

THE U.S.A. NATURALIZATION

The application to be recognized as an Italian citizen can not be accepted unless the applicant is in position to prove that the Italian ancestor that was born in Italy has **not** been naturalized in the US before his/her birth or before the birth of the ancestor that was born in USA.

You must obtain:

- 1) **the certificate of naturalization.**

If it is not available you must provide the following:

- 2) **Official statement** (in original, not photocopy, and with the Office Seal) from the US Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington D.C. (425 I Street North West, 2nd Floor, ULLICO Bldg, Washington, DC 20536) AND FROM THE Court County in which he resided, stating the number of the Certificate of Naturalization and the date of his naturalization. The statement must show your Italian ancestor's full name (and any other names he/she went by on any official documents), place of birth and date of birth, date of the naturalization, certificate number; if he never became a US citizen, you have to show his Italian passport and Alien Registration Card.
For more information visit: <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis> .
- 3) **Or Record from the USCIS Genealogy Program**, 1200 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20529-2206. Follow the procedures on the Genealogy web site www.uscis.gov/genealogy .
- 4) **If the Research shows NO RECORD:** you are requested to double check with the National Archives (www.nara.gov) requesting a full search under his name and nicknames, possible dates of birth wic he may have declared in the course of his life. If the record is found, you will obtain from the National Archives a certified copy of his “petition for naturalization” and “oath of allegiance” (Please note: this Office may at any time request that you present documentation from the National Archives – in case of discrepancies – to confirm the identity reported on the certificate of Naturalization).

IF YOUR ITALIAN ANCESTOR WENT TO A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE U.S.A. YOU 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 (“Farnesina” - “Rappresentanze Diplomatiche” - “Ambasciate e Consolati” – Country).