

1,137

1 APR 93

BUHLER

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS AND GREAT EXPECTATIONS

By Frank H. Buhler

IT WAS A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE TO VISIT SPEYER, GERMANY SEVERAL YEARS AGO
AND ~~FIND~~ ^{FIND} THE HOMETOWN OF MY GRANDFATHER AND ^{grand} MOTHER (FATHER'S SIDE), AND AS I WALKED
AROUND THIS LITTLE GERMAN VILLAGE WITH THREE CATHEDRALS AND A TOWN CLOCK OVER THE
ARCHWAY ENTRANCE TO THE CENTER-CITY, I WONDERED WHAT WAS IT LIKE HERE WHEN HE MADE
HIS DECISION TO LEAVE AND IMMIGRATE TO AMERICA (1870-80). WAS IT BECAUSE OF WARS
(I THINK SO) OR THE LACK OF OPPORTUNITY FOR A YOUNG SCULPTOR, STONE-CARVER/MODELER?
INTERESTINGLY, THIS TOWN NEAR MANNHEIM HAD NO BUHLERS, BUT JEANNE AND I FOUND HUNDREDS
OF THEM IN ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, ALL SPELLED THE SAME WAY, ONLY WITH THE ADDED
UM-LOUT. I ASSUME THERE WAS A GOOD REASON TO TRAVEL 200 MILES SOUTH ALONG THE
FRENCH BORDER TO SWITZERLAND. WHATEVER IT WAS, ^{it} HAD BEEN A MAJOR ENTICEMENT TO MANY
OVER THE YEARS. YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED THAT SPEYER, MUCH LIKE WILLIAMSBURG,
PLAYED A LARGE ROLE IN THE EARLY GOVERNMENT (CHURCH RELATED) OF GERMANY.

A FEW YEARS LATER, JEANNE AND I VISITED GRANNA, SWEDEN, ON LAKE VATTEN,
SOUTHWEST OF STOCKHOLM (POP. 5000). HERE WAS A BEAUTIFUL TOURIST AREA, ON A LAKE,
WELL-KEPT, AND HAVING A CERTAIN CLASSIC CHARM. IT WAS ALSO ^{THE} BIRTHPLACE OF MY
MOTHER. WE WERE LUCKY ON THIS OCCASION TO FIND HER HOME, A SMALL FAMILY HOTEL,
THAT MY AUNT HAD OWNED AND OPERATED. AGAIN, I WONDERED WHY MY GRANDFATHER, A
MUSICIAN, HAD LEFT WITH HIS FAMILY AND VENTURED TO CROSS AN OCEAN AND TAKE WORK
IN A MARBLE QUARRY IN PROCTOR, VERMONT, ALONG WITH OTHER SWEDES. WAS IT LACK OF
WORK AGAIN, OR THE FACT THAT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH WAS THE STATE CHURCH, OR JUST
THE LOSS OF HOPE, OR THE PROMISE FOR A FUTURE?

AS A CHILD GROWING UP IN THE 20s AND 30s IN THE WASHINGTON, D. C. AREA, I
RECALLED THE BASEMENT FULL OF TRUNKS AND SUITCASES PASTED WITH STEAMSHIP STICKERS.

I RECALL MY MOTHER SPEAKING SWEDISH TO MY AUNT WHEN SHE DIDN'T WANT TO LET THE CHILDREN KNOW WHAT SHE WAS SAYING, AND I REMEMBER WITH GREAT FONDNESS THE SPECIAL MEALS WE WOULD HAVE THAT WERE OF A SWEDISH OR GERMAN RECIPE --- ALWAYS PROMOTED TO BE THE VERY BEST: TONGUE, KIDNEY STEW, COOGANS, BREADS, SAUERBRATEN, AND RED CABBAGE. OUR OCCASIONAL FAMILY GET TOGETHER WITH BOTH THE SWEDISH SIDE AND THE GERMAN SIDE OFTEN ENDED IN SOME PETTY POLITICAL QUARREL, BUT IN BETWEEN WAS SINGING AND STORY TELLING LONG TO BE ENJOYED.

IN ADDITION, IN OUR COMMUNITY OF ACQUAINTANCES WERE ~~"X"~~ POLISH, ROYALTY (OR SO REPORTED), GERMANS, ITALIANS, FRENCH, SWISS, IRISH, AND BRITISH FAMILIES THAT WERE FRIENDS OR NEIGHBORS. MR. NELSON USED TO BRING HIS FATHER OVER FROM IRELAND EVERY SO OFTEN AND WE ENJOYED HIS ACCENT.

ALTHOUGH SO FAR IT SOUNDS LIKE I'M GIVING YOU A PAPER ON THE BUHLER/SANDIN CLANS, IT IS REALLY MEANT TO BE A SUGGESTION OF THE COLOSSAL IMPACT OF IMMIGRATION ON THE UNITED STATES. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT IN THE TRUEST SENSE, ALL OF THE POPULATION OF THE U. S. IS FROM SOME PLACE ELSE. EVEN THE NATIVE INDIANS WERE FROM SIBERIAN HUNTERS THAT 30,000 YEARS AGO STARTED THEIR TREK ACROSS THE BERING LAND BRIDGE.

THE FIRST U. S. CENSUS WAS IN 1790 AND RECORDED A POPULATION OF 3,929,214. OF THIS NUMBER, BLACKS NUMBERED ABOUT 750,000 OR ABOUT 20%. IMMIGRANTS OF THIS TIME ARRIVED AS INDENTURED SERVANTS -- A METHOD USED TO PAY FOR ^{their} THIS PASSAGE. THE USUAL INDENTURED TIME WAS FOUR YEARS. ADS WOULD APPEAR IN LOCAL PAPERS AS FOLLOWS:

"JUST ARRIVED IN SHIP: - JOHN, CAPT. ROOCH FROM DUBLIN. A NUMBER OF HEALTHY INDENTURED MEN AND WOMEN SERVANTS. AMONG THE FORMER ARE A VARIETY OF TRADESMEN WITH SOME GOOD FARMERS AND STOUT LABORERS. THEIR INDENTURE WILL BE DISPOSED OF ON REASONABLE TERMS FOR CASH."

ANOTHER AD STATED:

6¢ REWARD

RAN AWAY FROM SUBSCRIBER ON THE 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1833. AN INDENTURED BOY BY THE NAME JOHN RICHARDS, DARK COMPLEXION. SMALL AND THICK, BETWEEN 10 & 11 YEARS OF AGE. WHOEVER TAKES UP SAID BOY AND RETURNS HIM TO HIS MASTER SHALL RECEIVE THE ABOVE REWARDS. BUT NO CHARGES PAID. CHESTER COUNTY, PA.

JOSEPH HUGHES
12-10-1833

RECALLING HISTORY FOR A MINUTE WILL REMIND YOU THAT THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE WAS MADE IN 1803 AND OPENED UP VAST TERRITORIES. ACCORDING TO MY MAIN SOURCE OF MATERIAL, DR. ALLEN KROUT, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, MOST OF THE FRONTIER EXPLORATION WAS DONE BY EARLY AMERICANS THAT WERE USED TO THE TOILS AND DIFFICULTIES OF FRONTIER DANGER---TO BE LATER FOLLOWED BY MORE RECENT IMMIGRANTS. FROM 1841-1861, 4.5 MILLION (MOSTLY IRISH AND GERMAN) ENTERED THE U. S. THE BALANCE WAS FROM NORTHERN AND WESTERN EUROPE. ^{IN} 1880's ^{the} SOUTHERN AND EASTERN EUROPE BECAME SIGNIFICANT....ITALY, GREECE, RUSSIA AND AUSTRIAN EMPIRE. THOUSANDS FROM CHINA AND JAPAN JOINED THE SECOND WAVE. MEANWHILE, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF FRENCH CANADIANS AND MEXICANS CROSSED OVER OFTEN WITHOUT QUESTION OR COUNT. FROM 1880 TO 1920, 23.5 MILLION NEW IMMIGRANTS ARRIVED. KEEP IN MIND THAT IN 1862 THE TOTAL POPULATION WAS 23 MILLION.

A FRENCHMAN TURNED AMERICAN ASKED "WHAT THEN IS THE AMERICAN, THIS NEW MAN?" HE ANSWERED, "A MIXTURE OF ENGLISH, SCOTCH, IRISH, FRENCH, DUTCH, GERMAN AND SWEDE. FROM THIS PROMISCUOUS BREED, THAT RACE NOW CALLED AMERICAN HAS ARISEN." KROUT GOES ON ... HE MIGHT HAVE ADDED THE SEPHARDIC JEW, EXPELLED FROM SPAIN 1492. HE MIGHT HAVE INCLUDED 3/4 MILLION AFRICANS MOSTLY IN BONDAGE WHO WERE THE COLONIES' LARGEST NON-ENGLISH GROUP OR THE DWINDLING NATIVE AMERICAN POPULATION.

AMERICANS WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR OWN PAST WHO LEFT ANOTHER COUNTRY AND CAME TO THIS ONE. IN THE STORIES OF SUCH INDIVIDUALS ^{are} ~~is~~ OUR OWN FAMILIES. THEN IS THE STORY OF AMERICA, ITS PAST AND FUTURE. IN FOCUSING ON THE SHEER NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS AND THE DIFFERENT NATIONAL GROUPS, WE LOSE SIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUAL. YET IN THE END, IT WAS THE INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY WHO ULTIMATELY DECIDED WHETHER TO STAY OR GO. ONLY A BOLD MINORITY SOUGHT TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVES BY VENTURING TO AMERICA. EVEN THE CHAINED SLAVES, HERDED ABOARD SHIPS BY OTHERS, RETAINED THEIR INDIVIDUALITY, PASSING DOWN FROM MOTHER-FATHER TO CHILD, TALES AND CUSTOMS OF AFRICAN PAST AND TRIBAL WISDOM OF THEIR FOREBEARERS.

WHILE VISITING IRELAND SEVERAL YEARS AGO, WE ARRIVED AT A BEAUTIFUL ROCKY CUT IN THE MOUNTAINS THAT LED DOWN HILL TOWARD THE SEA. IT WAS RAINING WHEN WE FIRST ARRIVED, BUT LATER THE SUN POPPED OUT AND IT WAS LOVELY. WE HAD ARRIVED BY IRISH HORSE CART AND THE DRIVER WAS ANXIOUS TO POINT OUT THAT THIS WAS THE TRAIL THAT THOUSANDS FROM THE REGION HAD FOLLOWED DOWN TO THE COAST TO LEAVE IRELAND (ON FOOT) FOLLOWING THE POTATO FAMINE OF 1845-49 -- OVER 1 MILLION DIED. IRELAND'S POPULATION WAS 8 MILLION AT THE TIME. BY 1860, 1.5 MILLION HAD LEFT FOR THE U. S.

ACTUALLY, THE ENTIRE ECONOMIC SYSTEM OF EUROPE, IRELAND AND BRITAIN WAS IN AN UPHEAVAL. BEGINNING IN THE MID-1700'S IN ENGLAND AND SPREADING TO EUROPE, THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION WAS MECHANIZING VARIOUS KINDS OF PRODUCTS, WIPING OUT THOUSANDS OF COTTAGE INDUSTRIES. AS A RESULT, SEVERAL THOUSAND ARTISANS WERE THROWN OUT OF WORK - BITTER WINTERS, HIGH FOOD PRICES IN THE 1820'S, PLUS CROP FAILURES IN 1840. IN ADDITION, RELIGIOUS DISCONTENT INSPIRED THOUSANDS TO SEEK A NEW HOME. FROM NORWAY CAME QUAKER DISCONTENT WITH THE STATE LUTHERAN CHURCH. JEWS FROM GERMAN STATES FELT THE PRESSURE FROM HOSTILE POLICIES. ULSTER PRESBYTERIANS AS WELL AS IRISH CATHOLICS RESENTED PENAL LAWS OF ENGLISH RULE, WHICH FORCED THEM TO PAY TAXES THAT SUPPORTED THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF IRELAND. THE FRENCH REVOLUTION FOSTERED EXILE GROUPS TO CONSIDER A MOVE.

IN THE EARLY YEARS OF IMMIGRATION, IT WAS EASY TO BECOME AN AMERICAN. THE ALIEN WOULD REPORT HIS ARRIVAL AT A COURT OF RECORD. ITS CLERK WOULD GIVE HIM A DATED CERTIFICATE. AFTER 5 PROVEN YEARS OF RESIDENCE AND RENOUNCING HIS OLD ALLEGIANCE AND SWEARING TO THE NEW, HE COULD RECEIVE HIS CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION. NOW HE COULD VOTE, EVEN RUN FOR OFFICE. BY 1830, AMERICA WAS ON ITS WAY TO BECOMING THE CHERISHED LAND. GOOD LAND WAS ABUNDANT. JOBS WERE MORE PLENTIFUL AND THE SHIPS WERE READY TO TAKE PASSENGERS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

IN GENERAL, IT WAS AGREED THAT LIFE IN AMERICA WAS BEST SUITED TO FOLKS OF THE HUMBLER CLASSES, GOOD AT MANUAL LABOR. EVEN THEY WERE WARNED AWAY FROM THE WESTERN FRONTIER. "IT WOULD BE AS WELL TO LET THE AMERICANS TAKE THE ROUGH EDGE OFF THE COUNTRY" STATED ONE BROCHURE. LITERATURE PROMOTING IMMIGRATION GAVE FAIR DETAIL "BECAUSE IMMIGRANTS SHOULD CHOOSE CAREFULLY THEIR DESTINATION BEFORE SETTING OUT". REFERRING TO WEATHER --

MASSACHUSETTS - SALUBRIOUS AND HEALTHY (Conducive or favorable to health)
 MAINE - SPRING "HARDLY ANY"
 D. C. - SUMMER PRETTY WARM
 OHIO - SOIL GENERALLY EXCELLENT
 KENTUCKY - SOIL EVERY KIND FROM BEST TO WORST
 LOUISIANA & INDIANA - GENERLLY RICH AND FERTILE

150 MILLION ACRES LAY IN PUBLIC DOMAIN EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI SURVEYED AND READY TO DEVELOP. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SOLD LAND FOR \$2.00 AN ACRE ^{or} 4 YEAR INSTALLMENTS OR \$1.64 CASH. FARM HELP WOULD EARN \$12 - \$15 PER MONTH PLUS ROOM AND BOARD. CARPENTERS AND MASONS EARNED \$1.50 A DAY IN GENEVA, N.Y. MECHANICS \$2.00 IN CINCINNATI. COMMON LABOR 75¢ A DAY IN OHIO. A COBBLER \$2.50 FOR A PAIR OF BOOTS AND 94¢ FOR A PAIR OF SHOES IN PITTSBURGH. BOARD WAS \$2.00/WK. THE BEST HOTEL IN CINCINNATI WAS \$5.00/WK. BEEF AND MUTTON 3-4¢ LB. ^{Fowl} ~~FUEL~~ WAS 6-1/2¢ ^{each}. IT WAS NOTED THAT RICHMOND, VA. PRICES WERE MUCH HIGHER AND ^{The} QUALITY BAD.

THE KEY DEPARTURE POINTS WERE: LIVERPOOL, BREMEN, HAMBURG, LE HARVE, ANIWERP, DUBLIN, CORK. TO GO FROM IRELAND TO ENGLAND TOOK 36 HOURS WITH PASSENGERS OFTEN HAVING TO STAND THE ENTIRE VOYAGE. IN THE BEGINNING, PROBLEMS WERE ALWAYS PRESENT WITH "RUNNERS THAT STOLE LUGGAGE, SOMETIMES CHARGING TO GET IT BACK". PROVISIONS WERE OFTEN POOR - MONEY EXCHANGE WAS CROOKED AND VENDORS SOLD UNNECESSARY ITEMS REPORTED TO BE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY IN THE NEW COUNTRY (BOWIE KNIVES, ETC.). ON BOARD SHIP CREWS STOLE FROM THE PASSENGERS.

THE IDEA OF A STATUE OF LIBERTY AS A GIFT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FROM FRANCE STARTED IN 1865 BY EDWARD RENE' LEFEVER DE LABOURLAE, A FRENCH CITIZEN, JURIST AND SCHOLAR WHO WAS USING THIS AS A WAY TO FURTHER PROMOTE BOTH FRIENDSHIP TOWARD THE U. S. AND DEMOCRACY IN FRANCE, AND TO AID IN THE EVENTUAL REMOVAL OF NAPOLEON III. HE IN TURN CONTACTED FREDERIC-AUGUSTE BARTHOLDI WHO BEGAN SKETCHES IN 1869. THE FINAL DESIGN LOOKED SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO A DESIGN MADE FOR A LIGHT HOUSE NEAR THE SUEZ CANAL. HOWEVER, FOR "LIBERTY" HE STRAIGHTENED THE TORSO AND ADDED A "RADIANT" CROWN. BARTHOLDI SPENT 3-1/2 MONTHS TRAVELING THE U. S. TO GET A FEEL FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE LAND AND LATER DESCRIBED THE U. S. AS "AN ADORABLE WOMAN - CHEWING TOBACCO." THROUGH HIS CONTINUED EFFORTS IN FRANCE, THE NECESSARY FUNDS WERE RAISED AND THE STATUE COMPLETED. THE STRESS ENGINEERING WAS DONE BY A ~~YOUNG~~ BRILLIANT *- young* ENGINEER (47) GUSTAVE EIFFEL. (IT WAS THREE YEARS LATER THAT ~~HE~~ ^{HE} BUILT THE PARIS LANDMARK (1889) AND I RECENTLY SAW A LARGE DECORATED METAL BUILDING IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA USED AS A COLLEGE THAT HE SOLD TO THAT COUNTRY.

THE RAISING OF THE \$100,000+ FOR THE FOUNDATION AND BASE WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE U. S. CITIZENS AND PROVED MORE DIFFICULT. FINALLY, ~~THROUGH~~ ^{THROUGH} THE EFFORTS OF A HUNGARIAN IMMIGRANT NAMED JOSEPH PULITZER AND OWNER OF THE "N. Y. WORLD" NEWSPAPER CAME TO THE RESCUE. HE LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN TO RAISE THE LAST \$100,000. HE CHALLENGED THE CITIZENS OF NEW YORK AND THE NATION TO PROVIDE THE "PEDESTAL DENIED BY THE RICH." HE FURTHER PROMISED TO PUBLISH THE NAME OF EVERY DONOR, "NO MATTER

HOW SMALL THE SUM GIVEN." IN 1885 PULITZER ANNOUNCED COMPLETE SUCCESS. THE PEDESTAL WAS DESIGNED BY RICHARD M. HUNT - DEAN OF AMERICAN ARCHITECTS. IT ROSE 89' ABOVE THE BASE. WORKMEN SPRINKLED COINS IN THE LAST MORTAR SYMBOLIZING THE GIFTS OF OVER 120,000 PERSONS, WITH MOST GIFTS BEING UNDER \$1.00. 23,500 TONS OF CONCRETE ANCHOR THE BASE TO BEDLOE'S ISLAND. THREE HUNDRED SHEETS OF COPPER COVER THE STATUE OF LIBERTY, EACH LESS THAN 2 PENNIES - 3/32", RISING 151 FT. 1" FROM THE BASE TO THE TOP OF THE TORCH. UNVEILING CEREMONIES FOR THE COLOSSAL STATUE OF "LIBERTY ENLIGHTENING THE WORLD" WERE UNDERWAY ON BEDLOE'S ISLAND THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 28, 1886. 2,500 INVITED GUESTS STRAINED TO HEAR THE SPEAKER, THROUGH THE BLARE OF TUGBOAT WHISTLES. NOW, SENATOR WILLIAM M. EVARTS OF NEW YORK WAS AT THE PODIUM PRESENTING THE COMPLETED SHRINE TO PRESIDENT GROVER CLEVELAND ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN FUND RAISING COMMITTEE AND GENEROUS CITIZENS. LOUDER! LOUDER! THE CRIES RANG OUT AS EVARTS DELIVERD HIS FIRST LINE. AT LAST HE PAUSED FOR EMPHASIS -- SOMEONE THOUGHT HE HAD ENDED HIS SPEECH AND 200' ABOVE THE CROWD IN "LIBERTY'S CROWN" THE SCULPTOR FREDERIC-AUGUSTE BARTHOLDI RECEIVED A SIGNAL TO LOOSEN THE CORD THAT HELD A FRENCH FLAG OVER THE STATUE'S 14 FOOT LONG FACE. AS THE TRI-COLORS FELL AWAY, A 21 GUN SALUTE THUNDERED ACROSS NEW YORK HARBOR. FOR 15 - 20 MINUTES, WHISTLES, CANNONS, FOG HORNS, BANDS AND SCREAMING CROWDS, SENT UP A FRENZIED COMBINATION OF NOISE AND MUSICAL SOUNDS. THERE WERE OVER 1 MILLION SPECTATORS. ALL TO RECEIVE A GIFT FROM THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE U. S. THE PLAQUE READS: "THE ALLIANCE OF TWO NATIONS IN ACHIEVING THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ATTESTING THEIR ABIDING FRIENDSHIP" DATED 7-4-1776. THE SENATOR'S SPEECH WAS NEVER HEARD OR COMPLETED!

IT WAS SIX YEARS LATER ON JANUARY 1, 1892, THAT ELLIS ISLAND WAS COMPLETED AND OPENED FOR OPERATIONS. ACROSS THE UPPER NEW YORK BAY, ELLIS ISLAND LIES IN THE SHADOW OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY. MORE THAN HALF OF THE IMMIGRANTS ENTERING THE U. S. BETWEEN 1892 - 1924 PASSED THROUGH ITS GATES FOR A TOTAL OF 16,000,000, TWO OF WHICH WERE MY MOTHER AND AUNT.

"WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED IN THIS COUNTRY, I WAS FILLED WITH MANY HOPES AND FEARS. ONE OF THE GREATEST FEARS WAS OF A PLACE KNOWN AS ELLIS ISLAND BUT CALLED BY US "ISLAND OF TEARS."

"IN MY VILLAGE I HAD HEARD OF THIS PLACE TO BE INSPECTED AND MAYBE, IT WAS SAID, SENT HOME IF YOU DID NOT PASS. SENT HOME TO WHAT? TO WHERE? I WORRIED AND I TRIED TO CONVINCED MYSELF THAT AMERICA WOULD NEVER SEND ME HOME ONCE I REACHED HER DOOR."

"I WILL NEVER FORGET THE JOY I FELT WHEN I SAW THE TALL BUILDINGS OF N. Y. AND THE STATUE OF LIBERTY AFTER SO MANY DARK DAYS ON BOARD THAT CROWDED SHIP. THERE WAS THE SYMBOL OF ALL MY DREAMS "FREEDOM TO START OUT IN A NEW LIFE". THEN CAME ELLIS ISLAND!

THE REGISTER BOOK AT ELLIS ISLAND CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING: #_____/ NAME IN FULL, AGE (YR. & MO.)/ SEX/ CALLING OR OCCUPATION/ READ/WRITE/ COUNTRY OF WHICH A CITIZEN/ NATIVE COUNTRY/ LAST RESIDENT/ STATE CITIZEN OF U.S.A./ INTENDED DESTINATION, STATE OR TERRITORY.

DREADED WAS THE PERSONAL INTERVIEW AND THE PHYSICAL EXAM. AN INITIAL REJECTION SIGNIFIED BY A CHALK MARK ON THE BACK OF YOUR COAT COULD MEAN A DELAY AND SEPARATION OR DEPORTATION BACK TO THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. ONE LADY WHO HAD BEEN REJECTED ON MINIMAL CIRCUMSTANCES WAS ADVISED BY OTHERS TO TURN HER COAT INSIDE OUT AND WAS CLEARED FOR ENTRY. DESIGNED TO PROCESS 5,000 PER DAY, ON 4-17-1907, 11,747 PERSONS WERE PROCESSED. YOU MAY RECALL FIORILLO LaGUARDIA WHO IN HIS EARLY CAREER WAS AN INTERPETER AT ELLIS ISLAND.

19
IMMIGRATION FROM 1820 - 1865 SHOWS THE FOLLOWING:

GERMANY	6,752,000	
ITALY	4,981,000	
IRELAND	4,682,000	(over 1/2 single women. The only country to send more females than men.)
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY	4,277,000	
GRAT BRITAIN	3,803,000	
CANADA	3,603,000	
RUSSIA	3,345,000	
SWEDEN	1,251,000	
MEXICO	<u>1,180,000</u>	
	33,874,000	<i>over 40 Million Total.</i>

"WE WERE TOLD 'KEEP MOVING' AND 'HURRY UP' AS MY GROUP WAS PUSHED ALONG ONE OF THE DOZENS OF METAL RAILINGS THAT DIVIDED THE ROOM INTO SEVERAL PASSAGEWAYS. IMMIGRANTS WALKED ALONG THESE PASSAGEWAYS UNTIL THEY REACHED THE FIRST MEDICAL INSPECTOR WHO LOOKED AT FACE, HAIR, NECK AND HANDS. INTERPRETERS ASKED, "WHAT IS YOUR AGE?', 'WHAT WORK DO YOU DO?'

"I WALKED ON TO WHERE A DOCTOR INSPECTED ME FOR DISEASES. AGAIN I MOVED TO ANOTHER DOCTOR, THE "EYE MAN" I HAD HEARD SO MANY TERRIBLE RUMORS ABOUT. I PASSED INSPECTION BUT THE MAN IN FRONT WAS MARKED WITH AN "E" IN CHALK ON HIS COAT AND SENT TO ANOTHER AREA. I HAD HEARD THAT AN "E" MEANT DEPORTATION.

"FOR A LONG TIME I SAT ON A BENCH IN THE MAIN PART OF THE GREAT HALL WAITING FOR THE FINAL TEST. I TALKED ANXIOUSLY WITH THOSE AROUND ME AND REHEARSED THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS I MIGHT BE ASKED ABOUT JOBS, MONEY AND RELATIVES. SOME PEOPLE SAID IT WAS BEST TO ANSWER AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE; OTHERS SAID IT WAS BEST TO SAY JUST 'YES' OR 'NO'.

"FINALLY, I WENT BEFORE A TIRED, STERN LOOKING OFFICIAL WHO CHECKED MY NAME AGAINST THE SHIP'S PASSENGER LIST AND QUICKLY FIRED QUESTIONS AT ME: 'CAN YOU READ AND WRITE?' 'DO YOU HAVE A JOB WAITING FOR YOU?' 'WHO PAID YOUR PASSAGE?' 'HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN PRISON?' 'HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU HAVE?' 'LET ME SEE IT NOW.'" ON AND ON WENT THE QUESTIONS UNTIL I GOT MORE AND MORE CONFUSED.

"SUDDENLY I WAS HANDED A LANDING CARD. IT WAS HARD TO BELIEVE THE ORDEAL WAS OVER IN AN AFTERNOON. MY FEARS WERE UNFOUNDED, THE STATUE IN THE HARBOR HAD NOT TURNED HER BACK ON ME. AMERICA HAD ACCEPTED ME."

THE NEW CITIZENS FANNED OUT ACROSS THE NATION WITH TIME, MANY STAYING IN THE NEW YORK AREA, BUT OTHERS MOVING INLAND. BY 1840, THE TRIP FROM NEW YORK TO CHICAGO COST ABOUT \$14.00 FOR AN ADULT. THE TRIP WAS LONG AND OFTEN DANGEROUS. PADDLE-WHEELERS FROM N.Y. TO ALBANY, ERIE CANAL BOAT TO BUFFALO, THEN GREAT LAKES STEAM TO CHICAGO OR MILWAUKEE. IN 1849, EACH MISSISSIPPI RIVER BOAT BETWEEN NEW ORLEANS AND MEMPHIS BURIED 15-20 PERSONS WHO HAD PERISHED FROM CHOLERA. MANY WERE IMMIGRANTS TO CABINS ON CHERRY CREEK LATER CALLED DENVER. SOME STRUCK IT RICH.

THE RAILROAD EXPANSION AROUND 1855 HELPED CREATE THE JOBS AND LATER HELPED FORM VILLAGES WHICH LATER BECAME CITIES. AT ONE POINT, LARGE NUMBERS OF CHINESE WERE BROUGHT IN TO THE WESTERN STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING THE RAILROADS, A RESULT OF A LABOR SHORTAGE AND A RELUCTANCE OF CAUCASIAN (IRISH) WORKERS TO PERFORM THE HARD WORK REQUIRED. LATER, THE HOMESTEAD ACT OF 1862 GAVE 160 ACRES TO EACH INDIVIDUAL. TYPICAL WAS LARS DAVIDSON REQUE FROM CHICAGO. HE WALKED 100 MILES TO KOSHKONONG AREA OF WISCONSIN TO SELECT 80 ACRES, THEN WALKED BACK TO CHICAGO TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT FOR THE WINTER. BEFORE HE COULD AFFORD TO BEGIN WORKING HIS OWN LAND, REQUE HAD TO SPEND TWO YEARS LABORING AT OTHER JOBS.

BLACKS ACCOUNTED FOR ROUGHLY 275,000 DURING THE ORIGINAL SETTLING OF THE COLONIES. IT IS ESTIMATED AN ADDITIONAL 70,000 WERE BROUGHT IN TO THE 13 ORIGINAL STATES, MOSTLY THROUGH LOUISIANA AND BEFORE 1803. AFTER 1808, THE U. S. MADE IMPORTING SLAVES A CRIME. AGAIN, IT IS ESTIMATED PERHAPS AN ADDITIONAL 1,000 PER YEAR WERE SHIPPED ONTO AMERICAN SOIL. THE RULE OF THUMB WAS IF COTTON SOLD FOR 10¢ PER LB., BLACK FIELD HANDS WERE WORTH \$1,000. AT THE TIME OF THE CIVIL WAR THE CONFEDERACY HAD 5 MILLION WHITES AND 3.5 MILLION BLACKS, ALONG WITH 250,000 FORMER EUROPEANS. THE UNION HAD 22,400,000 POPULATION AND 186,000 BLACK TROOPS.

BASED ON THE 1980 CENSUS FIGURES, THE STATES REPORTED THE FOLLOWING FOREIGN BORN CITIZENS:

CALIFORNIA	FILIPINOS	240,000	CANADIANS	165,000
	CHINESE	115,000	BRITISH	135,000
	KOREANS	85,000		
	VIETNAMESE	85,000		
	INDIANS	30,000		
MICHIGAN	CANADIANS	75,000		
MASSACHUSETTS	CANADIANS	80,000		
NEW YORK	WEST INDIANS	465,000		
	ITALIANS	285,000		
	BRITISH	85,000		
	CHINESE	70,000		
	INDIANS	35,000		
FLORIDA	WEST INDIANS	435,000		
TEXAS	MEXICANS	500,000		

FORBES MAGAZINE REPORTED: MARCH 1993

"THE CENSUS BUREAU GAVE US GOOD NEWS. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THE U. S. IS RISING MORE RAPIDLY THAN EXPERTS FORECAST 5 YEARS AGO. AMERICAN POPULATION WILL INCREASE THIS DECADE BY 25 MILLION PEOPLE INSTEAD OF 18 MILLION FORECAST. BY THE YEAR 2050 THE BUREAU PROJECTS THE U. S. POPULATION WILL EXCEED 380 MILLION INSTEAD OF A SHADE UNDER 300 MILLION. THE 80 MILLION CHANGE EXCEEDS THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF GERMANY. THE REASONS FOR THE UPWARD PROJECTION ARE: GREATER FERTILITY, MORE IMMIGRANTS AND INCREASED LONGEVITY. EVEN WITHOUT IMMIGRATION, THE U. S. WOULD BE THE ONLY INDUSTRIAL NATION WHERE BIRTHS ARE SUFFICIENT TO REPLACE THOSE WHO DIE. IN A FREE MARKET, THIS MEANS MORE HOUSES, CARS, COMPUTERS, FOOD AND CLOTHING. IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF FREEDOM, HUMAN INGENUITY BLOSSOMS AND ALL OF US BENEFIT.

SINCE WORLD WAR II, IMMIGRATION HAS CONTINUED:

1946-50	864,000
1951-55	1,087,000
1956-60	1,427,000
1961-65	1,450,000

WE ARE TRULY A NATION OF MANY NATIONALITIES, CUSTOMS, BELIEFS AND WAYS.

I MENTIONED TO YOU EARLIER THAT I GREW UP WITH A FEW ITALIAN FAMILIES. ONE FAMILY WAS THE PUGLISI'S. THEY OWNED A SMALL FAMILY GROCERY STORE IN ARLINGTON NEXT TO MY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THEY HAD SEVERAL CHILDREN, AMONG THEM AMELIA, TONY AND JIMMY. I RECENTLY VISITED THE NATURAL BRIDGE HOTEL AND FOUND OUT THAT IT WAS UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP. IT HAD BEEN REDECORATED, SPRUCED UP, AND WAS QUITE CHARMING. I ASKED THE MANAGER WHO OWNED IT, AND HE SAID THAT IT WAS OWNED BY A WASHINGTON, D. C. FAMILY. I INQUIRED THEIR NAME AND HE SAID ANGELO PUGLISI. I SAID, "IS THAT TONY?", AND HE SMILED, YES. MOVE OVER, WASHINGTON, WHO SURVEYED IT. MOVE OVER, JEFFERSON, WHO OWNED IT. TONY PUGLISI, SECOND GENERATION ITALIAN/AMERICAN IS HERE !!!!