

Text of the email sent by Mike in 2003 when he first found the ship manifest for David and Rose

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David and Rosa "Masinberg" arrived Ellis Island on June 30, 1906 aboard the steamer Lucania, from Liverpool, England. We know it is our family because the manifest says they are going to Philadelphia to stay with Ida Cohen, whom we know as Tante Haika.

David was 22 years old; Rose was 21.

The document says they were coming from "Dwow". I am not certain what this is, but it could be Lvov, a major Ukrainian city.

For several years I have tried unsuccessfully to find "David Maidenberg" on the Ellis Island database site. Two weeks ago I was in New York at a YIVO (East European History Institute) lecture, where it was suggested to look through ship manifests, given that the name of the ship and its approximate arrival date is known.

Grandpa Dave's naturalization paper says the ship he arrived on was named the "Laconia." Grandma Rose's citizenship application says it was called the "Lukandi". Grandpa Dave said the year was 1904. Grandma Rose said it was 1906, and she said the month was June.

Yet another document in our possession gave their betrothal in Odessa as taking place in March, 1906. That meant they sailed in 1906, not 1904.

When I went to a ship arrival site, I found that there was indeed a ship called Laconia, but it did not begin sailing until 1912. Then I saw I could search for all ships that arrived in Ellis Island in 1906, and by month.

Among the various vessels, the name "Lucania" appeared. It was a workhorse of the Cunard line. It landed at Ellis Island two times in June, 1906. There is a site that allows you to look at microfilmed manifests of arrivals. Once we started going through June 30, the names appeared.

**Kitty and I were seated side by side looking at the monitor. We let out a scream when the names David and Rosa sprang into view.**

We have made a print-out and will bring it to Marion at Thanksgiving.

If you want to take a look yourself, paste this into your browser:

<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/EIDB/mm.htm?back=http://stevemorse.org/index.html&scale=4&series=1&roll=746&frame=1&separate=false&display=true>

Put in June 28 1906 Frame 69 and hit display