



Searching Castle Garden Immigration Records

What is Castle Garden?

Before 1892, immigration into the United States was handled by the states. Those persons entering the United States between 1820 and 1892 (some 10 million), came through Castle Garden, a hexagonal shaped building at the tip of Manhattan. From 1855 through 1892, Castle Garden was America's first official immigration center. Currently, the records available are from 1830 to 1892; however the remaining 2 million records dating from 1820 to 1829 are being digitized.

Searching the Castle Garden Database

- Go to <http://www.castlegarden.org/>
- Use the quick search to find individuals or families.
- Enter the last name in the **Last name** field.
- Enter the first name in the **First name** field, if possible.
NOTE: Use the * as a wild card in either name field, but try the full name first.
- Use the two **Date Range** drop-down menus to set the date range you wish to search.
- Press **<enter>** or click on **Search Now**.
- When the results list appears, scroll through the names and pages (see page forward and back arrows in upper-right corner) until you find the name you want.
- Click on the name link to see the record. You will not be able to see the actual manifest, but it will tell you the person's name, age, sex, literacy, arrival date, country of origin (citizenship), port of departure, last residence, destination, plan, ship, and passage.

NOTE: A new feature called Comparative Data is currently under construction, so you may wish to return to this site at some point in the future if you find results.

Advanced Search

The advanced search allows you to cross reference subjects in context according to many different variables; however, there is a \$45 fee for processing your request for an advanced search, so this is not recommended.