

Ship File Proves Legal Status Of a 1912 Immigrant to U.S.

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A Federal immigration official says a 95-year-old woman facing the cutoff of state medical benefits because she could not prove legal residence status has been in the United States since 1912.

Workers in a records center at St. Albans, Vt., found the name of the woman, Stefania Ludwika Babinski, on the manifest of a ship that docked on the East Coast in 1912, according to the Federal official, Dayva Stewart. Mr. Stewart is the executive assistant to Harold Ezell, the Western Regional Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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