

NATIONAL ARCHIVES CATALOG

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Resources for Genealogists

Are you a genealogist, or interested in researching your family history? The National Archives holds many valuable records that can help you research your family history. These include pension files, Census records, military personnel files, ship passenger lists, naturalization records, and Freedmen's Bureau materials.



Descriptions of many of these records are available in the Catalog for researchers. We've recently updated our [Catalog Guide for Genealogists](#) to provide more information about the records available in the Catalog and search tips. Descriptions in the Catalog may not include all individuals' names found in a record, it may be necessary to closely read records of interest to see if a particular individual is mentioned. Take a look at our search tips and strategies and let us know what you think! What records have you found most helpful when researching family history?

New in the Catalog for Genealogists

We are working hard to add new records to the Catalog each week! Here are a few recently added series of records that are helpful to genealogists:

Form I-416
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE

Form approved.
Budget Bureau No. 43-R061-1.

LIST No. _____


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
(Rev. 1-5-45)

J. W. Miskay

LIST OF IN-BOUND PASSENGERS
(United States Citizens and Nationals)

Class 1st. & Trst. from Liverpool, Eng., April 19th, 1950
(Port of embarkation) (Date)

ON Br "NOVA SCOTIA" arriving at port of Boston, Mass. May 1st, 1950
(Name of vessel) (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

LINE No.	FAMILY NAME—GIVEN NAME DESTINATION IN UNITED STATES	AGE (Years)	SEX (F-M)	MAR- RIED OR SINGLE	U. S. PASSPORT No. PLACE OF BIRTH	NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF PIECES OF BAGGAGE	THIS COLUMN FOR USE OF M. T. S. SURGEON, AND U. S. OFFICERS
FIRST CLASS.							
1	MACKAY, Roderick J. 38, Spring St., Nashua, New Hampshire.	70	M.	S.	256371 Scotland	2 H.B.	<i>Dep Oct 23, 1945</i> 1323797
TOURIST CLASS.							
2	BEARDSWORTH, William 88, Mill St., New Bedford, Mass.	73	M.	S.	191701 England	1 H.B.	<i>367</i> <i>Dep 3/14/50</i> 1323798
3	DOYLE, Mary Park Ave., Portsmouth, R.I.	51	F.	M.	137311 N.Ireland	2 H.B.	<i>Dep 10/21/49</i> 1323799
4	FRASER, Margaret 67, Dexter St., Milton 86, Mass.	68	F.	M.	117800 Scotland	2 T. 3 H.B. 1 P.	<i>Dep 7/26/49</i> 1323800
5	HART, Mary B. 36, Pearl St., Cambridge, Mass.	50	F.	S.	17949 N.Ireland	1 T. 3 H.B.	<i>Dep 4/1/49</i> 1323401
6	McSHANAGH, Elizabeth E. 147, West Canton St., Boston, Mass.	64	F.	S.	152738 N.Ireland	1 H.B. 1 B.	<i>Dep Nov 1949</i> 1323402
7	 <i>Charles R. Wilson</i> <i>Imm. Inspector</i>						
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[Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Massachusetts, 1/10/1944 - 11/30/1954](#)

This series consists of ship passenger forms provided to the Immigration and Naturalization Service by shipmasters, and were normally filled out by the bursar or senior steward. Typical information includes the name of the ship and shipmaster, ports of arrival and embarkation, and dates of arrival (and occasionally of departure). Passenger lists provide the full name, age, sex, marital status, occupation, citizenship (nationality), last place of residence, final destination, and, if an immigrant were going to join a relative, that person's name, address, and relationship to the passenger. Some manifests indicate the cabin number and class. Later lists may include passport numbers and/or types of visas.

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PLANE NO. 2286 CREW LIST
 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

LANDING AT NYC DATE 2 April 1945
45A REGISTRY
 (NATIONALITY)

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CONSIGNED TO AAV

LAST NAME	GIVEN NAME	AGE	NAT.	TITLE	PASSPORT NO.
✓ Carter	Joseph	33	US	Capt	769189
✓ Victor	Paul	29	"	1/off	805238
✓ Ventresca	Dominick	32	"	Nav	806286
✓ Bush	George	34	"	B/O	770266
✓ Terry	Raymond	28	"	F/S	810050
✓ Pool	David	26	"	PTG	1418785
✓ PETERSON	ARTHUR	32	"	MAJ	0-902353
	Hartford Conn		4/2/45		Page 19

[Signature]
CAPTAIN'S SIGNATURE

NAD/OPS/MM/8-19-44 / F-589

[Passenger and Crew Manifests of Airplanes Arriving at Boston, Massachusetts, 2/13/1945 - 11/29/1954](#)

This series of airline passenger and crew manifests consists of forms submitted to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) by the captain of each airplane that last departed from a foreign airport and, sometimes, from a U.S. airport. Both the airline passenger and crew manifests contain the aircraft identification, captain's name, date and airport of departure, and date of U.S. arrival (and occasionally of departure). For each alien or citizen passenger, the record usually provides the person's name; citizenship; U.S. address; passport, visa, or other immigration document number; and may note the person's date and place of birth, destination, and baggage details. For each crew member, the record usually provides the person's name; position on the airplane; citizenship; passport, visa, or other immigration document number; and may note age and gender.



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No. 163 FOURTH STREET.

Louisville, Ky. Feb 11th 1892

Hon Green B. Raum Commissioner of Pensions Sir
In reply to your letter of Feb 4th asking for information as to my fathers enlistment and services I have the honor to inform you that my Father was drafted in December 1863 at Louisville Ky and was ordered to report to Admiral Porter on board the Blackhawk at Cairo Ill for assignment to duty and he was discharged from the Hospital at Memphis Tenn as incurable with Dropsy. He was treated by the surgeon on the gunboat Naiad No 55 whose name was Lucius Boyle who belonged somewhere in Virginia. The only other boat that I know that he was on was the steamer Commercial up Tennessee River and at Fort Donaldson. There is no one living now that knows anything about his services that I can find so that I will have to refer you to the Portage book of the Naiad No 55 and the Records of the Memphis Hospital. the doctors that treated him at home are all dead.

Yours

P. O.
A. S. Dougherty
218 Campbell st
Louisville Ky

[Case Files of Approved Pension Applications of Widows and Other Dependents of Civil War and Later Navy Veterans, \('Navy Widows' Certificates'\), 1861-1910.](#)

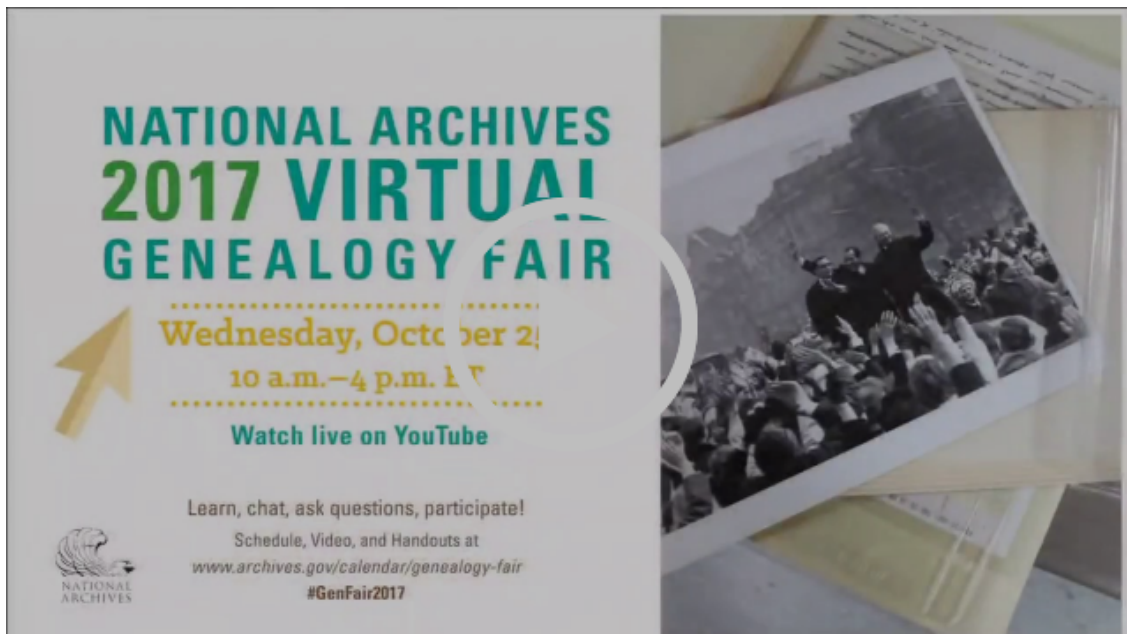
(2 series, Microfilm Publication M1279)

This series consists of approximately 20,000 approved pension application files of widows and other dependents of U.S. Navy veterans who served between 1861 and 1910. An approved pension application file consists of the applications of one or more claimants

based on the service of a single veteran, documents submitted as evidence of identity and service, and papers showing actions taken by the Government concerning the claim or claims.

Genealogy Fair

Did you know? The National Archives hosts an annual Genealogy Fair, featuring presentations by National Archives staff and experts on researching family history. These presentations are recorded and can be accessed anytime on our [Genealogy Fair webpage](#). View recordings of past presentations and get a jump start on your research!



2017 National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair

Other Learning Resources:

- [More resources for Genealogists](#)
- [Videos from our Virtual Genealogy Fair](#)
- [Videos from our "Know Your Records" series](#)
- [History Hub](#)

Access to Archival Databases

In a recent newsletter, we put a [spotlight on electronic records](#) at the National Archives. Have you ever used [Access to Archival Databases \(AAD\)](#) for your genealogical research? AAD is an excellent resource for researching family history. It is free to use and offers online search and retrieval access to a selection of NARA's accessioned electronic records in databases. You can find [Passenger List data](#), [military personnel information](#), records of [Prisoners of War](#), as well as data from the [Social Security Administration's Numerical Identification Files \(NUMIDENT\)](#), which is similar to the data found in the Social Security Death Index.



More records in AAD of interest to genealogists include:

- Some records of passengers who arrived at the ports of Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, New York, and Philadelphia during the 19th century
- Index to the Gorgas Hospital mortuary records

- World War II Army enlistment records, including for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps
- World War II prisoners of war records
- Records about Japanese Americans relocated during World War II
- World War II duty locations of naval intelligence personnel attached to Naval Group China
- Korean War casualty records, including prisoners of war records
- Vietnam War casualty records, including prisoners of war records
- Records of military operations during the Vietnam War
- Telegrams from the Department of State's Central Foreign Policy File, 1973-1976

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