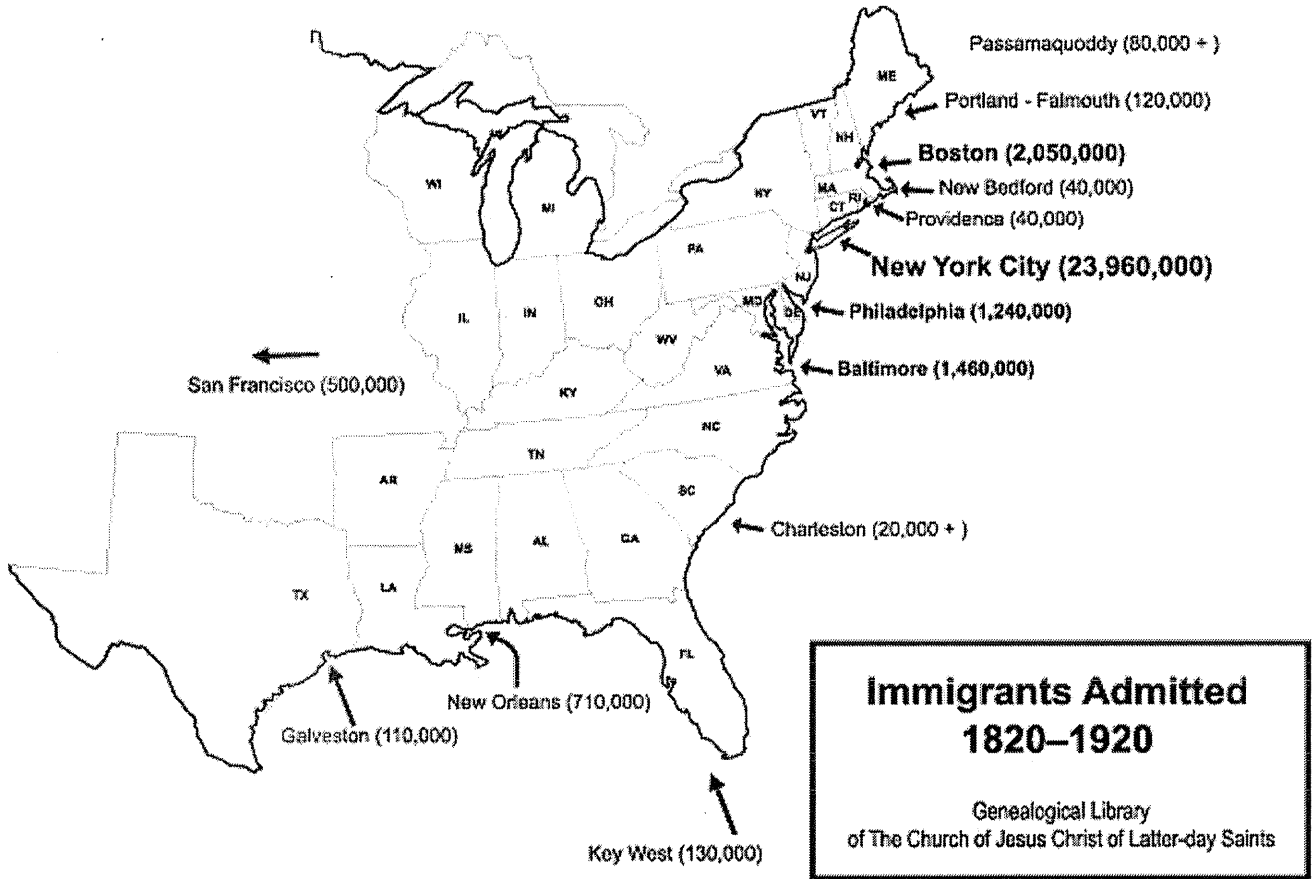


1:00 – 2:00 Sessions

**US Immigrant Research - 1950 to 1850
Looking at Both Sides of the "Pond"**

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Family History Expo VI

Before you go "pond hopping" you must know the following information:

1. Full Name of Ancestor (In English, In Mother Tongue, In Latin)
2. Birth Date (At least year range, more specific is better)
3. Ancestral Village (All names of the village and time periods)
4. Religion of Ancestor (Recordkeeping habits of the religion)

Make a 3-Generation Timeline including information about the

1. Immigrant's Parents and Siblings in Old Country
2. Immigrant and Spouse in Both Countries
3. Immigrant's Children in New Country

Event	Date	Year	Place	Person	Source	Comments	Biography	Age

Births, Marriages, Deaths for all 3-generations, all dated personal information when visited, when last seen, when at a particular location, work history, letter dates, significant national and global events wars, famines, diseases, emigration statistics, registrations, taxation, census

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| Obituary | Pictures in Old | Travel Papers |
| Death Certificate | Country | Birth Certificate |
| Probate or Will | Marriage Certificate | Family Bible |
| Newspaper Clips | Naturalization Docs | |
| Scrapbooks | Immigration Papers | |

Did the immigrant ever tell stories about their passage to America? ► Why did they come?
► Who paid for them? ► Who was their sponsor in America? ► Who was left behind?
► Where did they first go and what did they do? ► Where and what next? ► Did they travel with someone? ► What were holiday traditions of the immigrant? ► What was the immigrant's religion? ► How do you know their religion? ► Did they know their spouse before coming to America? ► Did they have a medical condition?

After you know the full name of the ancestor, birth date, ancestral village, and religion, what should you do?

Contact Family Historians in the Area www.worldgenweb.org / www.google.com
search using words like research or genealogy

Contact the FHL Expert for the Area **Read the Research Guide, then Call the FHL**
www.familysearch.org has all of the information

Contact the Mayor or State Archivist www.google.com / www.msn.com
expect to need to write in the foreign language

Hire a Professional Researcher **best suggestion for difficult foreign locations**
contact US research groups for recommendations

Why You Want It	How to Find It
Obituary	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biographical data • Immigration stories • Death Information • Family Structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.familysearch.org • www.ancestry.com • www.google.com • Library in the locality
Death Certificate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth Date and Place • Parent's Names • Naturalized Y/N • Social Security # • Profession • Cemetery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.usgenweb.org • County Clerk • Vital Records • www.familysearch.org • Microfilms
Social Security Application	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth Date and Place • Father's Name • Mother's Maiden • Former Residence • Immigration • Naturalization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.ancestry.com • Social Security Death Index • FOIA Request Copy
1940-46 Alien Registration	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey Responses • Full Name and Maiden • Birth Date • Ancestral Village • Religion • Immigration Date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.ancestry.com learning center • NARA how to use immigration records • FOIA request
1930, 1920, 1910, 1900 US Census	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year of Immigration • Naturalization Status • Age , Age at Immigration • Birthplace of Self / Parents • Language Spoken • Parent's Mother Tongue • (1900) Birth Month/Year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.kcls.org Heritage Quest • www.ancestry.com • National Archives • FHL Microfilms
1914-1916 WWI Draft Cards	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Name • Birth Date / Place • Residence • Family / Relative • Work / Employment • Physical Description 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.ancestry.com • NARA

Why You Want It

How to Find It

Naturalization Papers (All 3)

- Full Name and Maiden
- Birth Date
- Ancestral Village
- Religion
- Immigration Date
- Parent/Sponsor Names

- Local or county historical societies
- College research centers

Region How To / History

- Name of Village at time of Emigration
- Emigration Pattern
- Foreign Documents
- World events impact on the Region

- www.familysearch.org
place search / browse
- www.google.com
regional or ethnic research sites
- www.google.com
foreign state archives

Ellis Island / Passenger Lists

- Going To Sponsor
- Coming From Sponsor
- Prior Residence
- New Residence
- Immigration Date
- Age

- www.ellisland.org
- www.stevemorse.org
- Family heirlooms

Marriage Certificate

- Names of both parent
- Names of witnesses
- Recent residence or birth locations
- Age at event

- usgenweb.org
- Family heirlooms

Traveling Papers

- Full Name
- Birth Date
- Residence
- Medical Conditions
- Permission to Travel
- Sponsor

- Family heirlooms
- Foreign archives
- FHL Microfilms
- BYU Emigration project
- Internet surfing

Historical US Newspapers

English and Foreign Language

- Life Events
- Life Stories
- Comings and Goings
- Ethnic Gatherings

- FHL Microfilms
- Local and University Libraries
- Historical Societies
- Genealogical Societies
- www.google.com
- Internet Sites