

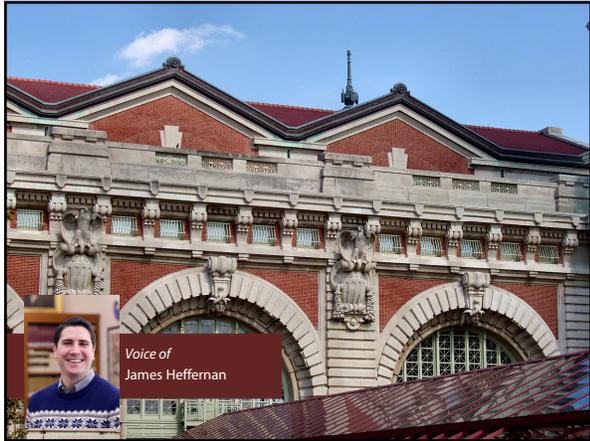
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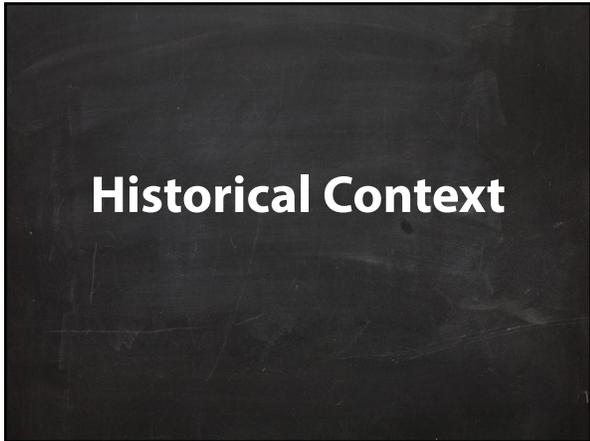
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Historical Context

- Pre-1789: colonies subject to British, Spanish or French law
- Federal Period (1790-1830): Naturalization, earliest passenger lists
- Mid-19th Century: American Civil War
- Late-19th Century to 1924: Increased regulation and recordkeeping

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Definitions

- Immigrant: individual arrival within the borders of the United States; intending permanent residency
- Alien or non-citizen: permanent resident who has not naturalized
- Non-immigrant alien: residing temporarily in the United States

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Definitions

<p>Emigration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving <u>out</u> of a country • Records kept by country/territory of origin • Records kept locally, centrally or not at all 	<p>Immigration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving <u>into</u> a country • Records maintained by the destination country/territory • US: Passenger list, passport, naturalization, visa, etc.
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Types of Records

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"1753 28 Mai - nach
Pensylvanien gezogen"

Seelenregister Hüffenhardt (1681-1798)

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Embarkation Lists

- Passenger lists created at major ports documenting outgoing passengers
- Jurisdiction of port city—low survival
- Comparison tool for hard-to-read records
- UK and Ireland: 1890-1960
- Scandinavian ports (lists and indexes on microfilm)
- Hamburg: 1850-1934
- Missing/Destroyed: Bremen, Le Havre, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Antwerp

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European Passenger Departure Lists at the Family History Library
Listed in the FHL library catalog under the name of the port city and the topic "Emigration and Immigration"

Port	Lists	Indexes	Comments
Antwerp, Belgium	1855	Book index	by Charles Hall
Bergen, Norway	1874-1924	1874-1924	Transcripts, with given and surname indexes.
Bremen, Germany	—	1904-1914	Originals may no longer be intact.
Copenhagen, Denmark	1868-1911	1868-1940	Indirect and direct lists and indexes.
Gothenburg, Sweden	1869-1920	1869-1961	Most Swedes left from this port.
Hamburg, Germany	1850-1934	1854-1934	Card indexes cover 1860-1871.
Le Havre, France	1750-1887	1750-1775	Commercial cargo manifests only.
Liverpool, England	1697-1707, 1773-1776	—	In publications. Published lists.
Malmö, Sweden	1874-1939	1874-1939	—
Oslo (Kristiansia), Norway	1867-1902	1869-1902	—
Rotterdam, Netherlands	1900-1940	1900-1940	Holland-America Line only.
Stockholm, Sweden	1869-1940	1869-1940	—
Trondheim, Norway	1867-1926	1867-1925	Indexes to given and surnames.

Additional lists may be available for these, and other ports, in local and state archives of European countries.

Source: Kory L. Meyerink, "European Passenger Departure Lists" HeritageQuestMagazine.com

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Early Passports

- Physical description
- Citizenship status (naturalized or natural-born)
- Attestation
- Correspondence

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20th Century Passports

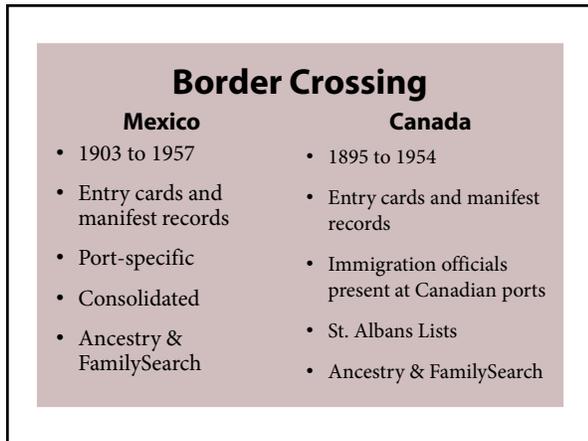
- Name, birthplace, and residence of father
- Date of naturalization
- Destination and reason for travel
- Physical description
- Photograph!

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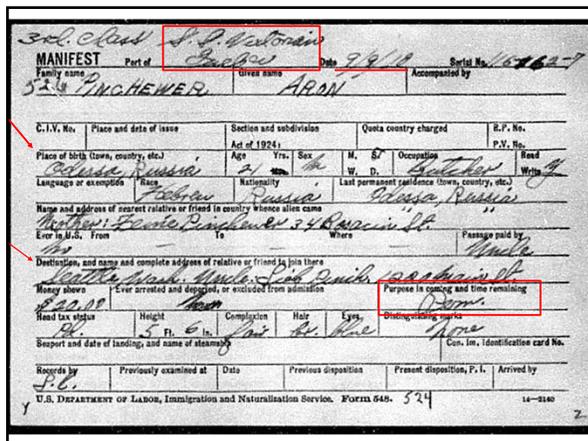
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Certificate File (C-File)

- September 27, 1906 – March 31, 1956
- Various local courts
- Consolidated (and standardized) naturalization records with the federal government
- Declarations of Intention, Petitions for Naturalization, Certificates of Naturalization
- Certificates of Arrival

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Certificate File (C-File)

- Held by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service
- Records 1906 to ca. 1944 on microfilm only
- Records 1944 to 1956 in hardcopy only
- After 1956: local USCIS office
- Local court records

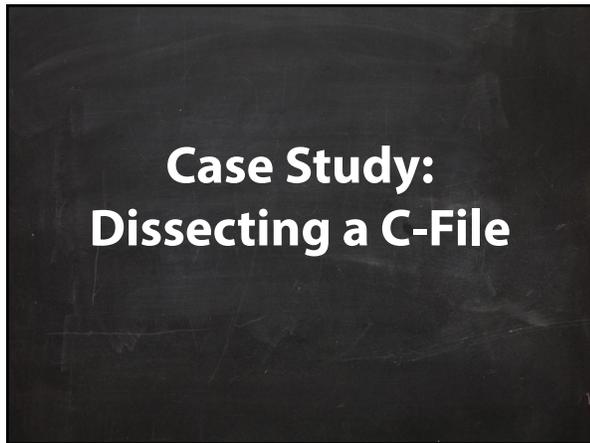
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The image displays three distinct historical immigration documents. On the left is a 'PETITION FOR CITIZENSHIP' form from the United States of America, featuring a grid for recording details and a section for the petitioner's signature. In the top right is a 'CERTIFICATE OF ARRIVAL' from the U.S. Department of Labor, which includes fields for the date and place of entry, the name of the vessel, and the name of the arrival agent, all of which are filled out. On the bottom right is a 'CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION' from the U.S. Department of Justice, which includes a portrait of the naturalized citizen and a section for the naturalization officer's signature and date.

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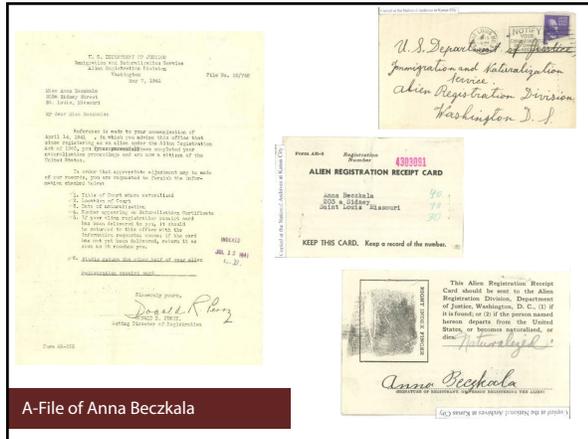


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A-Files

- Starting April 1, 1944
- Every non-citizen who arrived after April 1, 1944 or naturalized after April 1, 1956
- Consolidate agency records
- Held between agencies (NARA: prior to 1920; USCIS: after 1920)
- Access restrictions

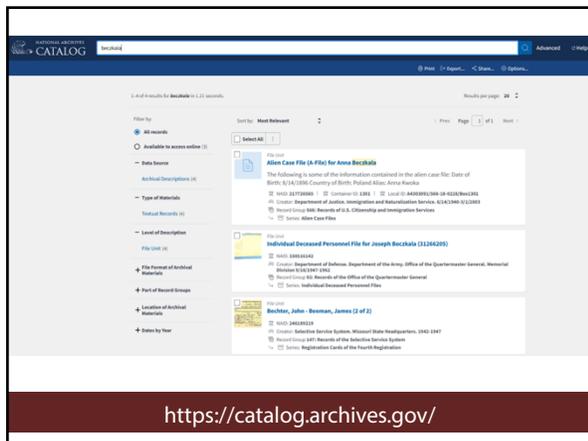
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The image shows a collection of documents related to the A-File of Anna Beczkala. On the left is a typed letter from the U.S. Department of Justice, dated April 14, 1944, addressed to Anna Beczkala at 208 1/2 Street, St. Louis, Missouri. The letter discusses her application for naturalization and provides instructions for the next steps. In the center is an 'ALIEN REGISTRATION RECEIPT CARD' for Anna Beczkala, issued on April 14, 1944, with a registration number 438081. On the right is a handwritten note from the U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Alien Registration Division, dated April 14, 1944, which appears to be a copy of the typed letter. Below the receipt card is a small photograph of Anna Beczkala and a signature.

A-File of Anna Beczkala

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The image shows a screenshot of the Catalog Archives.gov search results page. The search term 'beczkala' has been entered, and the results are displayed in a list format. The first result is 'Alien Case File (A-File) for Anna BECZKALA', which includes a description of the file and a list of related records. The second result is 'Individual Deceased Personnel File for Joseph BECZKALA (11264205)', and the third is 'Berkley, John - Bowman, James (11472)'. The page includes navigation options like 'Filter by', 'Sort by', and 'Page 1 of 1'.

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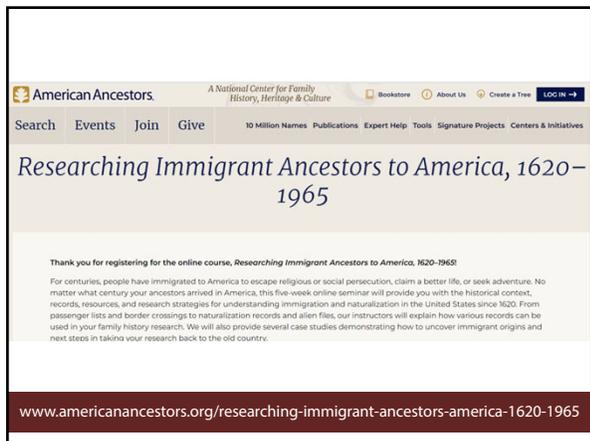
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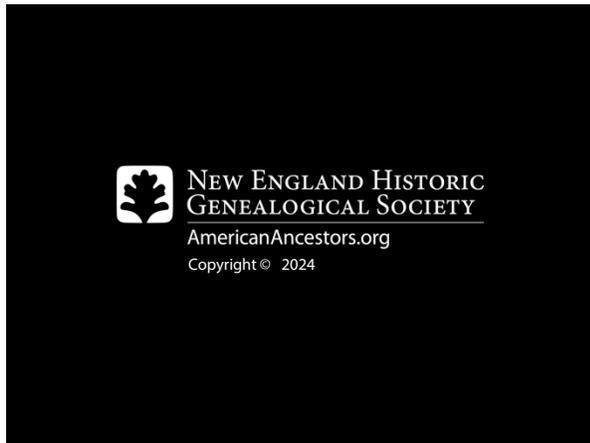
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