

The meeting this month was a viewing of the video by Crista Cowen titled "Lesser Known Ports of Immigration". You can view the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5yG6qyhnCPw>

That was followed by a talk by Jim Stuber on other sources of immigration records if you do not have access to Ancestry, or if your ancestor doesn't show up in Ancestry databases. There is much overlap between the databases but each has been indexed separately so you may not find your ancestor on one but will in one of the others. Those three sites are:

The National Archives: <https://aad.archives.gov/aad/series-list.jsp?cat=GP44>

Ellis Island: <http://libertyellisfoundation.org/passenger>

Castle Garden: <http://www.castlegarden.org/searcher.php>

Jim also showed the use of the Steve Morse site that front ends many genealogy sites and is sometimes easier or more flexible when doing searches: <http://www.stevemorse.org/>

Crista mentioned one book she has found particularly useful if your online searches don't yield results. It's an in-depth look at all immigration records. The title is "They Came in Ships" by John Colletta. It's available at the Mt. Lebanon Library, or from other several other libraries in Allegheny County through inter-library loan.