







Immigration & Naturalization

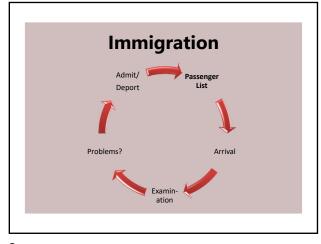
- For most genealogists this means:
 - Passenger lists
 - Traditional naturalization records
 - Declaration of Intent
 - Petition for Naturalization
 - Naturalization Certificate
- The National Archives has many other records in addition to these

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- RG 21 Records of District Courts of the U.S.
- RG 36 Records of the U.S. Customs Service
- RG 56 General Records of the Dept. of Treasury
- RG 85 Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)
- RG 90 Records of the Public Health Service





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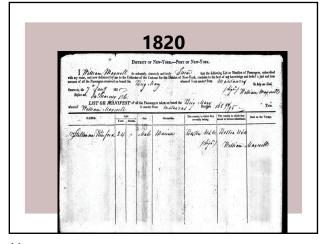
Act of March 2, 1819

- "An act regulating passenger ships and vessels" was the result of the especially high mortality rates on these vessels. Epidemics of typhus, cholera, and smallpox motivated Congress.
- The act limited the number of passengers a ship could carry.
- For those ships leaving the U.S. it outlined the provisions required for each passenger.
- It established the manifesting of all passengers on board.

The first steps taken...

- These early issues with immigration and naturalization were the building blocks for subsequent laws.
- Two major steps were created during this time:
 - The option to deport an undesirable immigrant
 - The requirement to list on a manifest all persons on board a ship docking at the United States.

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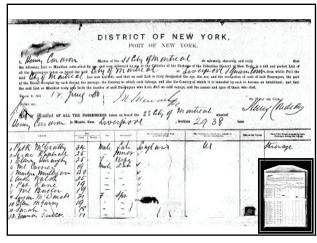


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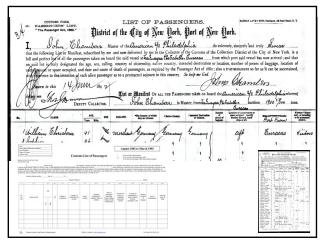
Changes in Passenger Lists

- Begun in 1820, the passenger lists have undergone changes over the years.
- Originally the responsibility of the Customs Office, the emphasis was on baggage onboard.
- As immigration increased, more questions were asked.
- Questions also were added when the United States felt threatened by a group.

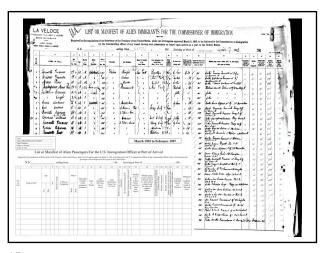
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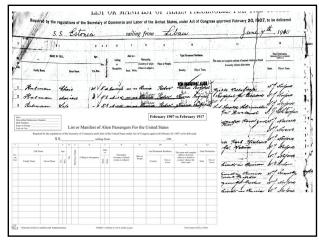


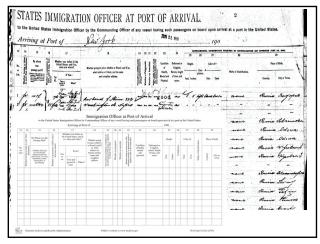
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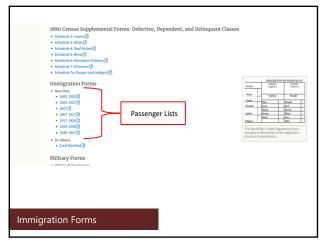


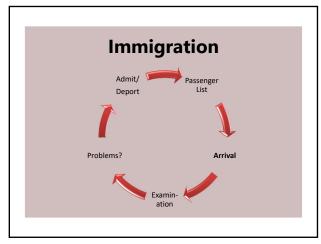




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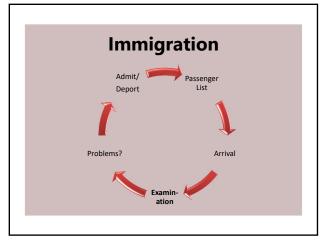






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Immigrant Act of 1882

- First in a long series of modifications
- Began to identify what constituted an "unacceptable" immigrant
- Began to identify who was responsible for the expense of an unacceptable immigrant

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Unacceptable

• If on such examination there shall be found among such passengers any convict, lunatic, idiot, or any person unable to take care of him or herself without becoming a public charge, they shall report the same in writing to the collector of such port, and such person shall not be permitted to land."

Additional Exclusions

- To avoid health epidemics
- To prevent anarchy
- To prevent the undermining of the American "way of life"
- To protect immigrants from forced labor

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Immigrant Inspection

- 1st and 2nd class passengers were inspected on board the ship
- 3rd class, "Steerage," were transferred from the ship to an immigrant inspection station
- Notations made on passenger lists

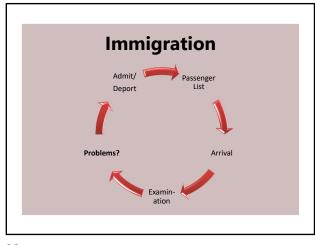
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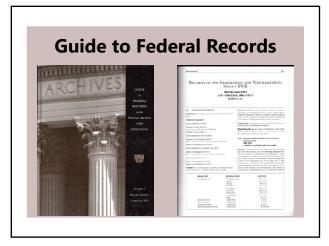
• Doctors at Ellis Island would examine newly arrived immigrants as they walked up stairs, etc. • Chalk marks identified possible problems requiring additional examination. • Goiter • Suppeted mental defect Mental Bisease K Hernia B Back C Conjunctivitis L Lameness C T Trachoma P Physical and Lungs E Eyes F Face F Face F Face F Scalp (Fungus) G Goiter S Sentity





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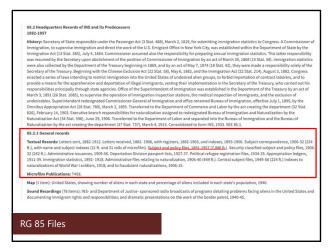




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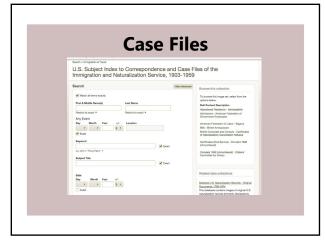


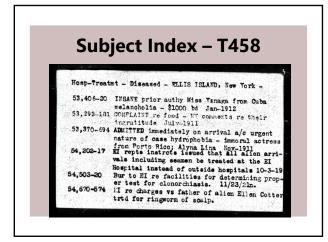


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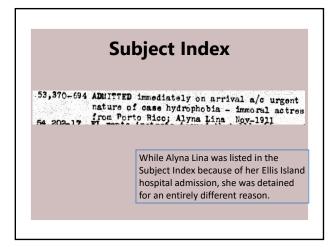
RG 85 Case Files

- Often referred to as Entry 9 files
- U.S. Subject Index to Correspondence and Case Files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1903-1959
 - On microfilm (publication T458)
 - On Ancestry.com
- The records generated from detention of, investigation of, or questions about immigrants.

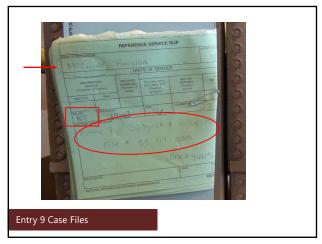




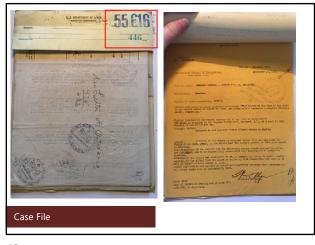
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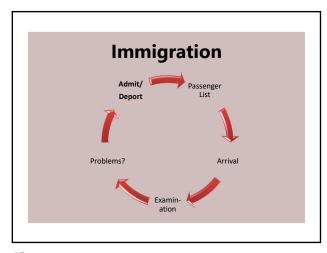
- BSI and Detainee lists
- Detention Cards
- · Medical certificates and other health records
- Board of Special Inquiry interviews
- Correspondence
- · Bills for expenses

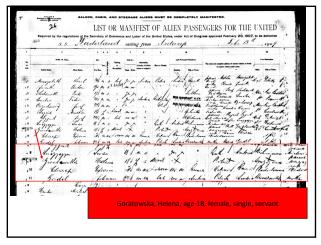
- Bonds
- · Court records
- · Verification of landing
- Records generated by county officials
- · Arrest warrants
- · Deportation warrants

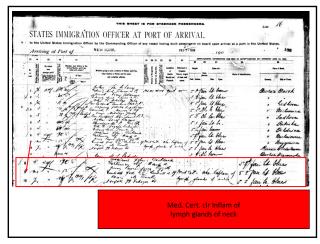
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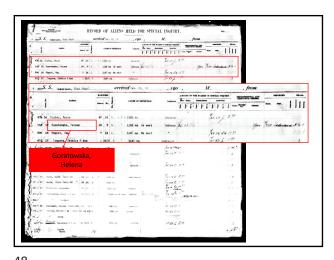
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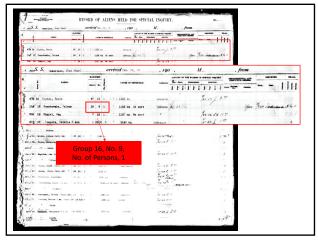


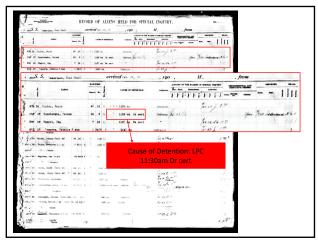


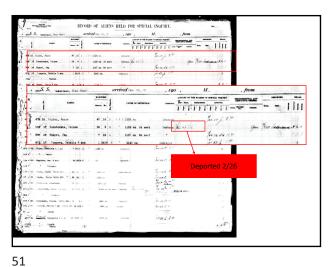


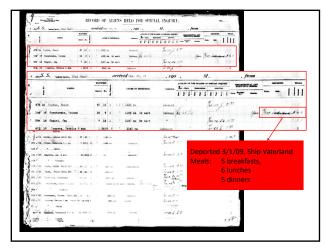
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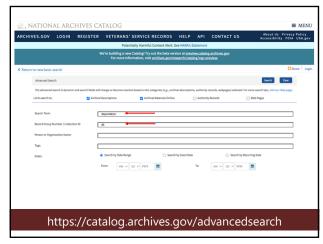




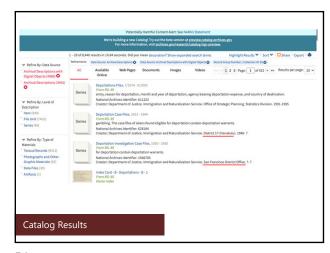


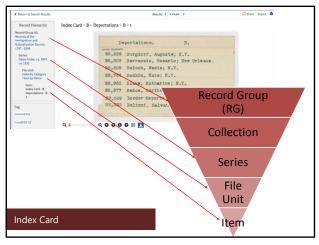






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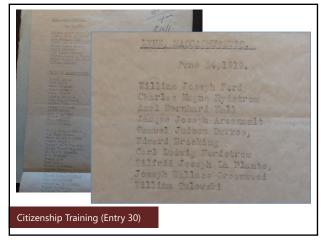
Americanization Files

- Education and Americanization Files, 1914-1936 (Entry 30)
- Citizenship Training Textbooks, 1918-1935 (Entry 34)
- May not have information on your ancestors but offer insight into what immigrants were experiencing in becoming Americans.

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Citizenship Training

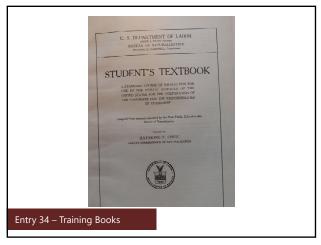
- Much of the information is the business of the schools
- May luck out and find that lists of graduates have been included
- Could show an ancestor who went through such a class, but perhaps died before completing the naturalization process.

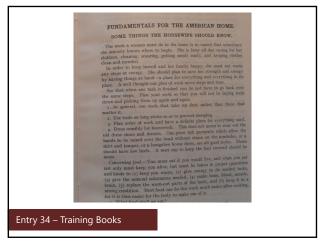




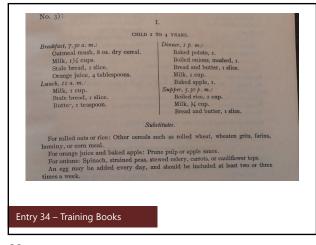
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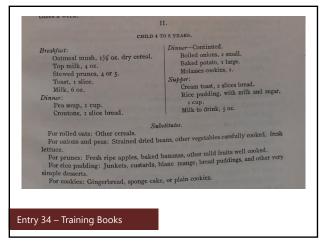






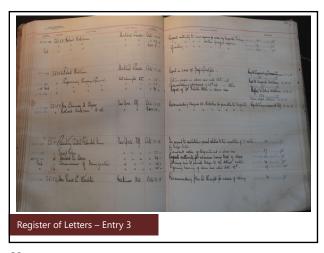
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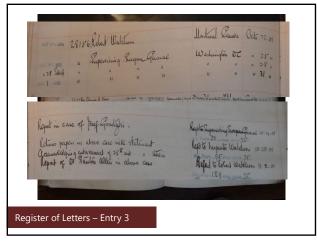


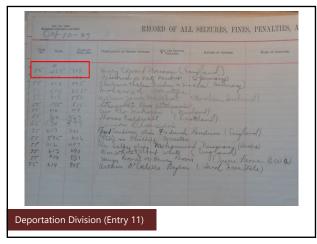


Registers & Indexes Registers of Letters Received, 07/12/1891-09/11/1903 (Entry 3) Records of Passports Procured by the Deportation Division, 1927-1937 (Entry 11) Index of Fraudulent Naturalizations, 1906-1915 (Entry 28) Index to Naturalizations of World War I Soldiers, 1918 (Entry 29)

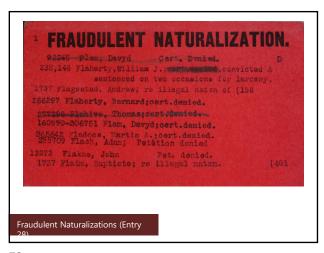
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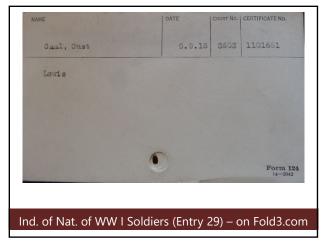


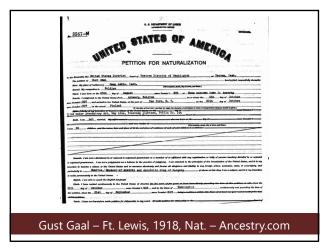




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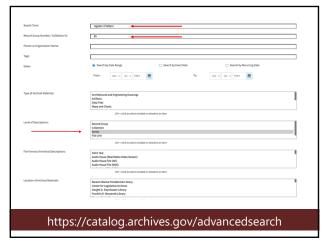




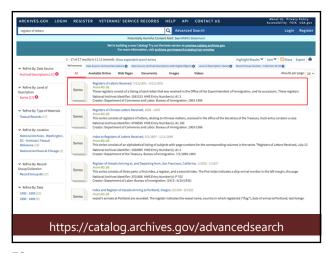
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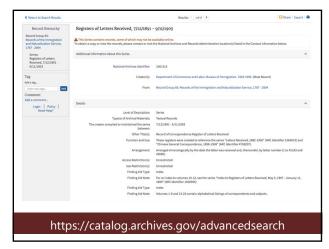


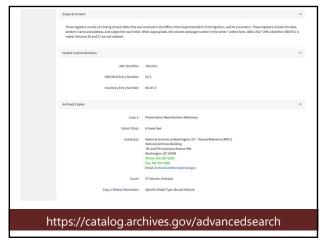




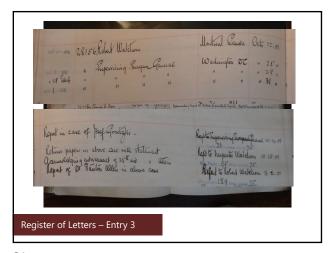
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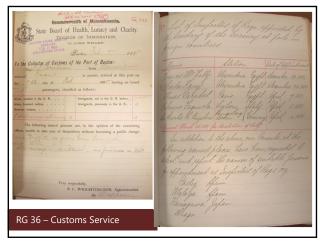




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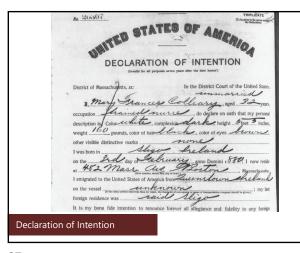


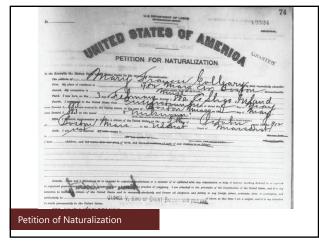


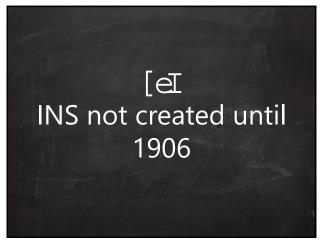
Naturalization Process

- Declaration of Intent (1st Papers)
- Certificate of Naturalization

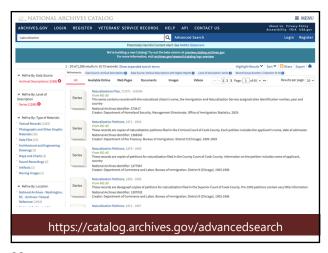
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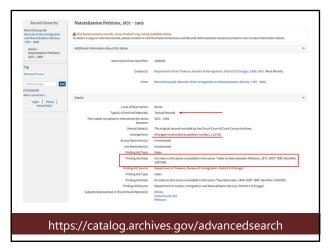
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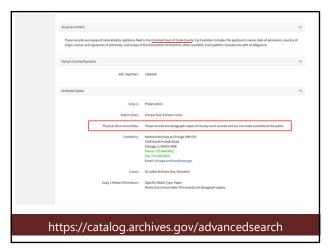
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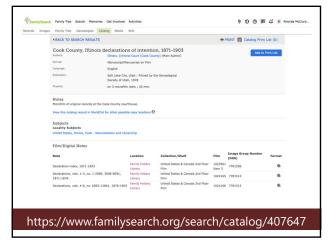
- Many available on Ancestry.com
- Many images available to 1945 on FamilySearch.org
- FamilySearch.org may only be images that must be browsed

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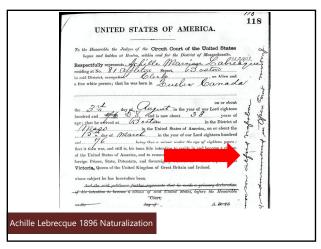


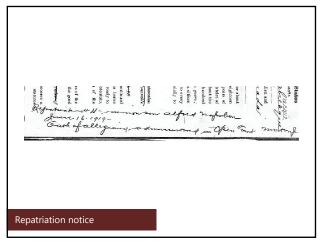


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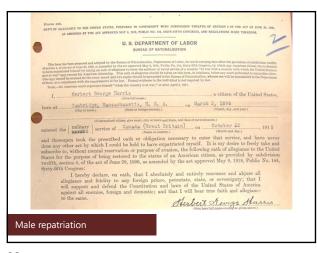
Repatriation

- Repatriation was often necessary for those women who had married aliens and lost their citizenship.
- U.S. born men who fought for another country (such as Canada during World War I before the U.S. entered) would lose their U.S. citizenship.
- Applying for citizenship in another country was another way to lose U.S. citizenship.





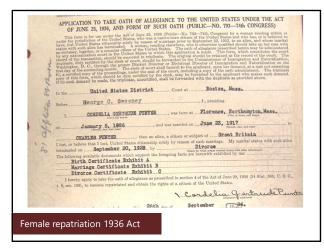
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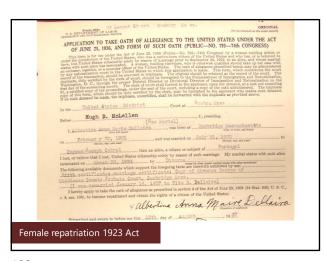
Women & Repatriation

- Repatriation of women who lost their citizenship not an option until the passage of an act on June 25, 1936.
- And one more act passed on July 2, 1940, would be needed before real separation of marriage and citizenship took place.

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Finding Repatriation Records

- Repatriation records used Form N-415, Application to Take Oath of Allegiance to the United States
- Usually filed in separate volumes within the court.
- ALL of the titles will include the word *repatriation*
- Found in RG 21 Records of District Courts of the United States
- Generally found at NARA Branches

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Textual Records (in Atlanta): Case files, 1813-18.

21.2.2 Records of the U.S. District Court for the Northern
District

Textual Records (in Atlanta): Records of the Northeastern Division (Huntsville), including minute books, 1826-1963; dockets, 1838-1957; case files, 1866-1963; final record books, 1875-1931; and records relating to naturalization, 1875-94, 1909-11, and 1923-26. Records of the Eastern Division (Anniston), including minute books, 1903-64; dockets, 1903-57; case files, 1903-63; civil order books, 1939-50; and final record books, 1907-30. Records of the Middle Division (Gadsdan), including minute books, 1939-76; dockets, 1906-67; case files, 1910-63; and final record books, 1911-30. Records of the Middle Division (Gadsdan), including minute books, 1939-1932; roll of attorneys, 1885-1947; and records concerning naturalization, 1902-62. Records of the Western Division (Tuscaloosa), including minute books, 1905-68; dockets, 1905-63; case files, 1910-63; and final record books, 1912-31.

Records of the Northwestern Division (Florence), including minute books, 1909-75; case files, 1910-63; and records concerning naturalization, 1922-29. Records of the Jasper Division, including minute books, 1912-67; dockets, 1912-57; case files, 1910-63; and final record books, 1914-30. Records for all divisions including judgments of acquittals, 1946-74; civil judgment dockets, 1945-52; indexes to general minutes, 1885-1953; minute books, 1938-595; civil order books, 1938-59; indexes to general minutes, 1885-1953; minute books, 1938-595; civil order books, 1938-50; indexes to general minutes, 1885-1954; minute books, 1938-64; declarations of intention, 1910-59; naturalization petitions and indexes, 1911-63; overseas naturalization petitions, 1943-55; naturalization orders, 1926-70; and repatriation oaths, 1922-63. Also judgement and order books for both criminal and civil cases, 1951-76.

Microfilm Publications: M1547.

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