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Title: Guide to Naturalization Records, 1888-1972

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Administrative History: District Courts of Alaska were a designated authority for naturalization process. Evolved from one district court in Sitka, 1884, the district courts were organized in four divisions, 1909, and have served Alaska since then. Different courts maintained different naturalization records as well as procedures before 1906 that is reflected in documents transferred to the State Archives.

Collection Description: This index represents 6,045 files created in the courts of Juneau, Petersburg, Skagway, Wrangell, Nome and Cordova. Collection includes [Declarations of Intention](#), [Petitions for Naturalization](#) (approved and denied), [Fact Sheets for Declarations](#) and Petitions, Depositions in Support of Petitions, Certificates of Naturalization, lists of applicants for admission to citizenship and Native Alaskans citizenship case files. Some files contain correspondence with the clerk of court, notification of court procedures with regard to the application for citizenship or a request to withdraw the application. Some files include photos of applicants. Microfilmed Index of Naturalizations for Skagway 1901-1917 and Juneau 1900-1929 is available.

Arrangement: The index is arranged alphabetically by name – last, first, AKA (also known as) and includes country of origin, date of application, applicant’s residence and occupation, judicial precinct, record type, case number and archival location.

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DECLARATION OF INTENTION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

United States District Court

DISTRICT OF ALASKA—SECOND DIVISION

Be it Remembered, That Jennie L. Hillseth,
 personally appeared before the United States District Court, District of Alaska, Second Division, and
 declared on oath that she was born in Norway on or about
 the 27th day of April A. D. 1863, that she emigrated to the United
 States, and landed at the port of Boston, Mass on or about the 1st
 day of May A. D. 1886, that it is bona fide her intention to become a citizen
 of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate,
 State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the King of Norway and
Sweden whereof she is a subject.

Subscribed and sworn to this 3rd
 day of November A. D. 1900 } Jennie L. Hillseth,
John T. Reed,

deputy Clerk of the United States District Court, District of Alaska, Second Division.

By _____ Deputy Clerk.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

United States District Court

DISTRICT OF ALASKA—SECOND DIVISION

Be it Remembered, That John Lauchart
 personally appeared before the United States District Court, District of Alaska, Second Division, and
 declared on oath that he was born in Germany on or about
 the 8th day of March A. D. 1863, that he emigrated to the United
 States, and landed at the port of New York on or about the 1st
 day of June A. D. 1883, that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen
 of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate,
 State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the Emperor of Germany
he whereof he is a subject.

Subscribed and Sworn to this 5th
 day of November A. D. 1900 } John Lauchart
Leo P. Borhrens

Clerk of the United States District Court, District of Alaska, Second Division.

By _____ Deputy Clerk.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

To the Honorable the District Court of Alaska, Sec. Div. at Nome
 The petition of Morris Pascoff hereby filed, respectfully sheweth:
 First. My place of residence is Port Davis, Alaska.
 Second. My occupation is Private, Com C 30th Battalion U.S. Guards.
 Third. I was born on the 15th day of September, anno Domini 1891, at Gomel, Russia.
 Fourth. I emigrated to the United States from Emerson, Manitoba, on or about the — day of December
 anno Domini 1912, and arrived in the United States, at the port of St. Vincent, Minn., on the — day of December
 anno Domini 1912, on the vessel Canadian Pac. Ry.
 Fifth. I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on the — day of March, anno Domini 1916
 at Portland, Oregon, in the District Court of State of Oregon
 Sixth. I am not married. My wife's name is —; she was born on the — day of —, anno Domini —

— and now resides at — (Give number, street, city or town, and State.)
 I have not children, and the names, date and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children is as follows:

Petitioner is an alien serving in the military service of the U.S. and applies for citizenship under act approved May 9, 1918, seventh subdivision.

Certificate as to service and loyalty of petitioner sworn to by J. R. Kolloch, 1st Lieut. U.S. Guards, M.A. and M. S. Bondurant, 1st Lieut. U.S. Guards, M.A. before B. J. Lomen, U.S. Naturalization Examiner.

Seventh. I am not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government or a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposed to organized government. I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and it is my intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to the present government of Russia of whom at this time I am a subject, and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States.

Eighth. I am able to speak the English language.
 Ninth. I have resided continuously in the United States of America for the term of five years at least immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since the — day of December, anno Domini 1912, and in the Territory of Alaska, continuously next preceding the date of this petition, since the 10th day of June, anno Domini 1916, being a residence within this State of at least one year next preceding the date of this petition.

Tenth. I have not heretofore made petition for citizenship to any court. ~~I made petition for citizenship to the~~ — Court of — on the — day of —, anno Domini 1— and ~~said petition was denied by the said Court for the following reasons and causes, to wit:~~

is the record of the preliminary examination before the representative of the government and the certificate from the Department of Labor together with my affidavit and the affidavits of the two verifying witnesses thereto, required by law. Wherefore your petitioner prays that he may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America.

Morris Pascoff
 (Complete and true signature of petitioner.)

~~Declaration of Intention No. — and Certificate of Arrival No. — from Department of Labor filed this — day of —, 191—~~
 NOTE TO CLERK OF COURT.—If petitioner arrived in the United States on or before June 29, 1906, strike out the words reading "and Certificate of Arrival No. — from Department of Labor."

AFFIDAVITS OF PETITIONER AND WITNESSES

United States of America
Territory of Alaska ss:
 The aforesaid petitioner being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the petitioner in the above-entitled proceedings; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; that the said petition is signed with his full, true name; that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

J. R. Kolloch occupation 1st Lieut. U.S. Guards, Math. Army.
 and M. S. Bondurant occupation 1st Lieut. U.S. Guards, Math. Army.
 each being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, deposes and says that he is a citizen of the United States of America; that he has personally known Morris Pascoff, the petitioner above mentioned, to have resided in the United States continuously immediately preceding the date of filing his petition, since the 1st day of August, anno Domini 1918, and in the Territory in which the above-entitled petition is made continuously since the 1st day of August, anno Domini 1918; and that he has personal knowledge that the said petitioner is a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and that the petitioner is in every way qualified, in his opinion, to be admitted a citizen of the United States.

J. R. Kolloch
 (Signature of witness.)
M. S. Bondurant
 (Signature of witness.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses in the office of the Clerk of said Court this 3rd day of September, anno Domini 1918.

W. C. McGee, Deputy Clerk.

FACTS FOR DECLARATION OF INTENTION

Department of Commerce and Labor

NATURALIZATION SERVICE

Washington

2108

NOTE.—A copy of this form should be furnished by the clerk of the court to each applicant for a declaration of intention, so that he can at his leisure fill in the answers to the questions. After being filled out the form is to be returned to the clerk, to be used by him in properly filling out the declaration.

Name: Peter Kovich ^{WJ} Age: 25 years.
(Do not abbreviate any part of name by initial or otherwise.) (Give age at last birthday.)

Occupation: Miner

Color: White Complexion: Dark

Height: 6 feet 2 inches. Weight: 186 pounds.

Color of hair: black Color of eyes: black

Other visible distinctive marks: Scar on left cheek near eye
(If no visible distinctive marks so state.)

Where born: Grahovo, Montenegro
(City or town.) (Country.)

Date of birth: June, 15, 1883
(Month.) (Day.) (Year.)

Present residence: Jerman, Aenska
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State, Territory, or District.)

Emigrated from: Havre, France
(Port of embarkation.) (Country.)

Name of vessel: La Savois Savoy
(If the applicant arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance or name of transportation company should be given.)

Last place of foreign residence: Grahovo, Montenegro
(City or town.) (Country.)

I am now a subject of and intend to renounce allegiance to* (See note.) _____
(Name.)

(Title.)

Date of arrival in United States: September 1, 1904
(Month.) (Day.) (Year.)

Port of arrival: New York, New York
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

* NOTE.—If applicant is a citizen of a foreign Republic he should fill in the following line in lieu of the above, writing the name of the Republic only.

I am now a citizen of and intend to renounce allegiance to the Republic of _____