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(FEDERAL PASSENGER LISTS) 1820-1897

On the 171 rolls of this microfilm publication is reproduced a card index (Soundex system) to the names on "Federal" passenger lists of vessels arriving at the port of Baltimore, 1820-97. The index, which was received in the National Archives in 1954, was prepared under the sponsorship of the Immigration and Naturalization Service by the Work Projects Administration between 1935 and 1937.

The index is arranged by the Soundex system, which is explained on the pages filmed before the table of contents on Roll 1 and at the beginning of each subsequent roll. The cards include information under the headings as follows: Family name; Given Name; Accompanied by; Age; Sex; M., S., W., D.; Occupation; Nationality; Last permanent residence (town, country, etc.); Destination; Port of entry; Name of vessel; and Date. The quantity of information on the cards varies. The names of persons apparently constituting a family group are usually on the front of the card, under the heading "Accompanied by"; for some cards, the names are on the reverse. Because the index also contains a separate card for each person, the reverse was not filmed. A few duplicate cards are included.

An act of March 2, 1819 (3 Stat. 489), provided that effective January 1, 1820, the captain or master of a vessel arriving at a port in the United States or in any of its territories from a foreign country was to submit a list of the passengers to the collector of the district in which the vessel had arrived. The act also provided that every collector of customs submit quarterly reports, consisting of copies of passenger lists, to the Secretary of State, who was required to submit such information at each session of Congress. The information was later published in the form of Congressional documents. An act of May 4, 1874 (18 Stat. 42), repealed the provisions of the legislation requiring collectors to send copies of passenger lists to the Secretary of State. Thereafter, collectors of customs were to send statistical reports only on passenger arrivals to the Department of the Treasury.

The lists normally give information about each passenger as to name, age, sex, occupation, the country to which he belonged, and the country of which he intended to become an inhabitant, and notations as to the number and cause of deaths on board. The law required that the lists be sworn to by the master in the presence of the collector or his deputy.

Under a Maryland state law of March 22, 1833, effective from September 1833 until October 1866, the masters of vessels were also required to submit lists of passengers arriving at Baltimore to the Mayor of that city. The act required that these "City Lists" report the age and occupation of

the passengers, and that the lists were to be sworn to by the master of the vessel in the presence of the Mayor.

The lists for 1820-91 to which the index relates are reproduced in Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, 1820-91 (Microcopy 255). Most of the documents reproduced in that microcopy are lists submitted by masters of vessels to the collector of customs at Baltimore and transferred later to the National Archives from the Baltimore customhouse; others are lists borrowed from the city of Baltimore to fill gaps during the period September 1833-October 1866 and indicated as "City Lists." A few cargo manifests that were interfiled among the passenger lists in the Baltimore customhouse were also filmed.

The card index reproduced on this microcopy and the lists mentioned above are part of Record Group 36, Records of the Bureau of Customs, in the National Archives.

In the same record group are a card index (Soundex system) to city passenger lists of vessels arriving at Baltimore, 1833-66 (Microcopy 326), and an incomplete supplemental card index to lists of passengers arriving at Atlantic and Gulf coast ports, 1820-74, including Baltimore to about 1870 (Microcopy 334). There are also some journals of and alphabetical indexes to vessel entrances, which serve as finding aids to names and arrival dates of vessels for most of the period from 1820 to 1891, and copies of passenger lists, in the form of quarterly abstracts, 1820-69 (with gaps), sent to the Secretary of State for his report to Congress (Microcopy 596).

Also in this record group is a series of eight bound volumes of quarterly transcripts of lists of names of passengers arriving at most Atlantic and Gulf coast ports, September 1819-December 1832, which includes names of passengers arriving at Baltimore, 1820-29 (with gaps). The volumes apparently were prepared in the Office of the Secretary of State from copies of lists or from abstracts submitted by the collectors of customs. Originally there were nine volumes, but volume 2 is missing.

Related records in Record Group 56, General Records of the Department of the Treasury, include letters received by the Secretary of the Treasury from the Baltimore Collector of Customs, 1833-69 (part of Microcopy 174); copies of correspondence of the Secretary with the Baltimore Collector, 1790-1833 (part of Microcopy 178); and copies of letters sent by the Secretary to the Baltimore Collector, 1833-47 (part of Microcopy 175), and during the period 1847-1909. In the same record group are correspondence registers and indexes, 1878-1902, that include entries for letters to Federal immigration authorities at Baltimore.

In Record Group 85, Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, is correspondence that contains some information relating to immigration through the port of Baltimore, 1882-1903. In the same record group are copies of passenger manifests from December 12, 1891, to November 30, 1909, that were submitted to the Federal immigration authorities in compliance with legislation enacted in 1882 and later (Microcopy T-844).

Related published sources of information are reports of passenger arrivals, submitted by the Secretary of State to Congress, 1820-70. His reports, published as Congressional documents,

indicate by port of arrival the number of passengers, nationality, and occupation, and sometimes age and sex. Only those for 1820 contain the names of passengers. Some of the reports are based on calendar years, but others are for report years ending September 30.

Comparable statements or reports prepared and published by the Treasury Department, Bureau of Statistics, begin in 1867 and extend through Fiscal Year 1894. The statements for 1867-69 are included in the Annual Report of the Treasury Department for Fiscal Year 1869. These reports, also published as Congressional documents, indicate by district of arrival summary statistics on age, sex, nationality, and occupation of passengers. The details in the later reports usually are more complete.

Statistics on immigration from 1820 to 1910 have been published in volume 3 of the Reports of the Immigration Commission (S. Doc. 756, 61st Cong., 3d sess., Serial No. 5878, Washington, 1911).

The records reproduced in this microcopy were prepared for filming by Joyce D. Ciarrocchi, who also wrote these introductory remarks and provided the other editorial material.

#### GUIDE TO THE SOUNDIX SYSTEM USED IN ARRANGING INDEXES

The Soundex filing system, alphabetic for the first letter of surname and numeric thereunder as indicated by divider cards, keeps together names of the same and similar sounds but of variant spellings.

To search for a particular name, you must first work out the code number for the surname of the individual. No number is assigned to the first letter of the surname. If the name is Kuhne, for example, the index card will be in the "K" segment of the index. The code number for Kuhne, worked out according to the system below, is 500.

#### SOUNDIX CODING GUIDE

<u>Code</u>	<u>Key Letters and Equivalent</u> s
1	b, p, f, v
2	c, s, k, g, j, q, x, z
3	d, t
4	l
5	m, n
6	r

The letters a, e, i, o, u, y, w, and h are not coded.

The first letter of a surname is not coded.

Every Soundex number must be a 3-digit number. A name yielding no code numbers, as Lee, would thus be L 000; one yielding only one code number would have two zeros added, as Kuhne, coded as K 500; and one yielding two code numbers would have one zero added, as Ebell, coded as E 140. Not more than three digits are used, so Ebelson would be coded as E 142, not E 1425.

When two key letters or equivalentents appear together, or one key letter immediately follows or precedes an equivalent, the two are coded as one letter, by a single number, as follows: Kelly, coded as 400; Buerck, coded as 620; Lloyd, coded as 300; and Schaefer, coded as 160.

When looking at a particular roll you will see that if several names are coded as K 500--Kam, Abraham; Kann, A.; Kenny, Ann; Kohmi, August; and Kuhne, Adam--the cards will appear in the following order, alphabetical by given name: Kann, A.; Kam, Abraham; Kuhne, Adam; Kenny, Ann; and Kohmi, August. Divider cards are used to show most code numbers, but not all. For instance, one divider may be numbered 350 and the next one 400. Between the two divider cards there may be names coded 352, 350, 360, 364, 365, and 355, but instead of being in numerical order they are interfiled and arranged alphabetically by given name.

Such prefixes to surnames as "van," "Von," "Di," "de," "le," "Di," "D'," "dela," or "du" are sometimes disregarded in alphabetizing and in coding.

The following names are examples of coding, and are given only to aid the user of this microcopy.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Letters Coded</u>	<u>Code No.</u>
Allricht	l, r, c	A 462
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Engebretson	n, g, b	E 521
Heimbach	m, b, c	H 512
Hanselmann	n, s, l	H 524
Hildebrand	l, d, b	H 431
Kavanagh	v, n, g	K 152
Lind, Van	n, d	L 530
Lukaschowsky	k, s, s	L 222
McDonnell	c, d, n	M 235
McGee	c	M 200
O'Brien	b, r, n	O 165
Opnian	p, n, n	O 155
Oppenheimer	p, n, m	O 155
Riedemanas	d, m, n	R 355
Zita	t	Z 300
Zitzmeinn	t, z, m	Z 325

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