Irish Ship Arrivals at the Port of New York
During the Potato Famine, 1846–1851

The Famine Irish Passenger Record File is a database that contains information about passengers who arrived at the Port of New York during the era of the Irish Potato Famine, 1846–1851. The electronic files, created from 1977 to 1989 by the Center for Immigration Research (CIR) at the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies, include information extracted from ship passenger lists at the National Archives and Records Administration in Record Group 36, Records of the U.S. Customs Service. The dataset is now part of NARA's online Access to Archival Databases (AAD) of accessioned electronic files.

The database consists of four electronic files. The primary file is the Famine Irish Passenger Record Data File (FIPAS) that includes lists with passenger names. Three additional files supplement it and serve as electronic code files. They are the Famine Irish Manifest Header File, the Famine Irish Port Code List, and the Famine Irish Country Code List. The Manifest Header File includes the list of ships that arrived at the Port of New York during the famine.

Approximately 600,000 individuals are in this name-searchable database. These records include passengers aboard ships with both Irish and non-Irish ports of embarkation for emigration to America. Despite the title of the records, approximately 30 percent of the passengers list their native country as other than Ireland, Canada, Brazil, Saint Croix, Russia, Morocco, Europe, and the United States.

The Famine Irish Passenger Record File may contain the following personal information on passengers:
- Passenger's name
- Age
- Town of last residence
- Destination
- Passenger arrival date
- Passenger's sex
- Occupation
- Literacy
- Native country
- Passenger port of embarkation

You can access the Famine Irish Passenger Record File through the Access to Archival Databases (AAD) web site located at *www.archives.gov/aad*. Instructions for using AAD are available using the "Getting Started Guide" link on the AAD homepage.

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