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INTRODUCTION

Ellis Island was the flagship of federal immigration depots during the peak period of immigration to the United States in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Twelve million immigrants—many coming from parts of Southern and Eastern Europe and Asia that heretofore had sent few emigrants to the United States—passed through this New York harbor portal to America from its opening in 1892 to its closing in 1954.

To some newcomers who were interrogated and inspected on Ellis Island, it was the “Isle of Tears.” There they had shivered in fear before the probing gaze of uniformed physicians of the U.S. Marine Hospital Service and answered with quivering lips the brusque questions of Immigration Bureau officers. Although the overwhelming majority of immigrants processed on Ellis Island were admitted, even they remembered, shuddering, the apprehensive faces of the detained and the utter dejection of those turned away at America’s doorstep.

For others, Ellis Island was the “Isle of Hope.” For them the high vaulted ceiling of the registry room, or Great Hall, with its polished Spanish tiles, marked the doorway to a new life of liberty and opportunity in a free land. Tears and hope, apprehensions and expectations were what Ellis Island evoked in the foreign-born.

But what did Ellis Island mean to those physicians and inspectors on the other side of the desk and to those politicians and government officials in far off Washington, D.C.? And of what significance is the Ellis Island experience to the larger social history of the American people and to the institutional history of American government? The Ellis Island story is far more complex and nuanced than a dramatic moment filled with the smiles and tears of anxious newcomers.

First, the processing of immigrants on Ellis Island is a significant chapter in the much larger saga of the peopling of America. The questions asked of newcomers and the reasons for detention and rejection reveal Americans’ shifting considerations and concerns about immigration generally and certain categories of newcomers in particular—the sick, the weak, criminals, and political dissidents. Second, the medical inspection of newcomers marks an important moment in the history of medicine and public health. On Ellis Island, uniformed physicians of the U.S. Marine Hospital Service (later the U.S. Public Health Service) sought to exclude harmful germs and debilitating physical conditions by excluding the newcomers whose very bodies might present a health menace or, at the very least, a burden to Americans. Third, the regulations and procedures set in place on Ellis Island and at other immigration depots epitomize a larger transformation taking place during the Progressive era in the role that federal authority would play in shaping American society and culture. In that sense, Ellis Island was one of the laboratories where the modern administrative state was realized. Finally, Ellis Island was an arena of political conflict, where pro-immigration and anti-immigration forces clashed. In newspapers, magazines, and speeches on the floor of state legislatures and Congress, Ellis Island was cited as either an example of how immigration could be rationally managed for the nation’s benefit or as a place where corruption

flourished, casting doubt on whether immigration and all connected to it could ever be anything more than an ominous stain on the nation's moral fabric.

These themes and others emerge from the documents on the eighteen reels of United States Immigration Bureau case files and correspondence in this collection. Researchers can follow the processing of immigrants entering the country through America's busiest port from 1906 to the period after the Johnson-Reed Immigration Act of 1924. Then, immigration restriction and significant administrative changes dramatically reduced the role that Ellis Island would play in the immigration experience.

Although Ellis Island would eventually become synonymous with immigration, its history long preceded the great waves of newcomers who would alter the course of American life. It was known to the Mohegan Indians as "Kilshk" or "Gull Island." When it was part of New Amsterdam, the Dutch called it "Oyster Island" because of the abundance of oysters in nearby waters. In the early 1700s, the island became known as "Gibbet Island" because the British had erected a gibbet or gallows on it for executing pirates. By 1757 it was occupied by a "pest house," as hospitals for contagious disease were called.

During the Revolutionary War the island passed into the hands of a New Jersey merchant-farmer, Samuel Ellis, whose name continues to identify the island. Ellis converted the pest house into a tavern for picnickers and fishermen. When Ellis died in 1794, the state of New York purchased the island from his heirs for \$10,000, and it was later sold to the federal government for use as a fort. However, once the federal government assumed responsibility from the states for the processing of immigrants in 1890, federal officials determined that the New York State immigration depot at Castle Garden, an old fortress at the tip of Manhattan, was inadequate to handle the heavy flow of new arrivals. Ellis Island became the site of the new federal facility.

The Ellis Island immigration depot cost \$500,000 to erect and opened January 1, 1892 under the authority of the U.S. Immigration Bureau. Fifteen-year-old Annie Moore was the first immigrant to be processed through Ellis, receiving a ten dollar gold piece from the immigration commissioner for the port of New York, John Weber, to commemorate the occasion. However, five years later, the new depot lay a smoldering heap of ashes. The pine buildings had burned to the ground. By 1900 the size of the island was substantially increased by landfill composed mostly of ships' ballast and earth excavated from New York City's subway system. The depot was replaced by sturdier, fireproof, more ornate red brick structures in Byzantine and French Renaissance style.

In the busiest period, between 1900 and 1915, as many as 5,000 people were processed daily on Ellis. Close to a million newcomers arrived annually in this period, 75 percent of them coming through Ellis. In 1907 alone, 1.2 million arrived in the United States, many seeking religious or political liberty but the vast majority in pursuit of economic opportunity. After the start of World War I in Europe, immigration to the United States declined precipitously and Ellis Island was quiet. After America's entry in the war, over 2,200 German sailors from ships detained in American ports were interned on Ellis Island. Wounded American soldiers were later taken to the hospital on Ellis for treatment.

After the war, Ellis again buzzed with the sounds of immigrants and inspectors. However, following the restrictive legislation of the 1920s, immigrants were inspected and interrogated abroad prior to receiving their visas. Now more individuals bid farewell to the United States from Ellis than entered it. The island became a detention center for deportees. Later it would again be used to treat wounded servicemen and as a Coast Guard Station. By 1954, it was closed and declared excess federal property. Almost forty years later, Ellis Island became a monument and museum celebrating the masses who came from abroad in search of better lives and in the process built a better America.

Who came through Ellis Island during its heyday as an immigration depot and what happened to them during their stay? First and second class ship passengers never set foot on Ellis Island. They were inspected and interrogated in the privacy of their ship cabins and landed in Manhattan. All others traveling third class or steerage were required to be processed on Ellis.

The first officials that immigrants encountered face-to-face on the island were federal physicians in search of newcomers with contagious diseases, mental abnormalities, or physical deformities that might limit newcomers' abilities to support themselves. Those whom inspectors wanted to examine further were detained and chalked with a code letter to indicate the reason for the holdover—"K" for hernia, "L" for lung, "E" for eye, "H" for heart, "X" for mental disorder.

After completing the medical examination, immigrants were assembled in the Great Hall. Immigration Bureau officers called newcomers' names from the manifests of the ships on which they arrived. The immigration officer verified names and asked numerous questions concerning marital status, occupation, nationality, final destination, and the sum of money that the immigrant carried. Those with insufficient funds or a relative to sustain them while they hunted for a job might be detained or even rejected.

Only one in six newcomers was detained on Ellis Island. One group that encountered special difficulty was young single women arriving unescorted. With few occupations open to women, officials feared that young women would either fall destitute and become wards of the state or, worse yet, suffer a moral fall and turn to prostitution. Therefore women were not permitted to leave the island unescorted. Others detained were those awaiting funds from relatives so they could support themselves and reach their final destinations. Copious dormitories housed those detained for medical, mental/emotional, financial, or other reasons while they awaited hearings before boards of review. Those denied entry by such boards had a final appeal to Washington.

Most newcomers spent only a few hours on Ellis Island before receiving cards stamped "admitted" and taking ferry passage to Manhattan or a barge to the railroad piers of New Jersey for the next leg of their journey. They could exchange their money for American currency and purchase train tickets before departing the island. Two-thirds of those admitted bought train tickets for places other than New York City. Although there were seventy other immigration depots in this era, 90 percent of all arrivals between 1892 and 1924 were processed on Ellis. Today, over 100 million Americans can trace their heritage through someone who was processed on Ellis Island.

The story of Ellis Island has often been romanticized in novels and the electronic media. Newcomers were either the helpless huddled masses herded hither and yon by indifferent or even sinister bureaucrats, or brave souls who withstood the efforts of those who would gouge them of their money, change their names on registry lists in a spirit of nativism or cruel humor, or worse yet, reject them at the gates for frivolous reasons.

The case files and records of investigations into Ellis Island procedures included on these reels of microfilm offer a multidimensional portrait of day-to-day doings at America's flagship immigration depot. There were periodic episodes of bribe-taking and other corrupt practices on Ellis revealed in investigations. However, when charges were lodged, Congress investigated. Most federal authorities on Ellis such as commissioners William Williams and Robert Watchorn strove to be vigilant, knowing Washington and other governments were keeping Ellis Island under close scrutiny. Those seeking to take advantage of the newcomers were usually caught and punished. Equal vigilance appears to have been

required of officials to see that immigrants desperate to enter the United States at all costs did not circumvent American laws and admissions procedures. What emerges in these fascinating documents, then, is a portrait of American officials, still new to the challenges of the administrative state, seeking to fairly and efficiently administer the immigration process, one of the most perennially controversial and critically important aspects of the American experience in the twentieth century.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Collection Description. The Subject Correspondence File constitutes the Central File of the Commissioner General of Immigration in Washington, D.C., for the period between 1906 and 1932. The file is arranged by case file number, and the case files were begun in chronological order. However, the commissioner's office sometimes brought older files forward and assigned them new, higher numbers, resulting in occasional disruptions in the chronology. In general, the material on the microfilm runs chronologically from 1906 into the early 1930s. Because of the commissioner's need to bring forward earlier records, however, this edition contains significant materials dating back to 1899.

Among the most significant case files in this edition are the records of several investigations into allegations of corruption, brutality, and maladministration on Ellis Island. The earliest investigation is that against Immigration Commissioner Edward McSweeney between 1899 and 1902 (Reels 6 and 7). This was followed by another lengthy investigation conducted by Arthur von Briesen of the New York Legal Aid Society (Reels 7 and 8) in 1903 and a third by James Bronson Reynolds in 1906 (Reels 1 and 9). There are also records of a congressional investigation of Ellis Island between 1911 and 1913 (Reel 11). A final corruption investigation appears in 1922 (Reel 17). These investigations were frequently undertaken at the behest of complaints about maladministration made in the foreign-language press. In some cases, the investigations exonerate the Immigration Service from charges of misdeeds. In other cases, corruption or maladministration is exposed. Regardless of the outcome, these investigations often provide richly detailed accounts about the daily administration of Ellis Island.

A second major category of records in this microfilm edition is the Force Files for Ellis Island. They provide comprehensive statistics on Ellis Island personnel. These records detail salaries, language requirements, need for force increases, and descriptions of job responsibilities for most of the period covered by the Subject Correspondence. In addition to the comprehensive Force Files, there are files on the establishment of the female Boarding Matrons positions beginning in 1903.

Immigration officials on Ellis Island were charged with administering increasingly restrictive immigration laws and regulations. Before World War I, they were required to inspect for health or mental disabilities, criminal backgrounds, anarchistic political inclinations, poverty (a likely cause of an immigrant's falling onto charity rolls), and intent to defy the ban against importation of contract laborers. Immigration officials were also compelled to exclude Chinese and most Asians.

During World War I, the Immigration Act of 1917 expanded excludable political subversives beyond the anarchist category to include persons who advocate the assassination of government officials or the destruction of private property. Also in 1917, a literacy test was added to the admission requirements—although it was speedily waived in the interest of admitting aliens as war production workers. In 1920, immigration exclusion was again broadened to bar persons belonging to any organization that advocated the destruction of private property or the assassination of public officials. The Immigration Act of 1921 imposed numerical quotas on different nationalities. Once the quota was met, no more members of that

nationality would be admitted that year. The 1921 national origins quotas limited the immigration of each nationality to 3 percent of that nationality's population in the 1910 census. In the Immigration Act of 1924, the national origins quotas were redefined to 2 percent of a specific nationality's population in the 1890 census—a formula that discriminated heavily in favor of northern Europeans to the near exclusion of other nationalities.

The most frequently contested exclusion in the pre–World War I years pertained to the exclusion of paupers likely to become “public charges” to the charity rolls. The determination of who might likely become a “public charge” was left to the station inspector, and at Ellis Island the inspector general defined those who possessed less than the equivalent of ten dollars (later increased to twenty-five dollars) as those likely to become public charges. Some of the controversy over the exclusion of “public charges” is apparent in the investigative reports mentioned above. Unfortunately, files pertaining to the exclusion of immigrants for political reasons were withdrawn from the National Archives by the Immigration and Naturalization Service in the 1960s and never returned. The exclusion of Asians is the focus of a previous edition of *Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Series A, Part 1*. There is surprisingly little in the Subject Correspondence about the exclusion of suspected alien contract laborers, which reveals, perhaps, the extreme difficulty in administering that provision of the law (intended to prevent employers from importing laborers to supplant American citizens at lower wages). Difficulties in the administration of national origins quotas are apparent in some of the later files on the microfilm.

Medical examinations are well documented on this microfilm edition. Although medical (and mental) examinations were performed by the U.S. Marine Hospital Service (whose records constitute a separate record group at the National Archives), the Subject Correspondence File includes some comprehensive reports by the Hospital Service. These are supplemented by files on New York State agencies for the insane. The sweeping investigation made in 1906 by James B. Reynolds covers medical and mental examination procedures. A lengthy case carried by the Immigration Service against the Holland-American Steamship Line concerns medical responsibilities of transatlantic steamship companies.

A small amount of material in this edition concerns the exclusion of prostitutes. Major files on this subject are forthcoming in a separate microfilm edition.

Several files pertain to investigation of fraud practiced upon immigrants by private contractors outside the Immigration Service on Ellis Island. Some of these criminals were contractors with Ellis Island (such as Baggage Agent Bernard Biglin) or concessionaires privileged to locate an outlet on the island (such as Ticket and Steamship Agent Frank Zotti). There is a file on a disbarment proceeding against an immigration attorney to prevent his further practice before the Boards of Special Inquiry at Ellis Island. More legitimate private interests are represented in files under the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and the American Federation of Labor.

Files for the years after World War I are not as full as those for previous years. There are files on detaining enemy aliens during World War I, and some files documenting the administration of national origins quotas and the inspection of second-class (as distinguished from third-class and steerage) passengers.

Researchers should note that the National Archives holds a large series of original letterpress volumes containing every communication written on any level at Ellis Island for the period between 1903 and 1912. This series, Letters Sent from District 2, 1903–1912, spans 339 large letterpress volumes that typically exceed one thousand pages each. The condition of the originals and the large size of the series make it impossible to microfilm these records with this edition. They are open to researchers at the National Archives.

NOTE ON SOURCES

This edition is drawn from the Subject Correspondence (1906–1933) series of Record Group 85, Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service held by the National Archives, Washington, D.C.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The selection was made after a comprehensive survey of the entire Subject Correspondence, during which every file pertaining to the administration of Ellis Island was noted. All of these have been filmed in their entirety and are reproduced on this microfilm with the exception of files pertaining solely to contracts for building and supplies. These can be examined in the original at the National Archives.

REEL INDEX

The following is a sequential listing of Bureau of Immigration casefiles that pertain to the administration and activities of the Immigration Station on Ellis Island, New York Harbor. In the interest of accessing material in these files, this index denotes significant issues, places, events, policies, organizations, and individuals. The four-digit number on the far left is the frame number at which a particular file begins. The file title in brackets highlights the general subject of the folder and was gleaned from the Immigration Service's Subject Correspondence Finding Aid. The bracketed titles are followed by the casefile number, the inclusive dates of documents within the file, and the total number of pages. To further assist the researcher in accessing material in the files information has been added in parenthesis. Lists of additional topics have been provided under the heading *Subjects*.

The initialisms H.R. (H. Res.) and A.F. of L. are used throughout this guide. H.R. (H. Res.) is the initialism for House Resolution; A.F. of L. for American Federation of Labor.

Reel 1

- 0001** [U.S. Public Health and Marine Hospital Service Annual Report—Ellis Island] Casefile 50627/16. [July 1906.] 39pp.
Subjects: Medical certification statistics; treatment of diseases and mental illnesses; hospital financial reports.
- 0040** [Wright-Crater Investigating Committee Report, New York, 1902] Casefile 51424/1. [January 1902.] 57pp.
Subjects: Administration; general conditions; physical abuse; bribery and corruption; proposed reorganization plans.
- 0097** [Report of Investigating Committee at New York Immigrant Station] Casefile 51424/2. [June 1900.] 107pp.
Subjects: Bribery and corruption; deportation irregularities; Luigi Graziano admission case; admission irregularities regarding Italians; treatment of women immigrants; abuse of authority.
- 0204** [Alleged Ill Treatment of Immigrants, 1906–1907] Casefile 51462/3. [November 1906–January 1907.] 21pp.
Subject: James H. Gay complaint.
- 0225** [Conditions and Treatment, Ellis Island, 1906] Casefile 51462/4. [November, December 1906.] 27pp.
Subject: Saimi Ojjela abuse case.
- 0252** [Commissioner Robert Watchorn's Reply to James B. Reynolds' Investigation Report, 1906] Casefile 51467(a). [January 1907.] 32pp.
Subjects: Welfare and treatment of immigrants; graft and corruption; admission irregularities; treatment of mentally ill immigrants.
- 0284** [Reply of James B. Reynolds concerning Comments of Commissioner Robert Watchorn on Report regarding the Treatment of the Insane and Mentally Defective at Ellis Island] Casefile 51467(b). [December 1906.] 65pp.
- 0349** [Medical Officer George W. Stoner's Reply to and James B. Reynolds' Investigation Report concerning the Treatment of the Insane and Mentally Defective at Ellis Island] Casefile 51467/1(a). [November, December 1906.] 27pp.
- 0376** [Comments regarding James B. Reynolds' Report regarding the Reception of Immigrants at the Port of Boston; Investigation of Conditions at Ellis Island] Casefile 51467/1(b). [December 1906; January, April 1907.] 26pp.

- 0402** [Comments relating to James B. Reynolds' Investigation Report, including Commissioner-General F. H. Larned's Reply] Casefile 51467/1(c). [December 1906.] 52pp.
- 0454** [Comments regarding Medical Conditions and Regulations] Casefile 51467/1(d). [January 1907.] 55pp.
Subjects: Comments of Alexander Lambert, Thomas Darlington, Robert Watchorn, and Thomas W. Salmon; Walter Wyman's response to Reynolds' report; *Book of Instructions for the Medical Inspection of Immigrants.*
- 0509** [Medical Officer George W. Stoner's Reply to James B. Reynolds' Investigation Report] Casefile 51467/1(e). [December 1906.] 28pp.
- 0537** [Exhibits to Commissioner Robert Watchorn's Reply to James B. Reynolds' Investigation Report] Casefile 51467/-1. [December 1906.] 104pp.
- 0641** [Commissioner F. P. Sargent's Comments regarding Improvement of Conditions and Facilities, including Congressional Appropriations Requests] Casefile 51467/X. [January 1907.] 44pp.
- 0685** [Immigrant Illiteracy and Admission] Casefile 51517/132. [January, February 1907.] 9pp.
- 0694** [Contract Agreements—New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad—Transfer of Admitted Aliens] Casefile 51658/15. [January 1905; September 1906; July–December 1907; January, August–November 1908.] 129pp.
Subjects: Investigation; contract negotiations; refusal to permit immigrants on Interborough Railway subway and elevated trains; Bernard Biglin investigation case.
- 0823** [*In re Frank Zotti & Company*] Casefile 51658/19. [August 1907.] 20pp.
Subject: Hearing on alleged ticket scalping.
- 0843** [*In re Frank Zotti & Company*] Casefile 51658/19A [Part I]. [August 1907.] 65pp.
Subjects: Hearing on alleged ticket scalping; Immigrant Clearinghouse Agency; Lehigh Valley Railway "insider" ticket sales; abandonment of ticketed immigrant passengers² in New York City.
- 0918** [*In re Frank Zotti & Company*] Casefile 51658/19A—Part II. [September, October, December 1907.] 62pp.
Subjects: Status of ticket sales/brokerage application; reports on ticketing irregularities.
- 0980** [*In re Frank Zotti & Company*] Casefile 51658/19A—Part III. [February 1909.] 5pp.
Subject: Status of ticket sales/brokerage application.
- 0985** [*In re Frank Zotti & Company*] Casefile 51658/19C. [January, August 1908.] 12pp.
Subject: *Narodni List* advertisement and violation of U.S. immigration law.

Reel 2

- 0001** [Investigation of Alien Escapees, 1908] Casefile 51774/90. [May–August, October–December 1908; February 1909.] 139pp.
Subjects: Investigation of watchmen; Joseph W. Stitt criminal case; interrogations of escapees, watchmen, and inspectors.
- 0140** [Dismissal of George Welch] Casefile 51777/47-A. [April, May 1908; July, August 1909.] 34pp.
Subjects: Dereliction of duty investigation; investigation of alien escapees.
- 0174** [Report of Conference Held at Ellis Island, June 15, 1908] Casefile 51831/101. [June 1908.] 42pp.
Subjects: Hospital cases; trachoma issue; U.S. Marine Hospital Service; medical treatment of detained aliens.

- 0216 **[U.S. v. Holland-America Line—Hospitalization and Maintenance of Aliens, 1913] Casefile 51831/148 [Folder 1 of 2].** [January, May 1913.] 43pp.
Subject: Facts of the case before the District Court of the United States, Southern District of New York.
- 0259 **[U.S. v. Holland-America Line—Hospitalization and Maintenance of Aliens, 1913] Casefile 51831/148 [Folder 2 of 2].** [Undated.] 71pp.
Subject: Briefs of United States and Holland-America Line before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.
- 0330 **[U.S. v. Holland-America Line—Hospitalization and Maintenance of Aliens, 1913] Casefile 51831/148, Part I [Folder 1 of 2].** [March–July, September 1909.] 43pp.
Subjects: Charges to Cunard Line for hospitalization of alien passengers; Toth family case.
- 0373 **[U.S. v. Holland-America Line—Hospitalization and Maintenance of Aliens, 1913] Casefile 51831/148, Part I [Folder 2 of 2].** [December 1904; August 1908; January, February 1909.] 71pp.
Subjects: Protest by Cunard Line regarding hospitalization charges for alien passengers; Toth family case; American Line–Red Star Line case.
- 0444 **[Ship Companies’ Protest against Paying Hospitalization and Maintenance of Sick Aliens, 1913] Casefile 51831/148-A.** [September–November 1909.] 74pp.
Subjects: Steamship lines’ protest of liability for hospital expenses for aliens; Toth family case opinions; New York City hospitals’ situation; medical treatment of aliens and admissions issue.
- 0518 **[Ship Companies’ Protest against Paying Hospitalization and Maintenance of Sick Aliens, 1913] Casefile 51831/148-B.** [December 1909–February 1910.] 72pp.
Subjects: Medical inspection of second cabin aliens after dark; North German Lloyd Company case; attitude of steamship lines; “medical examination on board ship” decision.
- 0590 **[Ship Companies’ Protest against Paying Hospitalization and Maintenance of Sick Aliens, 1913] Casefile 51831/148-C.** [March 1909; February, March, November, December 1910; February 1911.] 119pp.
Subjects: New York City hospitals’ situation; *U.S. v. Holland-America Line*; Cunard Line case; federal government reimbursement of New York City hospitals.
- 0709 **[Court Documents relating to U.S. v. Holland-America Line, 1913] Casefile 51831/148-E.** [April–June 1913.] 171pp.
Subjects: Facts of the case before the District Court of the United States, Southern District of New York; decision of district court; brief for defendant and of plaintiff before the District Court of the United States, Southern District of New York; “Statutory Provisions in relation to Inspection and Examination of Immigrants.”

Reel 3

- 0001 **[Protests over Hospital Bills by Shipping Companies, 1913] Casefile 51831/148-F [Folder 1 of 2].** [Undated.] 226pp. [121frs.]
Subjects: Brief of the United States before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; transcript of record before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.
- 0122 **[Protests over Hospital Bills by Shipping Companies, 1913] Casefile 51831/148-F [Folder 2 of 2].** [June 1913–January 1914.] 121pp.
Subjects: Urgent Deficiency Appropriation Act; federal decision to assume charges for hospital treatment of sick aliens; Hamburg-American Line port in Baltimore, Maryland; applicability of district court decision to other ports of entry; International Mercantile Marine Lines.

- 0243 [Court Documents relating to *U.S. v. Holland-America Line*, 1913] Casefile 51831/148-G. [January–April 1914.] 44pp.
Subjects: Hamburg-American Line case; opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.
- 0287 [Inspection of Immigrants, 1905] Casefile 52320/11. [April, September, December 1904; June 1905; February, March 1906.] 62pp.
Subjects: Medical personnel; Immigration Service–New York State cooperation; New York State Board of Alienists (examination of aliens for mental illness).
- 0349 [Endorsements of Robert Watchorn for Reappointment as Commissioner of Immigration for the Port of New York] Casefile 52423/13, Part I. [March 1909.] 60pp.
Subject: Endorsements from New York City social, religious, and civic leaders.
- 0409 [Endorsements of Robert Watchorn for Reappointment as Commissioner of Immigration for the Port of New York] Casefile 52423/13, Part II. [March 1909.] 79pp.
Subject: Endorsements from New York City social, religious, and civic leaders.
- 0488 [Endorsements of Robert Watchorn for Reappointment as Commissioner of Immigration for the Port of New York] Casefile 52423/13, Part III. [March–May 1909.] 59pp.
Subject: Endorsements from New York City social, religious, and civic leaders.
- 0547 [Opposition to Robert Watchorn for Reappointment as Commissioner of Immigration for the Port of New York] Casefile 52423/13-A. [March–May 1909.] 14pp.
Subject: Endorsements of William Sprow and James B. Reynolds.
- 0561 [Payments for Information on White Slavery] Casefile 52423/30. [April, May 1909.] 35pp.
Subjects: Tedesco Investigation; prostitution; New York City police and police courts.
- 0596 [Requiring U.S. Public Health and Marine Hospital Service Surgeon’s Certificates in Public Charge Cases, 1906–1910] Casefile 52423/45. [March, April 1907; April, May 1909; September, October 1910.] 26pp.
Subjects: State and local medical inspections issue; standardization of inspections.
- 0622 [Report of the New York State Board of Alienists for the Year Ending September 30, 1911; Insanity and the Immigration Law] Casefile 52424/1. [January–March 1909; April, November 1911; March, July, August 1912.] 150pp.
Subjects: Statistics of the New York State Board of Charities and Office of the State Commission in Lunacy [State Hospital Commission]; mental health of aliens; cost of hospitalization of mentally ill aliens.
- 0772 [Report of the Special Commissioner on the Alien Insane in the Civil Hospitals of New York State; Report of the State of New York Bureau of Deportation to State Hospital Commission for the Year Ending September 30, 1913, Report of the State of New York Bureau of Deportation to State Hospital Commission for the Year Ending September 30, 1912, 1914] Casefile 52424/1-A. [January, March, October 1914.] 213pp. [143frs.]
Subjects: Statistics; cost of maintaining mentally ill aliens.
- 0916 [Cemeteries for Aliens Dying at Ellis Island, 1909] Casefile 52424/12. [November 1906; March, April 1909.] 23pp.
Subjects: Investigation of and compliance with sanitary code of New York City’s Health Department.
- 0939 [Immigration Personnel Problems, 1903–1913] Casefile 52495/18. [January 1903; April 1909; December 1910; June 1911; July, December 1912; January 1913.] 48pp.
Subjects: Primary inspection staffing problems; “Rules for Inspection of Aliens.”
- 0987 [Immigration Personnel Problems, 1903–1913] Casefile 52495/18–Previously Restricted. [July, August 1912; January 1913.] 14pp.
Subjects: Primary inspection efficiency concerns; quality of personnel.

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- 0001 [Immigration Personnel, 1909] Casefile 52512/3. [June 1905; September 1908; March 1909.] 77pp.
Subjects: Appointments and promotions; salaries; employee force level.
- 0078 [Immigration Personnel, 1909] Casefile 52512/3-A. [March–August 1909.] 98pp.
Subjects: Salaries; disciplinary actions; employee force level; statistics.
- 0176 [Immigration Force File, 1909–1910] Casefile 52512/3-B. [August 1909–January 1910.] 70pp.
Subjects: Civil Service Commission; need for interpreters; force levels; reorganizing and regrading; disciplinary actions.
- 0246 [Immigration Force File, 1910] Casefile 52512/3-C. [January, February 1910.] 48pp.
Subjects: Employee transfers; need for interpreters and foreign language-speaking employees; regrading of laborers; proposed force increases.
- 0294 [Immigration Force File, 1910] Casefile 52512/3-D. [February, March 1910.] 61pp.
Subjects: Employee transfers; need for interpreters and foreign language-speaking employees; H.R. 22391 and salary of laborers; regrading and salary changes.
- 0355 [Immigration Force File, 1910] Casefile 52512/3-E. [March, April 1910.] 66pp.
Subjects: Employee transfers; appointments and promotions; Immigration Service appropriation estimate.
- 0421 [Rules for the U.S. Immigrant Station at Ellis Island, 1903–1905 Casefile 52514/1] Casefile 52516/1. [October 1903; April, July 1904; February 1905.] 363pp.
Subjects: Organization; code of conduct; force requirements; duties.
- 0784 [Rules for the U.S. Immigrant Station at Ellis Island, 1911] Casefile 52516/1-A. [June 1909; October 1910; May, August 1911.] 140pp.
Subjects: *Ellis Island: Its Organization and Some of Its Work*; divisional organization; duties.
- 0924 [Rules for the U.S. Immigrant Station at Ellis Island, 1911] Casefile 52516/1-B. [December 1912; February, March 1913.] 61pp.
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- 0001 [Reports of Boarding Matrons, 1903] Casefile 52541/41. [April–June 1903.] 195pp.
Subjects: Employment of women inspectors; support for retention of women inspectors; National Women's Christian Temperance Union; white slavery/prostitution problem; Civil Service Reform Association; American Institute of Social Service; hearing on women inspector experiment.
- 0197 [Reports of Boarding Matrons, 1903–1909] Casefile 52541/41-A. [July 1903; March, June, November 1904; May 1905; August 1909.] 152pp.
Subjects: Employment of women inspectors; support for retention of women inspectors; Civil Service Reform Association.
- 0349 [Annual Report of the Commissioner of Immigration, Ellis Island, New York, 1909–1910] Casefile 52572/8. [July–December 1909.] 64pp.
Subjects: New York State maintenance and hospitalization costs for mentally ill aliens; *Annual Report of the Medical Examination of Immigrants, Ellis Island, New York Harbor, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1909*.
- 0413 [Annual Report of the Commissioner of Immigration, Ellis Island, New York; Report of State Care for Aliens, 1909–1910] Casefile 52572/8-A. [January 1910.] 128pp. [71frs.]
Subject: *The Society of the New York Hospital Annual Report for the Year 1908*.

- 0484** [L. Hammerling and C. Dushkind et al. Request for Investigation of Ellis Island, 1909] Casefile 52600/13. [August–October 1909.] 80pp.
Subjects: Alleged unjust exclusion; hearing with representatives of foreign language press regarding administration of immigration laws; *In re Petition Against Alleged Unjust Exclusion of Immigrants*; allegation of exclusion of Jews.
- 0564** [L. Hammerling and C. Dushkind et al. Request for Investigation of Ellis Island, 1909] Casefile 52600/13A. [September, October 1909; April 1910.] 77pp.
Subjects: Hearing with representatives of foreign language press regarding application of immigration laws; alleged unjust exclusion.
- 0641** [Detained Immigrants Reports, Exhibits] Casefile 52706/4 (Folder 1 of 8). [October–December 1897; October–December 1899.] 110pp.
Subjects: Exhibits and hearings highlighting wrongdoing by Immigration Service employees; Albert Wank case.
- 0751** [Detained Immigrants Reports, Exhibits] Casefile 52706/4 (Folder 2 of 8). [February, March 1900.] 57pp.
Subjects: Investigation of wrongdoing by Immigration Service employees; Henry Molthan Jr. case; Luigi Graziano admission case.
- 0808** [Detained Immigrants Reports, Exhibits] Casefile 52706/4 (Folder 3 of 8). [December 1899; January 1900.] 72pp.
Subject: Luigi Graziano admission case.
- 0880** [Detained Immigrants Reports, Exhibits] Casefile 52706/4 (Folder 4 of 8). [January 1894; December 1897; October 1899–January 1900; Undated.] 53pp.
Subjects: Investigation of wrongdoing by Immigration Service employees and transportation agents; deportation hearings; Manuel M. Alves deportation case.
- 0933** [Detained Immigrants Reports, Exhibits] Casefile 52706/4 (Folder 5 of 8). [May 1899; April, May 1900.] 35pp.
Subjects: Italian immigration statistics; maintenance costs for aliens from steamship companies; arrival of contract laborers issue; investigation of wrongdoing by Immigration Service employees.
- 0968** [Detained Immigrants Reports, Exhibits (Detention Cards)] Casefile 52706/4 (Folder 6 of 8). [October–December 1899.] 109pp.

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- 0001** [Detained Immigrants Reports, Exhibits] Casefile 52706/4 (Folder 7 of 8). [November 1899; February, April 1900.] 56pp.
Subjects: Allegations of wrongdoing by Edward F. McSweeney and persecution of Oscar Converse; deportations; Christos Placos deportation case.
- 0057** [Detained Immigrants Reports, Exhibits] Casefile 52706/4 (Folder 8 of 8). [December 1899; January, March 1900.] 26pp.
Subjects: Henry Molthan Jr.; statistics of detained immigrants; Luigi Graziano admission case.
- 0083** [McSweeney Hearings—Digest of Testimony of Thomas Fitchie et al.] Casefile 52707 (Folder 1 of 2). [Undated.] 212pp.
- 0295** [McSweeney Hearings—Digest of Testimony of Thomas Fitchie et al.] Casefile 52707 (Folder 2 of 2). [Undated.] 178pp.
- 0473** [McSweeney Hearings—Comments on the Explanation of Edward F. McSweeney as to His Removal of Certain Official Documents from the Files] Casefile 52707. [August 1902; January, February 1903; Undated.] 94pp.
Subjects: Medical certificates; Manuel Alves case; Eloy girls deportation case; Nellie Crosby admission case; Pennsylvania Railroad pass case; Saxton misconduct case;

investigations of wrongdoing by Immigration Service employees; *U.S. v. Edward F. McSweeney*.

- 0567 [McSweeney Hearings—Transcripts of May 7–8, 1903, and November 12 and 19, 1902 Hearings] Casefile 52707. [November 1902; May 1903.] 268pp.
- 0835 [McSweeney Hearings—Deportation Cases] Casefile 52707. [August–December 1902.] 66pp.

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- 0001 [Exhibits from above Case (McSweeney Hearings)] Casefile 52714 (Folder 1 of 2). [March 1898; December 1899; February, April 1900.] 137pp.
Subjects: Immigrant applications for admission; FR Sakser & Company; boards of inquiry minutes; Francesco Angelica case.
- 0138 [Exhibits from above Case (McSweeney Hearings)] Casefile 52714 (Folder 2 of 2). [February 1899; January, February 1900.] 86pp.
Subjects: Luigi Graziano admission case; alleged wrongdoing by Henry Molthan Jr.
- 0224 [Briesen Commission Investigation of the Ellis Island Immigration Bureau, under the Administration of Commissioner Williams—Memorandum on the Briesen Commission Report] Casefile 52727/2 (Folder 1 of 11). [Undated.] 33pp.
- 0257 [Briesen Commission Investigation of the Ellis Island Immigration Bureau, under the Administration of Commissioner Williams—Abstract of Testimony, Index of Witnesses, and Testimony] Casefile 52727/2 (“From a Notebook Arch #1”) (Folder 2 of 11). [October 1903.] 160pp.
- 0417 [Briesen Commission Investigation of the Ellis Island Immigration Bureau, under the Administration of Commissioner Williams—Testimony Continued] Casefile 52727/2 (“From a Notebook #2”) (Folder 3 of 11). [October 1903.] 194pp.
- 0611 [Briesen Commission Investigation of the Ellis Island Immigration Bureau, under the Administration of Commissioner Williams—Testimony Continued] Casefile 52727/2 (“From a Notebook #3”) (Folder 4 of 11). [October 1903.] 274pp.
- 0886 [Briesen Commission Investigation of the Ellis Island Immigration Bureau, under the Administration of Commissioner Williams—Testimony Continued, Index of Witnesses] Casefile 52727/2 (“From a Notebook #4”) (Folder 5 of 11). [October 1903.] 134pp.

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- 0001 [Briesen Commission Investigation of the Ellis Island Immigration Bureau, under the Administration of Commissioner Williams—Draft Commission Report, Exhibits] Casefile 52727/2 [Folder 6 of 11]. [September, October 1902; July–December 1903.] 81pp.
Subjects: T. F. Reed misconduct case; money exchange privilege.
- 0082 [Briesen Commission Investigation of the Ellis Island Immigration Bureau, under the Administration of Commissioner Williams—Exhibits] Casefile 52727/2 [Folder 7 of 11]. [June 1902; September, October 1903.] 114pp.
Subjects: Commissary and foodstuffs privilege; T. F. Reed misconduct case; passenger and maintenance statistics for immigrants landed at New York in 1902; appeals of exclusion decisions; station organization and personnel duties.

- 0196** [Briesen Commission Investigation of the Ellis Island Immigration Bureau, under the Administration of Commissioner Williams—Exhibits] Casefile 52727/2 [Folder 8 of 11]. [Undated; December 1901; May 1902; May, October 1903.] 110pp.
Subjects: Abuses of boards of special inquiry; graft and award of contracts; unjust exclusion allegations; comments on *Staats Zeitung* articles alleging improper treatment of immigrants; contract marriage issue.
- 0306** [Briesen Commission Investigation of the Ellis Island Immigration Bureau, under the Administration of Commissioner Williams—Exhibits] Casefile 52727/2 [Folder 9 of 11]. [February, September–November 1903.] 60pp.
Subjects: Unsafe transport of immigrants from steamship piers to Ellis Island; conditions and abuses in feeding and exchanging currency of immigrants; Paulis-Abdisho deportation case.
- 0366** [Briesen Commission Investigation of the Ellis Island Immigration Bureau, under the Administration of Commissioner Williams—Exhibits] Casefile 52727/2 [Folder 10 of 11]. [December 1902; Undated.] 61pp.
Subjects: Alleged unjust exclusion; immigrant’s right-to-counsel issue; investigation of abuses; money exchange and commissary and food privileges contracts.
- 0427** [Briesen Commission Investigation of the Ellis Island Immigration Bureau, under the Administration of Commissioner Williams—Exhibits] Casefile 52727/2 [Folder 11 of 11]. [Undated; October, November 1903.] 240pp.
Subjects: Investigation of conditions; money exchange irregularities and the “Conti Drafts”; commissary and food privilege contract irregularities; comments on *Staats Zeitung* articles alleging improper treatment of immigrants; drafts of commission report.
- 0667** [Briesen Commission Investigation of the Ellis Island Immigration Bureau, under the Administration of Commissioner Williams—*Staats Zeitung* articles] Casefile 52727/2 (1–10). [December 1902; March 1903.] 77pp.
Subjects: Alleged unjust exclusions and abuses at Ellis Island; Immigration Service remarks.
- 0744** [Briesen Commission Investigation of the Ellis Island Immigration Bureau, under the Administration of Commissioner Williams—*Staats Zeitung* articles] Casefile 52727/2 (11–20). [December 1902; January, June, September 1903.] 106pp.
Subjects: Alleged unjust exclusions and abuses at Ellis Island; Immigration Service remarks.
- 0850** [Briesen Commission Investigation of the Ellis Island Immigration Bureau, under the Administration of Commissioner Williams—*Staats Zeitung* articles] Casefile 52727/2 (21–30). [August–October 1903.] 114pp.
Subjects: Alleged unjust exclusions and abuses at Ellis Island; Immigration Service remarks.
- 0966** [Briesen Commission Investigation of the Ellis Island Immigration Bureau, under the Administration of Commissioner Williams—*Staats Zeitung* articles] Casefile 52727/2 (31–37). [July–October 1903.] 61pp.
Subjects: Alleged unjust exclusions and abuses at Ellis Island; Immigration Service remarks.

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- 0001** [Declarations of Intent and Other Documents regarding Aliens] Casefile 52727/4 (Folder 1 of 4). [February–December 1898.] 144pp.
Subject: “Report of Passengers Discharged at Dock” arranged by steamship and compiled primarily by Inspector Albert Wank.

- 0145** [Declarations of Intent and Other Documents regarding Aliens] Casefile 52727/4 (Folder 2 of 4). [October 1901– January 1902.] 121pp.
Subjects: Acts of Naturalization; searches of naturalization records for Ellis Island illegal alien entrants.
- 0266** [Declarations of Intent and Other Documents regarding Aliens] Casefile 52727/4 (Folder 3 of 4). [August–October 1901; January 1902.] 110pp.
Subjects: Boarding inspection reports; bribery complaint; exhibits to Wright-Crater Investigation; investigation of admission of certain aliens as U.S. citizens; Wright-Crater hearing record; Albert Wank testimony.
- 0376** [Declarations of Intent and Other Documents regarding Aliens] Casefile 52727/4 (Folder 4 of 4). [September, October 1901.] 86pp.
Subjects: Searches of naturalization records for Ellis Island illegal alien entrants; Acts of Naturalization.
- 0462** [Wright-Crater Investigation, 1901] Casefile 52727/4 (Folder 1 of 6). [December 1901.] 127pp.
Subject: Complaints against Samson Lane and Philip E. Herlich for neglect of duty as boarding inspectors.
- 0589** [Wright-Crater Investigation, 1901] Casefile 52727/4 (Folder 2 of 6). [June, September 1900; January, September 1901.] 50pp.
Subjects: Samson Lane’s boarding inspection reports; interviews of illegal alien entrants; dismissal of Henry Molthan Jr.
- 0639** [Wright-Crater Investigation, 1901] Casefile 52727/4 (Folder 3 of 6). [Undated.] 18pp.
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- 0657** [Wright-Crater Investigation, 1901] Casefile 52727/4 (Folder 4 of 6). [Undated.] 52pp.
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- 0709** [Wright-Crater Investigation, 1901] Casefile 52727/4 (Folder 5 of 6). [October, November 1901.] 110pp.
Subjects: Investigation of Ellis Island illegal alien entrants; search of naturalization records.
- 0819** [Wright-Crater Investigation, 1901] Casefile 52727/4 (Folder 6 of 6). [December 1901.] 40pp.
Subject: Complaint against Philip E. Herlich.
- 0859** [Docks and Landing Facilities] Casefile 52736/3. [January–April 1908; February, March, June, July, October, November 1909.] 71pp.
Subjects: Leasing negotiations with New York City Docks and Ferries Commission; reconstruction of mainland barge office and revetment for Ellis Island; Battery Park wharf facilities; appropriations; H.R. 15862.
- 0930** [Docks and Landing Facilities—Battery Park Wharf, 1909–1910] Casefile 52736/3-A. [December 1909–May 1910.] 65pp.
Subjects: Leasing of facilities; appropriations for construction and leasing of facilities.

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- 0001** [Docks and Landing Facilities—Battery Park Wharf, 1910–1911] Casefile 52736/3-B. [December 1909; March, June, August, November 1910; February–September 1911.] 139pp.
Subjects: Allocation of space in new facilities; execution of contracts and payments.
- 0140** [Docks and Landing Facilities—Battery Park Wharf, 1911–1912] Casefile 52736/3-C. [October, December 1910; May, June, September–December 1911; January, May–October 1912.] 111pp.
Subjects: Execution of contracts and payments; utilities service.

- 0251** [Old Dominion Steamship Company—Ticket Agent P. McDonnell, 1903–1907] Casefile 52961/36. [April, July, September 1903; July, August 1905; April, June 1906; June, September 1907.] 75pp.
Subjects: Alleged misconduct through labor employment agency activities; Frank Zotti; abuses by transportation agents; robberies and swindling of admitted aliens; conditions on SS *Jefferson*.
- 0326** [Old Dominion Steamship Company—Carrying Immigrants West from New York City, 1910–1912] Casefile 52961/36–A. [May, June 1910; February 1912.] 22pp.
Subject: Investigation of conditions on ships and schedules and itineraries of immigrants.
- 0348** [Ellis Island Force File, 1910] Casefile 52999/24. [May–October 1910.] 104pp.
Subjects: Appointments and promotions; review of personnel; demotions and disciplinary actions; salaries.
- 0452** [Ellis Island Force File, 1910–1911] Casefile 52999/24-A. [October 1910–January 1911.] 62pp.
Subjects: Force level increases; vacancies; appointments and promotions.
- 0514** [Ellis Island Force File, 1910–1911] Casefile 52999/24-B. [January–March 1911.] 69pp.
Subjects: Appointments and promotions; regrading of interpreters.
- 0583** [Ellis Island Force File, 1911] Casefile 52999/24-C. [March–August 1911.] 84pp.
Subjects: Appointments and promotions; demotion and dismissal actions.
- 0667** [Ellis Island Force File, 1911] Casefile 52999/24-D. [August 1911–February 1912.] 121pp.
Subjects: Increase-in-salary hearings; appointments and promotions; service transfers; dismissal actions.
- 0788** [Ellis Island Force File, 1911] Casefile 52999/24-E. [February–September 1912.] 131pp.
Subjects: Service transfers; appointments and promotions; personnel and salary reductions; hiring of specialty employees; dismissal and demotion actions.
- 0919** [Ellis Island Force File, 1911] Casefile 52999/24-F. [July, September 1912–July 1913.] 131pp.
Subjects: Appointments and promotions; force level increases; need for interpreters; salary and competency level revisions; use of temporary employees.

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- 0001** [Ellis Island Force File, 1911] Casefile 52999/24-G. [July–November 1913.] 136pp.
Subjects: Promotions and appointments; need for interpreters; inspection of food products; Sundry Civil Appropriations Act of 1913.
- 0137** [Ellis Island Force File, 1911] Casefile 52999/24-H. [November 1913–April 1914.] 57pp.
Subjects: Need for interpreters; Civil Service examinations; appointments and promotions.
- 0194** [Investigation of Attorney Samuel Hoffman’s Services at Ellis Island, 1910–1912] Casefile 53108/78 [Casefile 53108/80]. [December 1910; January, June 1911; January, June–September 1912.] 48pp.
- 0242** [Regarding William Williams, Commissioner of Immigration, Ellis Island, 1911] Casefile 53139/7 (Folder 1 of 2). [March–June 1911.] 66pp.
Subjects: German-language press agitation on the application of immigration laws; H. Res. 166 calling for an investigation of application of laws at Ellis Island; alleged unjust exclusion of Germans.
- 0308** [Regarding William Williams, Commissioner of Immigration, Ellis Island, 1911] Casefile 53139/7 (Folder 2 of 2). [May 1911.] 190pp. [97frs.]
Subject: House Rules Committee hearings on H. Res. 166.

- 0405** [Congressional Investigation of Application of Immigration Laws at Ellis Island, 1911] **Casefile 53139/7-A.** [June, July 1911.] 109pp.
Subjects: Response to H. Res. 166 hearings; Alliance of German Societies of the State of Indiana resolutions; comments by German-American organizations; cases cited in hearings.
- 0514** [Congressional Investigation of Application of Immigration Laws at Ellis Island, 1911] **Casefile 53139/7-B.** [July 1911–January 1912; January 1913.] 60pp.
Subjects: Alphonse G. Koelble criticism; criticism and support of application of immigration laws at Ellis Island; German Liberal Immigration Bureau; alleged unjust exclusion of Germans; press sensationalism.
- 0574** [Congressional Investigation of Application of Immigration Laws at Ellis Island, 1911] **Casefile 53139/7-C.** [April–June 1913.] 65pp.
Subject: Inaccurate reporting and sensationalism by the New York *Staats Zeitung* and the *Deutsches Journal* and Immigration Service rebuttal of allegations.
- 0639** [Outward Bound Statistics—General, 1910–1911] **Casefile 53240/8.** [May, August 1910–August 1911.] 65pp.
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- 0704** [Outward Bound Statistics—General, 1910–1911] **Casefile 53240/8A.** [August 1911–December 1913.] 57pp.
Subjects: Statistics; reports on discrepancies in vessel manifests.
- 0761** [Conditions at Ellis Island and Investigation of Application of Immigration Laws] **Casefile 53266/8.** [May, June 1911.] 95pp.
Subjects: Alliance of German Societies of the State of Indiana resolutions; German religious and social organizations' condemnation of conditions at Ellis Island; alleged unjust exclusion of Germans.
- 0856** [Conditions at Ellis Island and Investigation of Application of Immigration Laws] **Casefile 53266/8-A.** [July 1911.] 15pp.
Subject: Support of H. Res. 166 investigation by Chicago immigrant support organizations.
- 0871** [Conditions at Ellis Island and Investigation of Application of Immigration Laws] **Casefile 53266/8-B.** [April–August 1911.] 115pp.
Subjects: German-American support of H. Res. 166 investigation; letters of support for present application of immigration laws; alleged unjust exclusion of Germans.
- 0986** [Conditions at Ellis Island and Investigation of Application of Immigration Laws] **Casefile 53266/8-C.** [July 1911; September, October 1912.] 21pp.
Subjects: Congressman Adolph J. Sabath comments on William Williams; German-American Alliance of the State of Connecticut resolutions on H. Res. 166; German-American organizations on the application of immigration laws.

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- 0001** [Annual Report of the Commissioner of Immigration for the Port of New York, with Reference to Ellis Island Affairs; Annual Report of the Medical Examination of Immigrants, Ellis Island, New York Harbor, 1911] Casefile 53294/8. [August–December 1911.] 99pp.
- 0100** [Annual Report of the Commissioner of Immigration for the Port of New York, with Reference to Ellis Island Affairs—Background Materials and Drafts, 1911] Casefile 53294/8-A. [October, November 1911.] 84pp.
- 0184** [Annual Report of the Commissioner of Immigration for the Port of New York, with Reference to Ellis Island Affairs—Background Materials, Statements, Exhibits, and Drafts, 1911] Casefile 53294/8-B. [April–October 1912.] 96pp.
- 0280** [Administrative Matters, 1914–1915] Casefile 53360/10. [May–August 1911; January–April 1912; November 1913; January–June 1914; April 1915.] 104pp.
Subjects: Record keeping; office furniture; reorganization of card index system.
- 0384** [“Comedies and Tragedies at Ellis Island”] Casefile 53371/74. [November, December 1911; February 1912; September–December 1913; January, April, June, August, November, December 1914.] 105pp.
Subjects: Conditions on Ellis Island; press relations; *The Coming People—Immigration Past and Present*; publicity.
- 0489** [Information on Deportation, 1915–1920] Casefile 53371/74-A. [January–October 1915; January–September 1916; May, June, October 1917; January, April 1918; December 1919; February 1920.] 43pp.
Subjects: Labor Department’s press bureau and dissemination of information; public relations activities.
- 0532** [Manifesting and Inspecting U.S. Citizens, 1912] Casefile 53438/15. [December 1909; January–April, July 1912–January 1913.] 111pp.
Subjects: Inspection of passports; use of “Citizens List” by U.S. consuls in Germany; “Notice Concerning Manifesting of United States Citizens and Inspection of Cabin Passengers” circular.
- 0643** [Manifesting and Inspecting U.S. Citizens, 1912–1915] Casefile 53438/15-A. [January, May, June 1913; April–June 1914; May, September, October 1915.] 108pp.
Subjects: Protest of “Order for Landing Second Class Passengers at Ellis Island”; boarding inspections.
- 0751** [Manifesting and Inspecting U.S. Citizens, 1912–1916] Casefile 53438/15-B. [October, November 1915; January 1916.] 175pp.
Subjects: Notification of public hearing on order requiring second class passengers to process through Ellis Island; transcript of hearing on order; notification of temporary revocation of order.
- 0926** [Transcript of the Meeting of the Committee Appointed by the Secretary of Labor to Investigate the Question of Bringing Second Class Passengers to Ellis Island for Inspection, Held at Ellis Island, New York Harbor, January 24–25, 1916] Casefile 53438/15-C. [Undated.] 172pp.

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- 0001 [Immigration Commissioners' Correspondence regarding Method of Examination of Second Class Aliens at Ports of Entry] Casefile 53438/15-D. [January, February 1916.] 35pp.
- 0036 [Report of the Conference of the Departmental Committee with Officials of the U.S. Public Health Service and Commissioners of Immigration, Held at the Labor Department, March 3, 1916] Casefile 53438/15-E. [March 1916.] 46pp.
- 0082 [Report of the Conference of the Departmental Committee with Officials of the U.S. Public Health Service and Commissioners of Immigration; Report of Conference, Held at Ellis Island, March 13, 1916, between Representatives of the Various Steamship Companies and the Labor Department] Casefile 53438/15-F. [February–April 1916.] 99pp.
- 0181 [Investigation and Disbarment of Attorney Benjamin Levinson from Ellis Island, 1912–1913] Casefile 53531/7. [June–November 1912; February 1913.] 134pp.
Subjects: Misconduct complaint and exhibits; Herman Fritsch case; Klein case.
- 0315 [Investigation and Disbarment of Attorney Benjamin Levinson from Ellis Island, 1912–1914] Casefile 53531/7-A. [May 1912; March–May 1913; March, April 1914.] 49pp.
Subject: Appeals of complaint.
- 0364 [Hebrew Sheltering & Immigrant Aid Society, 1913–1914] Casefile 53620/84. [June, April, November 1913; May–August 1914.] 37pp.
Subjects: Application for radio station license in order to contact vessels transporting Jewish immigrants; activities of agent on Ellis Island; appeals of deportation cases.
- 0401 [Ellis Island Force File, 1914] Casefile 53935/8. [April–November 1914.] 146pp.
Subjects: Staff transfers and reductions; appointments and promotions; salary revisions; Matrons Service; interpreter issue.
- 0547 [Ellis Island Force File, 1914–1915] Casefile 53935/8-A. [September 1914–June 1915.] 207pp.
Subjects: Staff furloughs list; transfers to Canadian border offices; reduction of force; employment separation lists; women employees' status; employees' petition to suspend reductions in force.
- 0754 [Ellis Island Force File, 1915–1916] Casefile 53935/8-B. [July 1915–May 1916.] 146pp.
Subjects: Temporary appointments; staff transfers and reductions; employee furloughs issue.
- 0900 [Ellis Island Force File, 1916–1917] Casefile 53935/8-C. [May 1916–April 1917.] 137pp.
Subjects: Appointments and promotions; staff reductions problem; staff transfers; interpreter issue; salary revisions; termination of commissary contractor and rehire of employees.

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- 0001 [Ellis Island Force File, 1917–1918] Casefile 53935/8-D. [April–December 1917.] 215pp.
Subjects: Appointments; regrading and salary revisions; inspectors list; military service; inspection of seamen; women's salaries.
- 0216 [Ellis Island Force File, 1918–1919] Casefile 53935/8-E. [December 1917–January 1919.] 231pp.
Subjects: Appointments; military service; "passport permit regulators"; salary revisions; use of oaths of office; shortage of interpreters; employee lists.
- 0447 [Ellis Island Force File, 1919] Casefile 53935/8-F. [January–June 1919.] 112pp.
Subject: Appointments.

- 0559** [Sundry File regarding Administration of Belligerent Soldiers] Casefile 54171/843-A. [February–April 1917.] 89pp.
Subjects: Admission of discharged French soldiers; statistics on in-transit and on-furlough active French and Canadian soldiers admitted.
- 0648** [Interned Vessels, 1917] Casefile 54274/8. [February 1917.] 185pp.
Subjects: Regulation of alien seamen on liberty from German and Austrian merchant vessels; immigration inspection of interned vessels; boards of special inquiry decisions regarding admission of alien seamen.
- 0833** [Interned Vessels, 1917] Casefile 54274/8-A. [February–April 1917.] 177pp.
Subjects: Detention and regulation of German and Austrian officers and crewmen; admission procedures for alien seamen; conditions of seamen living aboard interned vessels; assistance to alien seamen from German Society of the City of New York; boards of special inquiry decisions.

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- 0001** [Interned Vessels, 1917–1918] Casefile 54274/8-B. [April, May 1917.] 148pp.
Subjects: Detention and regulation of German and Austrian officers and crewmen; list of detained officers and crew members; Immigration Service complaint against Collector of Customs, Port of New York; revision of regulations regarding Austrian alien seamen; Hamburg-American Line complaint.
- 0149** [Interned Vessels, 1918] Casefile 54274/8-C. [February 1918.] 197pp.
Subjects: Detention and regulation of German and Austrian officers and crewmen; transfers to Internment Station, Hot Springs, North Carolina; conditions on Ellis Island; list of detained officers and crew members; internee complaints filed through Swiss Consulate in New York.
- 0346** [Interned Vessels, 1918] Casefile 54274/8-D. [February, May, June, October, November 1918.] 34pp.
Subjects: Detention and regulation of German and Austrian officers and crewmen; internee complaints; complaint regarding housing of sick German detainees and returned American wounded in same hospital.
- 0380** [Alien Enemies, 1917–1918] Casefile 54297/1. [June–August, November 1917–February 1918.] 118pp.
Subjects: Illegal entrants issue; proposed change in regulations regarding arrests of alien seamen illegally residing in United States; arrests of alleged enemy spies; Justice Department activities; coordination of government control of enemy aliens; detention and regulation of German and Austrian officers and crewmen; lists of detained officers and crewmen.
- 0498** [Ellis Island Force File, 1919–1920] Casefile 54750/8. [June, July, September 1919–February 1920.] 237pp.
Subjects: Appointments and promotions; divisional reorganization; restoration of duties and employees; overcrowding issue; detention of Communist and anarchist agitators; salary revisions.
- 0735** [Application for Establishment of an A. F. of L. Trade Union Bureau of Information for Immigrants] Casefile 54844/58. [January, March, June–October 1920.] 207pp.
Subjects: Letters protesting and supporting denial of permission; alleged propaganda use; request by Samuel Gompers.
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