

Basic Information Sources

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Genealogy – where you confuse the dead and irritate the living

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Vital Records -- United States

- Birth, Marriage and Death Records
- CDC Website: Where to write for vital records <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm>
- Some indexes and records are filmed at Mormon FHC
- Online sites, such as Ancestry.com
- Often have information like parents' names, including mother's maiden name, place of birth
- Don't ignore witnesses!

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Census Records

- Federal Census – every ten years
 - Indexes for some years
 - On-line at Ancestry.com
 - Microfilmed at FHCs, National Archives, Libraries
- New York State Census for 1905, 1915, 1925

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Information on Census Records

- Depends on years
- Family relationships
- Ages
- Years of immigration and naturalization
- Occupations, value of house
- Look at the neighbors!
- Look at the census taker!
- Look at the date taken!

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STATE New York DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
 COUNTY Westchester FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE U.S.
 TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Yonkers NAME OF PRISON

NAME OF INSTITUTION Yonkers Prison

No.	Name	Sex	Age	Color	Place of Birth	Date of Arrival	Date of Departure	Remarks	Signature	Name of Agent	Applications	
											For Naturalization	For Citizenship
1	Fefferblum, Joseph	M	35	W	Poland	1892	1892					
2	Levine, Fanny	F	32	W	Poland	1892	1892					
3	Becky	F	10	W	Poland	1892	1892					
4	Max	M	8	W	Poland	1892	1892					

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Passenger Arrival Manifests

- For all arrivals, including New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Galveston, Canadian Border
- Indexes for most
- Manifests and Indexes microfilmed at FHCs and National Archives
- Online at EllisIsland.com for Ellis arrivals
- Online for older NYC records, Boston, and others at Ancestry.com

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Information on Manifests

- Depends on year
- Family Groups
- Age, Physical description, occupation
- Place of birth
- Address of relative in Europe
- Address of contact in America

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EllisIsland.org

- www.ellisland.org
- Database for arrivals between 1892-1924
- Best to search using Morse search engine
- Only for Ellis Island arrivals, NOT Baltimore, Boston, etc.
- Links to text versions and original manifests

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Morse Search Engine

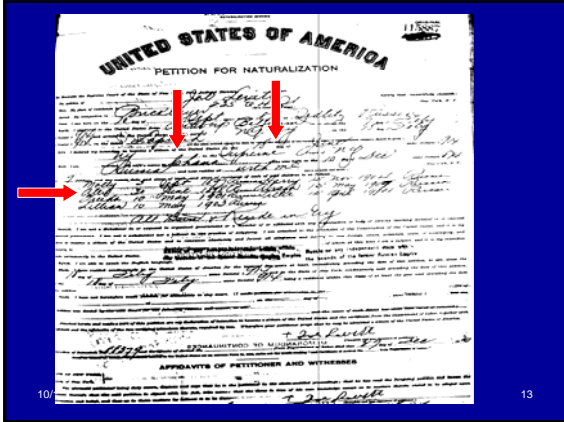
- www.stevemorse.org
- Also accessible through JewishGen website www.jewishgen.org/databases/EIDB/
- Allows searches with less information
- Allows Soundex

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Naturalization Documents

- Documents
 - Declaration of Intention
 - Petition for Naturalization
 - Certificate of Arrival
 - Certificate of Naturalization (Photo)
- Information
 - Date and place of birth of individual, spouse, children
 - Date, place, and ship of arrival
 - Physical description
- Sources
 - Online sources, Ancestry.com, other online indexes
 - Department of Homeland Security (former INS)
 - Local Courts -- Indexes on Microfilm at National Archives and FHCs

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Foreign Records

- [Order from Foreign Archives](#)
- [Microfilmed records at Mormon FHCs](#)
- www.jewishgen.org
 - Jewish Records Indexing—Poland
 - Contains index to over 3 Million Jewish Vital Records in Poland and parts nearby areas, such as Lithuania, Galicia, Belarus, etc.
 - Databases for Belarus, Ukraine, Lithuania, Latvia, Germany, etc.
 - Information on ordering from archives
 - Information on using Mormon Family History Centers

Don't forget general internet searches

- www.google.com
- Sites for periodicals and newspapers such as proquest.com
- On-line phone and address directories

Benjamin Shalom Bernanke

- Age 52 (Born about 1953)
- Lived in Dillon, South Carolina

Can we find his shtetl?

Who are the Bernankes?

- Where does name appear?
- Social Security Death Index
 - computerized index to deaths reported and/or death benefits paid out starting in 1962
 - Contains state of issuance of SS number, date of birth, date of death, residence at death.
 - Can send for application for SS number, SS-5 Form, contains place of birth and mother's maiden name, as well as employment information
 - www2.familytreemaker.com and other sites

BERNANKE, ABRAHAM	054-25-2628	NY	23 Mar 1907	Dec 1976	NY	Flushing, New York 11374	Flushing, New York 11374
BERNANKE, ANNA	110-40-7396	NY	12 Feb 1904	Mar 1900			Miami, Florida 33141
BERNANKE, FLORENCE	091-03-7480	NY	15 Nov 1909	Oct 1976	CT	Southbury, Connecticut 06480	
BERNANKE, FRED	090-16-2230	NY	3 Nov 1921	27 Jan 1990		Gaffney, South Carolina 29340	
BERNANKE, JONAS	247-56-6220	SC	23 Jan 1891	Jan 1970	SC	Dillon, South Carolina 29536	
BERNANKE, JOSEPH	076-26-2574	NY	30 Nov 1900	Dec 1971	NY	Flushing, New York 11375	
BERNANKE, LEO	231-13-5614	VA	31 May 1904	Jan 1980	NY	New York, New York 10016	
BERNANKE, MARY	121-22-5049	NY	8 Apr 1904	Dec 1983	NY	Valley Stream, New York 11581	
BERNANKE, MAX	095-22-0714	NY	29 Dec 1902	Nov 1979	CT	Southbury, Connecticut 06480	New Milford, Connecticut 06776
BERNANKE, PAIRLINE	249-34-8952	SC	15 Nov 1895	Aug 1976	SC	Dillon, South Carolina 29536	

LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES

U.S. S.S. Montreal, Quebec, Passengers sailing from HAMBURG, Jan., 1907.

No.	Name	Age	Sex	Profession	Place of Birth	Parents	Remarks
1	Bermanke, Jonas	17	M	Student	HAMBURG
2	Bermanke, Pauline	15	F	Student	HAMBURG

Place of Birth

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Boryslaw PSA AGAD B1878-86, 88, 89, 94-98, 1900-03
D1878-1903, M1886-1903
Lwow Wojewodztwa / Ukraine
(records in Fond 300 in AGAD Archive)
Located at 49917-23P25
Last updated June 2005

Order?	Name	Year	Month	Day	Age	Sex	Profession	Place of Birth	Parents	Remarks
Order?	WAGMEINSTER, Selig Leob	1882	D	16	48	M	17 4	Mindel	BERNANKE	
Order?	...	1882	D	240	48	M		Jacob	GRABER	
Order?	BERNANKE, Rachel	1883	D	300	50	F	1 y., 1 m., 2 d	Dawid Elio	HARZ	

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