



OBJECT ID	2013.6.5
OBJECT NAME	Certificate, Naturalization
OBJECT COLLECTION	Calas Family Collection (is part of)
DATE CREATED	April 8, 1920
EVENT	Naturalization
MATERIAL	Paper
OBJECT ENTITIES	Printed, (created by) Calas, Andrew (owned by) Calas, Andrew (is related to) Calas, Candi (is related to) Calas, Craig (is related to) Calas, Kurt (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	naturalization paper United States of America

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

The document is reminiscent of the U.S. paper currency. At the top, the paper says "The United States of America" and under that, "Certificate of Naturalization". The document has an elaborate border with curly, leafy designs in each corner and an extravagant outline of black and white



webbing with something like a black star in the middle. The font on the document is very small, hard to read cursive. The blanks for Andrew's personal information looks like it was stamped in purple ink while more personal areas were written in charcoal. The bottom is signed by the Clerk of the District Court. The middle is stamped with "Original". At the top of the document there is the eagle crest of the U.S. while the bottom of the document has a seal from the District of Illinois.

ORIGIN

Naturalization is a voluntary choice to become a U.S. citizen, it is not required of every alien to the U.S. This is a Certificate of Naturalization for Andrew Calas. Andrew became naturalized on April 22, 1920 through the court of Hennepin County, Minneapolis, Minnesota. In the personal description of Andrew the document has him as a 25 year old white male with a dark complexion, brown eyes, dark hair. He was a 5 feet 6 inches, unmarried and childless Greek at the time. Andrew was naturalized a year after he was honorably discharged from the U.S. army and six years before he married his wife Chrisanthe. At the time of his naturalization, he lived in Hennepin, Minnesota. He assured his health and agreed to the laws of the U.S. and was admitted as a citizen.

CITATION

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