

SL1 – Sam Liskov, "Family's Arrival In Bridgeport"

**Time-Line: Decade I, Local and National Events, Explanation of Population, 1890-1910, "Height of immigration ...."**

**Transcript: pp. 1-2**

SL: I was born in the city of Bridgeport. I've lived here all my life except for three or four years away at school. I've lived in the North End all my life.

SL: My folks came from Russia. My mother came with my two brothers and my father had been in the Czar's army in the Russian-Japanese war, but after 20 months, he decided to take off, so without telling anybody, he took off and went over the hill.

SL: He deserted and got to London and then sent for my mother and my two older brothers.

SL: My father's name was Nathan. I have my mother's steerage papers on the ship she came in and her name is listed with my two brothers and they were going to come to America.

I: What year would that have been?

SL: 1907.

SL: My mother's name, God rest here, was Esther Liskofsky. I had it legally shortened after I was admitted to the Bar in 1939. But, my birth certificate says Liskofsky.

SL: My oldest brother was Kieve and my middle brother was Eliot. Elihu, was the Hebrew name.

SL: They came over all together and landed at Ellis Island. Their names are on the Honor Wall. I had it placed there when they were rededicating Ellis Island as a port of entry. They came in 1908. In 1907, rather.

SL: They came into the port of New York at Ellis Island in June, 1907 and as my mother said, "You were born nine months after I got off the boat."