

Transnational flows of goods

With the novel opportunities for mobility in the 19th century came new highways for a potentially global circulation of goods and the diffusion of ideas and expertise. In a creative merging of material history and mobility studies, opportunities arise for historians to delve deeper into mobility issues. Retracing the paths and afterlives of the belongings that migrants brought along or of other objects circulating along the trajectories of jobseekers on the move provides further inlets into their history. For example, letters that migrants sent or received, open up vistas on the perspectives of historical actors' themselves and death wills or auctions provide snapshots of what migrants could afford or chose to own.

- Critical approaches to primary sources
- Material history
- History of contraband