



Press Release:

New Passenger Lists go online for the 1920s era



A Liner at Liverpool; from TheGenealogist's Image Archive

TheGenealogist has just released **four and a half million BT27 records for the 1920s**.

These Outbound Passenger Lists are part of the growing immigration and emigration record sets on TheGenealogist and contain the historical records of passengers who departed by sea from U.K. ports in the years between 1920 and 1929. With the addition of this decade of records, the already strong Immigration, Emigration, Naturalisation and passenger list resources on TheGenealogist have been significantly expanded.

The fully searchable records released today will allow researchers to:

- **Identify potential family members** travelling together with **SmartSearch**. TheGenealogist's **unique system** can recognise family members together on the same voyage. In this case it will display a family icon which allows you to view the entire family with one click.
- **Find people travelling to America, Canada, India, New Zealand, Australia and elsewhere** in the Passenger lists of people leaving from the United Kingdom by sea.
- **See images of the original documents** which were kept by the Board of Trade's Commercial and Statistical Department and its successors.
- **Discover the ages, last address** and where the passenger intended to make their permanent residence.

- These **fully indexed** records enable family historians to **search by name, year, country of departure, country of arrival, port of embarkation and port of destination.**

Those with ancestors who travelled out of Britain will welcome this fascinating new release from TheGenealogist that adds to their Immigration and Emigration records which already includes passenger lists from as far back as 1896 and the valuable Naturalisation and Denization records.

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Some examples from the records follow below...

Ancestral voyages

The 1920s decade of Outbound Passenger Lists reveal our ancestors' travels, as well as those of many famous individuals.

Records that chart our ancestors international journeys can be really useful for building the stories of their lives. The documents can help explain where an ancestor has gone when we can't find them in the records at home, and it was certainly not just the top echelons of society that will appear in passenger lists. In the past all sorts of people booked passages on ships for a variety of reasons. Perhaps they were emigrating for a better life or travelling abroad on business? For this reason we can find the voyages of our ancestors ranging from Labourers to Lords and Artisans to Authors.

TheGenealogist has just added another decade of the always intriguing BT27 records to its growing number of Passenger Lists. These fully searchable records were originally kept by the Board of Trade and listed the details of outbound passengers from U.K. ports. With this release we can now find voyages going across the Atlantic to North America and to the countries of the Empire and beyond. A search of these records can reveal our forebears departing from this country and in amongst their numbers are also included a large number of famous names from the past.

This new release has the likes of Master Douglas Fairbanks Jr, aged 13, who became a famous film star, returning to the United States from a visit to England and travelling on the White Star Line's ship the Celtic. He is travelling with James and Betty Sally Evans. This appears to be a misrecording of his mother's name, Anna Beth Sully Evans and James is his stepfather. They were on a 21 day passage to New York departing from Liverpool on the 11th June 1921. We can glean from the passenger lists the ages of passengers, who they were travelling with, and the country of their intended permanent residence - all of which can be useful to our family history research when we find an ancestor in the results.

64056	James Evans	9 passenger list C	1	✓	Brooke	37	35
53696	Mrs Betty Sally Evans	to Pall Mall, London	1	✓	wife	35	
	Douglas Fairbanks Jr		1	.	Robert	13	

Douglas Fairbanks Jr travelling with his mother and stepfather 11 June 1921

Researching in the passenger lists of this 1920s period of sea travel throws up many other famous names of the times. The 25 year old Harry G. Selfridge Jr, son of the founder of the London department store Selfridges, is one. We can also find the war poet Siegfried L. Sassoon and from the top ranks of the British Army there is Field Marshal Haig and Lt General Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts. Turning to the world of politics we come across David Lloyd George, the Liberal politician who became the wartime Prime Minister. Here he is travelling with his wife, Dame Margaret and their daughter Megan who would herself go on to become the first female M.P. for a Welsh constituency. By using TheGenealogist's unique SmartSearch feature we can identify the family members travelling together on a voyage by clicking on the family icon.

On a voyage to Gibraltar in April 1927 we can find the 63 year old widow, Mrs Emmeline Pankhurst, the one time leader of the Suffragette movement. Without Mrs Pankhurst and her fellow suffragettes campaigning for the right for women to have the vote, then Megan Lloyd George would not have even been able to cast her ballot, let alone have had the right to stand for election to the House of Commons.

(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		AGES OF PASSENGERS		(8)		Country of Last Permanent Residence†		
Contract Ticket Number	NAMES OF PASSENGERS	LAST ADDRESS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM				CLASS (Whether 1st, 2nd or 3rd)	Port at which passengers have consigned to land		Profession, Occupation or Calling of Passengers	Accompanying by Husband or Wife	Not accompanying by Husband or Wife	Adults of 12 years and upwards	Children between 1 and 12	Infants	England	Wales	Scotland	Ireland	British Possessions or Foreign Countries	Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence‡
1216	1 GRIEVE WALTHE	ROCKLiffe DALBEATTIE				First	MADSBYRA	SURGEON	65	1									SCOTLAND	
1269	1 STIRLING DAVID	HIGHFIELD KENLEY SURREY						RETIR'D	60										ENGLAND	
1288	1 LEOMON ARTHUR	51 LONDON RD. COLCHESTER						MERCHANT	37											
1228	1 ROCH LEONARD	17a, SLOANE ST. S.W.1.						AGENT	46											
"	1 " EDITH	"						HIS	37											
1237	1 BROWN GEORGE	SAVOY HOTEL LONDON						VIAINT	49											
1238	1 BURBURY ERNEST	"						MERCHANT	45											
1237	1 BRIGGS-BURY SAMUEL	"						MIL	55											
1275	1 MAXWELL ERIC	56, ST JAMES STREET S.W.1.						DIRECTOR	54											
1254	1 FENTON ALEXANDER RICHARDSON'S ARMS HOTEL OAKENSHAW BRADFORD	"						BARRISTER	60											
1244	1 WHITE JOHN	23, DEVONSHIRE HOUSE, W.1.						WIFE	50											
0005	1 DEWEY LEONARD	HOLLAND HOUSE BURY STREET E.C.						MANAGER	45											
"	1 " IRENE	"						WIFE	35											
"	1 " RICHARD	"						NIL	"											
1277	1 SHERWOOD WILLIAM	62, BATON PLACE S.W.1.						NIL	41											
1315	1 WALKER IRBOTSAIN	LANE MOSSLEY HILL LIVPO L.						DIRECTOR	46											
1297	1 OWEN THOMAS	JUNIOR CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB S.W.1.						PERR	60											
1290	1 DEBIES LORD JOHN	22, DOWN ST. W.						WIFE	32											
"	1 " LADY VIVIEN	"						NIL	12											
"	1 BERRIFORD HON. GEORGE	"						NIL	15											
"	1 " BILLIE	"						NIL	14											
"	1 " MOYA	"																		
1529	1 OGGER-SMITH ALICE	FRINGES HOTEL HOVE SUSSEX						RIO DE JANEIRO NIL	47										ENGLAND	
1528	1 MACQUISTEN FREDERICK	KELSTY HSE. BECKENHAM KENT.						K.C. M.P.	57											
"	1 " MARGARET	"						WIFE	48											
1228	1 " ARTHUR	"						STOCKBROKER	21											
1223	1 BIRCH JOHN	ST JAMES PALACE HOTEL						DIPLOMATIC	44											
"	1 " BANEFIELD	"						WIFE	31											
1258	1 LLOYD GEORGE DAVID	2, ADDISON RD. W.						M.P.	64										WALES	
1256	1 " DAME MARGARET	"						WIFE	63											
1256	1 " MEGAN	"						NIL	25											
1261	1 SYLVESTER ALBERT	"						SECRETARY	38											
1264	1 LLOYD GEORGE RICHARD	THE COTTAGE SHRINGFIELD CHELMSFORD						ENGINEER	38											
1266	1 JONES SARAH	2, ADDISON RD. W.						WIFE	29											
1267	1 PAYEV CECIL	"						MAID	58										ENGLAND	
								POLICE OFFICER	35											

David Lloyd George MP travelling with his wife, Dame Margaret and daughter, Megan, to Rio De Janeiro 21st December 1927

FOUR	MAN'S WIFE	OF	AT	HERITAGE ST. SWAPING S. E.	610	MR YOUNG'S	WHAIGENS NURSE	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Palmer	Herbert Chas,	Imperial Hotel, Russell Sq.	2	=		Schoolmaster.		31											
Pankhurst	Mrs. Emmeline	2 Elsham Rd. W.	1	=		Widow		1											
Parker	Edwin Charles	19 Clarendon Sq, Salisbury	1	Mars		Solicitor.		53											
Peacock	Stanley Leonard	8 Park Hill, Rickley	1	=		Engineer		53											

Mrs Emmeline Pankhurst London to Gibraltar 8th April 1927 on the P&O ship Naldera

There are numerous authors to be found in these records. In February 1926 Hilaire Belloc, who was one of the most prolific writers in England during the early twentieth century, made the short hop across the channel from Southampton to Cherbourg. The 55 year old was onboard the Orduna, a vessel of The Royal Mail Steam Packet company on its way to New York. Belloc gave his address as The Reform Club SW1, but for others the passenger lists can reveal the details of an ancestor's home address before they travelled - information which can be very useful when there is no census to consult for the time period in question. For example, the entry for the 21 year old Noel Coward, travelling on the Southampton to New York run of Cunard's Aquitania that left on the 4th June 1921 - Coward gave his

address as 111 Ebury Street London. This was the premises that his parents ran as a lodging house and it was where he kept a room while he travelled abroad. It was also the address where he wrote *The Vortex*, his first notable successful play. His occupation on the passenger list for June 1921 was that of an Actor. In later transatlantic crossings, however, he is sometimes recorded as a Dramatist, an Author and as a Playwright.

48656	CHOLOT	LOUIS	Bogham SN	1	Shipping	36	1	1
48672	COWARD	NOEL	111 Ebury St London	-	- Actor	21	1	England
18114	VONDERPOOTEN	WALTER	77 Queens Road Richmond	-	- Merchant	40	1	,

Noel Coward's home address was 111 Ebury Street, London.

Searching for Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's sea voyages in this decade of BT27 Passenger Lists released by TheGenealogist, we see that the creator of Sherlock Holmes gives his address as 15 Buckingham Palace Mansions. This was actually the flat that the famous author and his second wife kept opposite the entrance to Victoria Station, although their main home was in Sussex and in other trips that address is recorded in the passenger lists.

Browsing the names of his fellow first class passengers we can see that the Literary agent Eric Seabrooke Pinker was also onboard and we can wonder if the two men mixed on the voyage. The arts were well represented on this trip as also travelling on the same ship was the artist Augustus John. John was a Welsh painter, draughtsman and etcher who had been an important exponent of Post-Impressionism in the United Kingdom for a short time around 1910 and by the 1920s Augustus John was Britain's leading portrait painter.

Name of Ship Olympic Date of Departure March 28th 1923 Where bound **NEW YORK**
 Port of Departure **SOUTHAMPTON** Steamship Line White Star

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF **BRITISH** PASSENGERS EMBARKED AT THE PORT OF **SOUTHAMPTON**

(1) Contract Ticket Number.	(2) NAMES OF PASSENGERS.	(3) LAST ADDRESS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.	(4) CLASS. (Watch List, or 2nd Class who Passengers have consented to board).	(5)	(6) Profession, Occupation, or Calling of Passengers.	(7) AGES OF PASSENGERS. Except for British Passengers, state the age and birthday.	(8) Country of Last Permanent Residence;†	(9) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence;†
Adults.	Children.	Infants.	Adults.	Not Accom- panied by Husband or Wife.	Adults between 12 and 18.	Children between 12 and 18.	Infants.	England Wales Scotland Ireland British Possessions Foreign Countries
Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.
8006	Cockshutt, Frank	Hyde Park Hotel, London W	1		1	Manufact Housewife	65 59	
"	Cockshutt, Nora	"	1		"	29		
8007	Cockshutt, Gordon	"	1		"	NEW YORK		
190464	Pinker, Eric Seabrook	Bunys Court,	1	-	Artist Agent	31		
"	Pinker, Mayit Vibige	Regate Surrey Hotel Croydon	1	-	Housewife	28		
193853	John, Augustus	"	1	-	Artist	45		
191002	Nicholson, Annie	Savoy Hotel	1	-	Buyer	42		Australia
191025	Stuart, John	London	1	-	Financier	23		England
191475	Smith, Samuel	8 Spencer Road, Megan	1	-	Tanner	51		
191476	Smith, Arthur	"	1	-	Fell monger	60		
176560	Doyle, William Gleaves	Valcote, Hemingtons Pa	1	-	Merchant	64		Canada
"	Doyle, Madge	Warwickshire	1	-	Housewife	42		
61629	Ranson, Howard	Off The Cork & Sons,	1	-	Assessor	55		
-	Ranson, Charles	Judge Curves, London	1	-	Student	19		
61630	Ranson, Isabell	"	1	-	Hil	56		
-	Ranson, Audrey	"	1	-	Student	18		
61670	Winter, Alice	"	1	-	Governess	25		U.S.A.
61783	Harris, Elizabeth	"	1	-	Hil	57		
61803	Moss, Frank	"	1	-	-	56		Canada
-	Moss, Iola	"	1	-	-	56		
8016	Hudson, Joseph	Savoy Hotel	1	-	Clergyman	70		
189200	Campbell, Duncan	2 Vicarage Gatz,	1	-	Merchant	46		England
-	Campbell, John	"	1	-	Student	16		
-	Campbell, Charles	"	1	-	Hil	14		
-	Campbell, Colin	Camden Hill	1	-	Hil	10		
-	Campbell, George	W. 8.	1	-	-	2		
189211	Conan Doyle, Arthur	15 Buckingham	1	-	Author	63		
-	Conan Doyle, Jean	Palace	1	-	Housewife	41		
-	Conan Doyle, Denis	Mansions	1	-	Hil	14		
-	Conan Doyle, Malcolm	"	1	-	-	12		
-	Conan Doyle, Jean	London SW1	1	-	-	10		
-	French, Emily	"	1	-	Governess	39		
189216	McIlroy, William	Flawick Lane, London	1	-	Merchant	40		Canada
189217	Kirk, Henry	"	1	-	-	58		
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By Permanent Residence is to be understood residence for a year or more.								
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Arthur Conan Doyle and family travelling on the Olympic to New York 28 March 1923

Passenger lists are certainly fascinating documents that can reveal our ancestors overseas voyages and so help add detail to the stories of their lives. They can also be used to clarify where people have gone when we can't find them in the records at home, as it is all levels of

society that can be found in these records. This particular decade seems also to be very rich in the names of the famous as they departed from U.K. ports on their overseas travels.