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Some Terminology

Indentured Servant

An indentured servant was an immigrant who worked in servitude in the 'New World' to pay their passage, at the end of which they often received a minimum start capital and/or a piece of land. Indentured servitude could be viewed as a form of temporary slave labour. It was not identical to slavery, because the employer owned only the labour of the contractual partner for a set period of time, and not the person outright. Most indentured servants remained in the country after working off their debt and became *de facto* immigrants, due to the fact that the system was generally a one-way ticket overseas. Transported convicts/prisoners, and redemptioners (see below) who were unable to come to adequate arrangements to pay off their passage, were often sold as indentured servants.

Drawn from *Migration in European History* by Klaus Bade

Redemptioner

Immigrants in the redemptioner system were also obliged to repay [as indentured servants were] the cost of their passage overseas through labour, either their own or their children's. But at the end of the transatlantic voyage, they were no longer faced with arbitrary auctions where their labour contracts, and indirectly they themselves, were offered to the highest bidder. Redemptioner servants, also called 'free-willers' to distinguish them from indentured servants, and deported prisoners, were instead given about two weeks after arriving on-board to negotiate with employers or their agents a way to repay their debt, either by drawing up a work contract of their choice, having the debt paid off by a guarantor, or seeking help from friends and relatives. However the willingness or material means of relatives or friends to pay off the redemptioners' debts or to vouch for them was often grossly overestimated. If no solution was negotiated within the time limit the contract dealer or captain could sell the redemptioner ... as an indentured servant. ... The redemptioner system was the means by which ordinary people could emigrate, that is, the proletarian and landless classes who had nothing to sell to finance their dreams except a few years of their labour and their lives.

Migration in European History by Klaus Bade, pp 84–5

Remittances

Money earned or acquired by immigrants that was sent back to their country of origin. This money was used to bring out other members of the family, in successive waves, a system often referred to as chain migration, or the monies might be used to support an impoverished family back home in Ireland.

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