

The Genealogical History of America and Relevant Records

The Genealogical Records

Nearly 50 million people have immigrated to America. The pattern of immigration was as follows:

Pre-1820

Some 650,000 people arrived before 1820. The majority (60%) were English and Welsh with a small number from a variety of European countries. These immigrants settled in small clusters in the eastern, middle-Atlantic and southern states.

At the time of the 1820 census, the only Hayde (or variant) was in Ohio and Pennsylvania. In 1810, there was a family in New York state but they were not there by 1820. These families seem to have descended from German emigrants. The surname variants included Hade, Heade, Heid, Heide, Hayd, Heyd, Heyde.

1820-1880

Over 10 million immigrants came from northern Europe, the British Isles and Scandinavia in this period. There was a significant increase in the number of immigrants from Germany and Ireland in the 1840s and 1850s. Some settled in the large eastern cities while most migrated to the mid-west and west.

The majority of Hayde/Hade/Heade emigrants in this time period were from Ireland.

1880-1920

More than 25 million immigrants arrived in this period. The largest numbers (in order) were from Germany, Ireland, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Russia and England. Many of these settled in the larger cities.

The Ellis Island emigration records, which start from 1892 show that the main Hayde/Hade/Heade emigrants in this time period were from Ireland.

The Official Records

Pre 1820

For this time period, various sources have published lists of immigrants names taken from newspapers, naturalisation oaths, headright grants and other lists. P William Filby¹ lists over 1.5 million names from more than 1,000 published sources.

Passenger Arrival Records Beginning in 1820

Official records maintained from 1820 include customs and immigrations lists. In 1892, more detailed records were kept for arrivals at Ellis Island.

Ancestry.com has a record of all these and relevant entries are summarised in this document.

Census Records for America

Censuses have been taken by the federal government every 10 years since 1790. The dates of the census and the information available is as follows:

<u>Census</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Family information gathered</u>
1790 - 1820	First Monday in August	Name of head of household and number of males and females
1830 & 1840	June 1	Name of head of household and number of males and females
1850 - 1870	June 1	Name of head of household, names of all persons in household, occupation, education details, age, sex and country of birth of all in household
1880	June 1	As with 1870 but added place of birth of parents
1890	June 1	As for 1880 but the only records available are for veterans of the Civil War and widows
1900	June 1	As for 1870 but added year of immigration and citizenship. Subsequent census gathered similar

The population at the time of the first census in 1790 was 4 million. 200 years later it was around 250 million.

The complete census information is available on Ancestry.com.

For this research document, the 1900 census has been used as the check to ensure all those arrived by then have been documented. I have used this year as the basis of research into the arrival of Haydes in America. I have gone backwards from there to determine arrival trends for Hayde and its variants.

¹ Passenger and Immigration Lists Index - (searched to 1997 supplement incl)

IGI records

The International Genealogical Index kept by the Church of Latter Day Saints pre dates the digitized records on the internet. It is a useful index to capture some of the early records.

All these have been searched and relevant entries shown under the Hayde and other relevant variants at the end of this document.

Church Records

America is a country of religious diversity. Unlike many other countries, there has been no “state church”.

In 1660 approximately 75% of the total population was either Anglican or Congregational. The Anglican Church (or Church of England), also known as Protestant Episcopal, was well established in Virginia and other English colonies.

17th and 18th century immigrants from Scotland and Northern Ireland brought Presbyterianism to Pennsylvania.

Several groups of Evangelical, German Reformed and German Lutheran faiths settled in Pennsylvania in the 1700s. At the same time several small groups of German Pietists, such as the Mennonites, Dunkards, Brethren and Amish also arrived. Groups of Dutch Reformed from Holland became well established in New York and New Jersey in the late 1600s.

The 19th century was a period of growth and diversity. Large numbers of German and Scandinavian immigrants established many Lutheran congregations, especially in upper mid-west states.

By 1850, approximately 1/3rd of all American Protestants were Methodists.

The first major group of Roman Catholics from England settled in Maryland. By 1850 the Catholic Church had the largest church membership due to the large immigration from Ireland and other countries.