



Andrew Carnegie and his little brother, Thomas, in 1849.

Primary Sources: Passenger Lists

Between 1841 and 1850, over 1,700,000 people moved to the US from other countries. Among those who moved, or immigrated, was the Carnegie family. Andrew Carnegie was just 15 years old when his family arrived in the US. He would grow up to become a wealthy businessman in the steel industry. He is also famous for his large charitable contributions, including building libraries throughout the US and large gifts to universities. He built Carnegie Hall, a concert hall in New York City.

Below is the passenger list for the Carnegie family from the ship, Wiscasset. They arrived in New York City on August 14, 1848.

LIST, or MANIFEST of all the PASSENGERS taken on board the <i>Wiscasset</i>					
Master, from	AGE	SEX	OCCUPATION	The Country to which they severally belong	The Country in which they intend to become inhabitants
Thomas Queen	19			Scotland	U. S.
Catharine	17			do	do
James W. Naughton	22		clerk	Scotland	do
William Carnegie	40		Weaver	do	do
Margaret	34			do	do
Andrew	15			do	do
Thomas	4			do	do

The letters “do” mean “ditto” or the same information as the previous person. Here’s what the form says about the Carnegie family:

Name	Age	Occupation	The Country to which they severally belong	The Country to which they intend to become inhabitants
William Carnegie	40	Weaver	Scotland	US
Margaret Carnegie	34		do (Scotland)	do (US)
Andrew Carnegie	15		do (Scotland)	do (US)
Thomas Carnegie	4		do (Scotland)	do (US)

What does the passenger list tell you?

Where did the Carnegie family live before they came to the US?

How old was Margaret when she arrived in the US?

What was William’s occupation?

What was the first name of the youngest member of the Carnegie family?
