

Passenger Lists: RMS Titanic Survivors

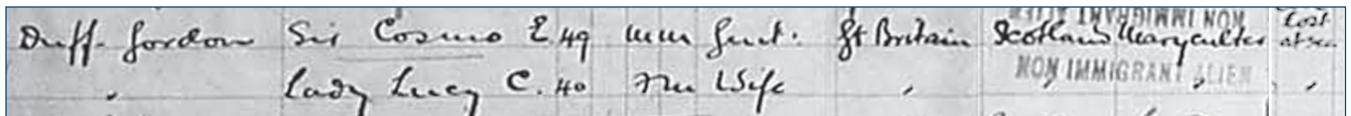
In 1912, the US government required ships to keep a list of all passengers who were arriving in the US from another country. This record, called a passenger list, was separated into two parts: one part for US citizens and one part for passengers who were not US citizens, who were called aliens. Information was recorded about each alien, including age, occupation and final destination.

One of the most famous passenger lists is the list from the RMS Carpathia. This ship carried the survivors from the RMS Titanic. The Titanic had sunk in the Atlantic Ocean on April 15, 1912 on its first voyage. When it sunk, the Titanic had about 2,233 passengers and crew members on board. When the Carpathia arrived on the scene, it was able to rescue only 710 of the passengers. The Carpathia, which had recently left New York to go to Europe, returned to New York with the survivors. The passenger list from the Carpathia lists the survivors of the terrible disaster.

The top of the passenger list shows both ships' names, the Carpathia and Titanic:



Two of the survivors of the Titanic on the passenger list of the Carpathia: Sir Cosmos Duff-Gordon and his wife, Lady Lucy Duff-Gordon.



Here's what the handwriting says:

Last Name	First Name	Age/Sex/ Marital Status	Occupation	Nationality	Last Residence	Amount of Cash
Duff-Gordon	Sir Cosmos E.	49/male/ married	Gentleman	Great Britain	Scotland	All lost at sea
Duff-Gordon	Lady Lucy C.	40/female/ married	Wife	Great Britain	Scotland	All lost

What does this passenger list tell you?

What happened to the Duff-Gordons' money that they had on their trip?

It sank on the Titanic.

What do you think the stamp that says "Non-Immigrant Alien" means?

It means they were just visiting the US, not coming to live there.

Where did the Duff-Gordons live?

Scotland