Immigrants Who Gave It All

St. Augustine **National Cemetery**





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What is immigration?

Noun

The action of coming to live permanently in a foreign country.

What is a Second-Generation Immigrant?

Noun

Second-generation immigrants are born in the United States but have parents who are born abroad.

What is a Veteran?

The term "veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

Historical Context: Immigrants in the Military

Immigrants played a key role in US military endeavors since the Revolutionary War

- Civil War: 20% of Union soldiers foreign-born, primarily German and Irish
- World War I: Approximately 18% of soldiers were immigrants
- World War II: Over 300,000 immigrants served

US government granted Veteran immigrants citizenship by the after their service



Soldiers at Camp Upton, NY, swear the oath of allegiance to become citizens, 1918 (US Citizenship and Immigration Services)

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- 2 Francis McNally (B396)
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- 6 John Carves (D124)
- 7 Lawrence Bowden (D93)
- 8 Flagstaff



Stop 1: The Dade Monuments

While en route from Fort Brooke (Tampa) to Fort King (Ocala) 108 officers and men under command of Major Francis L. Dade, Company B, 4th Regiment of Infantry, were ambushed by Native Americans in December of 1835. All but four men were killed in the attack, with one passing away the next day. The remains of Major Dade and those who perished with him are interred beneath these pyramids.



Stop 1: The Dade Monuments

Many of the men in Dade's command were Irish and German immigrants.

- June 1835: About half of the 47 men Dade commanded were European immigrants
- By the time of Dade's Battle (December 1835) many of the troops had direct ties to other countries, and wanted to earn their US citizenship through military service



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Hugh Peery, one of Dade's men, was an immigrant from Ireland whose remains are in the pyramids.

What is a primary document?

We will be using primary documents to dive into the Immigrated Veterans lives.

A primary document is firsthand account information as the original source or digitized from the original source.

These examples include marriage licences, diary entries, and interviews.

Stop 2: Francis McNally (B-396) Primary Source - 1900 Census

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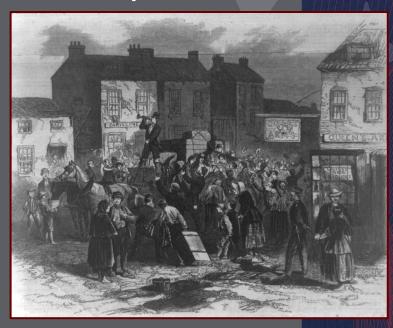
Stop 2: Francis McNally (B-396)

What can we learn from this source?

- Head of Home (house, not farm)
- White
- Male
- Born November 1835 in Ireland, 54 years old
- Annie O. is his wife (white/female/born 1856 in Connecticut, 43 years old)
- No children
- Immigrated in 1848
- Job: Library Custodian
- He can read/write/speak English

Stop 2: Francis McNally (B-396) Immigration from Ireland in the 19th Century

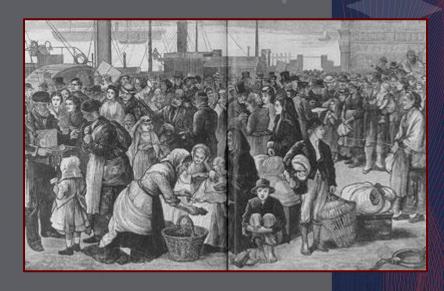
- Between 1820 and 1930, approximately
 4.5 million Irish immigrated to America
 - Living conditions in Ireland were difficult in the early 1800s. This was made worse by the Potato Famine that devastated the population and left families starving in 1845.
- From 1820-1860, the Irish made up about ⅓ of immigrants to the US
- In the 1840s, the Irish accounted for over half of all American immigrants.
- Francis McNally immigrated to the US in the first half of the 1800s, and gained his citizenship in 1848.



An 1866 illustration shows Irish emigrants leaving their home for America. (Library of Congress)

Stop 2: Francis McNally (B-396) Irish Immigrants in the United States

- Anti-Irish & anti-Catholic sentiment was widespread in the US in the 1840s
- Lots of discrimination also found in the workforce
 - Many businesses attempted to take advantage of Irish immigrants because they were willing to work unskilled jobs for low wages
 - Women often worked as domestic workers



Emigrants leaving Ireland for New York, 1874 (State Historical Society of Iowa)

Stop 3: Henry Good (A-24)

Henry Good also immigrated from Ireland.

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Stop 3: Henry Good (A-24) Interment Card

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Stop 3: Henry Good (A-24) What do we learn from his interment card?

- Date of Death: May 14/15, 1877
- Buried in St. Augustine National Cemetery
- He was a Private in Company K, Regiment 5, US Artillery.
- He is buried in Section A Grave Number 24

With further research, you can determine that the 5th US Artillery served in the Union Army during the Civil War. What other questions do you have that would require additional research to learn more about?

Stop 3: Henry Good (A-24) US Registers of Deaths in the Regular Army, July 1876-July 1877

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 Henry died on May 14, 1877 of "acute congestion of the brain" which was related to his service.

Stop 4: Theodore Walter Wengert (A-34 G)

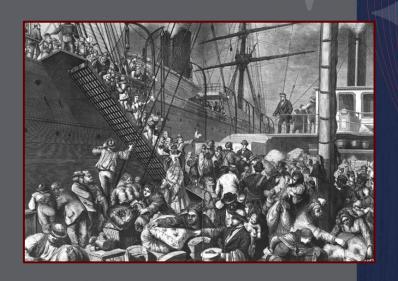
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Theodore Wengert Sr. immigrated to the US in 1910.

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Stop 4: Theodore Walter Wengert (A-34 G) German Immigration to the US

- German immigration to the United States increased after the failed 1848 revolution which left many Germans starving and unable to find work.
- By 1910, the same year that Theodore's father immigrated to the US, approximately 2.3 million German born immigrants resided in the US



German immigrants boarding a ship to the US at the end of the 19th century. (Library of Congress)

Stop 4: Theodore Walter Wengert (A-34 G) Missing Air Crew Report Casualty Questionnaire

In WWII, Theodore served as a 1st Lieutenant and was the navigator on his plane. The plane crashed while they were targeting oil refineries in Germany.

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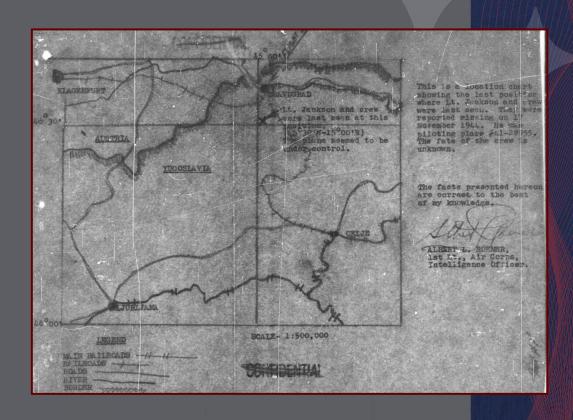
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Theodore survived the crash and lived until 2014.

Stop 4: Theodore Walter Wengert (A-34 G) What did we learn from this source?

- Rank 1st Lt.
- Serial Number- 0-2056506.
- His commander is Knapp who is a Colonel.
- 1944 is when both incidents took place.
- Both times, when they left formation, they were flying over Hungary.
- The crash site of the plane was unknown, but he noted it was heading towards the Adriatic Sea.
- He describes the possible death of one of the crew members.



Stop 5: Francis Piet Jr. (D-163)

- Francis Piet's father immigrated from the Netherlands to the US and gained his citizenship after his service in WWI. (See his Petition for Naturalization on the right.)
- Francis was born in 1925 as a second-generation immigrant.
- He served as an aviation radioman in WWII.

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Stop 5: Dutch Emigration to the United States

- At least 220,000 individuals emigrated from Holland to the US between 1820 - 1920
 - People left Holland due to religious tensions, as well as economic strife
 - Many settled in the midwest
- Another wave of emigration to the United States occurred after WWII



Image courtesy of the National Library of the Netherlands

Stop 5: Francis Piet Jr. (D-163) Excerpts from Muster Roll

01-28-1945

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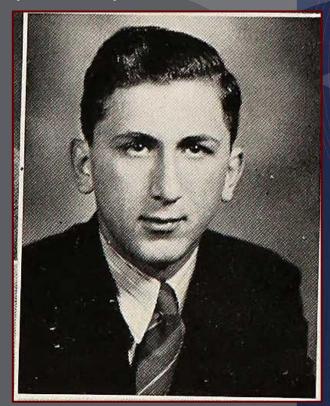
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USN	Rec	1-24-45	USS TICONDEROGA, for treatment. Cause: intracranial injury
USN	Died	1-26-45	Buried in Cem in Ulithi Atoll, 1-25-45

Stop 5: Francis Piet Jr. (D-163) What can we learn from this source?

- Date of the Muster Roll (January 28, 1945)
- Ship: USS Samaritan.
- Service number 556 83 69
- Rank: ARM2c Aviation Radioman 2nd Class
- At the bottom, it shows that he was brought on the ship 1-24-45 and was pronounced dead on 1-24-45 from a head injury. He did not die in line of duty.
- His remains are buried ashore at the cemetery Ulithi Atoll

Stop 6: John M. Carves (D-124)

- John Carves was a second-generation immigrant whose parents were from Greece.
- His parents emigrated from Greece in the late 1800s.
- Between 1890 and 1921, over 400,000 Greeks immigrated to the US
- To read more about Carves' life, <u>read</u> <u>his biography here</u>.



John Carves' 1939 Palm Beach High Yearbook Photo

Stop 6: John M. Carves (D-124)

- John enlisted in the Air Force in 1942
- He was part of the 71st Bombardment Squadron, 38th Bombardment Group, 5th Air Force
- He was killed in action during his service during a coordinated bombing attack of an airstrip in New Guinea in WWII on December 20, 1943. He was hit by machine gun fire and died before the plane landed.
- Initially John was interred in the British New Guinea Cemetery.
 His father, Manuel, brought his remains back to Florida in 1949 to
 be reinterred close to his loved ones. He is now buried in St.
 Augustine National Cemetery.

Stop 6: John M. Carves (D-124) Excerpt from newspaper article in *The Palm Beach Post*December 19, 1944

LT. CARVES' PARENTS GIVEN SILVER STAR

Posthumous award of the Silver Star to 2nd Lt. John M. Carves was made Sunday afternoon by Morrison Field officers who presented the medal to his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Carves, 7201 Flagler Dr.

Lt. Carves, a pilot, was cited for "gallantry in air action over Alexishaufen, New Guinea, on Dec. 20, 1943," the day of his death.

1st Lt. John W. Dodge, who made the presentation, and Capt. Jack B. Davis of the base personal affairs office represented Morrison Field at the ceremony.

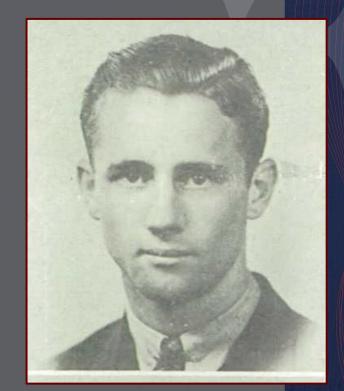
Memorial services for the young officer were held Sunday morning at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and were conducted by the Rev. Erotheos Stavrou of St. John's Greek Orthodox Church, Jacksonville. The Army Air Forces' citation for Lt. Carves was read during the ceremony.

Stop 6: John M. Carves (D-124) What can we learn from this source?

- Received a Silver Star after death (the third highest US combat-only award)
- He was a 2nd Lieutenant, pilot
- The date he passed December 20, 1943
- His parents Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Carves
- Where his memorial service was held Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

Stop 7: Lawrence Bowden (D-93)

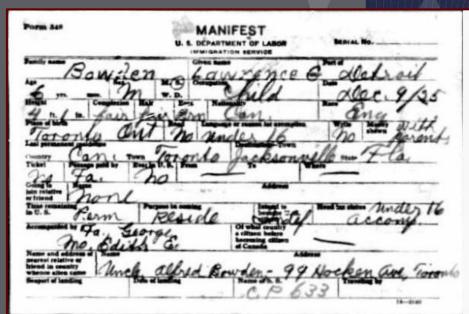
- Lawrence Bowden was born in Canada in 1919
- He immigrated with his family to the United States in 1925 from Toronto
- During his high school career, he participated in the Library Council, Glee Club, and played football
- Lawrence enlisted into the US Army on June 16, 1942
- He started his service as a quartermaster and joined the 16th Cavalry Quartermaster Squadron, 1st Cavalry Division
- To read more about Lawrence Bowden, read his biography here



Lawrence Bowden's 1939 Landon High Yearbook Photo

Stop 7: Lawrence Bowden (D-93) Canadian Immigration to the US

- Many immigrants came to the US via Canada during the mid-late 19th century with little to no immigration inspection by US officials-- often, there are missing records of these immigrants until 1894, when the US changed their system
- Canadians migrated to Florida in the 1920s attracted by both the warmer climate and the land boom
- French Canadian immigration peaked in the 1900s-1930s as a result of discrimination and economic hardships in Quebec



Crossing into the US

Stop 7: Lawrence Bowden (D-93) Front of Draft Registration Card

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H. C. Ploot	
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Stop 7: Lawrence Bowden (D-93) Back of Draft Registration Card

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Stop 7: Lawrence Bowden (D-93) What did we learn from this source?

- Full name: Lawrence Gordon Bowden
- Address: 2728 Southwood Lane, Jacksonville, Duval, Florida
- He was 21 years old, born on May 11, 1919 in Toronto, Canada
- His next of kin is his mother Mrs. Gordon George Bowden (address is the same)
- He works at S.C. Ploot on Saratoga Road Jacksonville, Duval, Florida
- His signature
- Race: White
- Height and Weight: 5'11 165 pounds
- Brown hair and eyes, Ruddy complexion
- Where he registered Local Board 7, Duval County

Stop 8: Flagstaff

As we stand here, under our country's flag, let's reflect on our Veterans:



- Francis McNally of Ireland
- Henry Good of Ireland
- Theodore Walter Wengert who is a Second-Generation Immigrant of Germany
- Francis Piet Jr. who is a Second-Generation Immigrant of Holland
- John Carves who is a Second-Generation Immigrant of Greece
- Lawrence Bowden of Canada.

All of these men were born under different flags belonging to their native countries around the world but chose to fight under the flag of the United States.