

# A Guide to the Nottoway County (Va.) Naturalization Records, 1891

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## History

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## Title Statement

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## Profile Description

**Creation:** Machine-readable finding aid derived from being created directly into EAD, created by McKenzie Long, 10 July 2024

**Language Usage:** Description is in English

## Descriptive Summary

### Language

English

### Collector

Nottoway County (Va.) Circuit Court

### Extent

.1 cu. ft. (1 box)

### Location

Library of Virginia

### Repository

The Library of Virginia

## Administrative Information

### Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

### Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

## Acquisition Information

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

## Processing Information

Loose naturalization records, 1891, were processed and indexed for the purpose of inclusion in the Library of Virginia's Naturalization Records digital collection by M. Long.

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## Preferred Citation

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# Adjunct Descriptive Data

## Related Material

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

Nottoway County is one of Virginia's Lost Records Localities. Additional Nottoway 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:** Nottoway County was named for the Nottoway River or for the Nottoway Indian tribe. The county was formed from Amelia County by a statute adopted on 22 December 1788 to take effect 1 May 1789. The county seat is Nottoway.

**Lost Locality Note:** Many records were destroyed or heavily mutilated in 1865 by Union troops during the Civil War. A few volumes that record deeds, court orders, and wills exist.

## Scope and Content

Nottoway County (Va.) Naturalization Records, 1891, 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, 1891, arranged chronologically.

## Contents List

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**Barcode number 1174641: Miscellaneous Liens; Lunacy Papers; Memorials; Overseer of the Poor Records; Naturalization Records; Public Buildings and Grounds; Petition to Carry Weapons, 1866-1926**

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