

**Health Exam in Ellis Island, N.Y., Early 20th Century**

Doctors of the U.S. Public Health Service at Ellis Island often used a buttonhook device to check immigrants for **trachoma**, a highly **contagious** and difficult to cure eye disease.



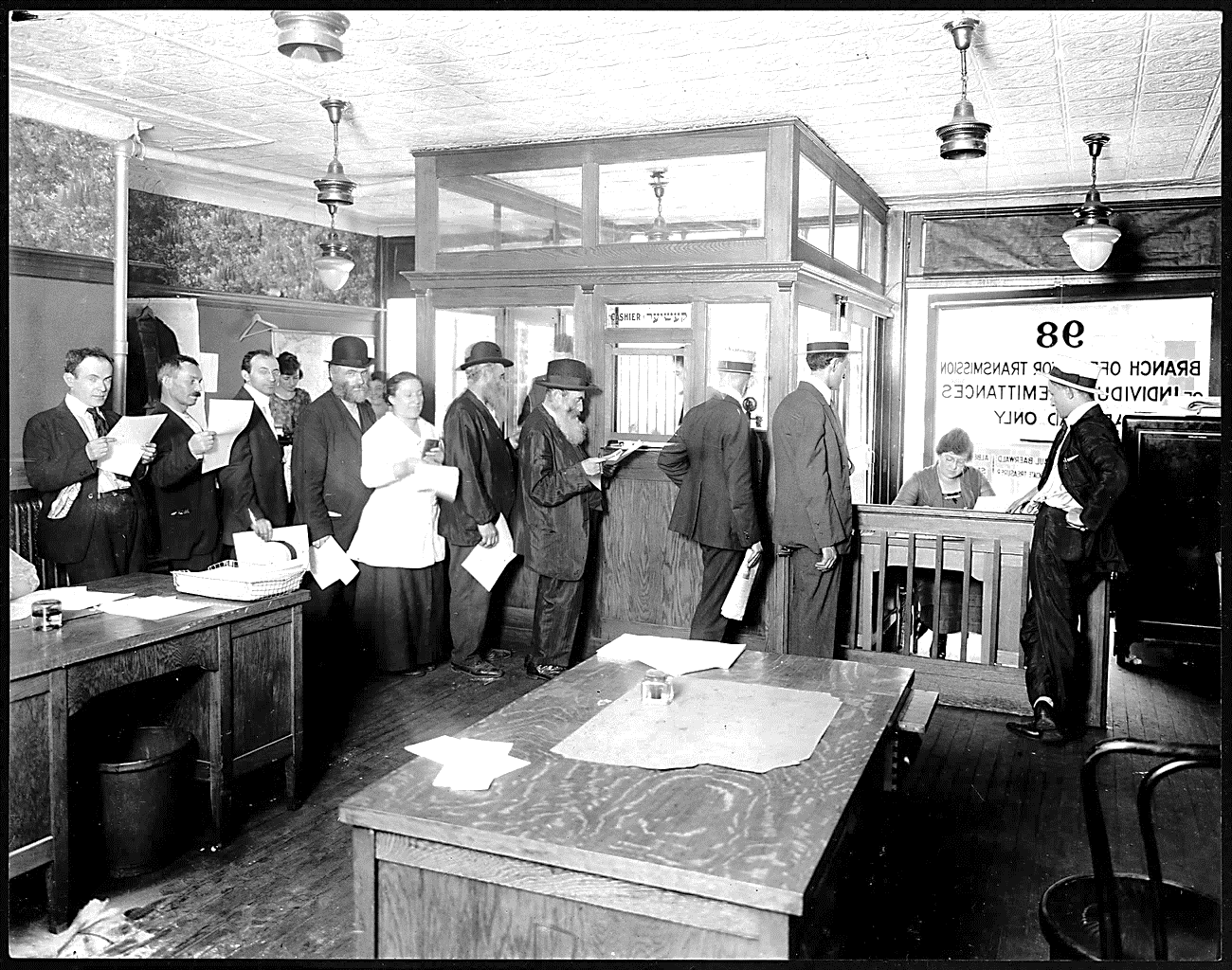
**Immigrant children, Ellis Island, New York. By Brown Brothers, ca. 1908**

Records of the Public Health Service.



**Lantern Slide of Hester Street, New York City, 1903**

Hester Street is a street in the Lower East Side of the New York City borough of Manhattan. It has historically been a center for Ashkenazi Jewish immigrant culture.



**People in a Joint Distribution Committee Transmission Bureau to Send Money to Relatives Overseas, Around 1917-1918**

During World War I, Americans who had relatives living in the war zones sought ways to send help to their families. In September 1915 the Joint Distribution Committee created a special Transmission Bureau as a vehicle through which families in America could transfer funds to their relatives trapped in war-torn countries. This branch office for the transmission of individual remittances was located at 98 Second Avenue, New York City, a neighborhood populated by immigrants.