



Passenger lists, 1890-1960

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The crucial information needed for a search in the archives

The National Archives holds records which might contain the information you require and we can:

- either search for it on payment of a fee and supply you with the information (if found)
- or enable you to search for the information in other ways.

Please send as much information as you can. The following details are particularly important:

- The full name of the person*
- The date or year of arrival*
- The port of arrival*
- The person's place of origin.....
- The name of the ship.....

If you have all of the information marked with an asterisk*, the standard charges for our searches will apply and these are shown on this leaflet. If you do not have this information, the standard charges will not apply, as the search time will increase by a large amount, and therefore the search will require a very high fee to be paid. Please contact us if you still want to proceed at:

enquiry@nationalarchives.gov.uk

1. Board of Trade Incoming Passenger Lists, 1890-1960

Standard charge: £30

Catalogue references: BT 26/6-1476

These records list those passengers arriving in the United Kingdom from places outside Europe.

Information that this source should reveal:

These records contain the names, age, and occupations of arriving passengers. From 1922, returns should include an UK address field. Returns from the mid 1940s usually indicate date of birth.

Factors affecting success of a search:

These records are not complete. Those coming from the Mediterranean Sea are excluded unless the vessels sailed originally from outside Europe and picked up passengers in a European or Mediterranean port en route.

These records have been digitized and are searchable by name, ship and destination. For further details see:

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/searchthearchives/migration.htm

This is a index by person's name and ship's name available for the period 1948-1960 and for vessels arriving from South East Asia and the West Indies. on the website www.movinghere.org.uk. The website contains images of ships' passenger lists which are free to download.

2. Board of Trade Outgoing Passenger Lists, 1890-1960

Standard charge: £30

Catalogue reference: BT 27

These records list those passengers departing from the United Kingdom to places where the final destination is outside Europe.

Information that this source should reveal:

These records contain the names, age, and occupations of arriving passengers. From 1922, returns should include an UK address field. Returns from the mid 1940s usually indicate date of birth.

Factors affecting success of a search:

These records are not complete. Those where the final destination is in Europe and the Mediterranean Seaports are excluded unless the vessels picked up passengers in a European or Mediterranean port en route.

These records have been digitized and are searchable by name, ship and destination. For further details see:

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/searchthearchives/migration.htm

3. Registers of Passenger Lists, 1906-1951

Standard charge: £15

Catalogue reference: BT 32

These records consist of registers of passenger lists kept by the Board of Trade's Commercial, Labour and Statistical Department and its successors.

Information that this source should reveal:

Prior to 1920 they give, under the different ports, the names of ships and the month of arrival and departure: after 1920 the date of arrival or departure is recorded. Before 1908 the registers relate only to the ports of Southampton, Bristol and Weymouth.

This information may help you narrow down your research into either BT 26 and BT 27 if you know the name of the ship as it provides you with month and year of the departure or arrival.

Factors affecting success of a search:

The records are arranged chronologically by month listing ships arriving or departing from all ports in the UK. There is no separate ship name index.