

United States District Court naturalization records

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	United States. District Court (Georgia : Southern District)
Title:	United States District Court naturalization records
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Biographical/Historical Note

Records of naturalization proceedings in federal courts are usually among the records of the district court for the district in which the proceedings took place. A federal naturalization record usually consists of a declaration of intention, petitions, depositions, and a record of naturalization. Declarations of intention are instruments by which applicant for U.S. citizenship renounced allegiance to foreign sovereignties and declared their intention to become U.S. citizens. Early declarations of intention usually show for each applicant name, country of birth or port of allegiance, date of the application, and signature. Some show date and port of arrival in the United States. After 1906, a longer and more detailed form was used, including such information as applicant's name, age, occupation, and personal description; date and place of birth; citizenship; present address and last foreign address; vessel and port of embarkation for the United States; U.S. port and date of arrival in the United States; and date of application and signature. A declaration of intention normally preceded proof of residence or a petition to become a citizen by two or more years, but the declaration was sometimes not required if the citizen had an honorable discharge from certain military service or had entered the country when a minor. The petition and record usually include the petition for naturalization, affidavits of the petitioner and witnesses, the oath of allegiance, and the order of the court admitting the petitioner to citizenship.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of a microfilm copy of naturalization records for proceedings in the Georgia District Court circuit. Included are declarations of intent, 1908-1940; an index to minutes showing aliens admitted to citizenship, 1790-1865; petition and record, October 1908-1933 (indexed); and a card file showing the name, address, date of birth, date of order of admission, date certificate issued and by which court, petition number, alien registration number, and signature of citizen. This collection includes some indexes.

These records were microfilmed at the Federal Courthouse in Savannah, Georgia, 1989.

Index Terms

Citizenship--United States--Georgia.
Emigration and immigration.
Microfilms.
Naturalization records.
United States. District Court (Georgia : Southern District)

Location of Originals

Original records in the U.S. Courthouse, Savannah, and the National Archives.

Physical and Technical Access Restrictions

A microfilm reader is required to access this collection.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Unknown.

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Acquisition Information

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Restrictions

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Container List

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- 1 X-1605-01. Declarations of intentions, indexed. Index to minutes showing aliens admitted to citizenship, (both C.C. and D.C), 1908 October-1921 January; 1790-1865

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- 2 X-1605-02. Declarations of intentions, indexed. Petition and record, indexed, 1921 January-1940 September; 1908 October-1910 September

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3 X-1605-03. Petition and record, indexed, 1910 November-1915 October

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4 X-1605-04. Petition and record, indexed, 1915 October-1920 May

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5 X-1605-05. Petition and record, indexed, 1920 May-1926 April

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6 X-1605-06. Petition and record, indexed, 1926 April-1928 December

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7 X-1605-07. Petition and record, indexed, 1928 December-1933 February

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8 X-1605-08. Index to aliens admitted to citizenship, A - Letarde, John Paul, 1906-1989

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9 X-1605-09. Index to aliens admitted to citizenship, Leng, Harry - Z, 1906-1989