

# A Guide to the Pittsylvania County (Va.) Naturalization Records, 1811

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## Profile Description

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## Descriptive Summary

### Language

English

### Collector

Pittsylvania County (Va.) Circuit Court

### Extent

.05 cu. ft. (1 box)

### Location

Library of Virginia

### Repository

The Library of Virginia

## Administrative Information

### Access Restrictions

Pittsylvania County's loose naturalization records, 1811, 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 Pittsylvania County.

## Processing Information

Loose naturalization records, 1811, were processed and indexed for the purpose of inclusion in the Library of Virginia's Naturalization Records digital collection by G. Crawford.

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# Adjunct Descriptive Data

## Related Material

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

## 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:** Pittsylvania County was named in honor of William Pitt, first earl of Chatham, the English statesman. It was formed from Halifax County in 1766. The county court first met on 26 June 1767. The county seat is Chatham.

## Scope and Content

Pittsylvania County (Va.) Naturalization Records, 1811, 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, 1811, housed in a box with other Pittsylvania County court records.

## Contents List

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