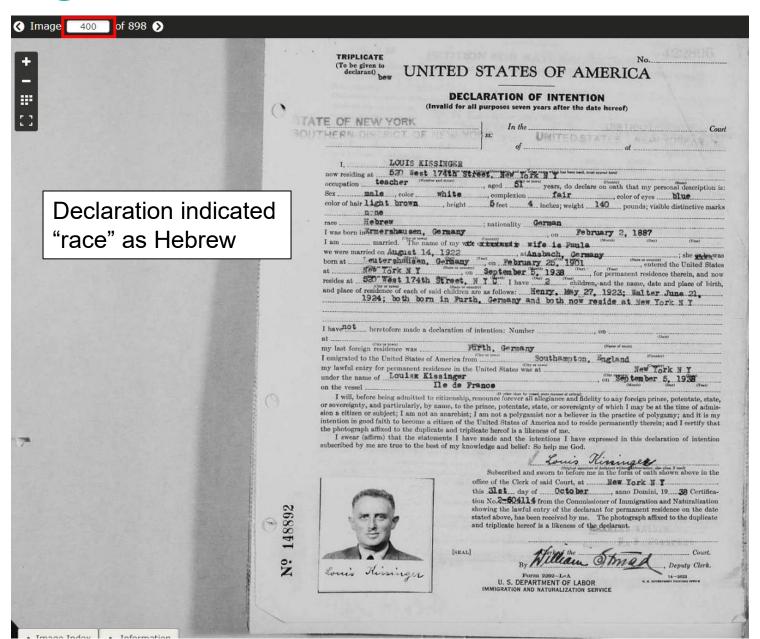
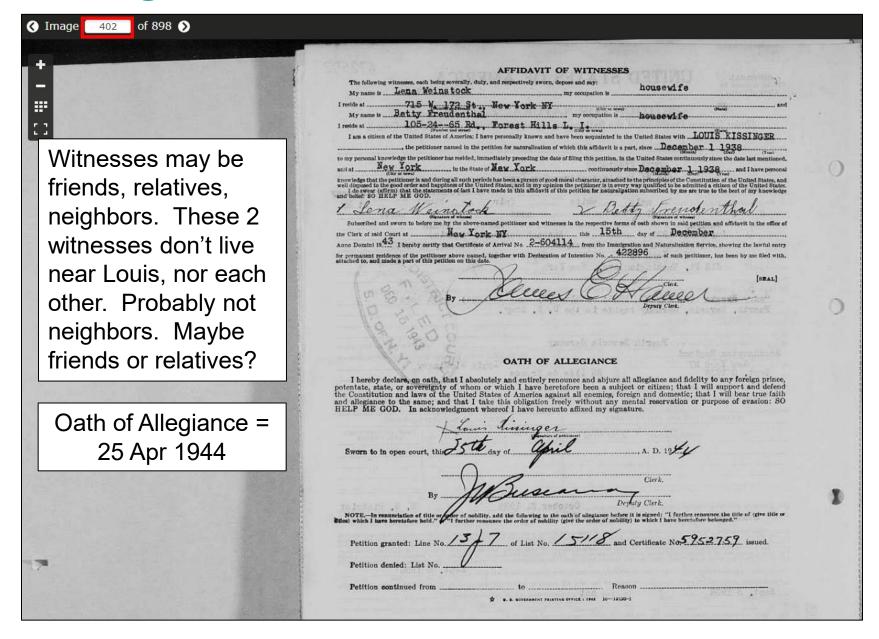
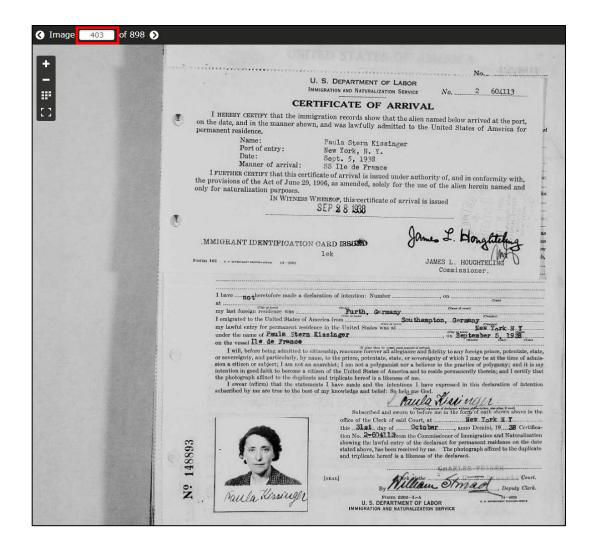


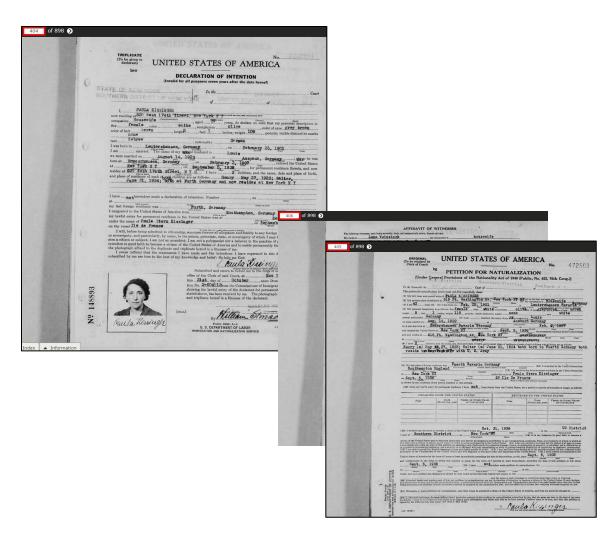
Image #402 = Affidavit of Witnesses



Images # 403 – 406 are related to Paula Kissinger

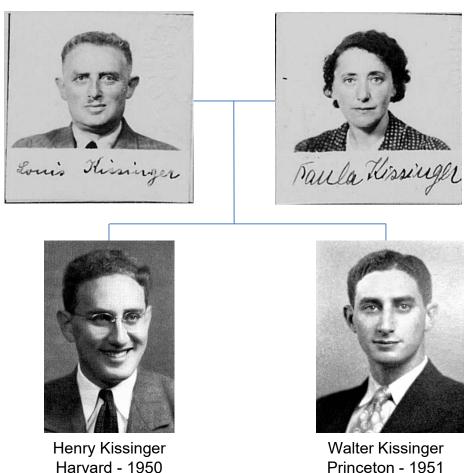
Louis' wife, Henry Kissinger's mother Certificate of Arrival, Declaration of Intention, Petition for Naturalization





Kissinger family

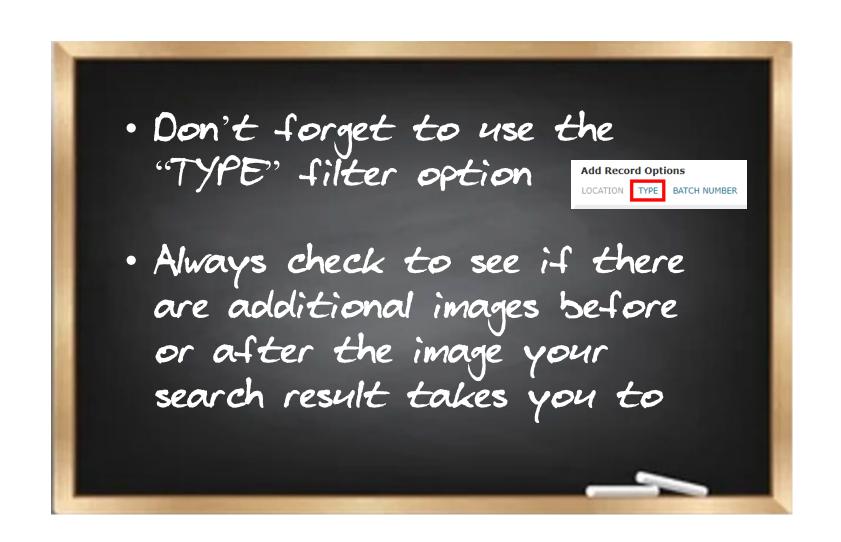
We might not have a photo of a family member without the Declaration of Intention





Henry Kissinger Official portrait c. 1973

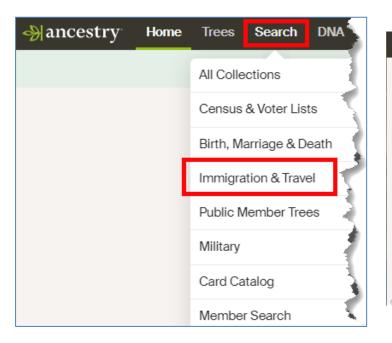
Some key takeaways



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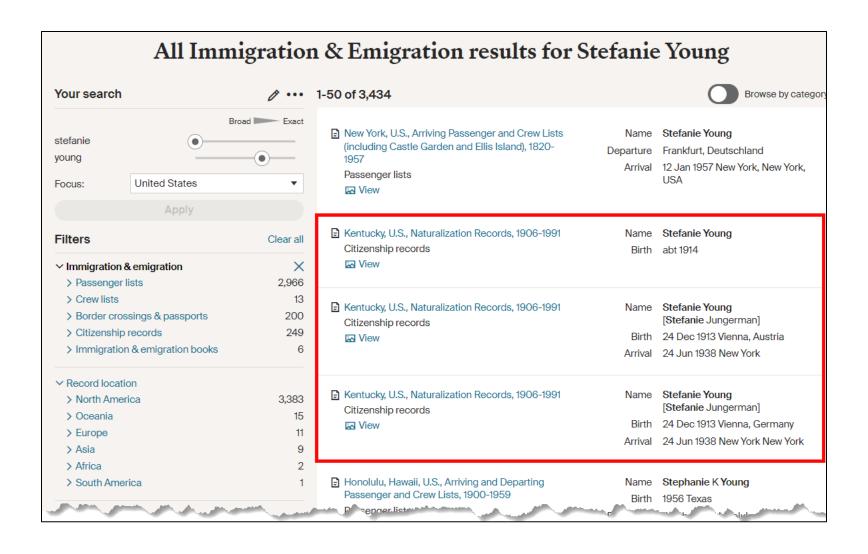
Example search using Ancestry.com

Seeking naturalization documents for Stefanie Young (Jungermann)





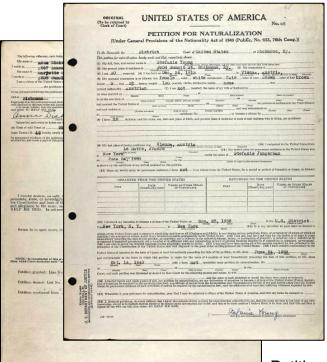
3 of the 4 top results match – no more filters needed



What documents did we find?



Certificate of Arrival



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DECLARATION OF INTENTION SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK & UNITED STATES 145 E 92 perote New Fork of Williams and the last and and appelled York December 24,1913 Vienna Germany manded. The name of my wife or husband is . one of the control of and place of residence of each of said children are as follows: I have not heretofore made a declaration of intention; Number _ my last foreign residence was "Fienna Anstria Cress deuts I emigrated to the United States of America from "E Harre France.

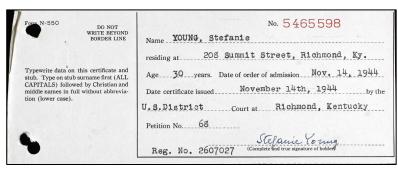
"He Harre France."

"He Harre France." under the name of ___Stefanie Jungerman on the vessel Washington I will, before being admitted to citizenship, renounce forever all allegimene and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly, by name, to the prince, poetnate, state, or sovereignty of which I may be at the time of admission a citizen or subject; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to reside permanently therein; and I certify that the photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of me. I swear (affirm) that the statements I have made and the intentions I have expressed in this declaration of intention subscribed by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief: Sq.help me God. dge and belief: So help me wow.

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Subscribed and swort to before me in the login of oath shown above in the logic of the state of the logic of t office of the Clerk of said Court, at this anno Domini, 19 Certificashowing the lawful entry of the declarant for permanent residence on the date rtated above, has been received by me. The photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of the declarant. FORM 22(2-L-A U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR 345 of 507 🚉

Declaration of Intention



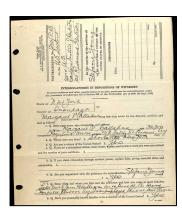
Registration of Oath of Allegiance

+ 30 pages of depositions

Petition for Naturalization

Why 30 pages of depositions?

- The entire time period between the arrival in the U.S. and the Oath of Allegiance needs to be accounted for
 - 9 people were deposed for Stefanie
- Witnesses need to attest to the petitioner's:
 - "moral character"
 - whether they've broken the law
 - whether they've been absent from the country
 - whether they've been an anarchist
 - whether they believe from personal knowledge that the petitioner "has been attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States"
 - whether they know of anything that might disqualify the petitioner for citizenship





Genealogical implications of depositions

• You'll be able account for where your person lived for that 5+ year time frame

You may find out where they lived during the Census year

• You'll find out who her friends and/or colleagues were

Per Deposition,	Per Deposition, Time Period of Residence	
Location Lived	From	То
New York, NY	1938-06-01	1939-06-01
Newark, NJ	1939-06-01	1940-06-01
Auburn, NY	1940-06-01	1941-06-20
Auburn, NY	1940-06-01	1941-06-20
Auburn, NY	1940-06-01	1941-06-20
Independence, IA	1941-07-01	1942-09-26
Hartford, CT	1942-10-01	1943-10-01
Hartford, CT	1942-10-01	1943-10-01
Richmond, KY	1943-10-01	1944-11-14

• You'll be assured that they (probably) weren't an anarchist





Questions