By Land and Sea: Tracing the Routes of Our Immigrant Ancestors

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S.S. Great Britain 1843

S.S. Barbarossa 1911

Immigrant Ancestor Survey

EUROPE
- Germany
- United Kingdom
- Ireland
- Czech
- Scandinavia
- Other European

- AUSTRALIA
- ASIA
- AFRICA
- The AMERICAS
- ANTARTICA ●

- Colonial -1607-1776
- Early Federal
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

History of U.S. Immigration - 1

- **The Colonial Period:** Largely undocumented
- **Prior to 1800:** More immigrants arrived at Philadelphia than at New York City
- **1800:** Beginning of Federal Passenger Arrival Records but minimal compliance
  - Baggage Lists at Port of Philadelphia
  - New Orleans 1813 & 1815
  - Alexandria, VA (very spotty)
- **Pre- 1820:** Estimated 650,000 individuals arrived in America, (60 percent were English and Welsh)
- **1819:** Congress enacts law requiring passenger lists to combat overcrowding and victimizing immigrants. Lists include age, sex, occupation and country of origin

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SS Great Britain in 1853- ahead of its time

1st iron hull & screw propulsion, longest pass. ship 1845-1854
322 feet, 2 steam engines, plus sails, 120 crew, 360 passengers
first iron steamer to cross Atlantic, in 1845, in the time of 14 days.

History of U.S. Immigration - 2

- **1820-1880:** About ten million immigrants most from northern Europe, the British Isles, and Scandinavia
- **1840-1850:** Dramatic increase in the number of immigrants from Germany and Ireland
- **1847:** Nine percent of passengers headed to U.S. died
  - State of New York converts Castle Garden into receiving station to protect immigrants from swindlers
- **1880-1900:** Nine million immigrants entered U.S. which was largest number in any 20 year period
- **1886:** "The Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World" was a gift of friendship from the people of France to the United States and is recognized as a universal symbol of freedom and democracy

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Passamaquoddy (80,000 +)
Portland-Falmouth (120,000)
Boston (2,050,000)
New Bedford (40,000)
Providence (40,000)
New York City (23,960,000)
Philadelphia (1,240,000)
Baltimore (1,460,000)
San Francisco (500,000)
Charleston (20,000 +)
New Orleans (710,000)
Galveston (110,000)
Key West (130,000)

Pre 1820- 650,000 to America

Immigrants Admitted 1820—1920

GHF Website = 130,000

History of U.S. Immigration - 3

- **1880-1920:** More than twenty-five million immigrants, primarily from southern and eastern Europe,
  - The largest numbers (in order) came from Germany, Italy, Ireland, Austria-Hungary, Russia, and England
  - Many of these immigrants settled in the larger cities, including New York City, Chicago, and Philadelphia
- **1890:** U.S. Treasury Department assumes control of immigration
- **1892:** Ellis Island opens in New York harbor
- **1892-1924:** Twenty million to U.S. (71% through NY)
- **1925-1954:** Over four million (56% through NY)
- **12 Nov 1954:** Ellis Island closed

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S.S. Barbarossa 1897-1917
North German Lloyd Line then USS Mercury to 1924

Passengers: 2,026–2,392
- **172–390 first class**
- **106–250 second class**
- **1,550–1,954 third class/steerage**

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Foreign Born Population
Washington County, Texas

Census Year	Total Pop.	Germany	Ireland	England	Austria	France
1850	5983	70	18	13	0	4
1860	15,215	1136	50	53	0	3
1870	23,104	1654	71	71	94	*17
1880	27,565	1954	88	132	8	17
1900	32,931	*3719	12	46	*56	4

1870-French names looked German; 1900- 90 Bohemians; Austria included 10 Poles and Germany /Prussia included 162 Poles.

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1870 German Birthplaces - Wash. Co.

- Prior to unification, the 1,654 German people were identified with birthplaces from the following place names in 1870:

  - Prussia
  - Hannover
  - Wurtemberg
  - Baden
  - Deutschland
  - Hesse/Hessen
  - Hesse-Kassel

  - Bavaria/Bayern
  - Braunschweig/Brunswick
  - Hamburg
  - Bremen
  - Sachsen
  - Oldenburg

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More Population Notes

- It is difficult to get precise numbers for each area using the Ancestry.com 1870 census search engine. They all get lumped together as German even though there is a more specific description of their place of birth.
- *"The German-born population, which settled mainly on prairie lands in the western part of the county, grew from slightly over 1,000 in 1860 to almost 3,500 in 1890, when one in four residents of Washington County was of German extraction."*
  - SOURCE: December 1994; Paper in Chicago Kent Law Review, Vol. 70, page 544; "African Americans and the Meaning of Freedom: Washington County, Texas as a Case Study, 1865-1886"; Donald G. Nieman [available online]

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German Chain Migration & Settlements Washington Co.

- stemwedegenealogy.com
  - villages in the parishes of Levern, Wehdem, Oppenwehe and Dielingen were combined
  - Stemwede Emigrant Database -168 matches for Brenham
- Rehburg founded by German immigrants in 1847 and named for Rehburg, Hannover
- Others: Berlin, Latium, Salem, Greenvine, & Gay Hill
- 1873 – 1919: German newspaper Texas Volksbote was published in Brenham.

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Success Rates of American Sources In Revealing German Hometowns- R. Minert

- Local church vital records — 65-76%
- Military muster and pension lists — 20-30%
- County genealogies — 20-25%
- State death certificates — 20-25%
- Passenger arrival lists — 15-25%
- Newspaper obituaries — 15-20%
- County histories — 15-20%
- State census — 15%
- Naturalization/citizenship — 10%
- Cemetery monuments/stones — 10%
- County marriage licenses — 5%
- Federal census — <1%

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Locating Migration Records

- Begin at home(s): attics, closets, drawers & file cabinets- a reasonably exhaustive search
- Low hanging fruit-
  - Online databases
  - Family histories
  - County, town, and village histories
  - Censuses
- Family Search Wiki & Catalog
- Ancestry.com Wiki & Catalog
- Library catalogs: Clayton, Allen Co., Midwest, etc.
- Search by port of departure and arrival
- Search by city, county, state and country

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Locating Migration Records FS Wiki

United States Emigration and Immigration

Sub-Topics
- Canadian Border Crossings
- Europe Emigration Records
- Finding the Place of Origin
- Legal History of Immigration
- Mexican Border Crossings
- Online Genealogy Records
- Other Published Sources

United States ▷ Emigration and Immigration

Immigrants Behold the Statue of Liberty.jpg

Ellis Island.jpg

The Tracing Immigrant Origins Wiki pages can help you identify an immigrant ancestor's original hometown. These pages introduce the principles, search strategies, and additional

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Familysearch.org/wiki/en/Texas_Emigration_and_Immigration

Contribute your knowledge to Family Search Wiki

If you are unable to edit the wiki after logging in, you will need to request editing rights using this form. You will be notified when editing rights are granted.

Texas Emigration and Immigration

United States ▷ Texas ▷ Emigration and Immigration

Example books with names of families who migrated to Texas from southern states:

Stephen F. Austin's Register of Families. FHL book 976.4 W2au 1989. Based on GLO records of families who arrived before statehood.

Tennesseans in Texas. FHL book 976.4 X2mh 1850. Based on the 1850 census.

Texas Wiki Topics

Beginning Research
- Research Strategies

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Sources: German Immigration to TX

- Geue, Chester W. and Ethel H. Geue. A New Land Beckoned: German Immigration to Texas, 1844-7. Enlarged ed. Waco, Texas: Texian Press, 1972. [36 pages include Washington county or city]
- Geue, Ethel H. New Homes in a New Land: German Immigration to Texas, 1847-1861. Waco, Texas: Texian Press, 1970. [31 pages include Brenham; 42 pages Washington]
- Anyone know these authors?

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Brenham Library Catalog

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Immigration/Emigration Databases at Ancestry.com, page 1

Sorted by Size

- New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957 — 82,932,426
- UK, Outward Passenger Lists, 1890-1960 — 23,768,544
- UK, Incoming Passenger Lists, 1878-1960 — 16,195,292
- Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865-1935 — 7,286,089
- Mass., Passenger & Crew Lists, 1820-1963 — 6,012,399
- U.S. Naturalization Indexes, 1791-1992 — 5,823,363
- Mexico Border Crossings, 1895-1964 — 5,807,437

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Immigration/Emigration Databases at Ancestry.com, cont'd.

One Name Studies

- Pass. /Immig. Lists Index, 1500s-1900s — 5,255,044
- Canada Border Crossings, 1895-1956 — 5,057,039
- Hamburg Pass. Lists, 1850-1934 — 4,938,987
- U.S. Nat. Records Indexes, 1794-1995 — 2,494,753
- U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925 — 1,835,566
- Victoria, Aust., Pass. Lists, 1839–1923 — 1,656,966
- Select U.S. Nat. Records , 1790-1974 — 1,543,305

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Published Early Immigration Lists

- Pilgrim Ship Lists Early 1600's, Over 7100 families and 290 ships, website by Anne Stevens, gives the name of the ship and the master, the departure date, departure point, arrival date, and arrival point.
- Best Source for Pre – 1820 Passenger Arrival Records P. Wm. Filby, ed. *Pass. and Immig. Lists Index*
  - An excellent index of over 4,588,000 names found in more than 2,500 published sources
  - Database on Ancestry.com -- Keyword: = Filby
  - Books at George Memorial and Clayton Libraries

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Customs Passenger Lists, 1820 to circa 1891

- Proof of arrival of 20 million people
- Intended to avoid overcrowding and improve health
- Name, age, sex and occupation
- Lists kept by Customs Collectors at ports
- Copies sent to State Department
- Natl. Archives microfilmed in 1977
- Originals at Temple University

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Mr. & Mrs. Henry Eichholt

The history of Brenham and Washington County by Pennington, 1915

- The first Germans to locate permanently in Washington County
- Henry was born in Brocken near Berlin
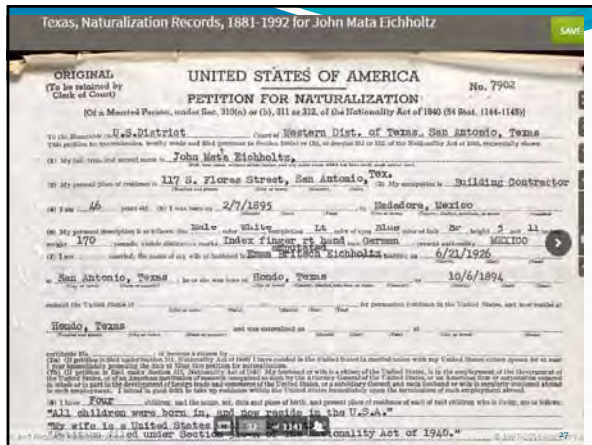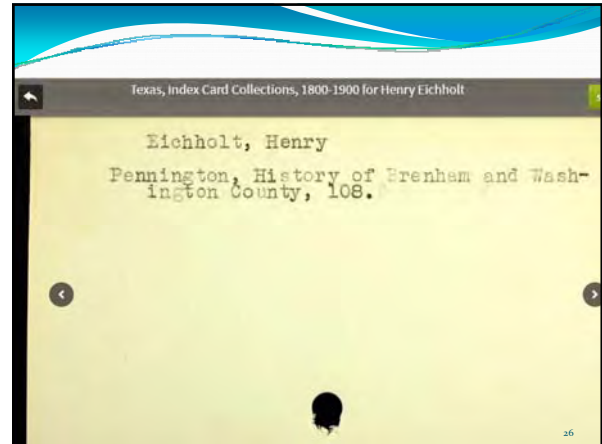- Arrived at Washington Spring 1846
- Married Louise Roehling in 1847

MR. AND MRS. HENRY EICHHOLT

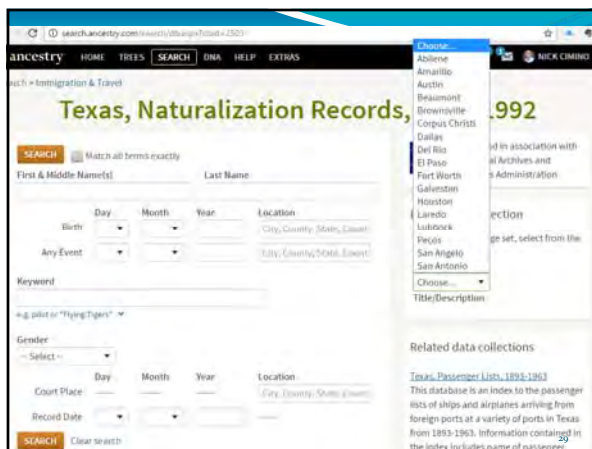23

Immigration of Henry Eicholt

- WC History by Pennington 1915 said he was born in Brocken near Berlin & he arrived at Washington 1846
- 1900 Census says he arrived in 1846 and he was naturalized but no date is given
- He was not found in GHF Immigration Database under EICHOLT or EICHHOLT or ECKOLT or EIC* or ECK*; GHF-ID not browseable
- Should search New Orleans & New York lists
- Look for naturalization in Washington County

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About Texas, Naturalization Records, 1881-1992

- Generally speaking, most pre-1906 naturalization papers contain little information of biographical or genealogical value. In the absence of standardized naturalization forms, federal, state, county, and other minor courts of record created their own naturalization documents, which varied greatly in format. There are, however, wonderful exceptions, so it is worth seeking pre-1906 naturalizations.
- Records created after 1906 usually contain significant genealogical information and are often worth the search to locate them.
- To Learn More:
  - Much of the above information was taken from:
    Loretto D. Szucs, They Became American: Finding Naturalization Records and Ethnic Origins, (Salt Lake City, UT: Ancestry, Inc., 1998).

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Naturalization Records -Washington County, Texas

•DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION, 1857-1906

•NATURALIZATION PETITIONS, 1878-1891

•NATURALIZATION RECORD, 1903-1906

•Index: For a WPA index to naturalization records, 1850-1940, request Reel 956524. For additional Naturalization Records, see the OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT CLERK.

SOURCE: https://www.tsl.texas.gov/arc/local/washington.html

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Browse for Naturalization in Court Records

Browse Trick

TEXAS NEWSPAPER NOTES.

The Texas Volkesbote, published at Brenham, celebrated its thirty-fifth anniversary with a special edition of ten pages printed on pale pink paper. An interesting feature is a group picture containing portraits of the founder of the publication, Henry Muller, and the present heads of departments, Henry Muller, business manager; Henry Mayer, editor, and P. Mundalius, foreman of the mechanical department. The Volkesbote is one of the leading German papers of Texas and its recent special edition adds to its reputation.

The Houston Post Sun Sep 8 1907

Henry Muller 1842-1895

New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957 for Henry Muller

Arrival Date: 17 Nov 1869; ; Ship Name: Paraguay
Port of Departure: Le Havre, France and London, England
Destination: Illinois; Port of Arrival: New York

Galveston Historical Foundation
Immigration Database
Search Family: Muller

Record #:   8697

Arrival Date: Jun 19 1871
Family Name: MULLER

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation
ORNO HENI	17	M	na

Destination: U.S.A.
Departure: BREMEN   Departure Date: NA
Origin: GERMANY   Ship: GALVESTON
Comments: INFO. ALSO IN GCGS
Citation: INSMF-01
Rec: NA
Source: NATIONAL ARCHIVES RECORD GROUP 36, MICROCOPY 575,
                  ROLL #3
People: 1
Destination Area: U.S.A.
Origin Area: GERMANY

FAMILY SEARCH WIKI – TEXAS IMMIGRATION

Passenger Arrival Records
Many people who moved to Texas originally arrived in the United States at the port of New Orleans. The National Archives and the Family History Library have passenger lists for New Orleans dating from 1820 to 1921, with indexes to 1952.

Galveston passenger lists from 1846 to 1871, 1896 to 1921, and index 1896-1951 are available at the National Archives and FHL film 830233, and are indexed in two sources:

Ships Passenger Lists, Port of Galveston, Texas, 1846-1871. Easley, South Carolina: Southern Historical Press, 1984. FHL book 976.4139/G1 W3s.

Blaha, Albert J. Passenger Lists for Galveston, 1850-1855. [Houston, Texas: A.J. Blaha], 1985. FHL book 976.4139/G1 W3b and FHL fiche 6099940. This includes some Indianola arrivals.

Unable to Find Your Ancestor?

- Check for variant spellings and transcription errors
- Use soundex, wildcards, begins with, etc.
- Try a different index if there is one for the years needed
- Search the indexes of other port cities
- Browse the passenger lists by year or ship

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Ellis Island period

- Extract Forms -Blank forms for extracting information from a List or Manifest of Alien Passengers for the US Immigration Office at Port of Arrival. From Capital Area Genealogical Society. (www.cyndislist.com/ships/general/)
- 1893-1906 – 22 lines
- 1907-1918 – 29 lines
- 1919-1925 – 33 lines
- Post 1925 – 36 lines
- Many passenger list forms (esp. 20th Cen.) were two pages long. Click "Previous" and "Next" to see all pertinent images

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Ship Images

RARE 1890 advertising postcard for Steerage class

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NY Passenger List- 31 Mar 1911

Use Federal Census 1900-1930 for Immigration Year

Name   Age

Note the Surnames & the Script

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Emigration records from country of departure

- Letters of Manumission
- Sale of Property
- Letters of Recommendation
- Permit to Emigrate
- Shipping Company Records
- Emigration Permission
- Port of Departure Lists
- Hamburg Passenger Lists

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Questions?

- Read my blog at www.ancestorpuzzles.com
- Contact a pro at the Association of Professional Genealogists www.apgen.org

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List of Recommended Books and Websites Regarding Immigration and Emigration Records

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Books

American Passenger Arrival Records by Michael Tepper, 1988

They Came in Ships by John P. Colletta, PhD., 1989

Ellis Island: Gateway to the American Dream by Pamela Reeves, 2000

Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, P. Wm. Filby, ed. , 1981

Websites

FamilySearch Wiki- https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States_Emigration_and_Immigration

U.S. National Archives and Records Admin. (NARA)- http://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/

Castle Garden- http://www.castlegarden.org

Ellis Island- http://www.ellisisland.org

Ancestry.com- Search catalog for "immigration" or use Wiki to learn more www.ancestry.com

CyndisList.com- Ships & Passenger Lists » General Resources
http://www.cyndislist.com/ships/general/

A Brief Timeline of U.S. Policy on Immigration and Naturalization-
http://www.flowofhistory.org/themes/movement_settlement/uspolicytimeline.php

Pilgrim Ship Lists Early 1600's, Over 7100 families and 290 ships, by Anne Stevens, gives the name of the ship and the master, the departure date, departure point, arrival date, and arrival point.
http://www.packrat-pro.com/ships/shiplist.htm

Texas Seaport Museum has compiled computerized listing of immigrants to Galveston, Texas-
http://www.galvestonhistory.org/attractions/maritime-heritage/galveston-immigration-database

The Association of Professional Genealogists- www.apgen.org

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