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Session Overview

Passport Records: Passport Applications at NARA, 1790s–1925

Passports are documents that prove a person's identity and citizenship and have been required for most foreign travel since 1941. This lecture will discuss the genealogical value of U.S. passport applications and related records, 1795–1925, that are held by the National Archives and Records Administration, and will focus on records that are available online.

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Passport Records April 1925–present
at Department of State

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Passport Records, before April 1925
Other State Department Records, 1790s–1989

Record Group 59
General Records of the
Department of State

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Passport Applications

Part 1: Introduction

Passport applications can be an excellent source of genealogical information, especially about foreign-born individuals. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has passport applications from October 1795-March 1925; the [U.S. Department of State](#) has passport applications from April 1925 to the present.

The Department of State has issued passports to American citizens traveling abroad since 1789, but did not have sole authority to do so until August 23, 1856, when Congress passed an act (11 *Statutes at Large* 52, 60) prohibiting other governmental entities, such as state and judicial authorities, from issuing passports.

Foreign travel in the nineteenth century was much more frequent than one might expect. Overseas travelers included businessmen, the middle class, and [naturalized U.S. citizens](#) who returned to their homelands to visit relatives. For example, statistics show that the State Department issued 130,360 passports between 1810 and 1873, more than 369,844 between 1877 and 1909, and more than 1,184,085 between 1912 and 1925. It is unknown how many American citizens traveled abroad with passports issued by state or judicial authorities prior to 1856 or without any passport prior to 1918.

Although 95 percent of mid-19th century passport applicants were men, many **women** also traveled overseas. If the applicant was to be accompanied by his wife, children, servants, or other females under his protection, their names, ages, and relationship to the applicant were stated on the passport application. One passport was then issued to cover

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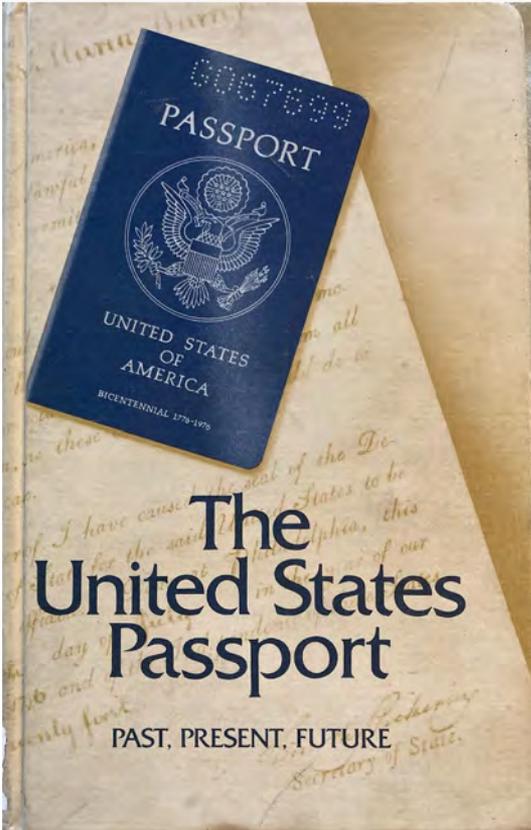
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- [View our video on Researching in Passport Application Records](#)
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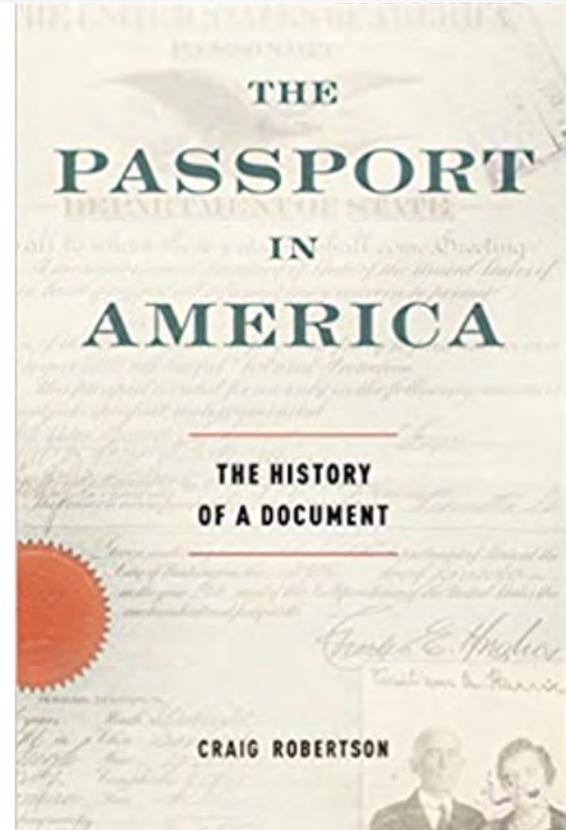
Free online at Hathitrust.org –
see link in handout

Department of State, 1976



Free online –
<https://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:osobl/9780199927579.001.0001>

Craig Robertson, Oxford Univ. Press, 2012





Online Information

Digital images of many passport records are online

Indexes to the applications

- Name
- Date of application
- Application number

Passport applications

- Multiple record series
- For different time periods
- For different types of applicants

Consult handout for online locations



Why Search for U.S. Passport Applications?

Americans traveling overseas included

- Businessmen
- Tourists
- Naturalized U.S. citizens going home to visit relatives

Statistics of passports issued

- 1810–1873: 130,360
- 1877–1909: 369,844
- 1912–1925: 1,184,085
- Fiscal Year 2023: 24,000,000

Who Applied for U.S. Passports?

Who applied?

- 95% men (mid-19th century)
- Passports included wife and children (if requested if family traveling together)
 - Wife's name may be omitted
 - Children's names and ages are usually included
- 40% women (by 1923)

Who Applied for U.S. Passports?

Multiple applications by the same person due to length of passport validity

1790s–1845	Duration of journey
1845–August 1873	Duration of journey (or up to 1 year) Renew annually at a U.S. consulate if still abroad
September 1873–January 11, 1915	2 years
January 12, 1915–June 3, 1920	6 months
June 4–11, 1920	2 years
June 12, 1920–1925	1 year
1925–September 13, 1959	2 years
September 14, 1959–August 25, 1968	3 years (2 year renewal option)
August 26, 1968–after 1976?	5 years
After 1976?–present	10 years (5 years if under 16 years old)



Reasons for not Applying for a U.S. Passport

General Rule: Until 1941, U.S. Citizens were not required to have a passport

Exceptions:

- Required from August 19, 1861, to March 17, 1862
- Recommended by President's Executive Order 2285 of December 15, 1915
- Required from May 22, 1918, until formal termination of World War I by treaty in 1921

Required since June 21, 1941 (*55 Statutes at Large 252*)



Reasons for not Applying for a U.S. Passport

General Rule: Resident aliens were not eligible for a U.S. passport

Exception: Aliens who had declared their intent to become a naturalized U.S. citizen could obtain a passport:

- March 3, 1863–May 30, 1866
- March 2, 1907–June 4, 1920



Types of U.S. Passports

- Regular
- Emergency
- Special
- Insular



Regular Passport Applications

- 1795–March 1925 in NARA custody
- Earliest applications were handwritten letters
- Most are for people currently in the United States
- Some are for people who are already overseas and request submitted to Department of State or consular official abroad
- By the 1860s most were submitted on printed forms
- No charge until July 1, 1862, when a \$3 fee was instituted



Regular Passport Applications

Information Content

- **Exact date of birth** (usually)
- **Place of birth** (usually specific)
- **Physical description** (age; height; color of eyes, hair, complexion; etc.)
- **Occupation**
- **Foreign destination and reason for travel**
- **Naturalization** (court and date of naturalization; maybe ship and date of arrival)
- **Photographs** (since December 21, 1914)

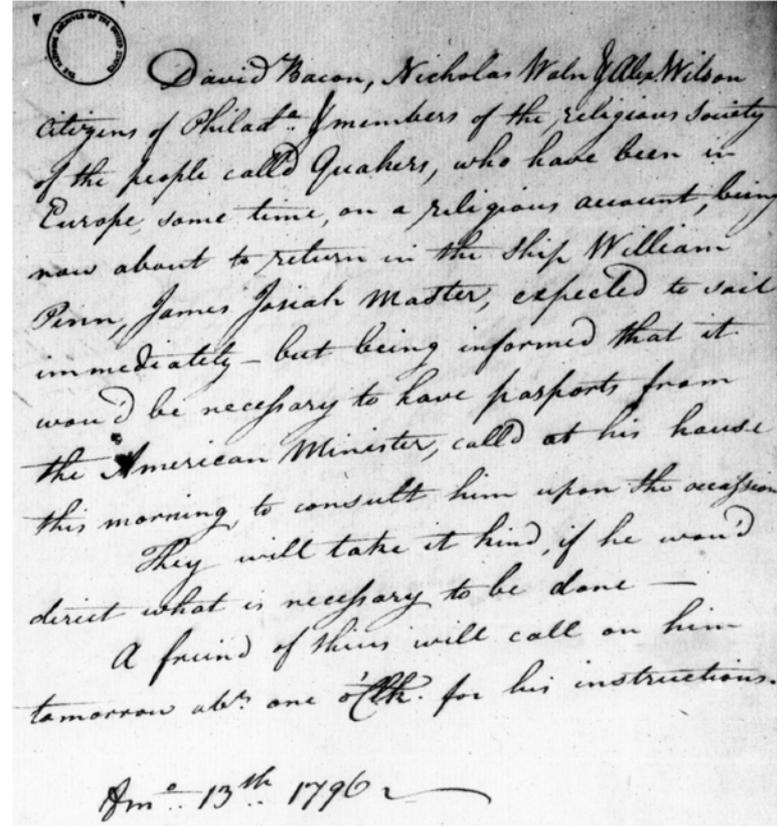
Regular Passport Applications

Some of the earliest applications were made overseas...

David Bacon, Nicholas Waln, Alex Wilson, citizens of Philadelphia & members of the religious society of the people called Quakers, who have been in Europe.... Being about to return in the ship William Penn, James Josiah, master, expected to sail immediately but being informed that it would be necessary to have pasports [sic] from the American Minister, called at his house this morning....

They will take it kind, if he would direct what is necessary to be done.

A friend of theirs will call on him tomorrow about one o'clock for his instructions.




 David Bacon, Nicholas Waln & Alex Wilson
 Citizens of Philad^a. Members of the Religious Society
 of the people called Quakers, who have been in
 Europe some time, on a religious account, being
 now about to return in the Ship William
 Penn, James Josiah Master, expected to sail
 immediately - but being informed that it
 would be necessary to have pasports from
 the American Minister, call'd at his house
 this morning, to consult him upon the occasion
 They will take it kind, if he would
 direct what is necessary to be done -
 A friend of theirs will call on him
 tomorrow abt: one o'clock for his instructions.
 Jan^y 13th 1796

Regular Passport Applications

James Couper Jr.
New Castle, DE,
January 19, 1835,
writes to James
Eakin asking him to
obtain passports
for Samuel M.
Couper, age 30,
and John E.
Couper, age 25,
who went to St.
Croix without first
getting a passport.

Volume 6, January 7-
April 30, 1835, images
21-22, National
Archives Identifier:
235199625

Recd. Dept of State Jan 22? Passports sent to Mr. Eakin etc.
& sent as requested within
Delaware

New Castle Jan 19. 1835.

My dear James,

We have just had letters from Sam & John, giving us gratifying intelligence of the state of John's health & the comfort of both so far as accommodations at the West End of St. Croix are concerned - They reached the Island during the rainy season & were consequently prevented from going out so much as would have been desirable for John - The unpleasant and weather however was passing over & they anticipated a speedy return of a fine time for out-door exercise and amusement - They had a rough but rapid passage out - 11 days from the Cape - John suffered constantly from sea-sickness, while Sam, a fresh water man, sick but 2 or 3 days from the latter - They propose to run about among the Islands in search of business or pleasure, or both - but are likely to see 'tween some inconvenience from the want of passports from the U.S. State Department - Will you oblige us all by obtaining them from Mr. Sec. Forsyth, or whom else may be charged with the particular business -

informing me what are the expenses incurred at the Department? They have sent us a copy of the particular respecting their persons, which they deem sufficient to enable them to procure the passports - & then I transcribe, hoping it may embrace all the required information - viz -

Samuel M. Couper, a native Citizen of the U. States, age 30 years - Nation & Fuel English - Forehead ordinary - Eyes blue - Nose large - Mouth small - Chin round - Hair light brown - Complexion light - Face oval - Whiskers sandy -

John E. Couper a native Citizen of the U. States, age 25 years - Nation & Fuel 6 1/2 Indian English - Forehead ordinary - Eyes light blue - Nose large - Mouth small - Chin round - Hair light brown - Complexion fair - Face oval - Whiskers sandy -

I have but little time left before the departure of the Mail for the South today to add more & am unwilling to wait till tomorrow, in order that no unnecessary delay may arise in forwarding the Papers to the West India - Be an all-wise at the different points of our extensive concern - & all unite in very affectionate regards to yourself -

Yours very truly
J. Eakin Esq.



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Regular Passport Applications

Some notaries public created their own form to save themselves time...

I, John Gill, Notary Public, ... State Maryland, ... do Certify, Attest and Make Known, That ... personally appeared William Herrmann, An American Citizen

Age 28 Years

Stature 5 Feet 8 Inches

Forehead rather high

Eyes black

Nose common

... he is a native Citizen.... Born in Baltimore, state of Maryland. At the same time appeared John Herrman of Baltimore who says he has been acquainted with the above named William Herrman since he was an infant and knows he was born in Baltimore aforesaid, as he hath sworn, and is his son.

March 10, 1835, Vol. 6, January 7–April 30, 1835,

National Archives Identifier: 235199625, image 133

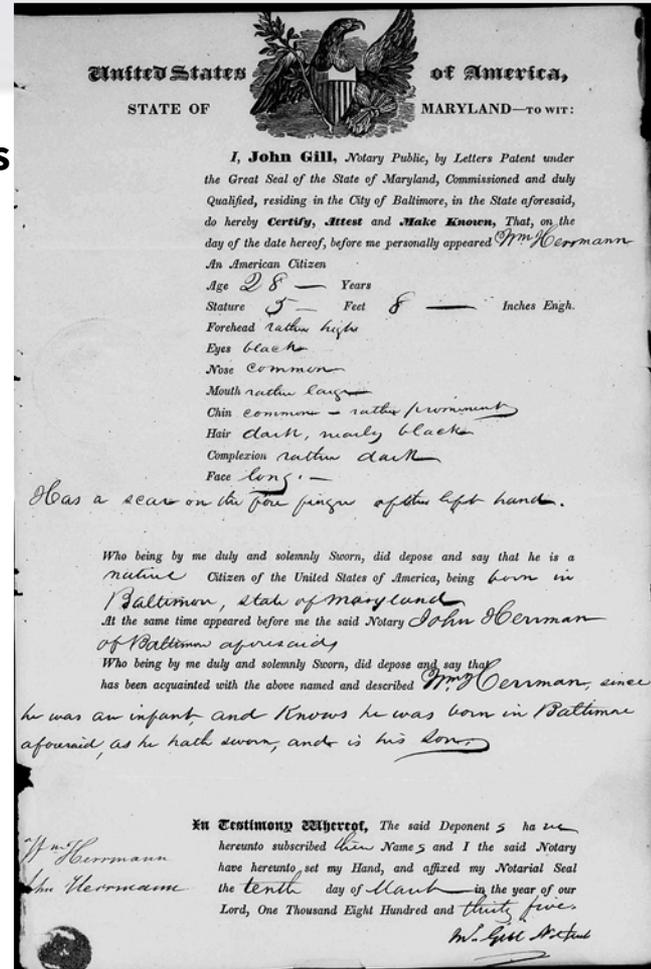
Mouth rather large

Chin common – rather prominent

Hair dark, nearly black

Complexion rather dark

Face long



Regular Passport Applications

Abraham P. Grant, born in New York State, 5 April 1804, “with my daughters Mary B., Josephine L., and Elizabeth P. Grant all native citizens of the United States....”

Age 64	Small mouth
5 ft. 9 inches	Oval chin
High forehead	Brown [?] hair
Blue eyes	Florid complexion
Prominent nose	Oval face

With Oath of Allegiance, both executed in the District of Columbia, March 8, 1869

Vol. 343, March 6–31, 1869,
National Archives Identifier: 235403142,
images 17–18

United States of America. *MOL 8*

Sir }
County of Washington } ss:
Abraham Grant, do swear
that I was born in the *State of New York* on or about
the *5* day of *April* 1804, that I am
a *native* and legal citizen of the United States, and do so
swear *aloud*, with my daughters *Mary B., Josephine L., and Elizabeth P. Grant*
all *native* citizens of the United States.

Sworn to before me, this *8th* day of *March* 1869
A. P. Grant
Notary Public.

I, _____, do swear
that I am acquainted with the above-named _____, and
with the facts above stated by him, and that the same are true, to the best of my knowledge
and belief.

Sworn to before me, this _____ day of _____, 1869.

Description of *A. P. Grant*

AGE: <i>64</i> years.	MOUTH: <i>small</i>
STATURE: _____ ft. _____ inches, English.	CHIN: <i>oval</i>
FOREHEAD: <i>high</i>	HAIR: <i>br</i>
EYES: <i>blue</i>	COMPLEXION: <i>florid</i>
NOSE: <i>prom.</i>	FACE: <i>oval</i>

Amesbury Wild
Notary Public.

Address DEPARTMENT OF STATE, PASSPORT BUREAU.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Sir }
County of Washington } ss:
A. P. Grant

do solemnly *swear* that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution
and Government of the United States against all enemies, whether domestic or
foreign, and that I will bear true faith, allegiance, and loyalty to the same, any
ordinance, resolution, or law of any State, convention, or legislature to the contrary
notwithstanding; and, further, that I do this with a full determination, pledge, and
purpose, without any mental reservation or evasion whatsoever; and, further, that
I will well and faithfully perform all the duties which may be required of me by
law: So help me God.

A. P. Grant

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *8th* day
of *March*, 1869.

A. P. Grant
Notary Public.



Regular Passport Applications

Abraham P. Grant, born in New York State, 5 April 1804, "with my daughters Mary B., Josephine L., and Elizabeth P. Grant all native citizens of the United States..." Vol. 343, March 6-31, 1869, National Archives Identifier: 235403142, images 19-21

8. Mcl 8

Be pleased to fill blanks in Passport No. _____, and return copy of the insertions as below to the Department of State.

Description of Miss Mary B Grant

Age: 28 Years
Stature: 5 Feet — Inches English.
Forehead: med
Eyes: grey blue
Nose: well shap
Mouth: well
Chin: round
Hair: br
Complexion: fair
Face: oval
Signature:

pass

9. Mcl 8

Be pleased to fill blanks in Passport No. _____, and return copy of the insertions as below to the Department of State.

Description of Miss Josephine L. Grant

Age: 26 Years
Stature: 5 Feet 1 Inches English.
Forehead: high
Eyes: dk
Nose: long
Mouth: well
Chin: sharp
Hair: dk
Complexion: br
Face: full
Signature:

pass

10. Mcl 8

Be pleased to fill blanks in Passport No. _____, and return copy of the insertions as below to the Department of State.

Description of Miss Elizabeth P Grant

Age: 21 Years
Stature: 5 Feet — Inches English.
Forehead: med
Eyes: br
Nose: long
Mouth: well
Chin: full
Hair: br
Complexion: fair
Face: thin.
Signature:

pass



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Mathias Mazanec, born at Rybakovic, Bohemia

July 13, 1876, No. 50445, from Vol. 469, July 1-31, 1876, National Archives Identifier: 235489732, image 263

presented 26 day June 1876.

William Kaizer
NOTARY PUBLIC

Mathias Mazanec
Maranec as naturalized

Mouth: medium

Chin: oval

Hair: dark

Complexion: light

Face: oval

Mathias Mazanec, do solemnly swear that I will support, protect and

*Superior Court Cook
Jury Ills. Oct. 31, 1874*

[FORM FOR NATURALIZED CITIZEN.]

No. 50445 Issued July 13, 1876

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

State of Illinois

County of Cook

I, Mathias Mazanec, do swear that I was born in Rybakovic, Bohemia on or about the 14th day of March 1853; that I am a NATURALIZED AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES and about to travel abroad; and further, that I am the IDENTICAL PERSON described in the Certificate of Naturalization herewith presented

Sworn to before me, this 26th day of June, 1876.

William Kaizer
NOTARY PUBLIC

Description of Mathias Mazanec
Maranec as naturalized

Age: 23 years. Mouth: medium

Stature: 5 feet, 9 inches, Eng. Chin: oval

Forehead: high Hair: dark

Eyes: blue Complexion: light

Nose: medium Face: oval

I, Mathias Mazanec, do solemnly swear that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States against all enemies, whether domestic or foreign; and that I will bear true faith, allegiance, and loyalty to the same, any ordinance, resolution, or law of any State, Convention, or Legislature to the contrary notwithstanding; and further, that I do this with a full determination, pledge, and purpose, without any mental reservation or evasion whatsoever; and further, that I will well and faithfully perform all the duties which may be required of me by law. So help me God.

Sworn to before me, this 26th day of June, 1876.

William Kaizer
Notary Public

When husband, wife, minor children, and servants expect to travel together, a single passport for the whole will suffice.

For any other person in the party a separate passport will be required.

Address DEPARTMENT OF STATE, PASSPORT BUREAU.

*Superior Court Cook
Jury Ills. Oct. 31, 1874*



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Anton Wilhelm, born at Copenhagen

February 1, 1892 - No. 34975 - Vol. 731, February 1-29, 1892,

National Archives Identifier: 235663680, image 20

In support of the above application I do solemnly swear that I was born at Copenhagen, in Denmark, on or about the 8th day of November, 1857; that I emigrated to the United States, sailing on board the Soelund, from Copenhagen, on or about the First day of December, 1885; that I resided 6 years, uninterruptedly, in the United States, from Decemb^r 1885 to 1891, at Chicago; that I was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the Circuit Court of Cook County, at Chicago, Ills, on the 6th day of April, 1891, as shown by the accompanying Certificate of Naturalization; that I am the IDENTICAL PERSON described in said Certificate; that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Chicago, in the State of Illinois where I follow the occupation of dry goods dealer; that I am about to go abroad temporarily; and that I intend to return to the United States in about one year with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein.

13 Am 64

PASSPORT FOR NATURALIZED CITIZEN Form No. 1033. Printed and sold by the Chicago Legal News Co.

(Edition of July, 1888.) (FORM FOR NATURALIZED CITIZEN.)

No. 34975 Issued July 1/92

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

State of Illinois } ss.
COUNTY OF Cook }

I, Anton Wilhelm a NATURALIZED AND LOYAL CITIZEN of the UNITED STATES, do hereby apply to the Department of State at Washington for a passport for myself and my minor children as follows: born at Copenhagen, on the 8th day of November, 1857, and

In support of the above application I do solemnly swear that I was born at Copenhagen, in Denmark, on or about the 8th day of November, 1857; that I emigrated to the United States, sailing on board the Soelund, from Copenhagen, on or about the First day of December, 1885; that I resided 6 years, uninterruptedly, in the United States, from Decemb^r 1885 to 1891, at Chicago; that I was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the Circuit Court of Cook County, at Chicago, Ills, on the 6th day of April, 1891, as shown by the accompanying Certificate of Naturalization; that I am the IDENTICAL PERSON described in said Certificate; that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Chicago, in the State of Illinois, where I follow the occupation of dry goods dealer; that I am about to go abroad temporarily; and that I intend to return to the United States in about one year with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: SO HELP ME GOD.

Sworn to before me this 29th day of January, 1892 at Chicago, Ills.

Anton Wilhelm
Notary Public.

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age, 34 years. Mouth, large.
Stature, 5 feet, 10 inches, Eng. Chin, rather.
Forehead, broad. Hair, gray.
Eyes, blue. Complexion, fair.
Nose, common. Face, oval.

IDENTIFICATION.

Chicago, January 29, 1892.

I hereby certify that I know the above-named Anton Wilhelm personally, and know him to be the identical person referred to in the within-described Certificate of Naturalization, and that the facts stated in his affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Frederick C. Gebble
(ADDRESS OF WITNESS) 1206 Milwaukee Ave Chicago, Ills.

Applicant desires passport sent to following address:
Frederick C. Gebble
1206 Milwaukee Ave
Chicago, Ills.



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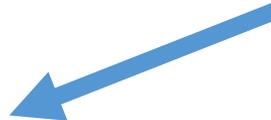
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Milton R. Wood, born at Martinsburgh, NY

February 1, 1892 - No. 34975 - Vol. 731, February 1-29, 1892,

National Archives Identifier: 235663680, image 26

In support of the above application, I do solemnly swear that I was born at Martinsburgh
Lewis County, in the State of New York on or about
the 4th day of October, 1840; that my father was a native citizen of
the United States; that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being
at Chicago in the State of Illinois,
where I follow the occupation of Railroad Builder; that I am about to go abroad
temporarily; and that I intend to return to the United States within one
year with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship
therein.



[REVISION OF JUNE, 1887.] [FORM FOR NATIVE CITIZEN.] Issued Feb 11/92
No. 34975

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
COUNTY OF COOK.) ss.

I, Milton R. Wood a NATIVE AND LOYAL CITIZEN
OF THE UNITED STATES, do hereby apply to the Department of State at Washington for a
passport for myself and wife, and my minor children, as follows:

born at _____ on the _____ day of _____ 18____ and

In support of the above application, I do solemnly swear that I was born at Martinsburgh
Lewis County, in the State of New York on or about
the 4th day of October, 1840; that my father was a native citizen of
the United States; that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being
at Chicago in the State of Illinois,
where I follow the occupation of Railroad Builder; that I am about to go abroad
temporarily; and that I intend to return to the United States within one
year with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship
therein.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the
United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and
allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation
or purpose of evasion: So HELP ME God.

Sworn to before me this 29th day of January, 1892: Milton R. Wood
Mark A. Foster
Notary Public

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 51 years. Mouth: Medium.
Stature: 5 feet, 8 inches, Eng. Chin: Round.
Forehead: High. Full. Hair: Brown.
Eyes: Blue. Complexion: Fair.
Nose: Straight. Face: Oval.

IDENTIFICATION.

Chicago, Illinois, Jan. 29, 1892.

I hereby certify that I know the above-named Milton R. Wood
personally and know him to be a native-born citizen of the United States, and that the facts
stated in his affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[ADDRESS OF WITNESS:] Philip A. Hoyle
144 Superior St. Chicago

Applicant desires passport sent to following address:
Milton R. Wood
No. 2904 Prairie Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Regular Passport Applications

William Victor Prechtel Passport Application

Pages 1 and 2

Identifying information; countries he intended to visit; purpose in going abroad

From Passport Applications, January 6, 1906–March 31, 1925 (National Archives Identifier: 583830). Images online at Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org.

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The application must be in duplicate and accompanied by three unmounted photographs of the applicant, not larger than three by four inches in size, one of which is to be affixed to the passport by the Department; the other two must be attached to this application and be duplicate, respectively. The photographs must be on this paper and should have a light background. The one not attached to the application should be signed by the applicant across its face, so as not to obscure the features.

FOR NATIVE CITIZENS.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF Ohio COUNTY OF Cuyahoga

I, William Victor Prechtel, a NATIVE and LOYAL Citizen of the UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport.

I solemnly swear that I was born at Cleveland, in the State of Ohio, on or about the 24 day of August, 1897,* that my father, Charles Prechtel, was born in Cleveland, Ohio; that he emigrated to the United States from the port of Amsterdam, Netherlands, in the year 1860; that he resided in the United States, from 1860 until he reached the United States, on or about the 10 day of August, 1861; that he was naturalized as a citizen of the United States, before the 10 day of August, 1862; that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Norwalk, in the State of Ohio, where I follow the occupation of student; that I am about to go abroad temporarily; and I intend to return to the United States within one year after the date of my departure, and to perform the duties of citizenship therein; and that I desire a passport for use in visiting the countries hereinafter named for the following purpose:

France To enter American Field and England Ambulance Service

I intend to leave the United States from the port of New York, sailing on board the French line on September 1, 1917.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion. So help me God.

Sworn to before me this third day of August, 1917.

W. V. Prechtel
Applicant

C. A. Blaisdell
Clerk of the Court at Norwalk, Ohio

*A person born in the United States in a place where he has resided must exhibit his birth certificate with his application. If the applicant's father was born in this country, lines should be drawn through the blanks in brackets.

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 20 years. Month: normal
 Sex: male. Height: 5 feet, 2 inches, Eng. Chin: normal
 Forehead: normal Hair: brun
 Eyes: blue Complexion: fair
 Nose: normal Face: O.K.

IDENTIFICATION.

Leon A. Hiltz August 24 1917

I, Leon A. Hiltz, solemnly swear that I am a naturalized citizen of the United States; that I reside at Norwalk, Ohio; that I have known the above-named William Victor Prechtel personally for ten years and know him to be a native citizen of the United States; and that the facts stated in his affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Leon A. Hiltz
Norwalk, Ohio

Sworn to before me this third day of August, 1917.

[SERA.] C. A. Blaisdell
Clerk of the Court at Norwalk, Ohio

Applicant may be communicated with at the following address:
William Victor Prechtel
6 Hill St.,
Norwalk, Ohio

Applicant respectfully requests passport to be sent to
 Mr. Beverly Kyles, 14 Wall St., New York City.

A duplicate of the photograph to be attached hereto must be sent to the Department with the application, to be affixed to the passport with an impression of the Department's seal.

Enlarged Photo



Regular Passport Applications

William Victor Prechtel Passport Application

Pages 3 and 4

Letter from Congressman

Letter from American Field Service

From Passport Applications, January
6, 1906–March 31, 1925 (National
Archives Identifier: 583830). Images
online at Ancestry.com and
FamilySearch.org.

LEON W. OVERMYER
5TH DISTRICT OHIO
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

LEON A. HILTE
SECRETARY

House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.
ROOM 187, HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
HOME ADDRESS: FREMONT, OHIO

Washington
Aug. 4th. 1917

Honorable Robert Lansing
Secretary of State
Washington

Dear Mr. Secretary:-

I am transmitting herewith the application
of Mr. William Victor Prechtel, of Norwalk, Ohio, in my district, for
passport to sail from New York Sept. 1st. next and enter the Am-
erican Field Service as a volunteer ambulance driver.

You will note that his passport is to be sent to him in
care of Mr. Beverly Hiles, 14 Wall St., New York City, and notice
sent to him at 5 Mill St. Norwalk, Ohio, or to me and I will notify
him.

Thanking you for your early attention to this matter and
hoping that the application and accompanying papers will be found
in proper form, I am

Very respectfully,
Leon W. Overmyer

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NEW YORK OFFICE:
111 WALL STREET
7583 DIRECTOR

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS:
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BOSTON, MASS.

CHICAGO OFFICE:
425 MONADNOCK BLOCK
CHICAGO, ILL.

American Field Service
21 RUE RAYNOUARD
PARIS
CABLE ADDRESS: "AMERFIELD" - PARIS

NEW YORK

July 13, 1917.

Bureau of Citizenship,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Mr. William Prechtel has been engaged as a
volunteer ambulance driver for the American Field Service.

Mr. William Prechtel is applying for a passport
in order that he may sail from this port by the French
Line on ~~August 4~~^{SEPT. 1}, 1917 to take up his work in France.

Very truly yours,
*Wm R. Hearford
g Beverly Hiles*



Emergency Passport Applications

- Emergency passports were by U.S. diplomatic and consular officers abroad
- “For emergency purposes”
- Valid for six months
- Issued from 1874 until July 3, 1926 (44 *Statutes at Large* 887)
- Similar in content to regular passport applications



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Emergency Passport Applications

Mrs. Cornelia A. Nout

Emergency Passport Applications, 1906-1925, Holland, Volume 3, Application No. 799, July 29, 1920, National Archives Identifier: 207838047

EMERGENCY PASSPORT APPLICATION.

PERSON CLAIMING CITIZENSHIP THROUGH NATURALIZATION OF HUSBAND OR PARENT. No. 799

I, Mrs. Cornelia A. Nout, a NATURALIZED AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the American Consulate at Amsterdam, Netherlands for an emergency passport for myself, accompanied by my wife, born at [redacted] on [redacted] and minor children, as follows: [redacted]

I solemnly swear that I was born at Buurmalsen, Netherlands, Nov. 11, 1879; that my husband, John Nout, emigrated to the United States from Rotterdam, Netherlands, on or about August 1906; that he resided 14 1/2 years, uninterruptedly, in the United States, from 1906 to 1920 at Sheridan, Wyoming. that he was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the District Court of Sheridan County, at Sheridan, Wyoming, on Dec. 9, 1913, as shown by the Certificate of Naturalization presented herewith; that he is now residing in Buurmalsen, Netherlands for the purpose of visiting parents & marriage that I am the wife of the person described in said Certificate; that I am the bearer of Passport

Original - EMERGENCY PASSPORT APPLICATION. I, Mrs. Cornelia A. Nout, a NATURALIZED AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the American Consulate at Amsterdam, Netherlands for an emergency passport for myself, accompanied by my wife, born at [redacted] on [redacted] and minor children, as follows: [redacted]

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT. Age 41 years. Month Medium. Stature 5 feet, 3 inches, Eng. Hair Brown. Complexion Fair. Eyes Gray. Face Oval. Distinguishing marks: [redacted]. IDENTIFICATION. I, Hendrika Pluin, solemnly swear that I am a native [redacted] of the Kingdom of the Netherlands that I have known the above-named Cornelia Alida van Offertaen personally for 8 years and have [redacted] of the person referred to in the within-described certificate of naturalization, and that the facts stated in [redacted] affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Emergency Passport Applications

Mrs. Cornelia A. Nout

Emergency Passport Applications, 1906-1925, Holland, Volume 3, Application No. 799, July 29, 1920, National Archives Identifier: 207838047

American Consulate at Amsterdam, Netherlands *ctms*

Sworn to before me this 23 day of July 1920
(Date)

[SEAL.] *Chas. H. Dreyfus*
(Name)
Vice Consul de Carriere
(Title)

Identifying documents submitted as follows: Marriage Certificate of John Nout and Cornelia Alida van Offeren, issued July 22nd, 1920 at Buurmalsen.
Naturalization Certificate of John Nout, No. 212,744
Departmental Passport of John Nout, No. 182,501, issued Mar. 10th, 1920.

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 41 years. Month: Medium
 Stature: 5 feet, 2 inches, Eng. Chin: Round
 Forehead: High Hair: Brown
 Eyes: Gray Complexion: Fair
 Nose: Medium Face: Oval
 Distinguishing marks: _____

IDENTIFICATION.

I, Henricka Pleman, solemnly swear that I am a native Netherlands of the Netherlands that I have known the above-named Cornelia Alida van Offeren, personally for 8 years and know her to be the wife of the person referred to in the within-described certificate of naturalization; and that the facts stated in [her] affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Henricka Pleman
Jakob v. Grootenboer 26
 American Consulate at Amsterdam, Netherlands *ctms*
 Sworn to before me this 23 day of July 1920
Chas. H. Dreyfus
 Vice Consul de Carriere

Identifying documents submitted as follows: Marriage Certificate of John Nout and Cornelia Alida van Offeren, issued July 22nd, 1920 at Buurmalsen.
Naturalization Certificate of John Nout, No. 212,744
Departmental Passport of John Nout, No. 182,501, issued Mar. 10th, 1920.

A duplicate of the photograph to be attached hereto should be filed with the application retained in the office by which the emergency passport is issued.

Mrs. Cornelia A. Nout

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Research Services

In Case You Were Wondering about John Nout...

John Nout

Passport Applications, 1906–March 31, 1925, Roll 1099, Application No. 182,501, March 10, 1920, images from FamilySearch (M1490)

Wife applied for another passport in 1924



182501

The original and each copy of an application for a passport must heretofore be attached to it a copy of the applicant's photograph. A duplicate photograph of the applicant may accompany the application. The photograph must be on this page, should have a light background, and be not over three inches in size.

(Division of Passport, etc.)

(FORM FOR NATURALIZED CITIZEN.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
STATE OF Wyoming ss.
COUNTY OF Sheridan

I, John Nout, a NATURALIZED AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport.

I solemnly swear that I was born at Trecht, Holland on November 11th, 1880; that my father, John Nout was born in Trecht, Holland and is now residing at Trecht, Holland that I emigrated to the United States, sailing from Rotterdam, Holland about April 10th, 1906; that I resided 14 years, uninterruptedly, in the United States, from 1906 to 1920 at Sheridan, Wyoming; that I was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the District Court of Sheridan County, Wyoming, Sheridan, Wyoming on December 9th, 1915 above by the Certificate of Naturalization presented herewith; that I am the essential person described in said Certificate; that I have resided outside the United States since my naturalization at the following places for the following periods:

Have not been out of the United States since my naturalization.

and that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being Sheridan, Wyoming in the State of Wyoming, where I follow the occupation of Prakman. My last passport was obtained from Have not had any.

I am about six months) to go abroad temporarily, and intend to return to the United States within six months) with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein; and I desire a passport for use in visiting the countries heretofore named for the following purpose:

Holland visit aged father and sister and brothers

I intend to leave the United States from the port of Hoboken, New Jersey sailing on board the Unknown on Unknown 191

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; So help me God.

Sworn to before me this 3rd day of March 1920 at NO MAR 30 1920

John Nout
Applicant

Clara E. Blosser
Clerk of the District Court at Sheridan, Wyo.

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 39 years. Month: Medium and regular
Stature: 6 feet, 7 inches, Eng. Chin: Round
Forehead: High Hair: Lt. Brown
Eyes: Blue Complexion: Fair
Nose: Straight and regular Face: Oval
Distinguishing marks: Stiff front finger on right hand

IDENTIFICATION.

Sheridan, Wyoming 182501

I, David J. Gogerty, solemnly swear that I am a (native (naturalized) citizen of the United States; that I reside at Sheridan, Wyoming; that I have known the above-named John Nout personally for 10 years and know (him) to be the identical person referred to in the within-described certificate of naturalization; and that the facts stated in (his) affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

David J. Gogerty
Witness of Oath
Clara E. Blosser
Clerk of the District Court at Sheridan, Wyoming

Sworn to before me this 3rd day of March 1920

(Seal) of Clara E. Blosser
Clerk of the District Court at Sheridan, Wyoming.

Applicant desires passport to be sent to the following address:
John Nout,
176 West 5th Street,
Sheridan, Wyoming.

A signed duplicate of the photograph to be attached heretofore to be sent to the Department with the application, to be affixed to the passport with an impression of the Department's seal.

John Nout



Research Services

In Case You Were Wondering about Cornelia...

Cora Nout

Passport Applications, 1906–March 31, 1925, Roll 2433, Application No. 374,322, February 28, 1924, images from FamilySearch (M1490)



374322

The original and each copy of an application for a passport must be attached to it a copy of the applicant's photograph. A recent square photograph of the applicant must accompany the application. The photograph must be on this paper, should have a light background, and be not over three inches in size.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
PASSPORT
 WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

I, Cora Nout, a NATURALIZED and LOCAL CITIZEN of the United States, hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport for myself and minor child, Ellie Nout, who was born March 21st, 1906, at Sheridan, Wyoming, to Holland.

I solemnly swear that I was born at Triest, Holland on or about the 21st day of December, 1888, and that my husband, John Nout, who was born in Triest, Holland on October 10th, 1888, was naturalized in Washington, D.C. on February 24th, 1913, and that he was married to me at Sheridan, Wyoming, on July 24th, 1920, and that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Sheridan, Wyoming, in the State of Wyoming, where I follow the occupation of Housewife.

I last passport was obtained from John Nout, my husband, on February 24th, 1924, at Sheridan, Wyoming.

I solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God.

Cora Nout
 (Signature of Applicant)

Sworn to before me this 28th day of February, 1924, at Sheridan, Wyoming.

Ellie E. Pelissier
 Clerk of the District Court at Sheridan, Wyoming.

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Marrage of Cora Nout to John Nout by Rev. C. H. ...

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 35 years. Mouth: Medium
 Stature: 5 feet, 4 inches, Eng. Chin: Round
 Forehead: Medium Hair: Golden brown
 Eyes: Blue Complexion: Fair
 Nose: Straight and medium Face: Round
 Distinguishing marks: None

In Re: PO 2-24-1924

IDENTIFICATION.

I, Otto Paul Ludowke, solemnly swear that I am a Naturalized citizen of the United States; that I reside at Sheridan, Wyoming; that I have known the above-named Cora Nout personally for 34 years, and know her to be Wife of the person referred to in the within-described certificate of naturalization; and that the facts stated in her affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Otto Paul Ludowke
 (Signature of Witness)

Bar Inspecter Foreman, C.S. & G.
 Sheridan, Wyoming.
 (Signature of Witness)

Sworn to before me this 28th day of February, 1924.

Ellie E. Pelissier
 Clerk of the District Court of Sheridan, Wyoming.

Applicant desires passport to be sent to the following address:
Mrs. John Nout,
176 West Fifth Street,
Sheridan, Wyoming.

A duplicate of the photograph to be attached hereto must be sent to the Department with the application to be affixed to the passport with an impression of the Department's seal.

Mrs. John Nout,
 176 West 5th Street,
 Sheridan, Wyoming.

SHE FURTHER respectfully requests that said passport be sent to her.

Cora Nout
 Subscribed and sworn to before me in my office at Sheridan, Wyoming this 28th day of February, A.D. 1924.
Ellie E. Pelissier
 Clerk of the District Court.

A person born in the United States should exhibit a birth certificate with his application, or if the birth was not officially recorded, affidavits from the attending physician, parents, or other persons having actual knowledge of the birth.
 If the applicant's father was born in this country, there should be drawn through the blanks in brackets.

IDENTIFICATION.

I, Otto Paul Ludowke, solemnly swear that I am a Naturalized citizen of the United States; that I reside at Sheridan, Wyoming; that I have known the above-named Cora Nout personally for 34 years, and know her to be Wife of the person referred to in the within-described certificate of naturalization; and that the facts stated in her affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Otto Paul Ludowke
 (Signature of Witness)

Bar Inspecter Foreman, C.S. & G.
 Sheridan, Wyoming.
 (Signature of Witness)

Sworn to before me this 28th day of February, 1924.

Ellie E. Pelissier
 Clerk of the District Court of Sheridan, Wyoming.

Applicant desires passport to be sent to the following address:
Mrs. John Nout,
176 West Fifth Street,
Sheridan, Wyoming.

A duplicate of the photograph to be attached hereto must be sent to the Department with the application to be affixed to the passport with an impression of the Department's seal.

Mrs. John Nout,
 176 West 5th Street,
 Sheridan, Wyoming.

SHE FURTHER respectfully requests that said passport be sent to her.

Cora Nout
 Subscribed and sworn to before me in my office at Sheridan, Wyoming this 28th day of February, A.D. 1924.
Ellie E. Pelissier
 Clerk of the District Court.

A person born in the United States should exhibit a birth certificate with his application, or if the birth was not officially recorded, affidavits from the attending physician, parents, or other persons having actual knowledge of the birth.
 If the applicant's father was born in this country, there should be drawn through the blanks in brackets.



Special Passport Applications

Special passports were issued to

- U.S. foreign service personnel
- Military attachés
- Other government officials travelling on official business
- Dependent family members of the above

Called “Passeport Diplomatique” since World War I



Research Services

Special Passport Applications

Walter Hough

Head Curator of Anthropology, Smithsonian Institution, planning to visit Brazil as a representative of the Smithsonian to speak at the International Congress of Americanists (1922)

Born Morgantown, WV, April 23, 1859

His father, Lacurgis [sic] Hough, born at Leesburg, VA

Volume 21, No. 799, Serial 799, July 18, 1922,
National Archives Identifier: 143700093, images 1347-1353

The original and each copy of an application for a passport must be attached to it a copy of the applicant's photograph. A more signed photograph of the applicant must accompany the application. The photograph must be on this paper, should have a light background, and be not over three inches in size.

Serial 799
Special

(FORM NO. 1022)
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
PASSPORT
JUL 18 1922

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____
I, Walter Hough, a NATIVE and LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport.

I solemnly swear that I was born at Morgantown, in the State of W. Va., on or about the 23 day of April, 1859; that my father, Lacurgis S. Hough, was born in Leesburg, Va., and is now residing at Deecond.

That he emigrated to the United States from the port of _____ on or about _____; that he resided _____ years, uninterruptedly, in the United States, from _____ to _____ at _____; that he was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the _____ Court of _____ at _____.

on _____, _____, as shown by the accompanying Affidavit of Naturalization; that I have resided outside of the United States at the following places for the following periods:

from _____ to _____

and that I am domiciled in the United States, my present residence being at Washington in the State of D.C., where I follow the occupation of Anthropologist.

My last passport was obtained from _____ on _____.

I am about to go abroad temporarily; and I intend to return to the United States within _____ (Disposition of passport) months with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein; and I desire a passport for use in visiting the countries hereinafter named for the following purpose:

Brazil (Name of country) (Country of visit)
International Congress of Americanists (Purpose of visit)

I intend to leave the United States from the port of New York on August 4, 1922, sailing on board the _____ (Name of vessel) (Date of departure)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

"Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; So help me God."

Sworn to before me this 13 day of July, 1922, at _____
Walter Hough
Agent Court Clerk

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SEE NOT REQUIRED.

*A person born in the United States should submit a birth or baptismal certificate with his application, or if the birth was not recorded, affidavits from the attending physician, parents, or other persons having sufficient knowledge to be able to testify as to the place and date of the applicant's birth.
If the applicant's father was born in this country, lines should be drawn through the blanks in brackets.

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 63 years. Mouth: manufactured
Stature: 5 feet, 7 1/2 inches, Eng. Chin: round
Forehead: high Hair: gray
Eyes: brown Complexion: dark
Nose: regular Face: oval
Distinguishing marks _____

IDENTIFICATION.

I, _____, solemnly swear that I am a (native / naturalized) citizen of the United States; that I reside in _____; that I have known the above-named Documentation personally for _____ years and know (him / her) to be the identical person referred to in the within-described certificate of naturalization; and that the facts stated in (his / her) affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

No lawyer or other person will be accepted as a witness to a passport application if he has received or expects to receive a fee for his services in connection with the execution of the application or obtaining the passport.

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 19____.

[SEAL]

Clerk of the _____ Court at _____

Applicant desires passport to be sent to the following address:

Walter Hough

A signed duplicate of the photograph to be attached, hereto must be sent to the Department with the application, to be affixed to the passport with an impression of the Department's seal.

One in this Agent Court Clerk placed in this photograph.

SEE NOT REQUIRED.



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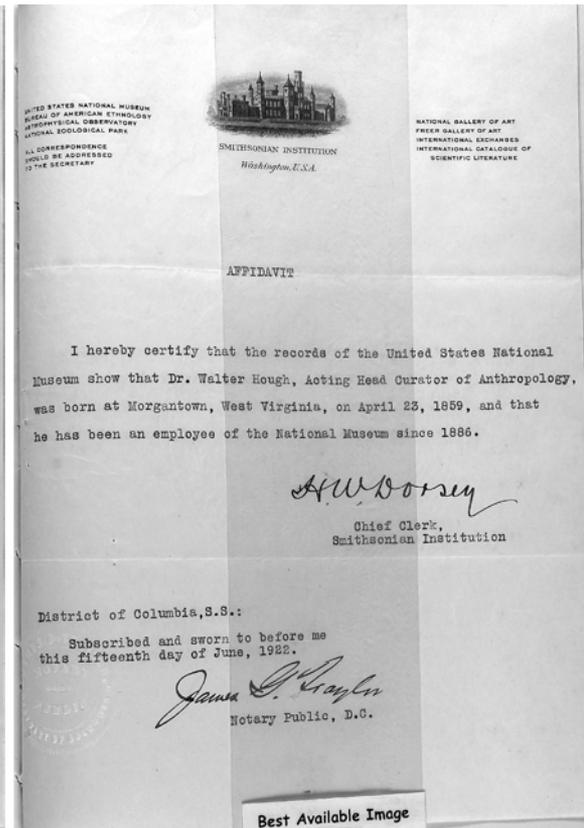
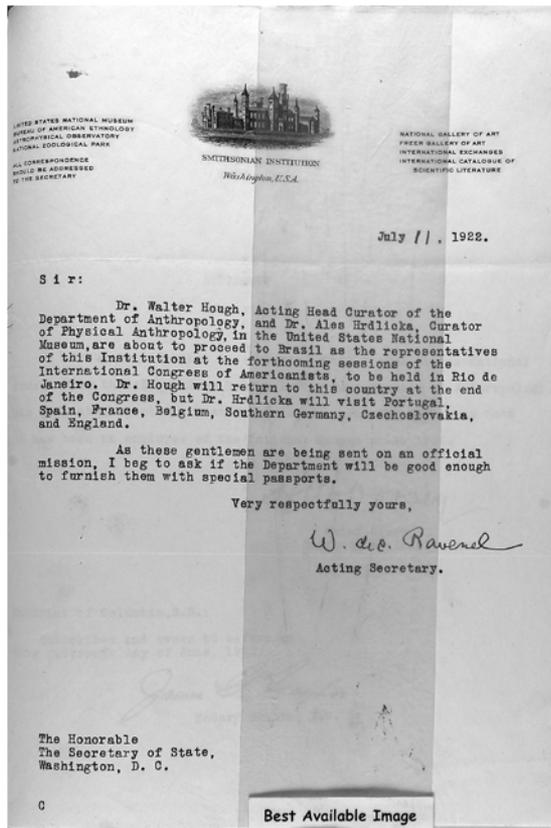
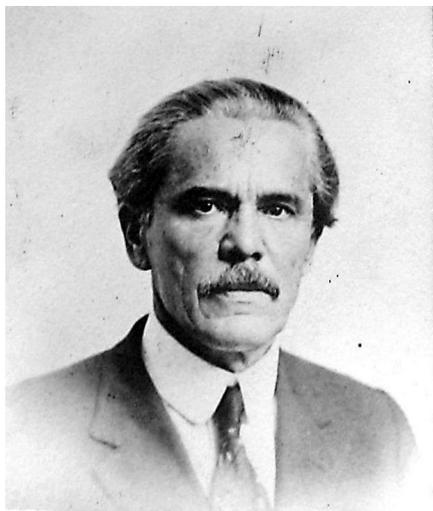
Walter Hough

Head Curator of Anthropology, Smithsonian Institution, going to Brazil as a representative of the Smithsonian to speak at the International Congress of Americanists (1922)

Accompanying
correspondence

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Passport
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Insular Possessions Passport Applications

- **Insular possessions** are geographic areas not part of the United States over which the United States exercises sovereign control
- **Applications filed by persons currently within the United States, 1901–1911**
- **Applications filed at passport offices insular locations, 1907–1925**
 - Hawaii
 - Philippines
 - Puerto Rico
- **Content similar to regular U.S. passport applications**



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Insular Possessions Passport Applications

Louis F. Milanta
January 13, 1908

Insular Passport Applications,
1901-1911 (National Archives
Identifier: 103406618, image
113)

Filed by insular residents
currently in the United States

Insular

FORM FOR RESIDENT OF AN INSULAR POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATES.

No. _____ Issued _____

State of New York }
County of Erie } ss:
I, Louis F. Milanta, a resident of Buffalo, N.Y.,
U.S.A., hereby apply to the Governor of _____ for
a passport for myself, accompanied by _____, as follows:
on the _____ day of _____, 18____, and _____

I solemnly swear that I was born at Mayaguez Port Rico in the Island
of Porto Rico, on or about the _____ day of March 1881;
that my father is a citizen of France; that I am domiciled in the
United States, my permanent residence being at Buffalo, N.Y.,
where I follow the occupation of clerk; that I am about to go abroad
temporarily; and that I intend to return to the United States, with the
purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein; that I owe allegiance to the
United States, and do not acknowledge allegiance to any other government. That I came from
Porto Rico & Buffalo in May 1905 and have received full voice that time.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United
States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose
of evasion; So help me God.

Sworn to before me this 10th day
of January, 1908. Louis F. Milanta

Edward C. Hunt
Notary Public, Erie Co. N.Y.

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 26 years. Mouth: regular
Stature: 4 feet 1 1/2 inches, Eng. Chin: round
Forehead: regular Hair: black
Eyes: brown Complexion: dark
Nose: small Face: round

SUPPORTING AFFIDAVITS.

1. Jules de Casto, a resident of Buffalo, N.Y.,
solemnly swears that I have known Louis F. Milanta, the above-named
applicant for a passport, for 2 1/2 years; that I know of my personal knowledge that he
is a resident of Buffalo, N.Y., and that he is loyal to the Government of the United
States, and to the best of my knowledge and belief the said Louis F. Milanta
was born in Porto Rico on or about March 1881.

Sworn to before me this 10th day
of January, 1908. Jules de Casto

2. Thomas J. Hunt, a resident of Buffalo, N.Y.,
solemnly swears that I have known Louis F. Milanta, the above-named
applicant for a passport, for three years; that I know of my personal knowledge that he
is a resident of Buffalo, N.Y., and that he is loyal to the Government of the United
States; and to the best of my knowledge and belief the said Louis F. Milanta
was born in Porto Rico on or about March 1881.

Sworn to before me this 10th day
of January, 1908. Thomas J. Hunt

3. James J. Hunt, a resident of Buffalo, N.Y.,
solemnly swears that I have known Louis F. Milanta, the above-named
applicant for a passport, for three years; that I know of my personal knowledge that he
is a resident of Buffalo, N.Y., and that he is loyal to the Government of the United
States; and to the best of my knowledge and belief the said Louis F. Milanta
was born in Porto Rico on or about March 1881.

Sworn to before me this 10th day
of January, 1908. James J. Hunt

Louis F. Milanta
Buffalo, N.Y.

Insular

FORM FOR RESIDENT OF AN INSULAR POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATES.

No. _____ Issued _____

State of New York }
County of Erie } ss:
I, Louis F. Milanta, a resident of Buffalo, N.Y.,
U.S.A., hereby apply to the Governor of _____ for
a passport for myself, accompanied by _____, as follows:
on the _____ day of _____, 18____, and _____

I solemnly swear that I was born at Mayaguez Port Rico in the Island
of Porto Rico, on or about the _____ day of March 1881;
that my father is a citizen of France; that I am domiciled in the
United States, my permanent residence being at Buffalo, N.Y.,
where I follow the occupation of clerk; that I am about to go abroad
temporarily; and that I intend to return to the United States, with the
purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein; that I owe allegiance to the
United States, and do not acknowledge allegiance to any other government. That I came from
Porto Rico & Buffalo in May 1905 and have received full voice that time.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United
States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose
of evasion; So help me God.

Sworn to before me this 10th day
of January, 1908. Louis F. Milanta

Edward C. Hunt
Notary Public, Erie Co. N.Y.

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 26 years. Mouth: regular
Stature: 4 feet 1 1/2 inches, Eng. Chin: round
Forehead: regular Hair: black
Eyes: brown Complexion: dark
Nose: small Face: round



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Insular Possessions Passport Applications

Louis F. Milanta
January 13, 1908

Insular Passport Applications,
1901-1911 (National Archives Identifier: 103406618, image 113)

Filed by insular residents
currently in the United States

Insular

FORM FOR RESIDENT OF AN INSULAR POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATES

State of New York County of Erie I, Louis F. Milanta a resident of Buffalo, N.Y. U.S.A. hereby apply to the Governor of _____ a passport for myself, accompanied by _____ on the _____ day of _____ 18__ and _____

I solemnly swear that I was born at Mayaguez P.R. P.R. on or about the _____ day of March 1881; that my father was a citizen of Puerto Rico; that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Buffalo, N.Y. where I follow the occupation of Electrician; that I am about to go abroad temporarily; and that I intend to return to the United States, with the purpose of resuming and performing the duties of citizenship therein; that I owe allegiance to the United States, and do not acknowledge allegiance to any other government. But I reserve the right to return to my native Puerto Rico

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God.

Sworn to before me this 13 day January, 1908 Louis F. Milanta

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT

Age: <u>26</u> years	Mouth: <u>regular</u>
Stature: <u>5 feet 11/2 inches</u> , Eng.	Hair: <u>black</u>
Build: <u>slender</u>	Eyes: <u>green</u>
	Complexion: <u>dark</u>
Nose: <u>small</u>	Face: <u>round</u>

SUPPORTING AFFIDAVITS

I, Julius de Castro, a resident of Buffalo, N.Y. solemnly swear that I have known Louis F. Milanta the above-named applicant for a passport, for 2 1/2 years; that I know of my personal knowledge that he is a resident of Buffalo, N.Y. and that he is loyal to the Government of the United States; and to the best of my knowledge and belief the said Louis F. Milanta was born in Puerto Rico on or about March 1881

Sworn to before me this 13 day January, 1908 Julius de Castro

Edward C. Hunt
Notary Public in and for N.Y.

I, Louisingo Muratti, a resident of Buffalo, N.Y. solemnly swear that I have known Louis F. Milanta the above-named applicant for a passport, for three years; that I know of my personal knowledge that he is a resident of Buffalo, N.Y. and that he is loyal to the Government of the United States; and to the best of my knowledge and belief the said Louis F. Milanta was born in Puerto Rico on or about March 1881

Sworn to before me this 13 day January, 1908 Louisingo Muratti

Shirley A. Fickerman
Notary Public

Passport sent to following address: Louis F. Milanta
Sp. Foster & McClellan Co
Buffalo, N.Y.

SUPPORTING AFFIDAVITS.

I, Julius de Castro, a resident of Buffalo, N.Y., solemnly swear that I have known Louis F. Milanta the above-named applicant for a passport, for 2 1/2 years; that I know of my personal knowledge that he is a resident of Buffalo, N.Y., and that he is loyal to the Government of the United States; and to the best of my knowledge and belief the said Louis F. Milanta was born in Puerto Rico on or about March 1881

Sworn to before me this 13 day January, 1908 Julius de Castro

Edward C. Hunt
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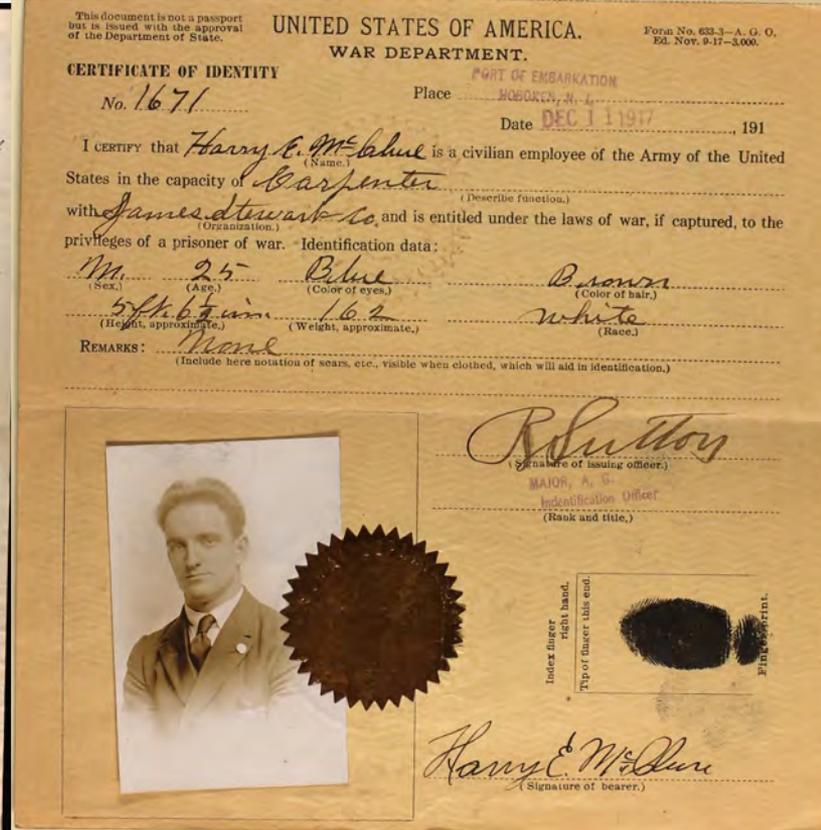
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Passport Records, April 1925–Present

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For most research topics, the central files are the largest and most important category of Department of State records. There is generally at least some documentation in the Department's central files on almost all topics relating to U.S. foreign policy and relations with other countries. Perhaps most importantly, the central files are the most inclusive and authoritative repository of reporting by American diplomatic and consular posts overseas. In addition, the files include Department of State communications with foreign diplomatic and consular offices in the United States, correspondence with other U.S. Government agencies and the public, and internal memorandums and reports.

Despite the increase of decentralized files in the period after World War II, the so-called "Lot Files," research on almost all topics relating to U.S. foreign policy and foreign affairs should begin with the central files of the Department of State and then branch out to other records of the Department of State and to the records of other foreign affairs agencies as appropriate.

The records of the Department of State changed over time. The central file records in the National Archives come from five eras of record keeping: 1789-1906, 1906-1910, 1910-1963, 1963-1973, and 1973-1979. As a result, the records and how you use them will depend on the time period covered by your research. The following sections describe the records and their arrangement for each time period so that you may more effectively carry out your research.

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Records

Records of diplomatic and consular posts were filed and preserved separately even if located in the same city. Record keeping at posts has changed over the years. Not all records created at posts still exist and are preserved in the National Archives.

The records in the National Archives come from four different periods of record keeping:

A. 1789-1912

Records from each post are arranged by type of record, thereunder chronologically. Typical series include "Instructions from the Department of State," "Despatches to the Department of State," "Miscellaneous Letters Received," and "Miscellaneous Letters Sent."

B. 1912-1948

Records from each post are grouped by year or block of years and generally thereunder by subject according a pre-determined decimal filing scheme closely related to that used by the Department of State for its central files. The country numbers in the central files were not used, but the records are arranged by subject in classes parallel to the Department's Central Decimal File scheme.

C. 1949-1963

Records from each post are grouped by year or block of years and generally thereunder by subject according to a pre-determined decimal file scheme. The filing scheme is unique to Foreign Service Posts and is not related to the filing scheme used for the central files during the same period.

D. 1963-1980

Records from each post are grouped by year or block of years and thereunder a pre-determined subject-numeric file scheme. The filing system is the same as that used for the Department's central files.

For more specific discussion of arrangement of these records, see this [reference paper](#).

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