



USCIS Genealogy Program

The USCIS Genealogy Program is a fee-based service providing family historians and other researchers with timely and accurate access to historical immigration and naturalization records.

www.uscis.gov/genealogy



How to Make a Request:

Requests may be submitted online using a credit card or by mail using a money order or cashiers check.

To make an online request, visit www.uscis.gov/genealogy and follow the “Make a Genealogy Request” link. Please be sure to read all of the instructions before submitting a request.

To make a request via postal mail, please complete and submit the appropriate USCIS Genealogy Program request form:

Genealogy Index Search Request (G-1041)

Or

Genealogy Records Request (G-1041A)

The forms may be downloaded from the “Immigration Forms” section of www.uscis.gov.

Send your completed form and fee payment to:
USCIS Genealogy Program
P.O. Box 805925
Chicago, IL 60680-4120

Note: The above address receives only request forms and payments. Please do not send correspondence to this address.

For more information about the USCIS Genealogy Program and the records available through it please visit our website: www.uscis.gov/genealogy.

Send questions and comments to our mailbox at Genealogy.USCIS@dhs.gov or leave a toll-free voice message at 1-866-259-2349.



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The USCIS Genealogy Program offers two services:



INDEX SEARCH: (FORM G-1041)

Using biographical information provided by the researcher, USCIS searches its historical immigration and naturalization record indices for citations related to a specific immigrant. The search results (record citations) are returned to the researcher, along with instructions on how to request the file(s) from USCIS, the National Archives, or local courts.

Researchers who do not have a valid USCIS file number citation, who are unsure whether USCIS holds a record for their ancestor, or who wish to know about every historical USCIS record related to their ancestor, should make an index search request.

Fee: \$20.00

Information Required for an Index Search Request

To make an Index Search Request you will need to provide at least the following information about your immigrant ancestor:

- Name (aliases, maiden, and variations)
- Date of birth (actual or estimated)
- Country of birth

You will also be asked to provide optional information, such as date of arrival in the US and places of residence. While this information is not required it is often essential for locating the correct index entries.

If your ancestor was born less than 100 years ago you will also need to provide proof of his/her death.

Index Search Results

Index Search Requests are responded to by letter, reporting whether or not the search identified a record for the immigrant named.

If so, the letter provides the file number, record series, and any additional information, as well as instructions and applicable fees to request the record(s) from the USCIS Genealogy Program.

In some cases the letter informs researchers of other record citations found, and provides instructions for requesting that record from the National Archives or local courts.

RECORD COPY REQUEST: (FORM G-1041-A)

Researchers with valid USCIS file number citations gained through a USCIS Genealogy Program index search or through independent research may request copies of historical immigration and naturalization records.



Fees depend on record format:
\$20.00 (Microfilm)/
\$35.00 (Hard Copy)

Information Required for a Record Copy Request

The USCIS Genealogy program can only fulfill record requests that include a valid file number, such as a naturalization certificate number. Most researchers will receive the necessary file numbers from their USCIS Genealogy Program index search results. However, researchers who have located file numbers independently may use them to make a record copy request.

If your ancestor was born less than 100 years ago you will also need to provide proof of his/her death.

If you do not have a file number, or you are unsure whether or not USCIS maintains a file for your ancestor, please submit an index search request.

Records Available from the USCIS Genealogy Program:

- Naturalization Certificate Files (C-files) from September 27, 1906 to April 1, 1956
- Alien Registration Forms from August 1, 1940 to March 31, 1944
- Visa files from July 1, 1924 to March 31, 1944
- Registry Files from March 2, 1929 to March 31, 1944
- Alien Files (A-files) numbered below 8 million (A8000000) and documents therein dated prior to May 1, 1951

For a more information and a complete list of sample file numbers please visit www.uscis.gov/genealogy.