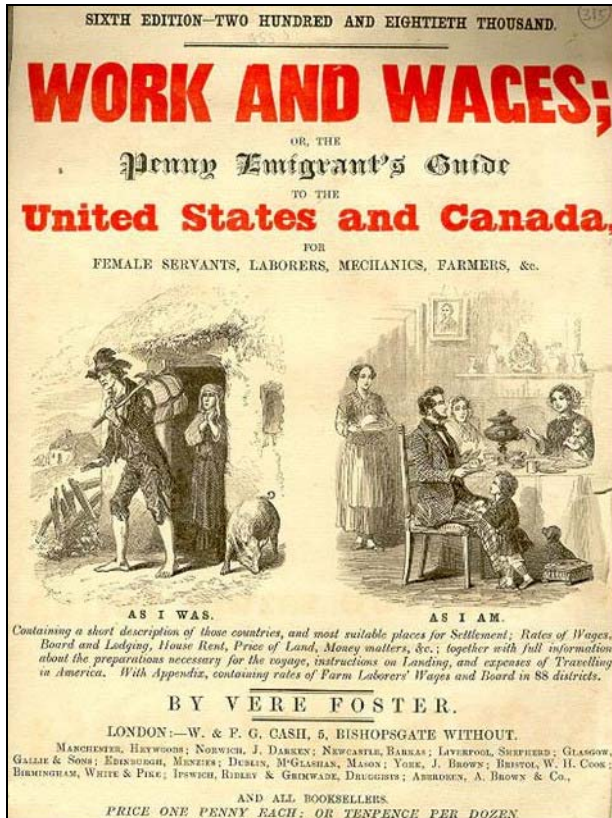


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## Emigration Records



Vere Foster Papers. *The Penny Emigrant's Guide*.  
(PRONI Reference **D3618/D/9/17**)

The most obvious source for researchers who are descendants of emigrants from Ireland are the emigration records deposited in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland. Unfortunately emigration is not, as a general rule, particularly well documented. Most passenger lists, for example, are to be found at the country of entry rather than departure due to the fact that the authorities were more concerned with recording those entering a country rather than those leaving.

Letters written from emigrants to their relatives in Ulster form the most substantial part of our emigration records. This sort of material can be found in many of the private collections deposited at PRONI. The easiest way to locate these records is to use the **Subject Index** in the Search Room. Under the subject heading 'Emigration', researchers will find a

brief description of the records, the relevant dates and the appropriate reference number. Researchers should also consult the **Place Names and Personal Names Card Indexes** in the Search Room, which contains numerous references to emigrant letters from settlers in America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, etc. Alternatively, you could search the **Emigration Database at the Centre for Migration Studies** available at the Ulster American Folk Park or at the Education and Library Board Local Studies libraries or in PRONI. This database includes copies of most of the emigration letters and journals held in PRONI.

Passenger Lists are another valuable source for details of emigration. Of particular interest to researchers are:

- T711/1** List of passengers from Warrenpoint and Newry to Philadelphia and New York, 1791-2

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| <b>MIC333/1</b>    | Passenger Lists - Philadelphia, 1800-82  |
| <b>MIC333/2</b>    | Passenger Lists - Baltimore, 1820-91   |
| <b>MIC333/3</b>    | Passenger Lists - Boston, 1871-91  |
| <b>MIC333/4</b>    | Passenger Lists - New York, 1826-27, 1840-2 and 1850-2   |
| <b>T1011</b>       | Passengers from various origins arriving mainly in New York, 1802-14   |
| <b>T3262</b>       | Passenger Lists from Belfast, Cork, Limerick, Londonderry, Newry, Sligo, Warrenpoint to USA, 1803-06   |
| <b>T521/1</b>      | Passenger Lists from Ireland to America, 1804-06 (index available in Deputy Keeper's Report 1929)  |
| <b>D2892/1/1-4</b> | Passenger Books of J & J Cooke, Shipping Agents. Sailings from Londonderry to Philadelphia, Quebec, St John's, New Brunswick, 1847-71 (see also <b>MIC13</b> ) |

A number of published lists of emigrants are also available in PRONI. These include:

*The Famine Immigrants:* Lists of Irish Immigrants Arriving at the Port of New York 1846-1851 (seven volumes, published in 1983), which contains data from the original ship manifest schedules, deposited in the National Immigration Archives in the Balch Institute in Philadelphia.

*Irish Passenger Lists 1847-1871,* contains lists of passengers sailing from Londonderry to America on ships of the J & J Cooke Line and the McCorkell Line.

*Immigrants to New England 1700-1775,* contains an alphabetical list compiled by Ethel Stanwood Bolton.

*Passenger Arrivals at the Port of Philadelphia, 1800 -1829.*

*Lists of Emigrants to America, 1635-1776,* contains lists of passengers, including Irish emigrants, who departed from English ports.

*Irish Passenger Lists, 1803-6:* Lists of passengers sailing from Ireland to America extracted from the Hardwicke Papers.

Also available are some transcripts of passenger lists of vessels arriving at New York, 1820-1821, and at Boston, 1820-91.

Passenger lists are currently being indexed by the Centre for Migration Studies for their emigration database website which can be accessed in PRONI and in some libraries.

