

“Back to the Future” Images

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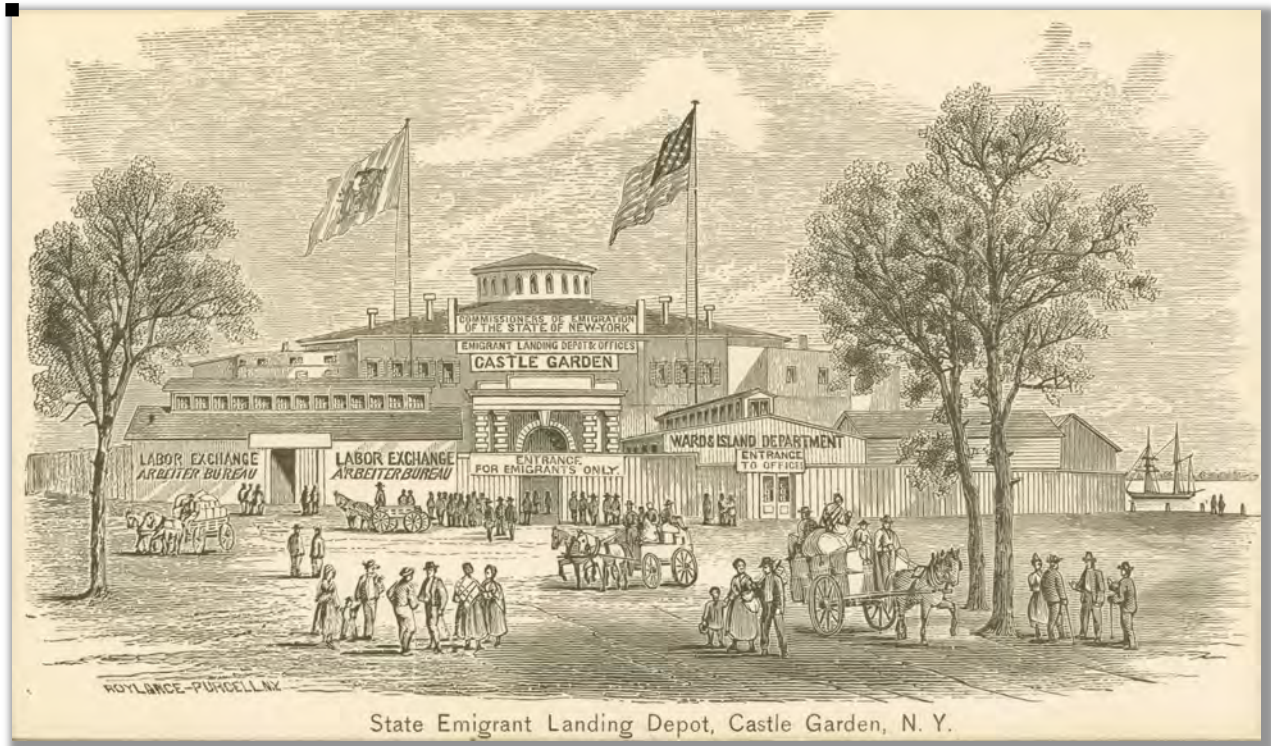


Figure 1: Castle Garden (circa 1861) was first used as an immigration landing by the State of New York in 1855. The facility remained in use until 1890 when the Federal government moved immigration inspections to the U.S. Customs Barge Office. It is estimated that over eight million immigrants were processed at the Castle Garden facility while it was in operation. Source: The New York Public Library, Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Division of Art, Prints and Photographs: Print Collection via *Lapham's Quarterly*, <https://www.laphamsquarterly.org/roundtable/welcome-new-york>.



Figure 2: The U.S. Customs Barge Office in New York City was used as an immigrant processing center from April 1890 to December 1891; then again from 1897 to 1900. The building was originally built to house U.S. Customs passenger baggage examinations and provide workspace for U.S. Customs inspectors and staff. Source:

<https://www.genealogybranches.com/ellisland/bargeoffice.html>.

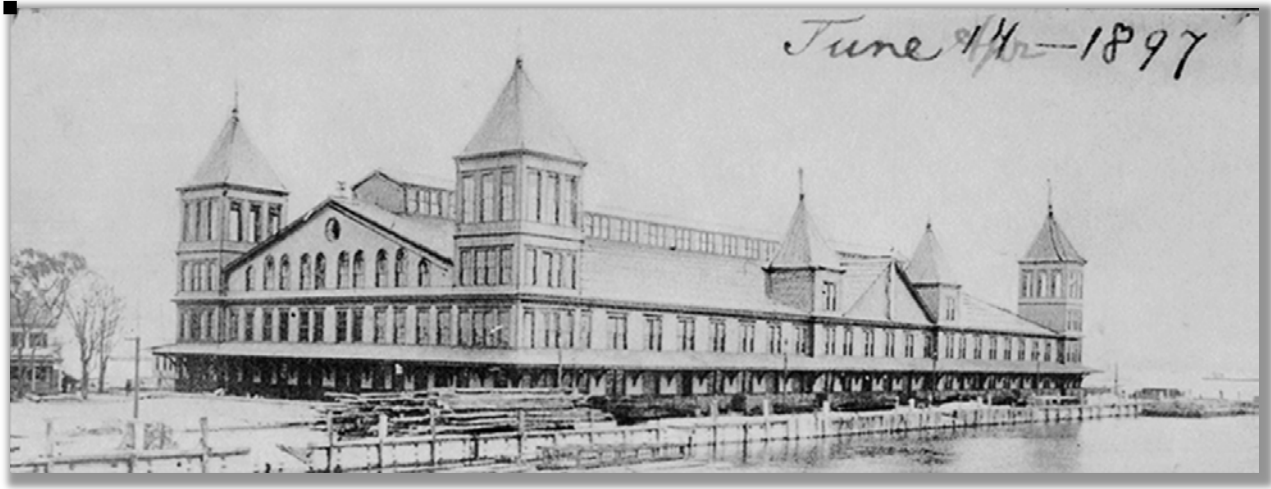


Figure 3: The original wooden Ellis Island Immigration Facility built in 1892 was destroyed by fire in 1897. Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, <https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/our-history/overview-of-ins-history/origins-of-the-federal-immigration-service>.



Figure 4: The rebuilt brick and steel Ellis Island Facility was opened in 1900 and operated until 1924. It is estimated that twelve million immigrants passed through the Ellis Island immigration facilities between 1892 and 1924. This image of the new facility was taken about 1905. Source: Wikipedia website, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ellis_Island#/media/File:Ellis_Island_in_1905.jpg.