

Immigration Records

At the State Library of Pennsylvania

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Before You Begin

- Ancestor's Original Name
 - Spellings change
 - First names may be different
- Arrival Date
- Age at Arrival

If you need blank forms:

National Archives – Charts and Forms

<https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/charts-forms>



Family Group Sheet

Husband			Occupation(s)	
	Date	Place	Immigration	
Born			Naturalization	
Christened			Military Service	
Died			Cause of Death	
Buried			Date of Will	
Married			Other Marriages	
Father				
Mother				

Wife (maiden name)			Occupation(s)	
	Date	Place	Immigration	
Born			Naturalization	
Christened			Military Service	
Died			Cause of Death	
Buried			Date of Will	
Father			Other Marriages	
Mother				

Other Information/Records (ie. Census, Passports, etc...)

National Archives and Records Administration

NARA's website is www.archives.gov

NA Form 14135 (2/13)

Where to find Information

- Family Interviews
- Census Records
- Vital Records
- Newspapers
- Family and County Histories

Census

- National Archives
 - <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/census>
 - Clues in Census Records
 - <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/census/about>
- Questions varied with each census.
 - US Census Bureau – Index of Questions
 - https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/index_of_questions/
 - NARA – Charts and Forms
 - <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/charts-forms>
- Search at Ancestry, HeritageQuest and Family Search

STATE *Michigan* DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR - BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
COUNTY *Benzie* THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910 - POPULATION
TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY *Travers* NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE *Travers*
ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE *12* OF *April* 1910 SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. *12* SHEET NO. *17* A
WARD OF CITY *Travers* 7426

AGE	SEX	RELATION	FEDERAL DESCRIPTION		NATIVITY			OCCUPATION	REMARKS
			Male	Female	Foreign born	Foreign born	Foreign born		
64	M	Head	1	0	1	0	0	0	
58	F	Wife	0	1	0	0	0	0	
14	M	Son	1	0	0	0	0	0	
12	F	Daughter	0	1	0	0	0	0	
10	M	Son	1	0	0	0	0	0	
8	F	Daughter	0	1	0	0	0	0	
6	M	Son	1	0	0	0	0	0	
4	F	Daughter	0	1	0	0	0	0	
2	M	Son	1	0	0	0	0	0	
1	F	Daughter	0	1	0	0	0	0	

NATIONAL ARCHIVES
RESEARCH OUR RECORDS VETERANS' SERVICE RECORDS EDUCATOR RESOURCES VISIT US AMERICA'S FOUNDING DOCUMENTS
Search Archives.gov

Research Our Records

Home > Research Our Records > Census Records > Clues in Census Records, 1850-1940

Census

About Census Records
Search Census Records Online
1940 Census
1850-1940 Census Clues
1930 Census FAQs
1790-1840 Census Clues
Nonpopulation Census
1935 Business Census
Indian Census Rolls
Presidents in the US Census Records
Census Links by Year

Resources

Soundex Coding System
Blank Census forms and charts
Order Census Copies Online
Using Census Microfilm

Clues in Census Records, 1850-1940

Experienced genealogical researchers use clues found in one record to find other records about the same individual. This page describes some of the clues found in census records.

Date of birth

- The 1900 census (column 7) indicates the person's month and year of birth; the 1850-1880 and 1910-1940 censuses indicate the person's age.
- The 1870 census (column 13) and 1880 census (column 7) indicate the month in which the person was born, if born "within the year," that is between June 1, 1869 and May 31, 1870 for the 1870 census, or June 1, 1879 and May 31, 1880, for the 1880 census. The official census day was June 1 in both 1870 and 1880, although the enumerator may have visited the household at a later date.
- While the person's age is not an exact date of birth, it at least provides a "ballpark" figure useful (1) for tracking the person from one census to the next, especially if other people have the same name, and (2) for locating the person in any existing vital records.

Place of birth

- The 1850-1940 censuses indicate the person's state or country of birth, which helps narrow the geographic scope of search for the specific town of birth.

Date of marriage

- The 1850 census (column 10), 1860 census (column 11), 1870 census (column 14), and 1880 census (column 12) indicate whether the person had married within the year.

Census Questions

- 1820- Only Heads of Household were listed by name but there is a column for Number of Foreigners not naturalized.
- 1850-1860– Place of Birth
- 1870 – Place of Birth, Parents of Foreign Birth, Male citizen over 21?
- 1880- Place of Birth, Parents' Place of Birth
- 1900 – Place of Birth, Parents' Place of Birth, Year of Immigration, How Many Years in the U.S., Naturalized?
- 1910- Place of Birth, Parents' Place of Birth, Year of Immigration, Naturalized or Alien?
- 1920 – Place of Birth, Parents' Place of Birth, Year of Immigration, Naturalized or Alien, Year of Naturalization, Person's Mother tongue, Parents' Mother Tongue?
- 1930 – Place of Birth, Parent's Place of Birth, Language spoken before coming to U.S., Year of Naturalization, Naturalized or Alien?
- 1940 – Person's place of birth, Is the person a citizen?

1910 U.S. Census

36	69	1852	Wystorich Theodore	Kobedo	M	28	11	3	yes	yes	Austria Ruthenian	Polish	Austria	Polish	Austria	Polish	yes	yes	Self	PA	10/6/7	X	✓
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- Place of Birth – Austria Ruthenian
- Arrived in 1900
- Naturalized

1920 Census

20	301	22	23	Wystorich Theodore	Head	1	0	M	38	7	1910	1920	yes	yes	Austria	Polish	Austria	Polish	Austria	Polish	yes	yes	Self	PA	20/14
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- Place of Birth – Austria
- Mother Tongue – Polish
- Arrived in 1900
- Naturalized in 1906

1930 U.S. Census

21	312	6	6	Wystorich Theodore	Head	10,000	49	M	49	no	yes	Austria	Austria	Austria	Ukrainian	14	16	Merchant	German	9X910	yes				21
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- Place of Birth – Austria
- Mother Tongue- Ukrainian
- Not Naturalized

Vital Records

- Birth Certificates
- Death Certificates
- Marriage Licenses
- May include names and birthplaces of parents
- Verify name spellings

Form V. S. No. 5 CERTIFICATE

1. PLACE OF DEATH
 County of Montour Registr
 Township of Mahoning Distr
 or
 Borough of _____ Primary Registr
 or _____ Distr
 City of Meigsiger Hospital

2. FULL NAME Thedore Waytowich
 (a) Residence, No. 301 S. 8th St. Kanonin S
 (Usual Place of Abode)
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. d.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX m. 4. COLOR OR RACE w. 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) married.

5a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of Mary Waytowich. (or) WIFE of

6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year) Mar 30 1880

7. AGE Years Months Days IF LESS than 1 day
52 7 27 hrs. or min.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
 (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Runs a cigar store
 (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)
 (c) Name of employer

9. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Gallia
 (State or Country) Austria

10. NAME OF FATHER Joseph Waytowich
 (State or Country)

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town)
 (State or Country)

MAIDEN
 12. NAME OF MOTHER ?

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town)
 (State or Country)

14. Informant Mrs. Marg. Waytowich
 (Address)

15. Filed Nov 2 1932 C. Schultz
 Registrar

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
 WRITE PLAINLY WITH INK AS A PERMANENT RECORD
 OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact Statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

No. 22153

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, }
 COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND. } ss.

We, the undersigned, in accordance with the statements hereinafter contained, the facts set forth wherein we and each of us do solemnly swear are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief, do hereby make application to the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, for a license to marry.

Do not publish

Statement of Male

Full name and surname Thedore Waytowich Color White

Relationship of parties making this application if any, either by blood or marriage none

Occupation Landlord Birthplace Austria

Residence Meigsiger Hospital Age 32 yrs. Previous marriage or marriages zero

Date of death or divorce of former wife or wives My died Decmber 20-93

Is applicant afflicted with any transmissible disease no

Name and surname of father Joseph Waytowich of mother Jean Waytowich

Maiden name of mother Cons. Abigail

Residence of father Meigsiger Hospital of mother Meigsiger Hospital

Color of father White of mother White

Occupation of father _____ of mother _____

Birthplace of father Austria of mother Austria

Where to Find Vital Records

- Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
 - <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Vital-Statistics.aspx>
 - Ancestry Pennsylvania
 - <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Ancestry-PA.aspx>
 - Birth Certificates – 1906-1915
 - Death Certificates – 1906-1970
- Recent Birth and Death records kept by the PA Dept. Of Health
 - Division of Vital Records
 - <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/certificates/Pages/Vital%20Records.aspx>
- Before 1906
 - County Archives
 - Church or Parish Records

Marriage Records

- Marriages records kept by County
 - List of PA County Courthouses at www.statelibrary.pa.gov
 - PA Unified Judicial System at <http://www.pacourts.us/courts/courts-of-common-pleas/individual-county-courts>



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the State Library of Pennsylvania website. The URL in the address bar is <https://www.statelibrary.pa.gov/GeneralPublic/Learn/Genealogy-and-Local-History/Pages/Count-Courthouse-in-Pennsylvania.aspx>. The page features a navigation menu with options like 'For General Public', 'For Libraries', and 'For State Agencies'. Below the navigation is a search bar and a menu with icons for COVID-19, About, Contact, Events, Library Directory, POWER Library, and Resources. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: 'Libraries > For General Public > Research Guides > Genealogy and Local History > County Courthouses in Pennsylvania'. The title of the page is 'County Courthouses in Pennsylvania'. The text below the title explains that courthouses are important for birth, marriage, and death records, and are usually found in the Register of Wills office in each county. It also mentions that records in the Recorder of Deeds offices can be useful and that naturalization records are usually held by the Prothonotary's Office in each county. At the bottom, it suggests visiting the [Pennsylvania Courts of Common Pleas](http://www.pacourts.us/courts/courts-of-common-pleas) website for a map of all the County Courthouse.

Newspapers

- Obituaries
 - Birth and death dates
 - Names of parent
 - Birthplace
 - Immigration stories
- Marriage Announcements
- Retirement Announcements
- Ship Arrivals and Passenger Lists

T. WYTOVICH, SR. SUCCUMBS FROM THROAT ILLNESS

Proprietor of Hotel at 5th
and Mulberry Street
Dies in Hospital

FUNERAL ON FRIDAY

Theodore Wytovich, Sr., for many years proprietor of the Wytovich Hotel, at the corner of Mulberry and Fifth streets, died suddenly at the Gelsinger hospital this morning at 7:00.

Death was due to a throat ailment suffered over a period of several years.

The deceased entered the Danville institution as a patient last evening at 9:15.

Born in Austria, March 3, 1881, the deceased was reared to young manhood at the place of his birth and at the age of eighteen years came to this country, locating in Shamokin. He married Mary Karpiak eighteen years ago.

The wife and the following children survive: Theodore, Jr., of Seymour, Conn.; John, Oscar, Anna, Walter, Olga, Helen, Joseph, Donald, Gloria, and Paul, all of Shamokin. The first three named are by a former marriage.

Two step-brothers, Victor and Samuel Wytovich, both of Seymour, Conn., also survive.

Funeral services will be held at 9:00 Monday morning, from the Ruthanian Catholic church of Transfiguration, of which the deceased was a member. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

The body will be taken to the home of the father-in-law of the deceased, Dimitry Karpiak, of 251 South Sixth street, where friends and relatives may view the remains.

Mrs. Stephanía Karpiak

Elderly Resident Of Shamokin Dies

Mrs. Stephanía Karpiak, 92, of 251 South Sixth Street, oldest member of Church of the Transfiguration, died yesterday morning at 12:30 in Northumberland County Hospital, Trevorton Road, after an illness of five years. She had been a patient in the hospital four and one-half years.

A native of Galicia, Austria, Mrs. Karpiak was born in 1870. She came to the United States when she was 18 years of age. The late Shamokin resident was the oldest member of St. Ann's Society. She was married in February, 1890, in Church of the Transfiguration to Dymitri Karpiak, who died a number of years ago.

Survivors include two daughters, Helen, at home, and Stephanía, Whittier, Calif.; one son, Oscar, Calif.; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, and one brother, Stephen Pasteryck, Ambridge.

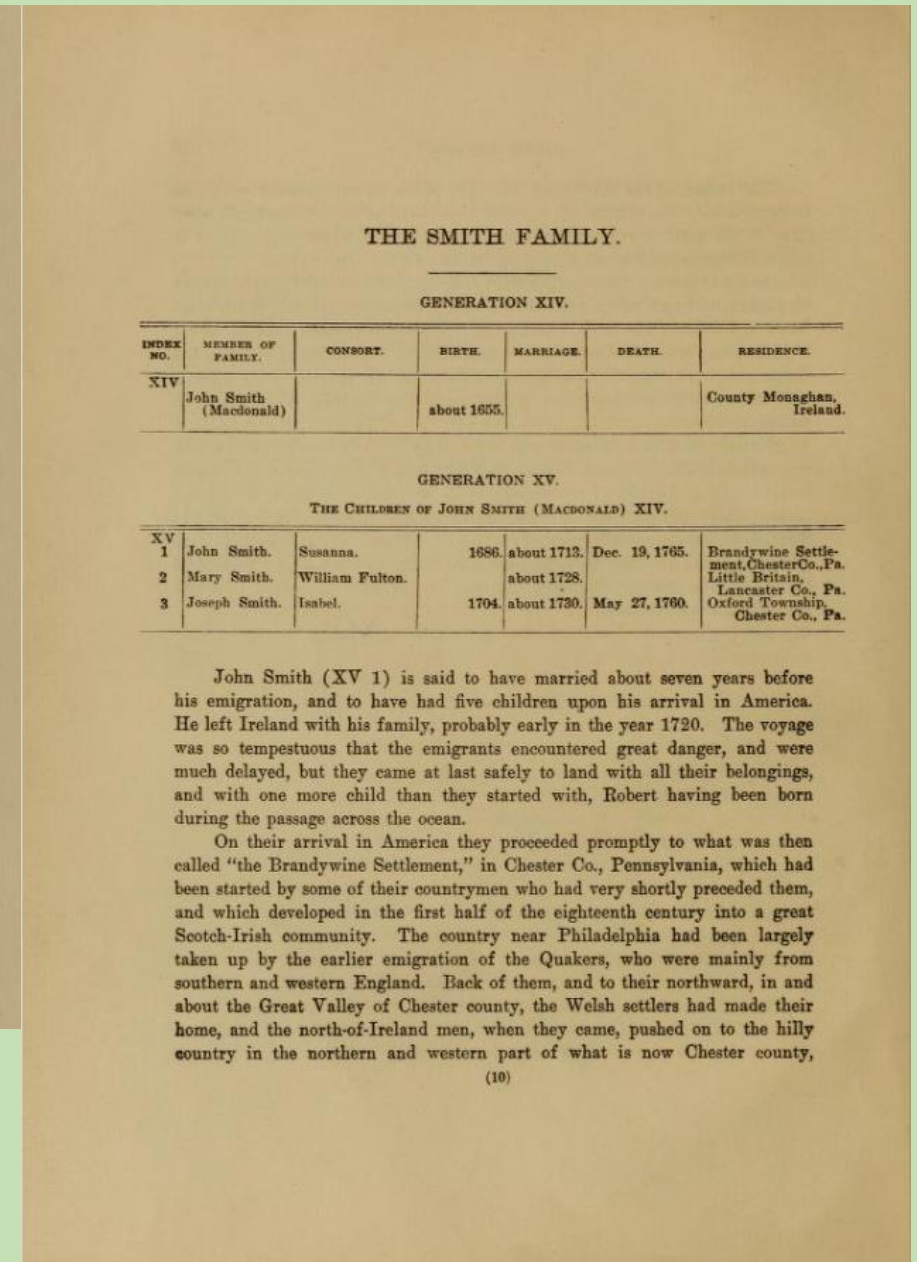
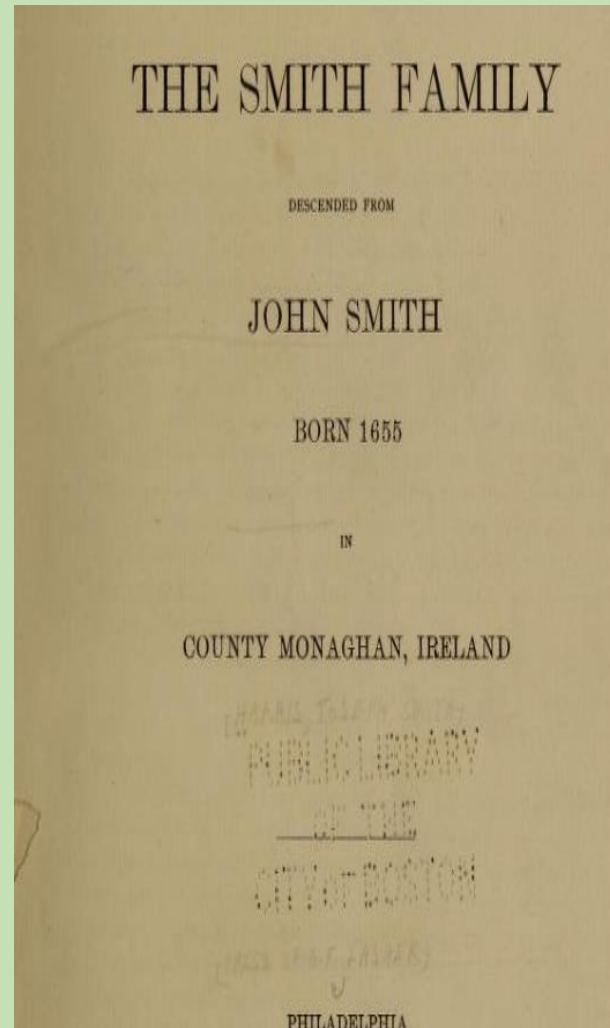
Funeral services are in charge of the Chowka Funeral Home.

Where to find Newspapers

- State Library Electronic Resources
 - <https://pa-gov.libguides.com/az.php>
- State Library Microfilm Collection
 - 67 Pennsylvania Counties
- Chronicling America
 - <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
- Pennsylvania Newspaper Project
 - <https://libraries.psu.edu/about/collections/digital-newspapers/pennsylvania-newspaper-projects-1983-2016>
- Google News Archive
 - <https://news.google.com/newspapers>
- Elephind.com
 - <https://elephind.com/>

Family Histories and Genealogies

- State Library Catalog
 - www.statelibrary.pa.gov
- PA Photos and Documents
 - www.powerlibrary.org
- Databases
 - HeritageQuest
 - Ancestry
 - Family Search
 - www.familysearch.org



Where Did Your Ancestor Arrive?

- Many different points of entry
 - New York (Ellis Island/Castle Garden)
 - Philadelphia
 - Baltimore
 - Boston
 - Charleston, SC
 - San Francisco, CA (Angel Island)

Immigration & Naturalization

- 1790 – First Naturalization Law
- 1798 – Immigrant arrivals required to register at a local court
- 1820 – Passenger lists required
- 1906 – Naturalization process is standardized and established the Bureau of Immigration & Naturalization
 - Prior to September 1906
 - Any "court of record" could grant citizenship
 - County Archives
 - FamilySearch.org
 - Ancestry
 - After September 1906
 - National Archives
 - <https://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/overview>
 - After 1924
 - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
 - <https://www.uscis.gov/history-and-genealogy/research/researching-individuals>

When Did Your Ancestor Arrive?

Before January 1, 1820

- Passenger Lists were not required by law
- Prior to the Revolutionary War – Many British subjects weren't listed on passenger lists because they were traveling from one area of Britain to another.
- No central depository for passenger lists
 - Published Pennsylvania Archives (Ancestry & Fold 3)
 - Many were published in books and journals.
 - PA State Archives
- No passenger lists prior to 1820 at the National Archives

Where to Find Passenger Lists

Before January 1, 1820

- Published Passenger Lists
 - *A Bibliography of Ship Passenger Lists: 1535-1825*. Compiled by Harold Lancour.
 - *Passenger and Immigration List Index*. By William P. Filby.
 - There are many published passenger lists that focus on specific time periods or a specific nationality or ethnic group.
- Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
 - <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Ships-Passenger-Lists.aspx>
 - Port of Philadelphia Passenger Lists from 1727-1808
 - *Pennsylvania German Pioneers: A Publication of the Original Lists of Arrivals in the Port of Philadelphia from 1727 to 1808* by Ralph B. Strassburger and William J. Hinke (digital version accessible using the State Library catalog)
- Published Pennsylvania Archives on Fold3
- Ancestry.com
 - Philadelphia, Passenger and Immigration Lists, 1800-1850
 - Pennsylvania, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists, 1800-1962
- FamilySearch.com

After January 1, 1820

- National Archives Passenger Arrival Lists
 - <https://www.archives.gov/nyc/finding-aids/passenger-lists.html>
 - Access to Archival Databases
 - Listings of primarily Russian, Irish, German, and Italian immigrants who came to New York during certain periods in the mid to late 1800s.
- Ellis Island 1892-1954
 - <https://www.statueofliberty.org/ellis-island/>
- Castle Garden 1855-1890
 - <http://www.castlegarden.org/>
- Ancestry.com
- FamilySearch.com

List or Manifest of Alien Immigrants for the U.S. Immigration.

required by the regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, under Act of Congress approved March 3, 1883, to be delivered to the Commissioner of Immigration by the Commanding officer of any vessel having such passengers on board upon arrival at a port in the United States.

C. S.S. Southwark sailing from Antwerp, January 13th 1900 Arriving at Port of New York

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
No. of List.	Name in full.	Age.	Sex.	Rank or Occupation.	Color of Hair.	Color of Eyes.	Complexion.	Place of Birth.	Whether he has ever been in the United States.	Final destination in the United States (Name, City or Town).	Whether he has ever been in the United States.	By whom was he introduced.	Whether he has ever been in the United States.	Whether he has ever been in the United States.	Whether he has ever been in the United States.	Whether he has ever been in the United States.	Whether he has ever been in the United States.	Whether he has ever been in the United States.	Whether he has ever been in the United States.	Whether he has ever been in the United States.	
1	Jan Huttenbach	18	m	single laborer	brn	brn	fair	Hungary	no	Free, Pa	no	uncle	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
2	Maria Hevoly	22	f	"	"	"	"	"	no	Philadelphia, Pa	no	brother	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
3	Heppan Slop	24	m	single laborer	brn	brn	"	"	no	Catonsville, Md	no	brother	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
4	Jan Nelko	36	m	"	brn	brn	"	"	no	Cleveland, O	no	brother	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
5	Andreas Karmoljo	25	m	"	brn	brn	"	"	no	Philadelphia, Pa	no	brother	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
6	Antonina	20	f	"	"	"	"	"	no	Chicago, Ill.	no	brother	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
7	Steph. Kebab	26	m	single laborer	brn	brn	"	"	no	Chicago, Ill.	no	brother	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
8	Stanislaw Lomnicki	31	m	"	brn	brn	"	"	no	South Amboy, N.J.	no	brother	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
9	Jozef Bielecki	16	m	"	brn	brn	"	"	no	"	no	uncle	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
10	Michael Michna	31	m	single laborer	brn	brn	"	"	no	New Hartford, Conn.	no	wife	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
11	Michael	31	m	"	"	"	"	"	no	"	no	"	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
12	Maria Schwa	10	f	"	"	"	"	"	no	Pittston, Pa	no	father	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
13	Wlodek Kozminski	16	m	single laborer	brn	brn	"	"	no	Milwaukee, Wis.	no	uncle	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
14	John Zaworski	67	m	"	brn	brn	"	"	no	Delaware, Del.	no	self	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
15	Leini Handlambrouk	65	f	"	"	"	"	"	no	"	no	"	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
16	Franklin Biehl	23	m	single laborer	brn	brn	"	"	no	"	no	brother	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
17	Wladimir Wlodekfeld	19	m	"	brn	brn	"	"	no	"	no	brother	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
18	Lee Brinsford	21	m	"	"	"	"	"	no	"	no	husband	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
19	Antonina	8	f	"	"	"	"	"	no	"	no	father	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
20	And	17	m	"	"	"	"	"	no	"	no	"	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
21	Olga	6	f	"	"	"	"	"	no	"	no	"	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
22	Mathias Wlodek	17	m	single laborer	brn	brn	"	"	no	"	no	uncle	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
23	And	19	m	"	"	"	"	"	no	"	no	"	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
24	Leo Berkowitz	38	m	"	brn	brn	"	"	no	"	no	son	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
25	Mlle Moskowitz	21	f	"	"	"	"	"	no	"	no	sister	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
26	Mary Appel	22	f	"	"	"	"	"	no	"	no	uncle	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
27	Maria Schumann	14	f	"	"	"	"	"	no	"	no	mother	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
28	Jan Krawick	38	m	single laborer	brn	brn	"	"	no	Amsterdam, N.J.	no	self	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
29	Tecla Lefjak	18	f	"	"	"	"	"	no	"	no	sister	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
30	Fanny Fink Lichtberg	26	f	"	"	"	"	"	no	"	no	mother	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no

Affidavit of the Master or Commanding Officer, or First or Second Officer.

Edwin Bence, Master of the S.S. Southwark from Antwerp do solemnly and truly swear, that I have made a personal examination of each and all of the passengers named on the foregoing List, and that I have caused the Surgeon of said vessel, sailing thereunto, or the Surgeon employed by the owners thereof, to make a physical examination of each of said passengers, and that from my personal inspection and the report of said surgeon, I believe that no one of said passengers is an idiot or insane person, or a pauper or likely to become a public charge, or suffering from a loathsome or dangerous, contagious disease, or a person who has been convicted of a felony or other heinous crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or a polygamist, or under a contract or agreement, express or implied, to perform labor in the United States, except such as are expressly excepted under the law, and that also, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information in said List concerning each of said passengers named therein is correct and true.

Sworn to before me this 13th day of January 1900.

James H. H. H. H.
Special Agent in Charge, United States at Antwerp.

Affidavit of Surgeon.

Gottlieb Schuck, Surgeon of the S.S. Southwark, do solemnly and truly swear, that I have had over 18 years experience as a physician and surgeon and that I am entitled to practice as such by and under the authority of *University of Halle* of *Germany* and that I have made a personal examination of each of the passengers named herein, and that the foregoing List is according to the best of my knowledge and belief, full, correct and true in all particulars, relating to the mental and physical condition of such passengers.

Sworn to before me this 13th day of January 1900.

James H. H. H. H.
Special Agent in Charge, United States at Antwerp.

*State, whether Master, First or Second Officer.

Additional Internet Resources

- Pennsylvania German Pioneers Passenger Lists
 - <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~pagermanpioneers/>
- The Ships List
 - <https://www.theshipslist.com/>
- Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild
 - <https://www.immigrantships.net/>
- Cyndi's List
 - <https://www.cyndislist.com/immigration/>

Naturalization Process

- Two-Step Process
 - 1. File a Declaration of Intent
 - Also called "First Papers"
 - 2. File a Petition for Naturalization
 - Also called "Second Papers" or "Final Papers"
- Information varies depending on the court and time period

Before 1906

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

Age..... Paid.....
 EX..... (UNDER 18 YEARS.) Cert.....
 Sworn.....
 Date of birth..... December 2, 1883 Place of Landing..... New York
 Date of Landing..... May 16, 1901 Business or Occupation..... Editor

**In the Court of Common Pleas, County of Northumberland,
State of Pennsylvania.**

To the Honorable Judge of said Court:
 The petition of..... Theodor Woytowicz

Respectfully represents: That he is a native of..... Austria
 that he has resided in the United States of America three years next preceding his arriving at the age of twenty-one years, and continued to reside therein to the time of making this application, and has resided in the United States continuously for five years at least, and that he has resided in the State of Pennsylvania one year at least, previous to making this application; that he is now twenty-one years of age and upwards; that he does not disbelieve in, nor is he opposed to, all organized government; that he is not a member of, or affiliated with, any organization entertaining and teaching such disbelief or opposition; that he does not advocate or teach the duty, necessity or propriety of the unlawful assaulting or killing of any specific individual, or of officers generally, of the Government of the United States or of any other organized government, because of his or their official character; and that he has not violated any of the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to regulate the Immigration of Aliens into the United States," approved March 3, 1882. He therefore prays your Honor to admit him to become a citizen of the United States of America agreeably to the Act of Congress in such case made and provided.

Theodor Woytowicz

I,..... Theodor Woytowicz, the petitioner above named, do swear that the facts set forth in this petition are true; that for upwards of ten years next preceding it has been my bona fide intention to become a citizen of the United States; that I will support the Constitution of the United States and that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty, and particularly to.....
Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary, King of Bohemia, Emperor of Mexico, and Emperor of Brazil
 of which I was before a subject.

Sworn and subscribed by open Court, this..... 27th day of..... August, A. D. 1906.
 Attest.....
 Prothonotary.

P. O. Address.....
 Witness.....
 Theodor Woytowicz

Oath of Witnesses.

John Hoover and Leo Talbot
 do swear that the petitioner above named has resided in the United States of America three years next preceding his

In PURSUANCE of the Acts of Congress in such case made and provided..... Theodor Woytowicz, a white male
 person, an alien friend, desirous of being naturalized, makes report and registry of himself, as follows:

NAME	Birthplace	Age	Nation	Allegiance	Whence He Emigrated	Time of Arrival in U. S.	Intended Place of Settlement
<u>Theodor Woytowicz</u>	<u>Austria</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>Austria</u>	<u>King of Hungary</u>	<u>Bremen</u>	<u>May 16, 1901</u>	<u>Shanburn, Pa.</u>

To the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Northumberland County, SUNBURY, PA., August 27, 1906

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, ss:..... Theodor Woytowicz being duly sworn doth declare and say that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce, forever, all allegiance and fidelity to any Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to.....
Emperor of Austria
 of whom he is now a subject.

Sworn and subscribed before the Prothonotary, Court of Common Pleas, at the Borough of Sunbury, in and for the County of Northumberland, the..... 27th day of..... August, 1906

Attest:.....
 J. M. Andrews Prothonotary.

After 1906

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to.....
 whom I have heretofore been a subject, prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty; and that I have no other allegiance.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,.....
 Notary Public for the State of Pennsylvania.

DECLARATION OF INTENTION
 (to be filed for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

State of Pennsylvania,.....
 Western District of Pennsylvania,..... In the District Court of the United States

I,..... Simon Woytowicz, aged..... 39 years,
 occupation..... Machine Operator, do declare on oath that my personal description is: Color..... White, complexion..... fair, height..... 5 ft 10 in, weight..... 145 lbs, color of hair..... Brown, color of eyes..... Blue, other visible distinctive marks..... scar under chin

I was born in..... Galicia Austria
 on the..... 13th day of..... September, anno Domini..... 1871 near.....
 at..... Box 206 Monessen,..... Pennsylvania

I emigrated to the United States of America from..... Bremen
 on the vessel..... Cassel,.....
 foreign residence was..... Galicia Austria

It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to.....
FRANCIS JOSEPH, EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA
AND APOSTOLIC KING OF HUNGARY
 of whom I am now a subject; I arrived at the port of..... New York.....
 State of..... New York..... on or about the..... 14th day of.....
 of..... 8 December, anno Domini..... 1901. I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein. SO HELP ME GOD.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Pittsburgh, Pa., this.....
 day of..... July anno Domini to.....
 By.....
 Clerk of the District Court of the United States

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

To the Honorable the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania:
 The petition of..... Simon Woytowicz, hereby filed, respectfully sheweth:
 First, His place of residence is..... Box 206 Monessen,.....
 Second, His occupation is..... Laborer
 Third, I was born on the..... 13th day of..... September, anno Domini..... 1871, at..... Galicia Austria Hungary
 Fourth, I emigrated to the United States from..... Bremen..... New York..... on or about the..... 14th day of..... December, anno Domini..... 1901 and arrived in the United States, at the port of..... Bremen.....
 Fifth, I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on the..... 13th day of..... July, anno Domini..... 1904 at..... Pittsburgh, Pa...... in the..... District Court of..... The United States
 Sixth, I..... renounced my native name to..... Simon Woytowicz.....
 Seventh, I have..... one child, and the name, date and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children is as follows:
John..... January 20, 1899..... Austria Hungary..... Monessen, Pa.
Mary..... July 20, 1901..... Donora, Pa.
Julia..... August 29, 1902..... Monessen, Pa.
Anthony..... June 9, 1904..... Monessen, Pa.

I am not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government or a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposed to organized government. I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and it is my intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to.....
AND APOSTOLIC KING OF HUNGARY
 of whom at this time I am a subject, and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States.

I am able to speak the English language.
 I have resided continuously in the United States of America for the term of five years at least, immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since the.....
13th day of..... December, anno Domini..... 1901, and in the State of Pennsylvania, continuously next preceding the date of this petition, since the.....
15th day of..... February, anno Domini..... 1902, being a resident within this State of at least one year next preceding the date of this petition.

I have not heretofore made public or.....
 and the said petition was decided by the said Court for the following reasons and causes, to wit:
 Attached hereto and made a part of this petition are my declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States and the declaration of my intention to become a citizen of the United States, together with my affidavits and the affidavits of the two certifying witnesses therein, required by law. Wherefore your petitioner prays that he may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America.

.....
Simon Woytowicz
 Declaration of Intention No. 26009 and Certificate of Arrival No. 26009-1, both filed in the Department of Labor and Immigration Service, on the..... 11th day of..... September, 1906.

AFFIDAVITS OF PETITIONER AND WITNESSES

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,.....
 Western District of Pennsylvania,.....
 I,..... Simon Woytowicz, residing at.....
 do hereby solemnly swear and depose and say that I am the petitioner in the above-entitled proceedings; that I have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof; that the said petition is signed with my full, true name; that the same is true of my own knowledge except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief; and that as to those matters I believe it to be true.

.....
Simon Woytowicz
 (Signature and Seal of Petitioner)

I,..... Adam Cech, residing at.....
 and..... Harriet Hojsek, occupation..... Wife Dresser, residing at.....
 do hereby solemnly swear and depose and say that I am a citizen of the United States of America; that I have personally known and being solemnly sworn, depose and say that I am a citizen of the United States of America; that the petitioner herein named, to be named in the petition, has continuously and immediately preceding the date of filing his petition, since the..... 15th day of..... June, anno Domini..... 1901, and in the State in which the above-entitled petition is made continuously since the..... 15th day of..... June, anno Domini..... 1901, and that he has personal knowledge of the facts stated in the said petition to a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and that the petitioner is in every way qualified, in his opinion, to be admitted a citizen of the United States.

.....
Adam Cech
Harriet Hojsek
 (Signatures of Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses at the City of the District Court of the United States, on the.....
 day of..... September, anno Domini.....
 I,.....
 Clerk

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Colonial Era Naturalization Records

- Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
 - Naturalization lists of the Supreme Court and Courts of Nisi Prius, 1740-1773
 - Available at www.powerlibrary.org
- Published Pennsylvania Archives at Fold3 and Ancestry
- *Names of Foreigners Who Took the Oath of Allegiance to the Province and State of Pennsylvania, 1727-1775, 1890* by William Henry Egle
 - Digital version available in Google Books and Family Search Digital Library

Naturalization Records after 1790

- Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
 - PA Supreme Court Naturalization Records – 1793-1868
 - <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/PA-Supreme-Court-Naturalizations.aspx>
- County Court Naturalization Records
 - Contact County Courthouse
 - <https://www.statelibrary.pa.gov/GeneralPublic/Learn/Genealogy-and-Local-History/Pages/County-Courthouse-in-Pennsylvania.aspx>
- Naturalization Records at the National Archives
 - <https://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/naturalization>
- Philadelphia City Archives
 - <https://www.phila.gov/departments/departments-of-records/city-archives/>
- Ancestry & Family Search

Women and Children

- Derivative Citizenship
 - Courts considered women naturalized when their husbands were naturalized
 - Children under the age of 21 were considered citizens if their parent was naturalized

Slaves and Indentured Servants

- PHMC – Indentured Servants
 - <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Indentured-Servants.aspx>
- Chester County Servant & Slavery Records
 - <https://www.chesco.org/1578/Servant-Slavery-Records>
- Ancestry - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Indentures, 1771-1773
- National Archives – American Slavery Civil Records
 - <https://www.archives.gov/research/african-americans/slavery-records-civil.html>
 - RG 36 – Records of U.S. Customs Service, 1745-1982
- Ancestry – some slave manifest databases

Search Strategies

- Check Indexes
 - Passenger and Immigration Lists Index by William P. Filby
 - Not available in Ancestry Library Edition
 - Pennsylvania German Pioneers by Ralph B. Strassburger and William J. Hinke
 - Name index in Volume III
- Trace relatives or neighbors who may have emigrated with your ancestor
- Trace male ancestors first
- Use wild card searching (*/?) and variations of names
- Check Canadian border crossing records
- Check foreign passenger lists created at points of departure
- Use maps to trace your ancestor's likely path of migration
- Use Ancestry Card Catalog and the Family Search Collection List to focus on specific resources or geographic areas

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Title	Collection	Records	Activity
Web: Ontario, Canada Immigration Records 1865-1883	Immigration & Travel	33,607	NEW
Nova Scotia, Canada, Black Loyalist Directory, 1783	Immigration & Travel	3,009	UPDATED
North Dakota, U.S., Naturalizations, 1873-1952	Immigration & Travel	309,472	
U.S. Boston Arrivals of Jewish Immigrants from HIAS Records, 1882-1929	Immigration & Travel	31,120	
Lithuania, Internal Passports, 1919-1940	Immigration & Travel	58,662	
Victoria, Australia, Assisted and Unassisted Passenger Lists, 1839-1923	Immigration & Travel	1,856,643	
Adams County, Mississippi, U.S., Slave Certificates, 1858-1861	Immigration & Travel	3,337	
U.S., Southeast Coastwise Inward and Outward Slave Manifests, 1790-1860	Immigration & Travel	77,894	
Pennsylvania, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists, 1800-1962	Immigration & Travel	2,157,103	
New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S., Slave Manifests, 1807-1860	Immigration & Travel	122,187	
Pennsylvania, U.S., Federal Naturalization Records, 1795-1931	Immigration & Travel	1,465,230	
Illinois, U.S., Federal Naturalization Records, 1856-1991	Immigration & Travel	5,739,949	
Poland, U.S. Federal Naturalization Records, 1800-1840	Immigration & Travel	11,157	

A map of Europe and North Africa with numerous blue location pins indicating the geographic areas covered by the record collections. The map includes labels for countries like Norway, Denmark, Germany, Poland, Italy, Spain, and others, as well as major cities and bodies of water like the North Atlantic Ocean.

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Como and Lecco, Lombardy, Italy, Civil Registration Records, 1866-1936	Birth, Marriage & Death	2,162,838
Italy, Select Births and Baptisms, 1806-1900	Birth, Marriage & Death	5,602,428
Italy, Select Marriages, 1809-1900	Birth, Marriage & Death	2,147,866
Italy, Select Deaths and Burials, 1809-1900	Birth, Marriage & Death	1,392,284
Castellammare di Stabia, Napoli, Italy, Civil Registration (Comune), 1809-1936	Birth, Marriage & Death	482,804
Falerna, Catanzaro, Calabria, Italy, Civil Registration, 1747-1936	Birth, Marriage & Death	71,632
Padova, Padova, Italy, Civil Registration (Tribunale), 1871-1929	Birth, Marriage & Death	1,745,653
Italian Passengers to Louisiana, 1905-1910	Immigration & Emigration	10,273

Online Resources

- Family Search & Family Search Wikis- www.familysearch.org
- Cyndi's List - <https://www.cyndislist.com/>
- US GenWeb Project - <http://www.usgenweb.org/>
- National Archives - <https://www.archives.gov/>
- Library of Congress - <https://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/>
- The Ships List - <https://www.theshipslist.com/>
- Immigrant Ancestors Project - <http://immigrants.byu.edu/?tabindex=0&tabid=1>
- Library of Congress Historical Maps - <https://www.loc.gov/maps/collections/>

Suggested Reading

They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record by John P. Colletta. Turner Publishing Co., 2008.

Unofficial Guide to Ancestry.com by Nancy Hendrickson. Family Tree Books, 2014.

Unofficial Guide to FamilySearch.org. 2nd Ed. By Dana McCullough. Family Tree Books, 2020.

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