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JUNE 29, 1907-JUNE 30, 1948

Introduction

On the 118 rolls of this microfilm publication, M 1764, are reproduced ship passenger lists for arrivals at San Pedro/Wilmington/Los Angeles, California, June 29, 1907-June 30, 1948. The captain or master of each vessel, whether of U.S. or foreign registry, submitted these lists to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) at the port of entry, San Pedro/Wilmington/Los Angeles, CA. 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. There were also ports of entry with subports, usually called ports of delivery. 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 of arrivals to the Department of the Treasury. The lists themselves were retained by the collector of customs. Customs records were maintained primarily for statistical purposes.

In 1882, Congress passed the first Federal law regulating immigration; the Secretary of the Treasury had general supervision over it between 1882 and 1891. The Office of Superintendent of Immigration of the Department of the Treasury was established under an act of March 3, 1891, and was designated a bureau in 1895 with responsibility for administering the alien contract-labor laws. In 1900, administration of the Chinese-exclusion laws was added. 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 assigned to the Bureau 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

INS passenger lists include the names of foreign visitors, immigrants, and U.S. citizens returning from abroad. They also usually indicate names of vessels and shipmasters, ports of arrival and embarkation, and dates of arrival. The lists normally contain the following information about each passenger: full name; age; sex; marital status; occupation; last residence; port of arrival; final destination in the United States; if the passenger has been in the United States before (if so, when and where); and if the passenger is going to join a relative (if so, the relative's name, address, and relationship). Beginning, in 1903, race was included; in 1906, personal description and birthplace; and in 1907, the name and address of the alien's nearest relative in the country from which he or she came.

The INS typically bound passenger lists in volumes, arranged by port, thereunder chronologically. Passenger lists are occasionally out of chronological order, as indicated in the Roll List. Due to the manner in which the records were filmed, they are arranged in reverse chronological order; passenger lists that consist of two sheets of paper have the "right" side sheet to the left of the "left" side sheet.

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

Related Records

These records are indexed, in part, by M 1763, *Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at San Pedro/Wilmington/Los Angeles, California, 1907-1936* (7 rolls).

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- 5* Feb. 15, 1923 - Jul. 28, 1923; also Sept. 27, 1922, and Dec. 26, 1922
- 6* July 30, 1923 - Jan. 2, 1924; also June 15, 1923, and July 8, 1923
- 7* Dec. 12, 1923 - June 3, 1924; also June 28-29, 1923, Aug. 21 and 23, 1923, and Oct. 26, 1923
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