



Cullen

Dominick

1859 - 1946



Travelling to America in 1870

Travelling to Boston on immigrant ships from the 1870's meant you had to depart from Queenstown (Cobh), County Cork, where the Cunard steamships to Boston and New York called to pick up passengers, or to Liverpool, where you could board a steamship belonging to any of several steamship lines with services to New York and/or Boston.

*Persons born between 1861 and 1870 would have been 20 years old in 1881-1890. The highest rate of immigration from Co. Roscommon occurred during that decade when 23,252 residents of the county left Ireland. (Source: *Emigrants and Exiles*, Kerby A. Miller, 1985.)*

To find Dominick Cullen in any incoming list for Boston you would first need to check the index to passenger lists of vessels at Boston ("State Lists") 1848-1891, National Archives Microfilm Publication M265, Roll 222. A copy of this film can be borrowed through AGLL, any LDS (Mormon) Family Centre (Family Library, Microfilm #0205877) or Interlibrary Loan.

We must be careful however, as he may be listed either as Cullen or Cullinane. Also be aware that often ships lists contain mis-spellings of surnames and he could even be listed as Cullin, or similar sounding names. It was common practice for clerks to spell names as they sounded.

If you find the name on the above index, but alas, these manifests are NOT Federal Records (State Lists) and have not been microfilmed. But you now have the name of the vessel and the date of the manifest, you can then write, or visit, the Archives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 220 Morrissey Blvd, Dorchester, MA 02125 where you can get a photocopy of the actual passenger manifest itself. Therefore, even though the film may not be available through the usual channels (AGLL, LDS Family History Centres, or Interlibrary Loan) all is not lost!

So far I have not been able to find Dominick Cullen on any lists.

