

Finding Aid: 76-30 part 1

Record Group: 76 (Immigration)

Series: C 1 -- Records of Entry, Ships' Manifests: Ship Notifications of Arrival, 1865-1922 (final version, microfilm)

Microfilm Reel Range: T-5460 (negative catalogued as reel T-5981).

Acts as Finding Aid To: Manifests on reels C-4511 to C-4542, C-4624, T-479 to T-533, T-4689 to T-4697, T-4699 to T-4732, T-4734 to T-4757, T-4759 to T-4818, T-4820 to T-4834, T-4836 to T-4849, T-4851 to T-4859, and T-4861 to T-4877, T-5461 to T-5507, T-5509 to T-5518, and T-5520 to T-5570.

Type of Finding Aid: SPECIAL FINDING AID

Description: The "Ship Notifications of Arrival" were the Immigration service's internal finding aid to the ships' manifests. Notifications are available in some form for all ports except North Sydney, N.S. They were generally compiled at or shortly after the arrival of the ships, to aid the department in tracking arrivals, cataloguing copies of passenger manifests received, and locating specific manifests for use in verification of entry of individual immigrants.

FA 76-30 part 1 is the department's final, edited and annotated version of the notification lists for all ports except North Sydney, Vancouver and Victoria. (For Vancouver and Victoria, see draft version in FA 30 part 3. For North Sydney see NA versions in 76-28 part 4 or 76-31 part 2).

The rough preliminary drafts in various states of editing have also survived for the other ports (see FA 30 parts 2 and 3). These incorporate some of the original formal returns sent in by Immigration officers (the "Reports of Steamship Arrivals") from which the notifications were compiled. See FA 76-30 part 3 for details.

The Notifications are organized roughly by port (sometimes the ports of Quebec, Halifax and St. John are interfiled by month or year). Within each port group the listings are in chronological order

by ship arrival date. Each line of the Notifications gives a ship name, and its port and date of arrival. Many lists also give the port and date of departure, and some give the shipping line and notations on any special immigrant groups aboard.

Instructions: Use the Notifications when:

- a) the approximate date of a particular arrival is known -- to identify names of ships arriving at the various ports at/near that date;
- b) the name of the ship of sailing is known -- to identify dates that ship arrived at the various ports;
- c) the steamship line is known, -- to identify ships sailing for that line and their dates/ports of arrival.

Once ports, dates and ship names are determined, use either the detailed corrected finding aid (76-28) or the general microfilm content map (76-25) to obtain the exact microfilm reels needed.

The corrected finding aid (76-28) is more accurate for this purpose than 76-30 part 1, but is not yet available on film for interlibrary loan.

The negative version catalogued as reel T-5981 is not available for research.

Related Finding Aids: Some extra information not found in the final versions, as well as unique copies of the notifications for Vancouver and Victoria, are listed under FA 76-30 part 2.

For paper versions, see 76-29.

The National Archives has prepared a complete, corrected finding aid which supersedes the Notifications as a record of and location guide to those manifests that actually survived: see FA 76-28 for the current (manuscript) version.

For advice on the use of all other FAs to the ship manifests, notifications, and manifest indexes (that is, 76-27 to 76-37), see pages 113-117 of FA 76-25, and the RG 76 Inventory entry to series C.

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