

NATURALIZATION:

Privilege of voting, right to own property, civil rights, protection of the law, new responsibilities

Basic Requirements: Residency 5 yrs, good moral character, oath of allegiance, knowledge of government, history, language

Historical changes:

1906 The bureau of Immigration & Naturalization was created. Federal agency controlled all procedures.

Collective Naturalizations

Derivative Citizenship

Naturalization Process:

1. Declaration of Intention

2. Petition for Naturalization

3. Oath of Allegiance

4. Certificate of Naturalization

GENERAL RESEARCH:

(Use Naturalization Quickstart available at the Mesa Regional Family History Center)

Check family records

Check Census

Check Ancestry.com

Use *Guide to Naturalization Records in the United States*, Christina K. Schaefer (FHL Ref. Book 973 P4s)

OR

FHLC (Family History Library Catalog)

AFTER 1906:

Send for naturalization records from USCIS (U. S. Citizenship & Immigration Services)

www.uscis.gov/ [download form G-639]

AND

National Archives (NARA) www.archives.gov

A great website for Naturalization information: <http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/ei.html>