



## IMMIGRATION SOURCES

### Sources on arrival of persons at the Cape in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries

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Departure of the Immigration Ship, 'Chapman' (M 390)

## 1. Purpose of this document

- 1.1 This document will give direction to researchers as to which sources are available at this repository to conduct research about immigration.

## 2. Introduction

- 2.1 The Western Cape Archives and Records Service is in possession of a large variety of archival sources that can be used for research on immigration. A list of archival sources that could be consulted by researchers is given below. Please see also Archives Fact Sheet A1.1: Genealogical Research Sources.

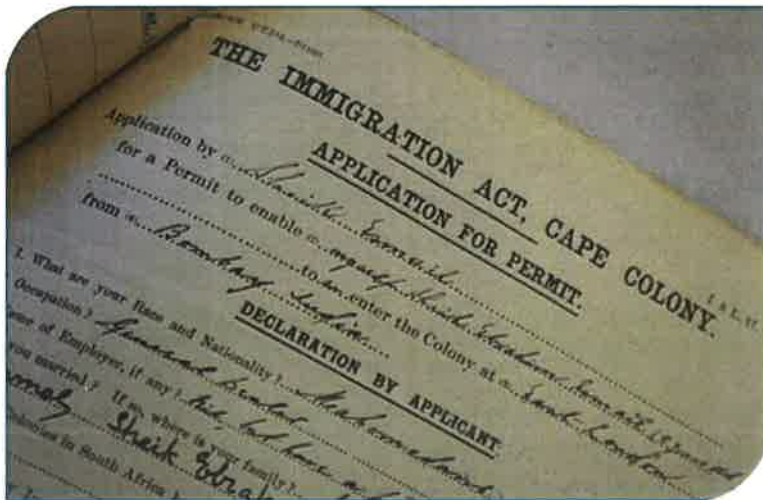
## 3. Archival groups to be used

### Sources relating to various immigrants

#### Archives of the Colonial Office (Reference: CO)

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Period</u>
6054, vols 1 – 4	Permits to remain in the Colony	1806 – 1828
6055, vol 1	Index to Permissions to remain in the Colony	1806 – 1838
6055, vols 2 – 3	Register of Permissions to remain in the Colony	1806 – 1838
6056, vol 1		1839 – 1843
6056, vol 2	Permissions granted to British Settlers	1820 – 1824
6059	Sundry Permits to leave/remain in the Colony	1806 – 1809
6060 – 6066	Permits to leave the Colony	1809 – 1844
6067	Registers of Permits to leave the Colony	1806 – 1844
5760 – 5769	Letters of Naturalization	1826 – 1902
8552 – 8696	Applications for Letters of Naturalization	1865 – 1911
Consult computer printouts 9/23/1 – 9/23/5 for the period 1899–1911 (refers to CO 8552 – 8696)		
6137 – 6138	List of British Settlers to the Cape	1820
136	Letters received from Settlers	1820 – 1825

As well as volumes 158, 178, 201, 223 and 249



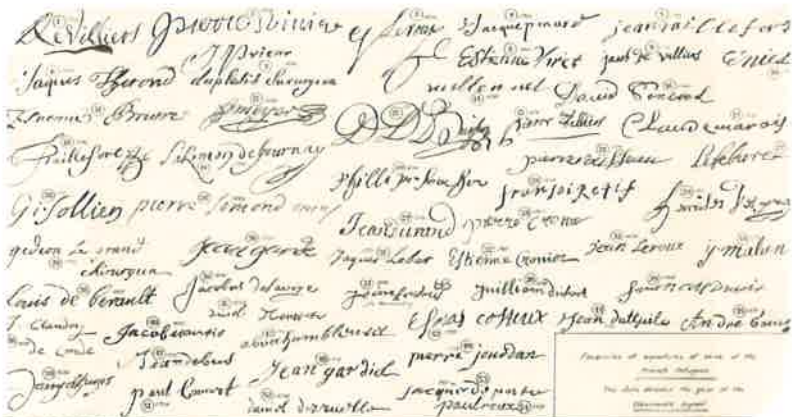
An example of an application form to enter the Cape Colony.

**Archives of the Immigration Board, Cape Town (Reference: IBC)**

Volume      Description      Period

List of emigrants on board various ships from Britain to the Cape 1857 – 1862

Consult inventory 4/3/1 for volume numbers.



Some of the signatures of the French Huguenots (publication: Botha, CG: The French Refugees at the Cape)

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18. I. TAILLEFORT.	45. ANDRE GAUCH.
19. SALOMON DE GOURNAY.	46. J. CLAUDOU DE CONDE.
20. PHILLIPE FOUCHE.	47. J. DE BUS.
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22. (PAUL) LEFEBURE.	49. PIERRE JOURDAN.
23. FRANCOIS RETIF.	50. DANIEL HUGOT.
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A list of the names of the French Huguenots

### Archives of the Secretary, Immigration Board, Port Elizabeth (Reference: PIB)

Volume	Description	Period
8	Applications for immigrants selected by Colonists and for the introduction of relatives and friends	1862 – 1865
9-10	Register of Immigration Applicants	1858 – 1861
14	Register of Emigrants	undated

### Archives of the Immigration Agent, Cape Town (Reference: IAC)

Volume	Description	Period
	Native Immigration	1878 – 1884
	German Immigration	1883

Consult inventory 4/3/3 for volume numbers.

Archives of the Port Captain and Dock Superintendent, Table Bay (Reference: PC)

Volume	Description	Period
	Registers of Ships' Arrivals	1806 – 1913
	Registers of Ships' Departures	1853 – 1913

Consult inventory 1/42 for volume numbers. These are not passenger lists, but lists of ships and indicating numbers of passengers.



Landing of the British Settlers in 1820 (A 263 No. 54)



An interesting envelope addressed to the Principal Immigration Officer.

**Archives of the Secretary, Cape Town Chamber of Commerce (Reference: CC)**

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Period</u>
	Registers of Arrivals and Departures of Ships, Table Bay and Simon's Bay	1822 – 1917
	Registers of Arrivals and Departures of Ships, Algoa Bay	1846 – 1901
	Registers of Arrivals and Departures of Ships, various ports excluding Table Bay and Simon's Bay	1900 – 1913

These registers provide the captain's name and sometimes names of 1<sup>st</sup> class passengers.

3/8/1-3/8/3 Passenger Lists per various ships (mostly newspaper cuttings) 1880 – 1884

Consult inventory 4/1 for volume numbers.

**Archives of the Secretary of Public Works (Reference: PWD)**

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Period</u>
2/401	Passenger Lists: Emigrants per various ships	1872 – 1884
2/402 – 2/404	Application Forms received for Aided Immigration	1875 – 1889
2/405 – 2/407	Indexes of Applications for Aided Immigration	1878 – 1881
2/408 – 2/410	Registers of Applications for Aided Immigration	1882 – 1902
2/750 – 2/760	Immigration Papers (including German, Swiss and Scottish Agricultural Immigrants, 1877–1883; Immigrants from St Helena, 1882–1884)	1873 – 1902

**Archives of the Principal Immigration Officer, Cape Town (Reference: PIO)**

For retrieval of correspondence files, consult the KAB database on NAAIRS. A number of Shipping Registers available for the periods 1918–1919 Feb, 1929, 1934–1936, 1941–1944 and 1946–1948.

## **Various sources relating to German Immigration**

### **Archives of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Eastern Districts (Reference: LG)**

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Period</u>
148	German Military Settlers	1858 – 1863

### **Archives of the Governor (Reference: GH)**

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Period</u>
23/27 – 23/28	Papers dispatched to Secretary of State, London: General Despatches	1857 – 1859
39/1 – 39/4	Letters: British-German Legion and German Military Settlers	1857 – 1862
40/1 – 40/4	Military Returns: Monthly Return of Troops and Military Settlers	1855 – 1879

### **Archives of British Kaffraria (Reference: BK)**

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Period</u>
40	German Military Settlers	1856 – 1861
4	Irish Female Settlers and German Military Settlers	1857 – 1865
42	German Military Settlers, Captain Mills	1858 – 1865
43	German Military Settlers: Claims for Titles	1863 – 1864

### **Archives of the Colonial Office (Reference: CO)**

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Period</u>
696	Immigration, England and Cape	1857 – 1858

### **Archives of the Magistrate, East London (Reference: 1/ELN)**

E5/1 – E5/2	Lists of German Immigrants	1858 – 1878
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### **Cape Colony Publications (Reference: CCP)**

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Period</u>
8/1/53 – 8/5/54	Government Gazette	1857 – 1878

#### 4. Library Publications

Essential knowledge for any genealogical researcher is to determine which publications or articles are available in his or her specific field of research. The following listing is an extract of publications available at the library of this repository that can be used for research relating to immigration:

- Bull, E: Aided Immigration from Britain to South Africa, 1857–1867  
Calpin, GH: Indians in South Africa  
Dickason, GB: Irish Settlers to the Cape. A History of the Clanwilliam 1820 Settlers from Cork Harbour  
Genealogical Society of South Africa: Quarterly journal Familia (consult indexes)  
Heese, JA & Lombard, RTJ/GISA: South African Genealogies (17 volumes A–Z)  
Hermann, L: The Jews in South Africa  
Hockly, HF: The Story of the British Settlers of 1820 in South Africa  
Hoge, J: Personalia of the Germans at the Cape, 1652–1806  
Kuparinen, E: An African Alternative: Nordic Migration to South Africa, 1815–1914  
Linder, A: The Swiss at the Cape of Good Hope, 1652–1971  
Mendelsohn, R & Shain, M: The Jews in South Africa  
Morse-Jones, E: The Role of the British Settlers in South Africa  
Nash, MD: The Settler Handbook – A New List of the 1820 Settlers  
Philip, P: British Residents at the Cape, 1795–1819  
Sani, G: History of the Italians in South Africa, 1489–1989  
Schnell, ELG: For Men Must Work (German Military Settlers)  
Standard Encyclopedia of South Africa  
Yap, M & Man, DL: Colour, Confusion and Concessions: The History of the Chinese in South Africa



Dutch East Indiaman 'Africa', 17<sup>th</sup> century (A 263 No. 142)





Sailing vessel of about 1850 (A 263 No. 152)



The First steamship (A 263 No. 136)

## 5. Useful Websites

[www.saindianarchives.co.za](http://www.saindianarchives.co.za)

For the arrival of Indentured Indians in South Africa: arrived 1861 – 1911 on 384 vessels (262 from Madras and 122 from Calcutta): University of Durban-Westville: shipping lists: 91 volumes.

[www.ancestorsonboard.com](http://www.ancestorsonboard.com)

Comprehensive transcribed lists of passengers leaving British, Irish and Northern Irish ports for destinations such as Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, South Africa and the USA, 1890 – 1949.

[www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com)

British ancestors and topics related, such as emigration.

[www.gisa.org.za](http://www.gisa.org.za)

For finding out what books are available on family research at the Genealogical Institute of South Africa. These publications normally give detailed information on the arrival of the family progenitor in South Africa.

[www.nlsa.ac.za](http://www.nlsa.ac.za)

For finding out what books are available on family research at the National Library of South Africa. These publications normally give detailed information on the arrival of the family progenitor in South Africa.

[www.genza.org](http://www.genza.org)

The aim of the Genealogical Society of South Africa (GSSA) is to encourage family research.

[www.eggsa.org](http://www.eggsa.org)

The virtual branch of the Genealogical Society of South Africa. Useful are the other internet links given and the Society's quarterly journals which give comprehensively researched information.

[www.tanap.net](http://www.tanap.net)

The TANAP website contains transcriptions of series of VOC documents (1602–1796) including a search facility and an introduction. In the short run these transcriptions are limited to records from the Cape of Good Hope. It also contains a list of finding aids of all record groups in the Netherlands, Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Malaysia and the United Kingdom that jointly make up the archives of the Dutch East India Company.

Finally:

Search your Family name on Google. Useful websites can be traced this way.



The slave ship 'De Leijdsman' (C2246; also AG17842)

#### **6. Research facilities and reading room services**

Research can be undertaken in the public reading room of this repository, where staff will assist the researcher with archival and published sources and the relevant finding aids.

Please note that a copy of publications/dissertations/CDs/DVDs generated through the use of the records at the Western Cape Archives and Records Service must be provided to this institution, as stipulated in the Provincial Archives and Records Service of the Western Cape Act, 2005 (Act 3 of 2005), section 5(2)(g):

*"Any person who made use of records in the custody of the Western Cape Archives and Records Service, while researching a publication or dissertation, shall furnish a copy of his/her publication or dissertation to the Western Cape Archives and Records Service."*

The publication/dissertation/CD/DVD should be hand-delivered to 72 Roeland Street, Cape Town, or posted by pre-paid registered mail to the Head, Western Cape Archives and Records Service, Private Bag X9025, Cape Town 8001.

## 7. Reproduction services

The Western Cape Archives and Records Service offers the following reproduction services to researchers:

- Photocopies;
- Digital prints (in paper format only); and
- Photographic prints from our many collections.

Please take note that a waiting period is applicable after placing an order.

## 8. Website of National Archives and Records Service of South Africa

Website: [www.national.archives.gov.za](http://www.national.archives.gov.za)

Go to [www.national.archives.gov.za](http://www.national.archives.gov.za) to access references to archival records in possession of the Western Cape Archives and Records Service.

- Select National Automated Archival Information Retrieval System (NAAIRS).
- Select Search.
- Select the KAB database for records of governmental bodies.
- Select the MAN database for photographs, maps, library materials and non-public records.

## 9. Opening hours

Mondays–Fridays: 08:00–6:00

Our extended reading room opening hours:

Thursdays: 08:00–1:00

The first Saturday of each month: 09:00–13:00

To help you plan your visit, we recommend that you contact us in advance to find out when we will be open.



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