

NATURALIZATION RECORDS

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Naturalization records can sometimes provide extensive information about your ancestor's trip to America, along with the name of the ship and date of arrival. However, prior to 27 September 1906, when the Immigration and Naturalization Service was formed, most states and county record offices worked independently of each other and did not regulate the act of becoming naturalized. Your ancestor could also file in any court. It will then be necessary to use some of the guides listed below.

If you use the Family History Library Catalog, you can determine what naturalization records have been microfilmed. Look by state and then by county. All naturalizations records from 1906-1956 have been microfilmed. Once you have located the microfilm number, ask for a LDS order form at the genealogy service desk.

GUIDES:

1. *Naturalization records in New York State.* 974.70025 NAT
2. Neagles, James C. *Locating your immigrant ancestor: a guide to naturalization records* 929.3 NEA
3. Newman, John J. *American naturalization records, 1790-1990: what they are and how to use them.* 929.373 NEW
4. Szucs, Loretto Dennis. *They became Americans: finding naturalization records and ethnic origins.* 929.3 SZU
5. Schaefer, Christina F. *Guide to naturalization records of the United States* 929.3 SCH
6. United States. Immigration and Naturalization Service. *Foreign versions, variations, and diminutives of English names. Foreign equivalents of United States military and civilian titles.* 929.4 UNI

Indexes have been created and published in a variety of formats. Listed below are some examples. Check the library catalog online for other materials or ask the library staff. Keep in mind that if your ancestor came through New York or New England and lived there for any length of time, they might have petitioned for citizenship in the local courts. Check our New York and New England District courts records on microfilm.

INDEXES

1. Index to naturalization petitions of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 1865-1957 [Microfilm – M1164].
2. Alphabetical index to petitions for naturalizations, 1824-1941, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York [Microfilm – M1676].
3. Philadelphia naturalization records: an index to records of aliens' declarations of intention and/or oaths of allegiance, 1789-1880, in United States Circuit Court, United States District Court, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Quarter Sessions Court, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia - 323.623 FIL
4. Index to New England Naturalization Petitions 1791-1906, For Courts in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island & Vermont [Microfilm – M1299].

5. Index to Naturalizations of World War I Soldiers, 1918, [Microfilm – M1952]
6. Index to the naturalization records of DuPage County, Illinois - 977.324 IND
7. Davidson County, Tennessee naturalization records : 1803-1906 - 976.855 SMI
8. Naturalization records in New York State - 974.70025 NAT
9. Index to Georgia's federal naturalization records to 1950 - 975.8 GEI
10. Naturalization records, Augusta County, Virginia, 1753-1902 - 975.5916 BUS
11. Hamilton County, Ohio citizenship record abstracts, 1837-1916 - 977.177 HUG
12. Upper Canada naturalization records, 1828-1850 - 971.3 McK
13. Military petitions for naturalization filed in the Philadelphia (County) District Court, 1862-1874 - 974.81103 MOA
14. AND MANY MORE – CHECK THE ONLINE CATALOG

P. William Filby has provided genealogists with a great resource: *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index: A Guide to Published Arrival Records of about 500,000 Passengers Who Came to the United States and Canada in the Seventeenth, Eighteenth, and Nineteenth Centuries.*

The index is available at Ancestry.com, and on the shelf at 323.1 FIL

These books index more than ship passenger lists. They include any published record that would refer to an individual's immigration that is found in periodicals or books. Use this excellent resource as an index to naturalization records as well as passenger lists.

Do you want to learn more about our immigration laws and naturalization records? Visit some of the web sites listed below:

SELECTED WEB SITES:

Actual naturalization indexes can now be found at Footnote.com – the library subscribes to this.

Guide: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~rwguide/lesson16.htm>

Immigration & Naturalization Service: <http://uscis.gov/graphics/index.htm>

National Archives: <http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/natural.html>

New York: <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/aindex.shtml>

North Dakota: <http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndirs/bio&genealogy/ndnatrecords.html>

Wisconsin: <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy/natlzn/natlist.asp>