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Introduction

On the 34 rolls of this microfilm publication, M1477, are reproduced passenger and crew lists of vessels and airplanes arriving at Baltimore, Maryland, December 1, 1954–May 7, 1957. These records are part of the Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Record Group (RG) 85.

Background

Early records relating to immigration originated in regional customhouses. The U.S. Customs Service conducted its business by designating collection districts. Each district had a headquarters port with a customhouse and a collector of customs, the chief officer of the district. An act of March 2, 1819 (3 Stat. 489) required the captain or master of a vessel arriving at a port in the United States or any of its territories from a foreign country to submit a list of passengers to the collector of customs. The act also required that the collector submit a quarterly report or abstract, consisting of copies of these passenger lists, to the Secretary of State, who was required to submit such information at each session of Congress. After 1874, collectors forwarded only statistical reports to the Treasury Department. The lists themselves were retained by the collector of customs. Customs records were maintained primarily for statistical purposes.

On August 3, 1882, Congress passed the first Federal law regulating immigration (22 Stat. 214–215); the Secretary of the Treasury had general supervision over it between 1882 and 1891. The Office of Superintendent of Immigration in the Department of the Treasury was established under an act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1085), and was later designated a bureau in 1895 with responsibility for administering the alien contract-labor laws. In 1900 administration of the Chinese exclusion laws was added. Initially the Bureau retained the same administrative structure of ports of entry that the Customs Service had used. By the turn of the century, it began to designate its own immigration districts, the numbers and boundaries of which changed over the years. In 1903 the Bureau became part of the Department of Commerce and Labor; its name was changed to the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization when functions relating to naturalization were added in 1906. In 1933 the functions were transferred to the Department of Labor and became the responsibility of the newly formed Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Under President Roosevelt's Reorganization Plan V of 1940, the INS was moved to the Department of Justice.

Records Description

The lists are arranged in chronological order, although there are a few out of order. For details, see the Roll List and the "List of Selected Records Filmed Out of Order." Vessel crew lists predominate, although there are also some air crew lists and vessel and air passenger lists. Air crew and air passenger lists for Air Force planes (military air transport service) show these aircraft arrived at air force bases in

the Baltimore, MD, area, including Andrews AFB and Patuxent River AFB (“Pax River”). The manifests or lists consist of several types of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) forms. The most common forms are described below.

INS Form 680 (later known as Form I-480), *List or Manifest of Aliens Employed on the Vessel as Members of Crew*, usually contains the names of vessels and shipmasters, ports of arrival and embarkation, dates of arrival, and the following information about each crew member: full name; position in ship’s company; whether able to read; age; sex; race; nationality; height; weight; and physical marks or peculiarities. The “race” column indicates the crew member’s ethnic background, such as Irish, German, Polish, or other. It also indicates the date and place at which he was engaged for employment and whether he was to be paid off or discharged at the port of arrival. Although the primary purpose of this form was to record pertinent information about aliens, many U.S. citizen crew members are included on these lists.

INS Form 689 (later known as Form I-489), *Statement of Master of Vessel Regarding Changes in Crew Prior to Departure*, sometimes accompanies the Form I-481. This form indicates names and other information of any crewmen who (1) deserted, (2) were discharged, (3) were left in a hospital at the port of arrival, or (4) signed on at the port of arrival.

Form I-415, *Manifest of In-Bound Passengers (Aliens)*, includes the name of the ship, the port and date of embarkation, the port and date of arrival, and the following information about each alien: name, travel document number, citizenship (“nationality”), number and description of pieces of baggage, and a “column for use of masters, surgeon, and U.S. officials,” which may contain the alien’s passport and its date of expiration.

Form I-416, *List of In-Bound Passengers (United States Citizens and Nationals)*, includes the name of the ship, the port and date of embarkation, the port and date of arrival, and the following information about each person: U.S. passport number and place of birth, number and description of pieces of baggage, and a “column for use of master, surgeon, and U.S. officers,” which is usually blank.

Form I-418, *Passenger List/Crew List (cross out one)*, includes the name of the ship, the port and date of embarkation, the port and date of arrival, and the following information about each person, if applicable: name, citizenship (“nationality”), passport number, crew position, and where the crewman was shipped or engaged. Other remarks or information may also be annotated on the form.

Form I-466, *Air Passenger Manifest*, indicates the name of the airline, aircraft number, trip number, ports and dates of departure and destination, and the following information about each passenger: name, permanent address, ticket number, age, gender, marital status, race, destination, citizenship (“nationality”), number and date of passport, occupation, and weight of baggage.

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Morgenster, arrived July 23, 1956 (Form I-489); see roll 24.
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Amoco Rhode Island, arrived Aug. 21, 1956 (Form I-489); see roll 26.
Santa Irene, arrived Aug. 22, 1956 (Form I-489); see roll 26.
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Vastric, arrived Nov. 11, 1956 (Form I-489); see roll 29.
Ruth Lake, arrived Nov. 15, 1956 (Form I-489); see roll 29.
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General Remarks

The records were filmed by the INS and transferred to the National Archives on microfilm. Although some of this film may be difficult to read, it is impossible to correct the situation since the INS destroyed the original records.

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