

# A Guide to the Albemarle County (Va.) Naturalization Records, 1830-1869

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## History

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## Profile Description

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## Descriptive Summary

### Language

English

### Collector

Albemarle County (Va.) Circuit Court

### Extent

.23 cu. ft. (1 box)

### Location

Library of Virginia

### Repository

The Library of Virginia

## Administrative Information

### Access Restrictions

Albemarle County's loose naturalization records, 1830-1869, are digitized and available through the [Naturalization Records Digital Collection](#) on the Library of Virginia website. Please use digital images.

### Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

## Acquisition Information

These items came to the Library of Virginia in a transfer of court papers from Albemarle County.

## Processing Information

Loose naturalization records, 1830-1869, were processed and indexed for the purpose of inclusion in the Library of Virginia's Naturalization Records digital collection by Library of Virginia staff.

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## Preferred Citation

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# Adjunct Descriptive Data

## Related Material

Additional Albemarle County Court Records can be found on microfilm at The Library of Virginia. Consult "[A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm.](#)"

Albemarle County is one of Virginia's Lost Records Localities. Additional Albemarle County Court Records may be found in the [Lost Records Localities Digital Collection](#) available on the Library of Virginia website.

## Historical Information

**Context for Record Type:** Beginning in 1795, a person could declare their intent to become a citizen at any time and in any place after they arrived in the United States. Prior to the Naturalization Act of 1906, the naturalization process primarily occurred in local and state courts. Declarations of intent were the record by which an applicant for U.S. citizenship declared their intent to become a citizen and renounced their allegiance to a foreign government. This document typically preceded proof of residence or a petition to become a citizen by two or more years.

**Locality History:** Albemarle County was named for William Anne Keppel, second earl of Albemarle, and governor of Virginia from 1737 to 1754. It was created by a statute of 1744 and formed from Goochland County; part of Louisa County was added in 1761 and islands in the Fluvanna (now the James) River in 1770. The court met for the first time on 8 February 1745. The county seat is the city of Charlottesville.

**Lost Locality Note:** All order books except the first and many loose papers between 1748 and 1781 were destroyed by British general Banastre Tarleton's raid on Charlottesville in 1781 during the Revolutionary War.

## Scope and Content

Albemarle County (Va.) Naturalization Records, 1830-1869, consists of loose naturalization records filed in the local court. Loose naturalization records may include affidavits, reports for naturalization, declarations of intent to become United States citizens, and notices of application for admission of citizenship. The reports are narrative accounts made by applicants summarizing their journey to the United States. The declarations of intent record the person's name, place of birth, age, country of previous citizenship, renunciation of allegiance and fidelity to the nation of which the person is currently a citizen, and the date the intention was sworn. Affidavits, signed by those who knew the applicant and could vouch for their loyalty to the United States, may also be filed with the reports and declarations.

## Arrangement

This collection is arranged into the following series:

- Series I: Loose Naturalization Records, 1830-1869, arranged chronologically.

## Contents List

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