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Supplementary User Note 1

Balch Institute June 2003 Transfer: Germans to America, 1850-1897;
Italians to America, 1855-1900; Russians to America, 1834-1897
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Donated Materials of the Center for Immigration Research (Donated Materials Group CIR)

While preparing Germans to America, 1850-1897, Italians to America, 1855-1900, and Russians to America, 1834-1897, files for accessibility online via the Access to Archival Databases (AAD) resource, NARA staff noted additional information regarding the data files and code tables.

Passenger Data Files (CIR0603_GRM_Y5097; CIR0603_ITL_Y5500; CIR_RUS_Y3497)

1. Some of the records in the Germans to America, Italians to America, and Russians to America Passenger Data Files contain characters that are not listed on the code lists, miscellaneous characters, or obvious typographical errors in one or more of the fields. For example, in the Germans to America Passenger Data File, the City/Town of Last Residence field for some of the records lists "Born At Sea," although the data in the Age field shows an age older than one year old and an occupation other than infant (INF) is listed in the Occupation field. In the Italians to America Passenger Data File, the Last Name field for several of the records consist of dashes (----), "#NAME?," or a question mark. In some cases, dashes or question marks may indicate illegible letters that could not be transcribed. Also, for some records, one or more of the fields may be blank.
2. In the Last Name field (LN), sometimes only an initial is provided. In the First Name field (FN), the names are sometimes abbreviated, such as "Geo.," or only initials are used. A "U" in either field may mean the last name or first name is unknown.
3. For the Age field (AGE), the Age Code Table (CIR0603_AGECD) did not include a meaning for code 900. Based on the other codes used to denote months old, staff inferred the meaning of "Infant in months: 00" for code 900.
4. NARA staff assume the nationality codes referred to in the documentation (README.TXT printout) are the codes used for the Country of Origin field (COUNTRY) and are listed in the Country Code Table (CIR0603_CTYCOD), German Group Code Table (CIR0603_GGRPCOD), Italian Group Table (CIR0603_IGRPCOD); and Russian Group Code Table (CIR0603_RGRPCOD). The Country Code Table can be used for the Country of Origin Field in all three Passenger Data Files. See also the notes for Country Code Table and Group Code Tables below. In AAD, the codes in the Country of Origin code table are limited to the codes used in the records of the separate Passenger Data Files.
5. The City/Town of Last Residence field (LRES) and Destination City/County field (DEST) are not coded fields. These fields contain the city, town, and/or country name as appropriate. The documentation (README.TXT printout) suggests that the donor may have edited or standardized

the spellings of the place names. See also the notes for Village Code Tables and Destination Code Tables below. A “U” in these fields means unknown.

6. For the Transit and/or Travel Compartment field (PASG), the donors combined the codes for transit and travel compartment into a single field, but they provided separate code tables. To make the data available on AAD, NARA staff combined the code tables to create a single code table for this field. The first character in the Transit and/or Travel Compartment field is the transit code (see table CIR0603_TRNCOD) and the second and third characters are the travel compartment code (see table CIR0603_TRVCOD). In some of the records, this field may contain one valid code, either the transit code or travel compartment code, and characters not listed on the code tables. Values in the records that do not seem to represent valid codes from both code tables are not included in the code list so in AAD the “meaning” will display as “undefined code.” In these instances, users may be able to use the code tables provided by the donors to obtain a partial meaning for the code. Some of the records may contain characters not included on either code table. A “U” in this field may mean unknown.

Manifest Header Data File (CIR0603_HDRSDAT)

1. The Manifest Identification Number (MID field in both the Manifest Header Data File and Passenger Data Files) also indicates the Port of Arrival. The charts below indicate the range of Port of Arrival codes per port, as listed in the Port of Arrival Code Table (CIRF0603_PRTCOD), the data in the Manifest Header Data File, and the number of records that fall within each range.

Port of Arrival	Range of manifest IDs for each port of arrival as listed in the documentation	Actual range of manifest IDs in the Manifest Header Data File	Number of records (ship manifests) in Manifest Header Data File for each port of arrival range
New York	“Everything else”	00000001 – 00011053	7,271
Boston	00012000 – 00014999	00012000 – 00013718	1,210
Baltimore	00015000 – 00017999	00015000 – 00016545	1,476
New Orleans	00018000 – 00020999	00018000 – 00020520	1,944
Philadelphia	00021000 – 00023999	00021000 – 00021104	900
New York	“Everything else”	00024687 – 99999999	26,670
Totals	n/a	n/a	39,471

Port of Arrival	Actual range of manifest IDs in the Manifest Header Data File	Number of records in German Passenger File for each port of arrival (MID range)	Number of records in Italian Passenger File for each port of arrival (MID range)	Number of records in Russian Passenger File for each port of arrival (MID range)
New York	00000001 – 00011053	787,756	63,018	4,579
Boston	00012000 – 00013718	17,728	21	6,526
Baltimore	00015000 – 00016545	394,532	9	22,132
New Orleans	00018000 – 00020520	143,379	151	257
Philadelphia	00021000 – 00021104	39,995	282	8,190
New York	00024687 – 99999999	2,685,517	781,887	485,710
Totals	n/a	4,068,907	845,368	527,394

2. The Manifest Header File does NOT include a Number of Passengers field.

3. 659 records in the Manifest Header Data File contain arrival dates (ARR_DATE field) that fall outside the coverage dates of the three series (1834-1900). These dates may reflect data entry error.

Arrival Year	Range of Manifest Identifiers*	Number of Records (ship manifests)
1901	83564 - 83763	144
1902	83792 - 83975	156
1904	100001 - 100006	5
1904	880186 - 880396	209
1912	808187- 808257	11
1934	24798	1
2012	808000 - 808132	133

* May not be consecutive, but all the manifest identification numbers within the range have the indicated arrival year.

Staff compared the manifest identification numbers of those records with the arrival dates that fall outside the coverage dates with the manifest identification numbers in each of the passenger data files and determined that no passenger records contain a manifest identification number with any of these dates. See the Supplemental NARA Processing Materials folder for list of all the manifest identification numbers with arrival dates that fall outside the coverage dates and extracts from AERIC verification reports showing the passenger records do not contain those manifest identification numbers.

Destination Code Table (CIR0603_DSTCOD) and Village Code Tables (CIR0603_GVILCOD; CIR0603_IVILCOD; CIR0603_RVILCOD)

1. The Destination Code Table and Village Code Tables contain multiple spellings for the place names and a field 'P' to identify the proposed correct spelling. The donor documentation (README.TXT printout) indicates a blank in the 'P' field indicates the "suggested right spelling" in the Village Code Tables, and an asterisk (*) in the 'P' field indicates the "suggested right spelling" in the Destination Code Table.

In addition, the City/Town of Last Residence field (LRES) and Destination City/County field (DEST) in the passenger data files are not coded fields. The donor documentation, including the Destination Code Table and Village Code Tables, suggests that the donor may have edited or standardized the spellings of the place names.

Country Code Table (CIR0603-CTYCOD) and Group Code Tables (CIR0603_GGRPCOD; CIR0603_IGRPCOD; CIR0603_RGRPCOD)

1. The donor's documentation includes a composite Country Code Table and three Group Code Tables and the codes in them are the codes for the Country of Origin field. The codes and meanings in the Country Code Table are the same as the codes and meanings in the three Group Code Tables. The Group Code Tables only contain those codes related to a specific group. For example, the German Group Code Table contains codes for Germany, Switzerland, Luxemburg, Prussia, Bavaria,

etc. However, codes other than those listed in a Group Code Table may appear in the corresponding Passenger Data File. For example, the German Passenger Data File contains records with the code "009" meaning Sweden in the Country of Origin field (COUNTRY), but code "009" meaning Sweden is not included on the German Group Code Table. In AAD, the Country of Origin code table for each of the Passenger Data Files includes only the codes from the donor's Country Code Table found in the passenger records of the respective Passenger Data File. For the Country of Origin field in any of the Passenger Data Files, researchers using these records independent of AAD should use the Country Code Table.

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