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1. **County:** Montgomery
2. **Office:** Circuit Court
3. **Title:** [Naturalization Petition Record, Circuit Court]
4. **Labeling:** See page 2
5. **Dates:** See page 2
6. **Quantity:** 3 l.f. (22 volumes)
7. **Indexing:** Alphabetical by first letter of surname of petitioner and then by petition number.
8. **Arrangement:** Chronologically by date petition was entered into court or date of judgement and numerically by petition number within each year.
9. **HRS Citation:** Similar to HRS Montgomery County, page 128, 129, and 151.
10. **Function:** To maintain a record of immigrants petitioning naturalization in Montgomery County, Illinois.
11. **Contents:** The Petition for Naturalization for all volumes shows the names and signatures of petitioner, witnesses, judge, and clerk of the court; date petition was entered into court; date that final judgment of petition was entered into court; petitioner's current residence, occupation, date and place of birth; date, port of entry, and name of vessel; date and place Declaration of Intent was filed; marital status: if married, spouse's name, where born, and current residence; if petitioner has children: how many, their names, date and place of birth, and current residence; oath that petitioner is not a disbeliever in organized government, not a polygamist, or believer in polygamy; can speak or read English language; residency requirements; state if previously filed Petition for Naturalization, if yes: date, place, and reason petition was denied; two witnesses' affidavit on the petitioner's character, residence, and length of time witness has known petitioner; Oath of Allegiance to support and defend the United States, renounce all allegiance to any foreign power, and if applicable, renounce title of nobility held in country of origin; option to change name once admitted; if admitted, date and Certificate of Naturalization Number issued; if denied, the date and the reason why denied. Volumes 2-22 added a section to list any marriages or births that occurred

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4. **Labeling:** “Form 2204 Petition and Record/Vol. 1/[Nos. 1 To 45]”; “Naturalization Service Petition and Record/Vol. 2/[Nos. 46 To 145]”; “Naturalization Service Petition and Record/Vol. 3/[Nos. 145 To 245]”; “Naturalization Service Petition and Record/Vol. 4/[Nos. 246 To 345]”; “Naturalization Service Petition and Record/Vol. 5/[Nos. 346 To 444]”; “Naturalization Service Petition and Record/Vol. 6/[Nos. 445 To 543]”; “Naturalization Service Petition and Record/Vol. 7/[Nos. 544 To 642]”; “Naturalization Service Petition and Record/Vol. 8/[Nos. 643 To 742]”; “Naturalization Service Petition and Record/Vol. #9/[Nos. 743 To 842]”; “Naturalization Service Petition and Record/Vol. 10/[Nos. 843 To 942]”; “Petitions Docket/#11/[943 Inc. To 1042 Inc.]”; “Petitions 12/[1043-1082]”; “Petitions 13/[1083-1132]”; “Petitions 14/[1133-1175]”; “Petitions 15/[1176-1242]”; “Petitions 16/[1243-1285]”; “Petitions 17/[1286-1351]”; “Petitions 18/[1352- 1415]”; “Petitions 19/[1416-1468 Also 5 Forms 2234 at end]”; “Petitions 20/[1469-1528]”; “Petitions 21/[1529-1600]”; “Petitions 22/[1601-1632]”.

5. **Dates:** The filing dates for petitions for naturalization entered into court are: Volume 1: 23 July 1907 to 18 October 1911; Volume 2: 23 December 1911 to 11 May 1914; Volume 3: 22 June 1914 to 2 May 1916; Volume 4: 4 May 1916 to 18 June 1918; Volume 5: 14 May 1918 to 5 November 1919; Volume 6: 17 November 1919 to 20 May 1921; Volume 7: 1 June 1921 to 18 November 1922; Volume 8: 21 January 1922 to 6 August 1923; Volume 9: 6 August 1923 to 13 January 1925; Volume 10: 13 January 1925 to 28 December 1926; Volume 11: 28 December 1926 to 20 August 1928; Volume 12: 20 August 1928 to 29 June 1929; Volume 13: 2 November 1929 to 22 August 1932; Volume 14: 22 August 1932 to 5 August 1935; Volume 15: 5 August 1935 to 4 January 1937; Volume 16: 4 August 1937 to 18 May 1938; Volume 17: 9 August 1938 to 12 August 1938; Volume 18: 28 December 1938 to 11 August 1939; Volume 19: 27 December 1939 to 8 August 1940; Volume 20: 27 February 1941 to 5 March 1942; Volume 21: 5 March 1942 to 11 October 1945; Volume 22: 19 November 1945 to 22 September 1953.

11. **Contents:** after petitioning but before naturalization. Residency requirements for: Volumes 1-12, resident in United State for at least 5 years and Illinois for at least 1 year; Volumes 13-19, resident in United States for at least 5 years and Illinois or Montgomery County at least 6 months; Volumes 20-22, different requirements depending on the form used. Volumes 20-22 petitioner can file two ways, under Form N-405, [Under General Provisions of the Nationality Act of 1940 (Public, No. 853, 76th Cong.)] (resident in United States for at least 5 years and Illinois for at least 6 months), or Form N-406, [Of a Married Person, under Sec. 310 (a) or (b), 311 or 312 of the Nationality Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 1144-1145)] (does not have residency requirements for both the United States and Illinois, and declaration of intent is not required); Volume 22 has three additional forms: Form N-406 (Rev. 12-24-52), “(Of a Married Person, under Sec. 319 (a) or (b), of the Immigration and Nationality Act)” (no residency requirements);

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11. **Contents:** Form N-405 (Rev. 12-24-52), “(Under General Provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act)” (resident in United States for at least 5 years, Illinois for at least 6 months, and physically present in United States for at least one-half of that time); or Form N-412, “(Filed under Section 701 of the Nationality Act of 1940)” (no residency requirements, but must state branch of military, date entered, Serial No. entered into military, honorable discharge date, and place of residence at time of enlistment). Volumes 13-22 contains additional information: petitioner’s race, last foreign residence, the name under which petitioner entered the United States, date and place of marriage, spouse’s date of birth, and date and place entered United States. Volumes 20-22 contains additional information: personal description of the petitioner: sex, color, complexion, color of eyes, color of hair, height in feet and inches, weight in pounds, visible distinctive marks, present nationality, and age; the date and location spouse entered United States, and if naturalized, the date and place naturalization occurred; sex of children; section to list the dates when petitioner was out of the United States for 6 months or longer, must provide date, port, and name of vessel departed and reentered the United States; required petitioner has not been an anarchist, nonbeliever “in the unlawful damage, injury, or destruction of property, or sabotage,” disbeliever or opposed to organized government, and member or affiliated with any organization that is opposed to organized government for at least 10 years immediately preceding date of petition. Volume 22 (after September 26, 1951, Petition Number 1614) added to the Oath of Allegiance that petitioner will bear arms, perform noncombatant service in the United States Armed Forces, or perform work of national importance when required by law.

12. **Other Information:** Volume 19 has 5 Form 2234 at the end of volume; Volumes 20 and 21 also contains Form N-415, which is the old Form 2234. Additional documents, including declaration of intent, certificate of arrival, letters from petitioners, witnesses, county clerks, lawyers, and personnel from the United States Department of Labor, Division of Naturalization, and more. The microfilm reels are 30-6224 (contains Volumes 1-3), 30-6225 (contains Volumes 4-6), 30-6234 (contains Volumes 7-8), 30-6235 (contains Volumes 9-10), 30-6236 (contains Volumes 11-13), 30-6237 (contains Volumes 14-18, ending with petitioner number 1385), and 30-6238 (contains Volume 18, starting with petitioner number 1386-Volume 22). Microfilm reels should be used for Volumes 1, 8-10, and 13-22 due to poor condition or extremely tight binding. The exact dates of volumes are hard to determine because the dates listed on the microfilm target sheets vary from volume to volume. Volumes 1-11 and 16 are dated by petition entered in court, and Volumes 12-15 and 17-22 are by date of final judgment.