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Language

English

Collector

Charlottesville (Va.) Circuit Court

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.1 cu. ft. (1 box); 1 volume

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

The standardized volume of naturalization records issued by the federal government and loose naturalization records came to the Library of Virginia in a 2025 transfer of court papers from Charlottesville under the accession number 54549.

Processing Information

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Alternative Form Available

Department of Commerce and Labor, Division of Naturalization, Declaration of Intention, 1907, is only available on microfilm as a copy stored at the Virginia State Records Center on reel barcode 19651, SRC box 646. Security microforms (i.e. microfilm and microfiche) stored through this program are not used for reference purposes and access restrictions apply. Contact the [State Records Center](#) with questions regarding these materials.

Adjunct Descriptive Data

Related Material

Additional Charlottesville 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: Following the passage of the Naturalization Act of 1906, the federal government standardized the naturalization process by issuing bound volumes containing standard naturalization forms. These bound volumes were kept by the various courts of record in which a person could make a declaration of intent to become a U.S. citizen, and copies of the records were sent on to the federal government.

Locality History: Charlottesville, in Albemarle County, was named for Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, the wife of King George III, and was established in 1762. The county seat of Albemarle County, Charlottesville was incorporated as a town in 1801 and as a city in 1888.

Scope and Content

Charlottesville (Va.) Naturalization Records, 1907-1908, consists of a standardized volume of naturalization records issued by the federal government, 1907, and loose naturalization records originally included within this volume, 1908.

The standardized volume consists of Department of Commerce and Labor, Division of Naturalization, Petition and Record, 1907. There were two primary types of naturalization volumes issued by the federal government: Declaration of Intention volumes and Petition volumes. Oftentimes, applicants were documented in both of these volume types within a locality, but that is not always the case. An applicant may have entered their declaration of intention in one locality before moving and completing their naturalization petition elsewhere.

Declaration of Intention volumes record declarations of intent to become United States citizens. Information on the declaration of intent includes a person's name, age, occupation, color, complexion, height in feet and inches, weight, color of hair, color of eyes, other visible distinctive marks, place and date of birth, current residence, place from where emigrated to the United States, vessel arrived on, last foreign residence, a renunciation of allegiance and fidelity to the state of which the person is currently a citizen, and the date the intention was sworn.

Petition volumes, often called Petition and Record, record the petitions for naturalization, oaths of allegiance, and orders of court admitting petitioner to United States citizenship. Not all parts may be completed as all

stages of the citizenship process could be completed in different courts and in different locations in the United States.

A petition for naturalization contains the petitioner's name, address, occupation, birthdate and place, place where emigrated from and date and port of arrival in the U.S., name of ship on which emigrated, where declared intention to become a citizen, spouse's name, place of birth and address, and number of children with their names, birth dates and places of birth. Additional recorded information includes a renunciation of allegiance and fidelity to the state of which the person is currently a citizen or subject, a statement that the petitioner can speak English, and the date since the petitioner has resided constantly in the U.S. An affidavit of witness to these facts is signed by two persons.

For many petitions, a declaration of intent and occasionally other correspondence or related documentation is inserted into the volume facing the naturalization petition. Also sometimes included is an order of the court admitting the petitioner to United States citizenship that includes date of citizenship and certificate of naturalization number.

Loose naturalization records, 1908, include general correspondence and regulations from the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Naturalization, as well as specific paperwork regarding the naturalization proceedings of Haigazoon Kruger Kaprielian in Charlottesville's corporation court.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into the following series:

- Series I: Naturalization Volumes, 1907, arranged chronologically.
- Series II: Loose Naturalization Records, 1908, separated by subject.

Contents List

Series I: Naturalization Volumes, 1907

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1 volume

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

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Separated by subject.

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