

40+ Transportation Resources for Genealogy

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For most of us, our ancestors used some method of transportation either for migration purposes or for everyday life and livelihood. In the United States, as in many countries, thankfully there are records recording not just passengers, but also employees of transportation companies, and accounts of actual trips made by our ancestors.



General

- **Ancestry Message Boards: Migration**
<https://www.ancestry.com/boards/topics.migration/mb.ashx>
- **Ancestry Message Boards: Transportation Occupations**
<https://www.ancestry.com/boards/topics.occupations.transportation/mb.ashx>
- **Cyndi's List: Migration Routes and Trails**
<https://www.cyndislist.com/migration/>
- **US Migration Trails and Roads** – FamilySearch Research Wiki
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/US_Migration_Trails_and_Roads

Canals and Great Lakes

- **American Canal Society**
<https://americancanals.org/>
- **Ancestry Message Boards: Canal Worker Occupations**
<https://www.ancestry.com/boards/topics.occupations.transportation.canalworker/mb.ashx>
- **Cyndi's List: Canals, Rivers and Waterways**
<https://www.cyndislist.com/canals/>
- **Great Lakes Maritime Collection**
<http://greatlakeships.org/search>
- **Maritime History of the Great Lakes**
<http://images.maritimehistoryofthegreatlakes.ca/search>
- **The Erie Canal**
<http://www.eriecanal.org/index.html>
- **US Migration Canals** – FamilySearch Research Wiki
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/US_Migration_Canals

Railroads

- **American-Rails.com**
<https://www.american-rails.com/>
- **Cyndi's List: Railroads**
<https://www.cyndislist.com/railroads/>
- **Erie Railroad Employee Archives**
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/erie.html>
- **GenDisasters.com – Train Wrecks**
<http://www.gendisasters.com/trains/>
- **National A. Phillip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum**
<https://aprpullmanportermuseum.org/about-museum/information-resources/>
- **Ohio Railroad Stations Past & Present**
<http://www.west2k.com/ohio.htm>
- **Pennsylvania Railroad Stations Past & Present**
<http://www.west2k.com/pa.htm>
- **Pullman Employee Records – The Newberry Library**
<https://www.newberry.org/pullman-employee-records>
- **Railroad Job Descriptions Past & Present**
https://www.up.com/aboutup/history/past-present_jobs/index.htm
- **Railroad Maps – Library of Congress**
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/rmapquery.html>
- **Railroad Pension Records – Family Tree Magazine**
<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/premium/now-what-workin-on-the-railroad/>
- **Railroad Retirement Board Records – NARA**
<https://www.archives.gov/atlanta/public/railroad-retirement-board-records>
- **RootsWeb Railroad Message Boards**
<http://boards.rootsweb.com/topics.occupations.transportation.railroad/mb.ashx>
- **US Migration Railroads – FamilySearch Research Wiki**
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/US_Migration_Railroads
- **US Railroad Retirement Claim Records – Midwest Genealogy Center**
<http://quicklook.midwestgenealogycenter.org/>

Ships

- **Ancestry Message Boards – Immigration and Emigration: Ship Records**
<https://www.ancestry.com/boards/topics.immigration.ships/mb.ashx>
- **Ancestry Message Boards – River Board Crews**
<https://www.ancestry.com/boards/topics.occupations.transportation.rbcrow/mb.ashx>
- **Ancestry Message Boards – Ship Manifests**
<https://www.ancestry.com/boards/topics.shipmanifests/mb.ashx>

- **Cyndi's List: Ships & Passenger Lists**
<https://www.cyndislist.com/ships/>
- **Find Your Immigrant Ancestors AND their Relatives in the New York Passenger Arrival Records – Legacy Family Tree Webinars**
<http://legacy.familytreewebinars.com/?aid=3229>
- **Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild**
<https://immigrantships.net/>
- **Irish Passenger Lists – RootsIreland.ie**
<http://www.rootsireland.ie/help/help-ships-passenger-lists/irish-passenger-lists/>
- **Maritime Museums**
<http://www.schoonerman.com/mari.htm>
- **Maritime Records – NARA**
<https://www.archives.gov/research/maritime>
- **Passenger Arrival Lists for Miscellaneous Atlantic, Gulf Coast & Great Lakes Ports 1820-1873**
<https://www.germanroots.com/miscports/atlanticandgulf.html>
- **Passenger Lists – Ancestry**
<https://search.ancestry.com/search/category.aspx?cat=112>
- **Passenger Lists – MyHeritage**
<https://www.myheritage.com/research/category-4010/passenger-lists>
- **ShipIndex**
<https://www.shipindex.org/>
- **Ships Passenger Lists & Naturalization Records – Olive Tree Genealogy**
<https://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/immigration/>
- **The Ships List**
<http://www.theshipslist.com/index.html>