

HISTORY OF LOWELL
IMMIGRATION

Unlike many communities in the United States, Lowell, Massachusetts has been privileged to become the home of people of every race and creed; people from various countries and continents of the world; people with different cultural and ethnic backgrounds - all contributing to the uniqueness of the History of Lowell.

Whether one is a native born Lowellian or born elsewhere, all our ancestral roots are planted beyond the shores of the United States mainland.

The reasons for settling in Lowell are varied - to escape religious persecution; to seek employment in a city of opportunity; fear of life threatening forces (war, famine, poverty) and/or to find freedom in a city of welcome and hospitality.

The objective of our History of Lowell-Immigration project (see attachment) is to show the multi-ethnic origins and diversity of the people of Lowell, beginning with the native American Indians in the early 1600's to the present arrival of the Southeast Asians.

Although Lowell has been and is home to people of every color, race and creed, the project displays, in general, the largest waves of immigrant/refugee groups who have emigrated from their native land and have chosen to settle in Lowell, Massachusetts. The future of Lowell is the children of today and their descendents; as we are all children of our immigrant ancestors no matter how many years or generations removed.