

Coming Here

records of immigrants and immigration from the C13th- C20th

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Reasons for Movement

- Religious
- Political
- Economic
- Natural Disaster
- Prisoners of War
- Education
- Family
- Personal Choice

Who?

C1st BC Romans

C5th Anglo Saxons

C8th - C11th Vikings

1066 Normans arrive following the Norman Conquest

1113 Flemish cloth workers arrive at invitation of Henry 1

C13th - C16th Merchants from Lombardy, Italy and the Hanseatic League (a German and Baltic trading association)

1290 Jews expelled from England

1337 Flemish weavers

1540 onwards Huguenots and Walloons, especially after 1685

C16th Romanies originally from North India and Pakistan, via Western Europe

1657 onwards Sephardic Jews from Iberia and Italy

C17th Indians associated with the East India Company

C17th German miners

C17th Dutch drainers - mainly to East Anglia

1680 Ashkenazi Jews from Holland and Bohemia

1693-1709 German refugees fleeing French invasion - 'Poor Palatines'

1707 Influx of Scots to England following the Act of Union

1789 French refugees arrive following the French Revolution

1840s onwards Irish arrive after potato famine

Mid C19th - 1914 Germans

1880-1914 Jews from Russia flee persecution

1948 onward Commonwealth immigrants arrive, especially from the West Indies

When trying to work out why ancestors may have moved consider:-

- Date
- New Location
- Previous Location
- Life Stage
- Migration Companions
- Occupation
- Religion

For Clues to Origins Explore:

- The Extended Family
- The Surname
- The Area
- DNA

Records held at The National Archives

- Alien Subsidy Returns
- Naturalization and Denization Papers
- Inward Passenger Lists 1878-1960 BT26
- Alien Entry Books HO5 available on Ancestry www.ancestry.co.uk
- Records of Aliens 1918-1957 MEPO 35
- Financial assistance to refugees

There are several relevant National Archives' research guides available for download at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk eg *Immigrants, Immigration, Naturalisation and British citizenship, Naturalised Britons, Refugees and Passport Records*. See also their guide *Jews and Jewish Communities in Britain 18th to 20th Centuries*

Naturalisations and Denizations

Records include details of birth and date of arrival.

1509-1800 Naturalisations and Denizations indexed by Huguenot Society (not just Huguenots) available on Internet Archive.

1609-1800 typescript index at National Archives.

1609-1960 Naturalisation and Denization transcriptions available on The Genealogist subscription website, with a diamond subscription.

Class HO334 1870-1916 on Ancestry www.ancestry.co.uk – access via link on TNA research guide.

Not all went through these processes

Passenger Lists

TNA holds lists of passengers arriving in the UK from ports outside Europe and the Mediterranean 1878-1960 in class BT26 available on Ancestry www.ancestry.co.uk. NB many coming in from European ports.

Records of Aliens

Alien Subsidies—Taxation of resident aliens within England between 1440 and 1525 on the England's Immigrants' Database.

Registration of Aliens—1792 onwards with Quarter Sessions Records - name, age, length of time in country, where from, address, occupation.

Aliens Act of 1836 Immigrants required to give nationality, port of entry and occupation - records at TNA.

Aliens Entry Books 1794-1921 Home office correspondence available on Ancestry www.ancestry.co.uk.

Alien Arrivals arranged by port 1810-1811 and 1826-1869 on Ancestry www.ancestry.co.uk.

Aliens' registration cards 1918-1957 Class MEPO35 at TNA. Only available for those born more than 100 years ago can be purchased from their website. Give name, date of birth, date of arrival in the UK, marital status, children, address, employer's name and address, date of naturalisation and a photograph. May be annotated with changes of address, employment, marital status.

Roma and Traveller Ancestry

Is my ancestor Roma?

- Family Stories
- Names
- Occupations
- Itinerant lifestyle
- Address

Floate, Sharon *My Ancestors were Gypsies* (Society of Genealogists 3rd edition 2010)

Keet-Black, Janet *Gypsies of Britain* (Shire 2013)

Am I Descended from Gypsies ? Who do you Think you Are? Magazine article

www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/tutorials/am-i-descended-from-gypsies

Romani Diaspora www.wikiwand.com/en/Romani_diaspora#/overview

Romany and Traveller Family History Society <http://rtfhs.org.uk>

Access to Gypsy Lore Society Journals

<https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000499763>

Their archives are held at Liverpool University Library

Gordon Boswell's Romany Museum <https://gordonboswellromanymuseum.com>

Romani (Gypsy), Roma and Irish Traveller Movement

<https://travellermovement.org.uk>

National Fairground and Circus Archive is held by the University of Sheffield

Fairground Heritage Trust www.fairground-heritage.org.uk

Jewish Ancestry

National Archives Research Guide: *Jewish people and communities in Britain and its former colonies* www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/jews-and-jewish-communities-18th-20th-centuries/

Joseph, Anthony *My Ancestors were Jewish* (Society of Genealogists 4th edition 2008)

Is my ancestor Jewish?

- Consider names.
- Look at place of origin in Naturalisations,
- Search for synagogues, in the Gazette or the 1851 ecclesiastical census.
- Search for Jewish schools.

The Gazette www.thegazette.co.uk

State Papers Online www.gale.com/primary-sources/state-papers-online

1851 ecclesiastical census

<https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/C8993>

Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain www.jgsgb.org.uk

The Jewish Historical Society of England www.jhse.org

Avotaynu www.avotaynu.com

Bevis Marks Hall www.bevismarks.org.uk has a collection of Jewish registers 1687 to 1837. Its publications include birth registers 1780-1887 and circumcisions performed between 1715-1785, with many details of parentage, grandparentage and godparentage.

Jewish Museum <https://jewishmuseum.org.uk>

National Archives Research Guide *Nazi Persecution and the Holocaust*

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/nazi-persecution-and-the-holocaust/

Huguenot Ancestry

Is my ancestor a Huguenot?

- Consider names.
- Location.
- Time of arrival in England.
- Occupation.

Many registers and other records transcribed by the Huguenot Society—now mostly available on CD.

Records of Temoignage – statements from previous congregations to be presented to new congregations – not all refugees had these for obvious reasons.

Records of Abjuration – formal declarations of repudiating Catholicism and many Protestants had had to conform to Catholicism before fleeing France.

Records of Reconnaissance – admitting having taken part in a Catholic service.

All may give clues to congregation of origin.

Records of charities, such as those who donated to the French Hospital.
Also specific Huguenot Friendly Societies.

Chater, Kathy *Tracing your Huguenot Ancestors* (Pen and Sword 2012)

Gwynn, Dr Robin *Huguenot Heritage* (Routledge & Kegan Paul 1985)

The Huguenot Society www.huguenotsociety.org.uk

Chater, Kathy *Tracing Huguenot Ancestry* video and transcript

<https://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/tracing-huguenot-ancestors/>

French Protestant Church of London Library www.egliseprotestantelondres.org.uk/en

Impact

On

Population

Economy and Trade

Culture

Social cohesion

General Bibliography

Our Migration Story www.ourmigrationstory.org.uk

www.englishimmigrants.com for details of foreigners who were resident in England between 1330 and 1550. This site also contains plenty of detail about the background to the sources used to compile the database.

Kerr, Barbara M. 'Irish Seasonal Migration to Great Britain 1800-1838' in *Irish Historical Studies* Vol. 3.12 September 1943 pp.365-380

Kershaw, Roger *Migration Records: a guide for family historians* (TNA 2009)

Kershaw, Roger and Pearsall, Mark *Immigrants and Aliens: a guide to sources on UK immigration and citizenship* (TNA 2004)

Lloyd, Amy J. *Emigration, Immigration and Migration in Nineteenth century Britain*

www.gale.com/academic/essays/social-issues/relocation/amy-j-lloyd-emigration-immigration-migration-nineteenth-century-britain

Panayi, Panikos *An Immigration History of Britain: multicultural racism since 1800* (Routledge 2009)

Windrush Stories www.windrushstories.com

Ask about Ireland www.askaboutireland.ie