

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

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Immigration & Emigration

Sources to lead you to Immigration of ancestors:

- US Census
- Military
- Family Records
- Country of Origin
- Naturalization



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



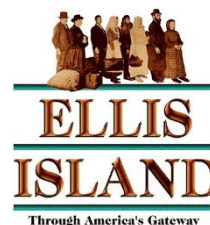
- New Orleans (1820—1902) ~0.7 M
- However, in the early 1800's there were 78 eastern seaboard ports of entry!]

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

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.ellisland.org/>) (1892--1957)
- CastleGarden.org (1820 to 1892) before Ellis Island
- HeritageQuest Online
- Ancestry.com
- MyHeritage.com
- One-Step Webpages (stevemorse.org)



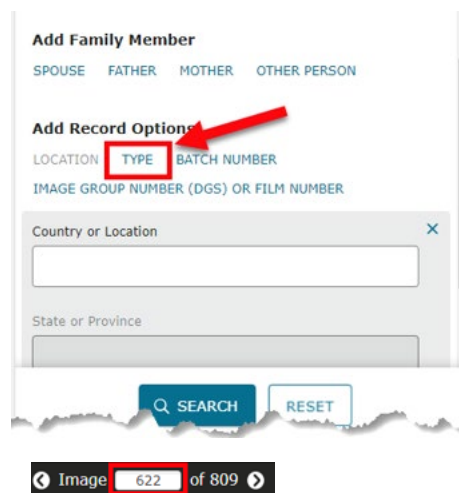
General Search Principles

- Start broad and narrow your focus
- Search for the right records for the right time of life
 - Use maiden names early in life AND use married names later in life
 - 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

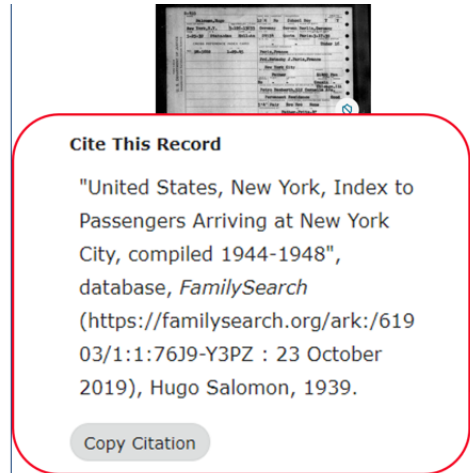


Start with a broad search – just first & last name

- Sign in FamilySearch (free), Click on “Search” and then on “Records”
- Simply enter the first and last names
- If you get lots of results (i.e. >50), add filters. Examples:
 - Add Birth location
 - Add Year of birth (or a range of years)
- Don’t overlook the “TYPE” filter under “Add Record Options”
 - Specify “Immigration and Naturalization”
- Sometimes the Passenger Manifest shows only the left half of the page. You may have to advance an image to see the right side:



- FamilySearch.org 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.




Cite This Record

"United States, New York, Index to Passengers Arriving at New York City, compiled 1944-1948", database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:76J9-Y3PZ : 23 October 2019>), Hugo Salomon, 1939.

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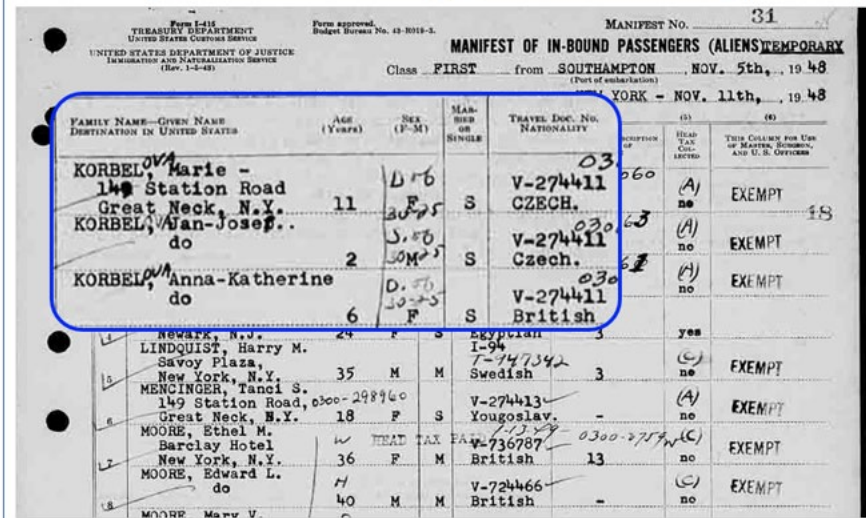
Finding immigration records from other sites

- Ellis Island site at <https://www.statueofliberty.org/ellis-island/>
- Click on "Explore Your Family History" in the bottom right corner of the page.
- Click on "Visit the Passenger Search"
- Click on "Start Your Search"
- Enter the name you're searching for.
- Click on the "Ship Manifest" icon

NAME	ARRIVED	LAST PLACE OF RESIDENCE / BIRTH PLACE	SHIP NAME	ACTION
Korbelova, Marie	1948	Czech	America	

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

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Form I-118
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
(Rev. 1-1-48)

Form approved.
Budget Bureau No. 43-3018-3.

MANIFEST NO. 31

MANIFEST OF IN-BOUND PASSENGERS (ALIENS) TEMPORARY

Class - FIRST from SOUTHAMPTON NOV. 5th, 1948

(Port of embarkation)

NEW YORK - NOV. 11th, 1948

FAMILY NAME-GIVEN NAME DESTINATION IN UNITED STATES	Age (Years)	SEX (F-M)	MAR- RED OR SINGLE	TRAVEL DOC. NO. NATIONALITY	(3) Description of HEAD- LOAD- CARRIED	(4) THIS COLUMN FOR USE OF MASTER, SHERIFF, AND U. S. OFFICERS
KORBEL, Marie - 149 Station Road Great Neck, N.Y.	11	F	S	V-274411 CZECH.	03 560 (A) no	EXEMPT
KORBEL, Jan-Josef.. do	2	M	S	V-274411 Czech.	030 63 (A) no	EXEMPT
KORBEL, Anna-Katherine do	6	F	S	V-274411 British	030 62 (A) no	EXEMPT
NEWARK, N.J. LINDQUIST, Harry M. Savoy Plaza, New York, N.Y.	24	M	M	Egyptian I-94 7-747342	3 (C) no	EXEMPT
MENCIKER, Tanci S. 149 Station Road, 0300-298760 Great Neck, N.Y.	18	F	S	V-274413 Yugoslav.	- (A) no	EXEMPT
MOORE, Ethel M. Barclay Hotel New York, N.Y.	36	F	M	British	13 (C) no	EXEMPT
MOORE, Edward L. do	40	M	M	V-724466 British	- (C) no	EXEMPT

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- Note “Full Image” at the top of the right side of the manifest above. Click on it.
- Use a tool to capture and save the image - - such as the “Snipping Tool” built into Windows.

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

- In Ancestry.com, click on “Search” and then on “Immigration and Travel”
- Insert the name of interest.

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.

 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 and Cobh, Ireland
	Arrival	27 Apr 1939 New York, New York, USA

- There were several travel records mentioning Elizabeth Taylor – back and forth between the U.S. and England in 1934, 1936, 1947, 1948, etc.

Finding immigration records with One-Step Webpages by Stephen P. Morse

<https://stevemorse.org/>

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
- [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

Search Castle Island 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)

Results 1–50 of 760						
View Record	Name	Birth Year	Arrival Date	Arrival Place	Ship/Airline	View Image
View Record	Margarita Friedman	■■■	■■■	Los Angeles, California, USA	CMA	
View Record	Shirley Friedman	■■■	■■■	Los Angeles, California, USA	WAL	

Other Ports of Immigration

- [Various Ports \(free\)](#): Searching for Passengers from Various Ports for free in One Step
- [Baltimore Passengers \(1820-1948\)](#): Searching the Baltimore Passenger Lists in One Step
- [Baltimore Ship Lists \(1820-1948\)](#): Searching for Ships in the Baltimore Microfilms in One Step
- [Baltimore Manifest Viewer \(1820-1948\)](#): Direct Access to Baltimore Manifests in One Step
- [Boston Passengers \(1820-1963\)](#): Searching the Boston Passenger Lists in One Step
- [Boston Ship Lists \(1820-1963\)](#): Searching for Ships in the Boston Microfilms in One Step
- [Boston Manifest Viewer \(1820-1963\)](#): Direct Access to Boston Manifests in One Step
- [Galveston Passengers \(1893-1960\)](#): Searching the Galveston Passenger Lists in One Step (ancestry.com)
- [Galveston Ship Lists \(1893-1960\)](#): Searching for Ships in the Galveston Microfilms in One Step
- [Galveston Manifest Viewer \(1893-1960\)](#): Direct Access to Galveston Manifests in One Step
- [New Orleans Passengers \(1813-1963\)](#): Searching the New Orleans Passenger Lists in One Step
- [New Orleans Ship Lists \(1813-1963\)](#): Searching for Ships in the New Orleans Microfilms in One Step
- [New Orleans Manifest Viewer \(1813-1963\)](#): Direct Access to New Orleans Manifests in One Step

- Your search will reveal results, but as in the example above, the Birth year and Arrival date are blurred. You will be directed to a “pay wall” for that particular site (i.e. Ancestry.com). BUT, remember that you can access Ancestry.com with your LV or Henderson library card OR at the FamilySearch Library.

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...

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)

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 or filed their “first papers”

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 Management
 - County courthouse
- Military records
 - Veteran’s pension applications may include documentation

STATE North Dakota 9-187 DEPARTMENT

COUNTY Triggs **FOURTEENTH CENSUS**

TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Down Township

NAME OF INSTITUTION _____

PLACE OF ABODE.				NAME of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920, was in this family. Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Include every person living on January 1, 1920. Omit children born since January 1, 1920.	RELATION. Relation ship of this person to the head of the family.	TENURE.			PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.			CITIZENSHIP.		
1	2	3	4			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				Engels, Henry	Head									
				Engels, Grace	Wife									
				Engels, Willie	Son									
				Engels, Harry	Son									
				Engels, Peter	Son									

AL = alien
 NA = naturalized
 PA = 1st papers file
 IN = declaration of intention

(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.
4. Naturalization
5. Citizenship by investment of “Economic Citizenship” – USCIS administers the EB-5 Program whereby investors (and spouse, children under 21) are eligible to apply for a Green Card if they make the necessary investment in a commercial enterprise in the U.S. and plan to create or preserve 10 permanent full-time jobs for qualified U.S. workers

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](https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/Red_Book:_American_State,_County,_and_Town_Sources)
- National Archives microfilm
- Family History Library (+ FamilySearch libraries)
- USCIS (US Citizenship & Immigration Services)



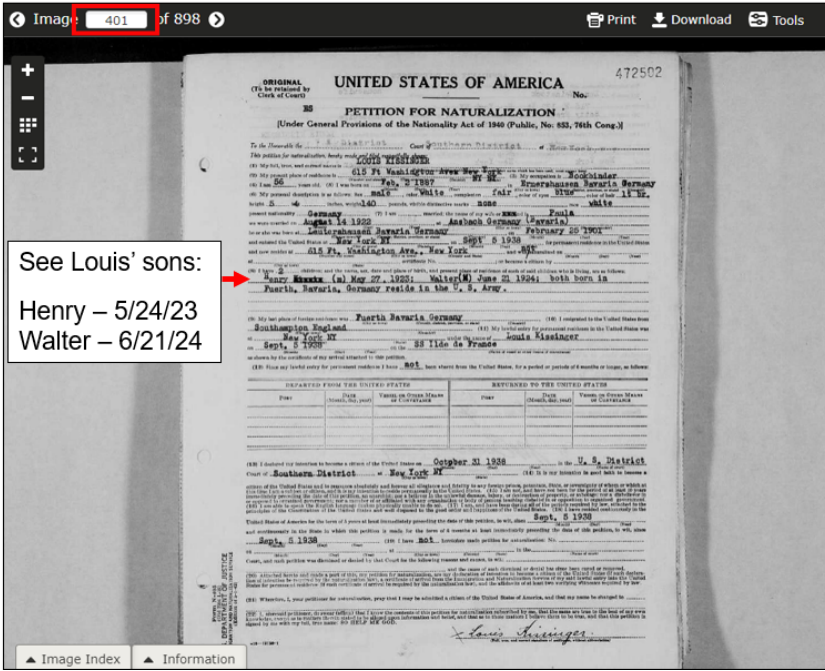
Example search using FamilySearch - Seeking naturalization documents for Louis Kissinger

- Sign in FamilySearch, Click on “Search” and then on “Records”
- Enter first and last names = Louis Kissinger
- 12,787 results! Let’s add filters - We know he was from Germany, and we want Naturalization Records

A screenshot of the FamilySearch "Add Life Event" form. The form has several sections: "Add Life Event" with tabs for ANY, BIRTH, MARRIAGE, RESIDENCE, and DEATH; "Place" with a text box containing "Germany"; "Year (Range)" with "From" and "To" text boxes; "Add Family Member" with tabs for SPOUSE, FATHER, MOTHER, and OTHER PERSON; "Add Record Options" with fields for LOCATION, TYPE, BATCH NUMBER, and IMAGE GROUP NUMBER (DGS) OR FILM NUMBER; and "Record Type" with a list of checkboxes: Birth, Baptism, and Christening; Marriage; Death; Census, Residence, and Lists; Immigration and Naturalization (checked); Military; and Probate. Red boxes highlight the "Place" field and the "TYPE" dropdown menu.

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

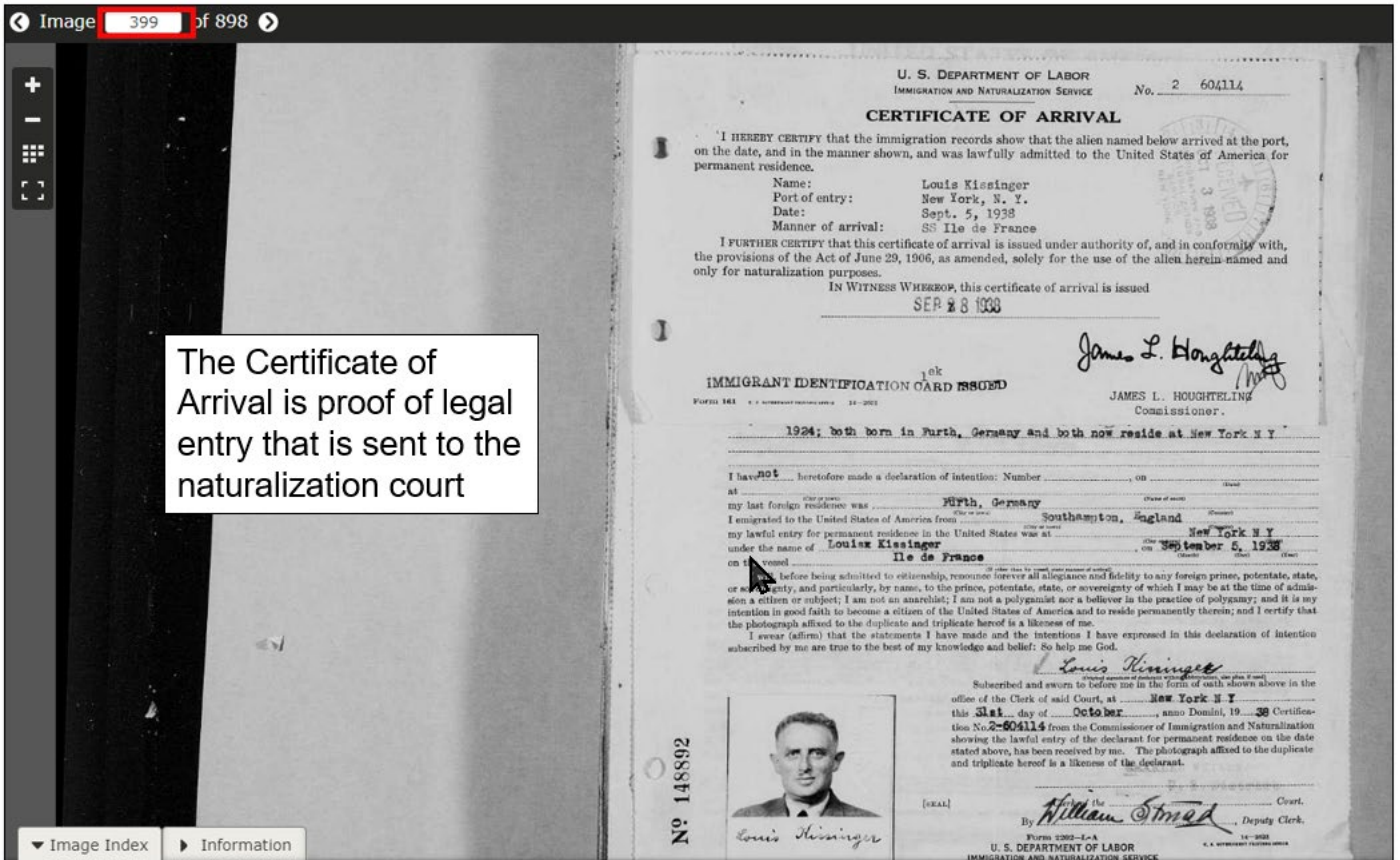
Petition for Naturalization revealed in Image #401...



- 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

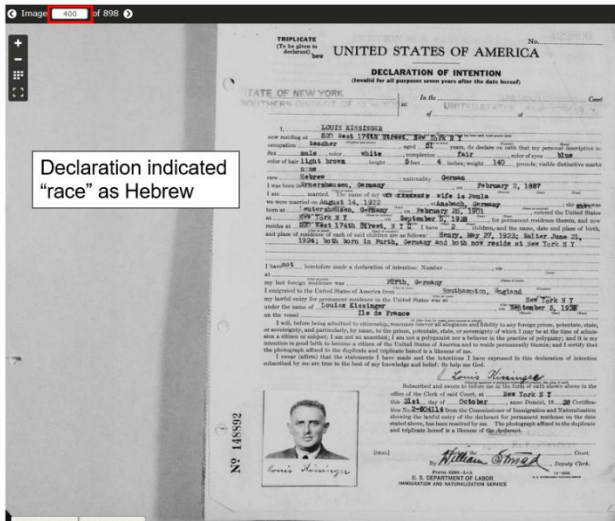
Note the Image # (401) in top left corner.
Hint: try going back an image or forward.

Image # 399 = Certificate of Arrival

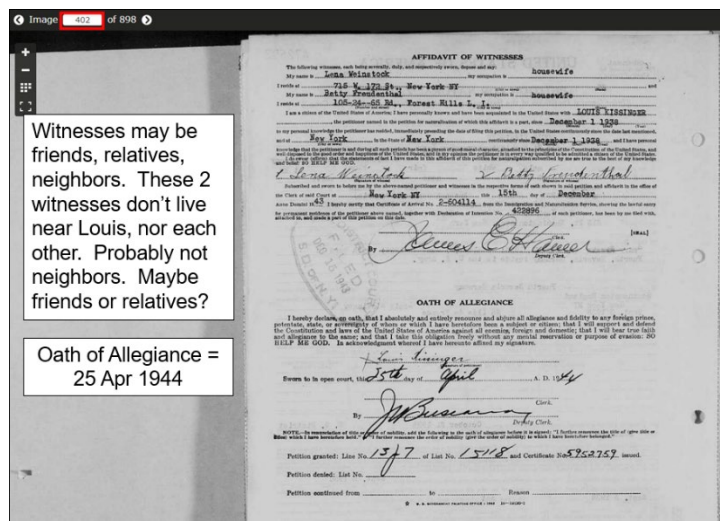


The Certificate of Arrival is proof of legal entry that is sent to the naturalization court

Image #400 = Declaration of Intention and Image #402 = Affidavit of Witnesses



Declaration indicated "race" as Hebrew



Witnesses may be friends, relatives, neighbors. These 2 witnesses don't live near Louis, nor each other. Probably not neighbors. Maybe friends or relatives?

Oath of Allegiance = 25 Apr 1944

Images # 403 – 406 are related to Paula Kissinger

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

Example search using Ancestry.com

Seeking naturalization documents for Stefanie Young (Jungermann)

- Click on "Search" and then "Immigration & Travel"
- Documents found = Certificate of Arrival, Declaration of Intention, Petition for Naturalization, Registration of Oath of Allegiance + 30 pages of depositions

Why 30 pages of depositions?

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

Per Deposition, Location Lived	Per Deposition, Time Period of Residence	
	From	To
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