



# Emigration

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## History of Emigration from UK

- “Since the middle ages our people have spread to all corners of the globe.....” (source: Migration Watch UK)
- Emigration to new colonies in Americas
  - opportunity, making fortune, religious freedom
- Estimated c. 6000 people p.a. from 16<sup>th</sup> to end of 18<sup>th</sup> century
- Poor Law Act 1834 - provision for emigration of the poor, with cost borne by the pauper’s home parish
- By late 1800s ..... 90,000 p.a. leaving Britain
  - mainly to USA, also Canada, Australia & New Zealand
- Over 52M Europeans (inc. 11M British, 7M Irish) emigrated across Atlantic from 1815 to 1930 (c. 20% returned)
- After WW2, Government & Commonwealth schemes
  - mainly Australia, Canada, N.Z.

# EMIGRATION

## To Small Farmers, Mechanics & Labor

The precious years of your life are passing away, while you are waiting for a may never come. The **REAL REMEDY** for your accumulated distress is in **EMIGRATION**.

Embrace the present favorable opportunity of leaving a Land "where you live by THE BREAD OUT OF EACH OTHER'S MOUTHS."

## In South Australia, Western Australia And NEW ZEALAND,

You can be rewarded for your Labor, and bring up your Families in comfort, "free from the gripping curse of Poverty,"—and may, by industry, in a few years become **INDEPENDENT LANDHOLDERS**.

### FREE PASSAGES

Are offered to Persons of good Character, and every arrangement made conducive to comfort while on the Voyage and after you Land.

### To the Clergy and Gentry, the Rich and the Intelligent

Feeling that Poverty and Idleness are the chief promoters of Crime, they should assist of their Neighbourhood in reaching these Countries. And all Englishmen are interested in the prosperity of Colonies which contribute so much to the Wealth and Grandeur of this

Every Information may be obtained on application (personally or by letter) at the

## Off to a better life in Canada —perhaps

MARJORY HARPER writes about the mixed fates of the 100,000 or so British children shipped to the dominion by philanthropic bodies such as Quarrier's and Barnardo's Homes in the years between 1870 and 1930.



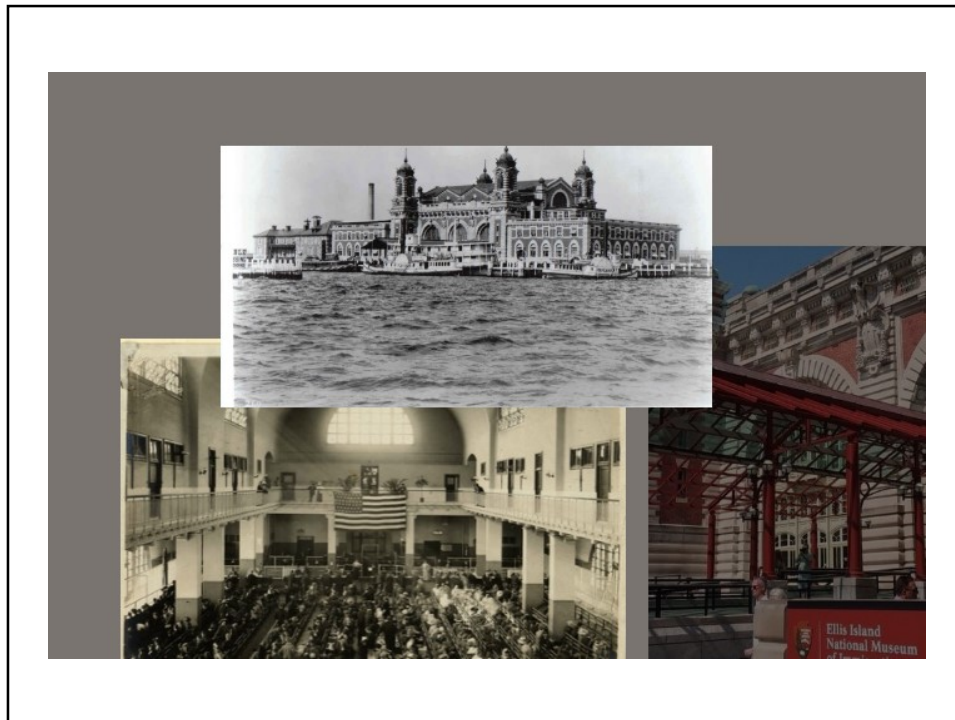
William Quarrier on board ship with a party of girls bound for Canada.





Many came to N. America via Ellis Island







## Why Emigrate ?

- Employment ..... higher wages, steady work
- “A better life” ..... money, clean air, more space
- To escape from problems –
  - religious freedom, wars, famine
- To join family already in new country
- To disappear from home country
- After US Civil War, huge increase in emigration from NW towns to New England
  - ads in local papers, financial incentives
- Steamships made emigration more feasible



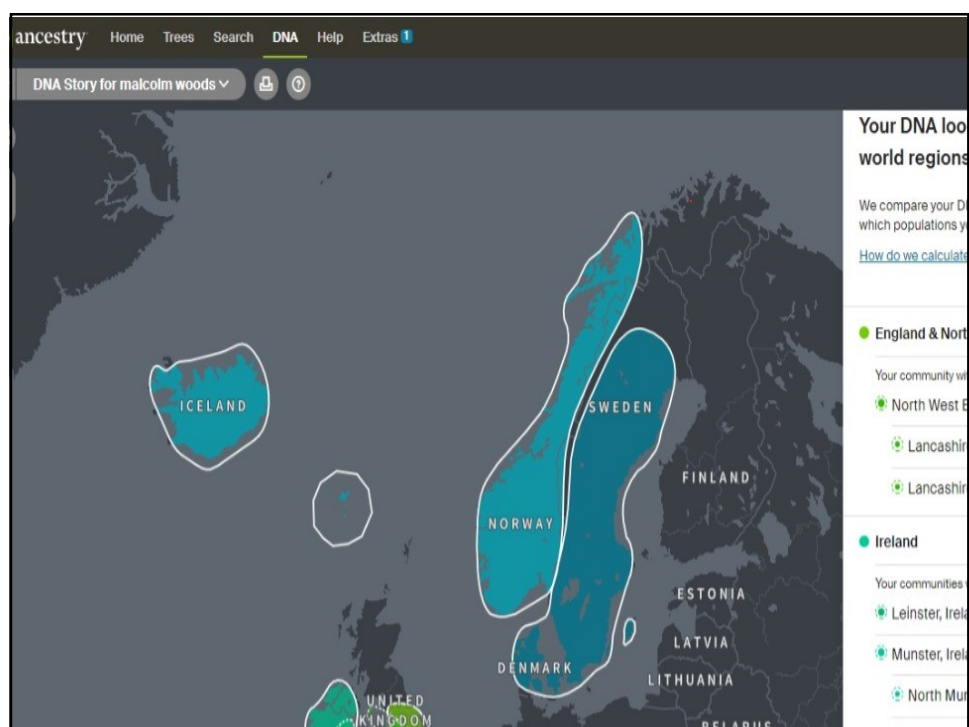
## Introduction of Steamships

The introduction in the 1870s of large steamships operating between Liverpool and New York and Boston facilitated the migration. These huge ships, operated by Cunard, White Star Line and other companies that catered to the emigrant trade, were faster, safer, more comfortable and less expensive than the sailing vessels they replaced.

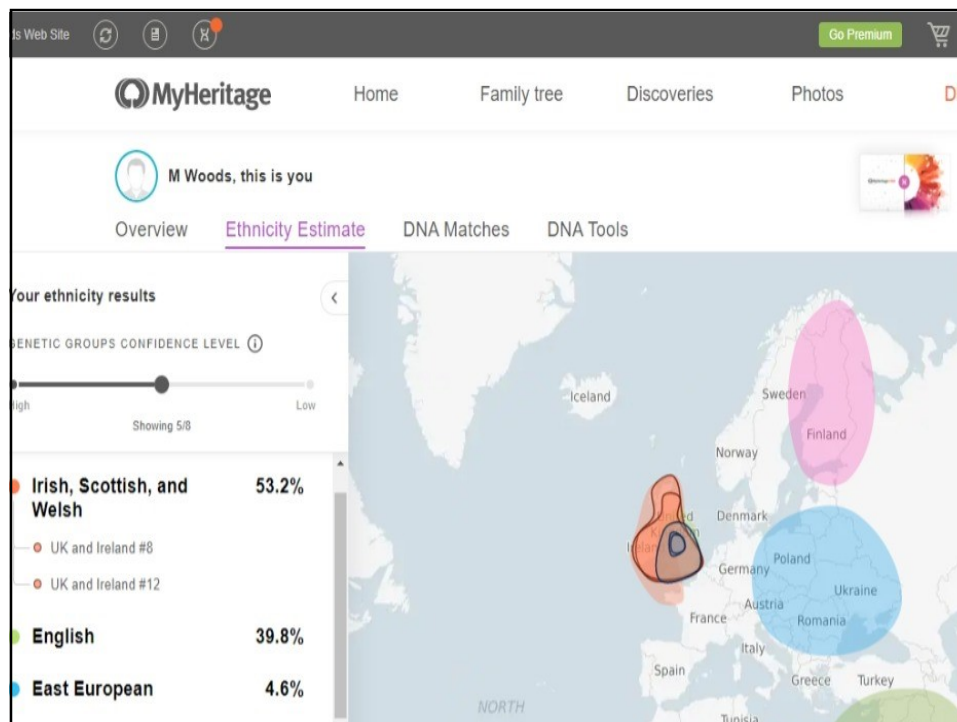


### Estimated number of migrants to GB 1800 to 1945

Migrant group	Migration 1
Africans	10,000
Americans	70,000
Arabs	10,000
Belgians	240,000
Chinese	20,000
Cypriots	2,000
French People	40,000
Germans	100,000
Hungarians	2,000
Irish	1,500,000
Italians	40,000
Jews	220,000
Poles	5,000
South Asians	20,000
West Indians	10,000







## Useful Websites

- Ancestry & FMP (£)
  - passenger lists, naturalisation records, census
- Ellis Island (mostly free)
  - passenger arrivals in New York
  - [www.statueofliberty.org/ellis-island](http://www.statueofliberty.org/ellis-island)
- FamilySearch –
  - some passenger records
- National Archives
  - history of emigration
  - records available
- Newspapers.com (£, free trial?)
  - USA, Canada, Australia

## Records I've found

- Passenger Lists (USA & Canada)
- Naturalisation records (USA)
- Passport Application (USA)
- WW1 & WW2 enlistment (USA)
- Census entries (USA) 1900 - 1950
- Newspaper articles (USA & Canada)

## Emigration in my Family History

- 1) Fred Emmett (1Cx1R)
  - age 21, 1911, Liverpool → New York, then Montana, USA
- 2) James Edward Woods (GG uncle)
  - age 38, 1906, Liverpool → Philadelphia, then Rhode Island
- 3) Rebecca Nightingale (2Cx4R)
  - age 57, 1901, Liverpool → Boston, then Rhode Island
- 4) Doris Warburton (4C)
  - age 32, 1957, → Ontario, Canada

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- 5) Thomas Higgins (1Cx3R)
  - age 23, 1884, Liverpool → NYC
- 6) Margaret Hesketh (G. aunt)
  - age 43, 1924, Liverpool → Quebec, Canada
  - returned in 1925
- 7) John Fawcett (GGG uncle)
  - age 56, 1872, Liverpool → Boston, then Fall River, Mass.

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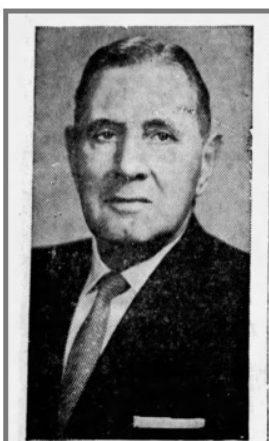


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## Mr., Mrs. Emmett Dinner Hosts

In celebration of their eighth wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Emmett entertained last Tuesday evening with a dinner in the Copper bowl at the Hotel Finlen.

The table, centered with red roses, held covers for eight guests. Cards



**FRED EMMETT**, prominent Montana civic leader, will be 1962 crusade chairman for the state, according to Dr. N. A. Franken of Havre, president of the Montana division of the American Cancer Society. A resident of Montana for more than half a century, Emmett is widely known throughout the state for his business, civic and

## Former Falls Resident, Fred Emmett, Dies at 78

Fred Emmett, a former Great Falls resident and district manager for General Mills in Butte for more than 25 years, died Tuesday in a Great Falls convalescent hospital. Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in St. John's Episcopal Church in Butte with Rev. John S. W. Fargher officiating. Burial will be in Butte. Richards Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Emmett had been a patient here for 10 months. He was born Oct. 11, 1890 in Lancaster, England. He came to the United States



Emmett

sociated with Royal Milling here. It later became a division of General Mills and he held positions in Missoula and Butte before going to Butte in the late 1920s as district manager. He retired from the position in 1955.

He was a past district governor of Rotary International and also had served on the executive council of the Episcopal Diocese of Montana, as president of the Butte Executives Club, member of the Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce, as Montana's 1928 handball champion. He was also a member of several Masonic organizations.