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Letter and Abstract of Law Relating to Naturalization

This circular letter is explanatory of the Naturalization laws regarding the application for First and Second Naturalization Papers, and I have compiled same for distribution in answer to the many inquiries I receive daily relative to method of procedure in obtaining Citizenship Papers.

The First Paper or Declaration of Intention may be applied for by applicants in person at the County Clerk's Office, Court House, Morristown, N. J., on any week day between 9 A. M. and 4 P. M., except Saturday afternoon and holidays. No witnesses are required for first papers. The applicant must be able to write his full name, and will be required to give the following information, viz: age, occupation, complexion, height, weight, color of hair, color of eyes, name of town and country where born, date of birth, present residence, name of Port from which applicant emigrated and name of vessel on which he sailed, last foreign residence, port at which he arrived in this country and date on which he arrived. First Papers may be obtained at any time after arrival in the United States. Any first paper obtained subsequent to Sept. 27, 1906 becomes void after seven years if application for Second Papers has not been applied for before the expiration of the seven years. First Papers obtained prior to Sept. 27, 1906 are good, notwithstanding the fact that they may be over seven years old.

Applicants for First Papers must apply at the County Clerk's Office in the County in which they reside. The fee for issuing First Papers is One Dollar.

SECOND PAPERS

Application for Second Papers may be made at the County Clerk's Office, Court House, Morristown, N. J., on any week day between the hours of 9 A. M. and 4 P. M. except Saturday afternoon and Holidays.

Applicants for Second Papers must have resided in the Country over five years and in the State for over one year and must have had their first papers for over two years. In case an applicant for second papers arrived in the country subsequent to June 29, 1906, he must appear at the County Clerk's Office in the County in which he resides and make requisition for his Certificate of Arrival before he can apply for second papers. No witnesses are required for this purpose. The applicant should bring his first papers with him. Blank applications for Certificate of Arrival will be furnished by the County Clerk on request, but as there are a great many questions to be answered it has proven more satisfactory to have the application filled out at the County Clerk's Office and have him mail same to the Bureau of Naturalization at Washington, D. C.

Shortly after the application for the Certificate of Arrival has been forwarded to the Naturalization Bureau, the applicant will receive a notice from the Naturalization Department that his Certificate of Arrival has been sent to the County Clerk's Office and that he should appear at that office with witnesses &c. and make application for his Second Papers. Applicants for Second Papers must be able to speak the English language and be able to read and write. Persons who arrived in this country before June 29, 1906 do not have to obtain a certificate of arrival.

WITNESSES

Two witnesses, American Citizens, must be produced by the applicant for Second Papers, who must make affidavit that they have known the Petitioner to have resided in the United States for a period of over five years and in the State of New Jersey continuously for over one year. They must fix a time when they first knew the applicant and how they remember same. In case the applicant has resided in the State of New Jersey for a period of over one year, but less than five years he may make application for his Second Papers by producing two witnesses who have known him in the State continuously since he has been in the State, and at the time of filing his Petition for Second Papers he may give the Clerk the names of two witnesses, together with their addresses and occupations, who knew him in some other State for the remaining portion of the five years and the names of such witnesses will be sent to the Department of Naturalization, who will notify some officer in the vicinity in which the witnesses reside to take the depositions of such witnesses, by giving them notice to appear before him. The depositions are then forwarded to the Clerk and produced by him at the final hearing before the Court.

A fee of from Three to Five Dollars is charged by the Officer for taking the depositions of the witnesses in another State.

The same witnesses who appear with the Applicant at the time of filing his Petition for Second Papers must also appear at the final hearing before the Court, which hearing is held approximately, ninety days after the Petition is filed. No other witnesses can be substituted, except on account of death or removal from the State and then only after ninety days notice to the Naturalization Department at Washington of such facts. Applicants desiring to substitute new witnesses should produce such witnesses at the County Clerk's Office.

The Court sits four times a year for hearings on Petition for Citizenship, viz: second Wednesday of January, ~~the~~ Wednesday of April, ~~the~~ Wednesday of June, ~~the~~ Wednesday of September.

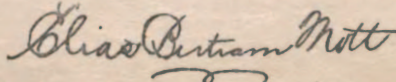
Applications to be heard on one of these dates must be filed at least ninety days previous.

The fee for Second Papers including the final Certificate of Naturalization is four dollars.

In case an alien has resided in the State for over five years but cannot produce two witnesses who have known him continuously for five years, he may produce as many witnesses (residents of New Jersey) as may be necessary to prove his five years continuous residence in this State.

Applicants applying for Second Papers must answer in addition to the questions asked when obtaining first papers the following additional questions, viz: whether married, name of wife and place of her birth and present residence, names of children, where each was born, giving name of town and country, date of birth and present residence, dates of arrival in Country and State. On the final hearing before the Court, applicants will be examined on their knowledge of the U. S. Constitution and generally on the form of Government in the County, State and Nation and the method of conducting the Government.

Very Truly Yours,



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