

# FOR ALL CATEGORIES

## Naturalization or Lack of

### If Ancestor Naturalized a U.S. citizen

- Certificate of Naturalization in original  
**AND**
- U.S. Declaration of Intention, Petition for Naturalization, Oath of Allegiance: Complete packet Issued by National Archives, NARA, no translation required (is an official document bearing the red ribbon and gold seal of the National Archives)

**OR**

- Certificate of Citizenship in original  
**AND**
- U.S. Declaration of Intention, Petition for Naturalization, Oath of Allegiance: Complete packet Issued by National Archives, NARA, no translation required (is an official document bearing the red ribbon and gold seal of the National Archives)  
**AND**
- Census Record  
In certified copy, dated after the birth of the Italian-born ascendant's child.

### If you cannot acquire a certificate of naturalization/citizenship or a Petition,

- An Official Statement, in original with Office Seal (not photocopy) from USCIS (US Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington DC)  
**AND**
- An Official Statement, in original with Office Seal (not photocopy) from the Court County in which the ancestor resided, stating the number of the Certificate of Naturalization, the date of the naturalization, ancestor's full name (included eventually aka), place and date of birth.

## **If Ancestor Never Naturalize**

- **An Official Statement of No Records**

(original, not a photocopy, and with the Office Seal) to be requested to one of the first two Offices listed below (USCIS and NARA).

Additionally, in case of missing Official statements, applicants should provide documentation that they are able to obtain from other U.S. authorities (see below)

**AND**

- **Census Record**

In certified copy, dated after the birth of the Italian-born ascendant's child.

### LIST OF THE OFFICES YOU CAN CONTACT:

1. The **USCIS** in Washington D.C. ([www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis](http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis)). This Office can provide a Certificate of Naturalization or a certification of nonexistence of a specific record.
2. The **National Archives in Washington, DC** ([www.nara.gov](http://www.nara.gov)). This office collects documents from all over the United States: you could obtain a certified copy of your ancestor's "petition for naturalization" and "oath of allegiance" from the National Archives. Documents from NARA must be certified copies, bearing the red ribbon and gold seal of NARA. If no record is found, they should issue a letter stating it.
3. **County Court** in which he resided and in which his child was born. It can also provide the Certificate of Naturalization.
4. The **USCIS Genealogy Program**, in Washington, DC ([www.uscis.gov/genealogy](http://www.uscis.gov/genealogy)). This office can send you a copy of your ancestor's certificate or alien registration card, which must be supported by a County or NARA record, because USCIS will only release a certified copy to the person who received citizenship.
5. The **Regional Office of the National Archives**. This office keeps Federal documents related to the States in their area of jurisdiction. You can also obtain a certified copy of your ancestor's "petition for naturalization" and "oath of allegiance". Documents from NARA must be certified copies, bearing the red ribbon and gold seal of NARA. If the search shows NO RECORD, NARA can issue the alien registration card.

6. **Census record.** It may provide additional information relevant to your case even if based on the information provided by the individual: Immigration Records, Naturalization Records, Ship Passenger Lists, Military records, the U.S. Passport applications, Voter List Records and others ([www.census.org](http://www.census.org)). Ask for the first U.S. Census dated after the birth of the Italian-born ascendant's child.

**If Ancestor is still alive and is NOT an American citizen**

- his **Italian passport**
- AND**
- current **U.S. permanent resident card** (“green card”).

**If Italian Ancestor went to a country other than the U.S.A.**

must present the naturalization record issued by that country. For more information see the website of the competent Italian Consulate/Embassy. A list of all Italian Consulate/Embassies abroad is available at: [www.esteri.it](http://www.esteri.it) (“Farnesina” - “Rappresentanze Diplomatiche” - “Ambasciate e Consolati” – Country).

**NOTE**

When submitting a request to one of these offices, please provide your Italian ancestor's full name (and aliases, nicknames, and any other names appeared on any official documents), possible places and dates of birth which he may have declared during his life, according to the ancestor's documents and information available.

Conduct a search that covers the time of the arrival of your Italian ancestor in the USA, to the birth of his child born in the USA, and support it with Official statements.

This Consulate's citizenship office has the right to request additional documents, beyond the ones provided by the applicant on the day of the appointment, in order to determine the applicants' eligibility to the Italian citizenship.