

VERMONT NATURALIZATION RECORDS

Vermont State Archives

In 2003, the Vermont State Archives gained legal custody of the naturalization records stored at the State Records Center in Middlesex; an inventory of these records are listed on the following pages. In addition to these records, several Vermont Superior Courts have retained custody of naturalization records for hearings heard in their respective counties. Vermont District Courts may also have some naturalization records from the former municipal courts. A list of present-day Vermont courts is available at: <http://www.vermontjudiciary.org>.

BRIEF BACKGROUND TO NATURALIZATION RECORDS IN VERMONT

Naturalization is the process by which U.S. citizenship is conferred upon a foreign citizen or national after he or she fulfills the requirements established by Congress in the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). On September 27, 1906, a Federal law regarding naturalization became effective. All courts, for the first time, were required to ask the same questions on the same forms and a copy of all naturalizations had to be forwarded to the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington. After this date, most naturalization hearings occurred either in a Federal Court or a county court, as municipal courts lost their authority to naturalize. Prior to 1906, individuals could petition a Federal, county, or municipal court for naturalization.

For individuals naturalized in Vermont by a Federal court before or after 1906, copies of their naturalization records are at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Records Center in Waltham, MA. Copies of post-1906 naturalization records from State courts remain in the custody of U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. The Vermont State Archives recommends reviewing records in the custody of the Vermont State Archives, National Archives, and Vermont Superior Courts prior to seeking records through the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington.

ACCESSING RECORDS:

The Vermont State Archives and Vermont Public Records, a division of the Department of Buildings and General Services, are both responsible for administering the records listed below:

Paper records, those with a Box/Film ID that begins with "PRA-," are accessible through the State Archives research room, located at 26 Terrace Street in Montpelier, VT. Because these records must be transferred from storage, please contact the State Archives at archives@sec.state.vt.us or 802-828-0405 at least one week prior to visiting the Archives. This will ensure that the records are available on the day research is planned. Please note the series ID, Box number, and description when contacting the Archives.

Microfilmed records, those with a Box/Film ID that begins with "F-," are accessible through the Division of Public Records' Reference/Research Room in Middlesex, VT. Location, hours, and additional information is available at: <http://www.bgs.state.vt.us/gsc/pubrec/referen/index.html>.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Additional questions may be directed to: 26 Terrace Street, Montpelier, VT 05609; e-mail at: archives@sec.state.vt.us; or by phone at 802-828-0405.

COURT: Barre (Vt.). Municipal Court.

SERIES ID	BOX/FILM ID	DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS	DATE RANGE
PRA-243	PRA-00979	Declarations of intention.	1895 - 1903
PRA-243	PRA-00977	Declarations of intention.	1904 - 1906
PRA-243	PRA-00978	Naturalization certificates.	1904 - 1906

COURT: Burlington (Vt.). Municipal Court.

SERIES ID	BOX/FILM ID	DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS	DATE RANGE
PRA-103	PRA-00475	Petitions for naturalization.	1869 - 1874
PRA-103	PRA-00476	Petitions for naturalization.	1874 - 1878
PRA-103	PRA-00477	Petitions for naturalization.	1880 - 1888
PRA-103	PRA-00478	Petitions for naturalization.	1888 - 1898
PRA-103	PRA-00479	Petitions for naturalization.	1900 - 1903
PRA-103	PRA-00480	Petitions for naturalization.	1903 - 1906

COURT: United States. District Court (Vermont)

SERIES ID	BOX/FILM ID	DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS	DATE RANGE
PRA-262	F-07676	Naturalization certificates: General Indices	1801 - 1979
PRA-262	F-07677	Naturalization certificates: Vols. AA and 1-4	1801 - 1868
PRA-262	F-07678	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 5-8	1868 - 1874
PRA-262	F-07679	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 9-12	1874 - 1892
PRA-262	F-07680	Naturalization certificates: Vol. 13-16	1892 - 1900
PRA-262	F-07681	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 17-20	1900 - 1911
PRA-262	F-07682	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 21-25	1908 - 1911
PRA-262	F-07683	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 26-29	1911 - 1912
PRA-262	F-07684	Naturalization certificates: Vol. 30	1912 - 1912
PRA-262	F-07685	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 31-32	1912 - 1913
PRA-262	F-07686	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 33-34	1913 - 1914

PRA-262	F-07687	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 35-37	1914 -	1915
PRA-262	F-07688	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 38-40	1915 -	1916
PRA-262	F-07689	Naturalization certificates: Vol. 41	1916 -	1917
PRA-262	F-07690	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 42-44	1917 -	1917
PRA-262	F-07691	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 45-47	1917 -	1918
PRA-262	F-07692	Naturalization certificates: Vol. 48	1918 -	1918
PRA-262	F-07693	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 49-50	1918 -	1919
PRA-262	F-07694	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 51-53	1919 -	1920
PRA-262	F-07695	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 54-56	1920 -	1920
PRA-262	F-07696	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 57-59	1920 -	1921
PRA-262	F-07697	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 60-62	1921 -	1922
PRA-262	F-07698	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 63-66	1922 -	1924
PRA-262	F-07699	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 67-70	1924 -	1926
PRA-262	F-07700	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 71-72	1926 -	1927
PRA-262	F-07701	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 73-77	1927 -	1929
PRA-262	F-07702	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 78-79	1929 -	1929
PRA-262	F-07703	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 80-83	1930 -	1932
PRA-262	F-07704	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 84-87	1932 -	1934
PRA-262	F-07705	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 88-91	1934 -	1936
PRA-262	F-07706	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 92-96	1936 -	1937
PRA-262	F-07707	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 97-101	1937 -	1939
PRA-262	F-07708	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 102-106	1939 -	1940
PRA-262	F-07709	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 107-111	1940 -	1941
PRA-262	F-07710	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 112-117	1941 -	1942
PRA-262	F-07711	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 118-122	1942 -	1943
PRA-262	F-07712	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 123-128	1943 -	1944

PRA-262	F-07713	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 129-133	1944 - 1944
PRA-262	F-07714	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 134-137	1944 - 1945
PRA-262	F-07715	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 138-142	1945 - 1945
PRA-262	F-07716	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 143-147	1947 - 1951
PRA-262	F-07717	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 148-154	1952 - 1954
PRA-262	F-07718	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 154-163	1954 - 1960
PRA-262	F-07719	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 164-170	1959 - 1968
PRA-262	F-07720	Naturalization certificates: Vols. 171-173	1968 - 1972

COURT: Vergennes (Vt). Municipal Court.

SERIES ID	BOX/FILM ID	DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS	DATE RANGE
PRA-262	F-06655	Naturalization certificates card index.	1841 - 1918
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COURT: Vermont. County Court (Addison County)

SERIES ID	BOX/FILM ID	DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS	DATE RANGE
PRA-262	F-11707	Naturalization certificates (4 Vols.)	1838 - 1952

COURT: Vermont. County Court (Bennington County)

SERIES ID	BOX/FILM ID	DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS	DATE RANGE
PRA-166	PRA-00616	Declarations of intention, 1907-1908; Naturalization certificates, 1842-1902; Alphabetical index to records, 1856-1906; Declarations of intention, 1907-1908 (6 volumes); Naturalization certificates (blank forms), including stubs of certificates and declarations of intention, 1904-1908 (1 volume); Naturalization certificates, 1842-1902 (3 volumes); Alphabetical card index to naturalization records, 1856-1906.	1856 - 1908
PRA-166	PRA-01317	Petitions for naturalization.	1906 - 1910

COURT: Vermont. County Court (Caledonia County)

SERIES ID	BOX/FILM ID	DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS	DATE RANGE
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PRA-279	PRA-01318	Declarations of intention and Certificates of naturalization, 1840-1858, 1888-1892, 1904-1906 (indexed); Declarations of intention, 1892-1908 (indexed); Naturalization certificates, 1892-1903 (indexed) and 1908 (not indexed)	1840 -	1908
PRA-279	F-06755	Alphabetical index to naturalization certificates, 1848-1906.	1848 -	1906
PRA-279	PRA-01319	Declarations of intention and Certificates of naturalization (indexed)	1858 -	1888
PRA-279	PRA-01320	Petitions for naturalization and Certificates of naturalization (indexed)	1908 -	1908
PRA-279	PRA-01321	Declarations of intention (indexed)	1932 -	1953

COURT: Vermont. County Court (Chittenden County)			
SERIES ID	BOX/FILM ID	DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS	DATE RANGE

PRA-270	PRA-01254	Declarations of intention and petitions for citizenship, 1944-1961 (indexed); Naturalization certificates, 1859-1904 (indexed); Declarations of intention and naturalization certificates (loose sheets, arranged alphabetically), 1866-1896; Naturalization certificates stubs, 1907-1928 (not indexed); Naturalization certificates, 1930-1961 (not indexed); Facts for petitions of naturalization, ca. 1920 (loose sheets, arranged alphabetically); Account of naturalization activity, 1905-1920 (indexed); and quarterly abstract of naturalization fees, 1913-1957.	1859 -	1961
PRA-270	PRA-01250	Declarations of intention, 1905-1958 (indexed). Declarations of intention and petitions for citizenship, 1923-1944 (indexed)	1905 -	1958
PRA-270	PRA-01251	Declarations of intention and petitions for naturalization (indexed)	1907 -	1915
PRA-270	PRA-01252	Declarations of intention and petitions for naturalization (indexed)	1917 -	1926
PRA-270	PRA-01253	Declarations of intention and petitions for naturalization (indexed)	1925 -	1929

COURT: Vermont. County Court (Grand Isle County)			
SERIES ID	BOX/FILM ID	DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS	DATE RANGE

PRA-278	F-06675	Declarations of Intention, Petitions for Naturalization, Orders of Court Admitting Petitioners, Abare-Young.	1846 - 1896
PRA-278	F-06676	Alphabetical index to naturalization certificates, Abare-Young, 1846-1896	1846 - 1896

COURT: Vermont. County Court (Orange County)			
SERIES ID	BOX/FILM ID	DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS	DATE RANGE

PRA-262	F-11706	Naturalization certificates card index.	1838 - 1857
PRA-262	F-11708	Naturalization certificates (8 vols.)	1838 - 1857
PRA-269	PRA-01248	Naturalization certificates 1838-1903 (indexed) and 1907-1929 (not indexed); Declarations of intention, 1866-1906 (not indexed) and 1907-1925 (indexed); Declarations of intention and petitions for naturalization, 1930-1951 (indexed); declarations of intention, 1944-1956 (indexed); Petitions for naturalization, 1952-1957 (indexed); Naturalization certificates, 1939-1957 (not indexed); and alphabetical naturalization certificates card index, 1850-1956.	1838 - 1956
PRA-269	PRA-01249	Declarations of intention and petitions for naturalization (indexed).	1907 - 1928

COURT: Vermont. County Court (Rutland County)			
SERIES ID	BOX/FILM ID	DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS	DATE RANGE

PRA-262	F-07129	Naturalization certificates (5 Vols.)	1836 - 1966
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COURT: Vermont. County Court (Washington County)			
SERIES ID	BOX/FILM ID	DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS	DATE RANGE

PRA-262	F-08109	Naturalization certificates, 1877-1906; Clerk dockets, 1878-1906; Declarations of intention.	1877 - 1906
PRA-262	F-08108	Naturalization certificates (8 Vols.)	1929 - 1955

COURT: Vermont. County Court (Windham County)			
SERIES ID	BOX/FILM ID	DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS	DATE RANGE

PRA-182	PRA-00677	Naturalization certificates, 1851-1906; Declarations of intention, 1908-1920; Petition for naturalization, 1908; and an index to naturalizations, 1851-1897.	1851 - 1908
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COURT: Vermont. County Court (Windsor County)			
SERIES ID	BOX/FILM ID	DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS	DATE RANGE

PRA-277	F-06663	Alphabetical index to naturalization certificates, 1811-1906, and 1930-1957.	1811 - 1957
PRA-277	PRA-01312	Declarations of Intention, 1838-1958 (indexed), and Certificates of naturalization stubs, 1908-1929 (not indexed)	1838 - 1958
PRA-277	PRA-01313	Certificates of Naturalization, 1888-1902 (indexed); Naturalization certificates, 1904-1905 (indexed); Petitions for naturalization, 1936-1957 (not indexed); Applications for Oaths of Allegiance, 1940-1959 (indexed); and Petitions for naturalization, 1953-1957 (indexed)	1888 - 1959
PRA-277	PRA-01315	Declarations of intention, Petitions for naturalization and Naturalization certificates (not indexed)	1907 - 1908
PRA-277	PRA-01316	Declarations of intention, Petitions for naturalization and Naturalization certificates (indexed)	1919 - 1932
PRA-277	PRA-01314	Declarations of intention, Certificates of arrival, Petitions for citizenship and Oaths of Allegiance (indexed)	1929 - 1953