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**WHAT WE HAVE:** NARA has inbound Federal ship passenger arrival records dating back to 1820 for most east coast and gulf coast ports and a few lists dating back to 1800 for Philadelphia. Ship passenger lists in our custody are not complete.

**WHAT WE CAN SEARCH: *Passenger Indexes:*** We can search indexes if you supply the following information: full name of the passenger, port of entry, and approximate date of arrival. The following major indexes exist: Baltimore (1820-1952), Boston (1848-91 and 1902-20), New Orleans (1853-1952), New York (1820-46 and 1897-1948), Philadelphia (1800-1948), minor ports (1820-74 and 1890-1924), and Canadian and Mexican border crossings after 1895. ***Unindexed Passenger Lists:*** We cannot search these lists without more specific information than we require for index searches. To search unindexed passenger lists through 1892, you must supply port of entry, name of the vessel, approximate date of arrival, and the full name and age of the passenger. For those lists, we can also make a search with port of embarkation, exact date of arrival, port of entry, and the full name and age of the passenger. To search unindexed lists after 1892, we need the port of entry, the name of the vessel, the exact date of arrival, the full name of the passenger, and the names and ages of accompanying passengers, if any. **PLEASE NOTE:** NARA has no index for New York for the period 1847 through 1896 or for the period 1949 through the present. Two websites, [www.castlegarden.org](http://www.castlegarden.org) and [www.ellislandrecords.org](http://www.ellislandrecords.org), offer free indexes to some of these records. [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) offers indexes to most passenger arrival records for a fee.

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