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Immigrants in HRC records



Happy June, and welcome back to Found in the Archives, a publication of the Clerk of the Fairfax Circuit Court, 19th Judicial Circuit, who proudly serves The City of Fairfax & Fairfax County. In celebration of Immigrant Heritage Month, this month we will discuss some of the records here at the Historic Records Center in which we can see individuals who immigrated to Fairfax County from other countries.

According to the historic Code of Virginia, those who wished to become a citizen of the United States had to take an oath in a court of law to declare their intent to become a citizen and renounce allegiance to their former country. They later would

take a second oath swearing to support the Constitution of the United States. After three years had passed since their first oath, and at least five years of residency in the United States, they could be admitted as a citizen. We can see this process through some of these oaths being recorded in our Minute Books and in our Drawer X collection of loose papers.

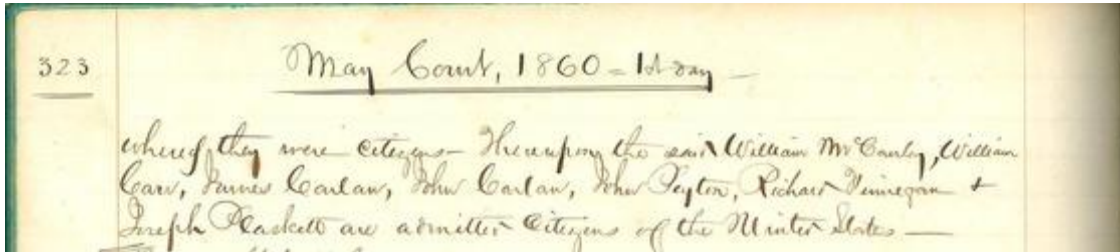
Virginia, Court.
In the Clerk's Office of Fairfax County Court: April 14th 1857
James Carlan this day personally appeared before me and made oath, that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereign whatever, and particularly to Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, whereof he is a subject —
Jesto: Thomas Moore D.C.
A Copy: Jesto: Alfred Moser, Clerk

Fairfax County Drawer X X-I-0140

Virginia, Court.
In the Clerk's Office of Fairfax County Court: October 28th 1856
John Carlan this day personally appeared before me and made oath that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance & fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereign whatever, and particularly to Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, whereof they are subjects —
A Copy: Jesto: Alfred Moser, Clerk

Fairfax County Drawer X X-I-0141

In 1856 and 1857, brothers John and James Carlin filed their intent to renounce “forever all allegiance & fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State, or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland” Later in a Minute Book entry from May of 1860, we see the two Carlin brothers being admitted as citizens. The Carlin brothers later went on to own land next to each other in what is now the Mclean area.



Fairfax Minute Book 1858 page 323

We also have a small collection of Naturalization papers that the court kept in books. Spanning from 1907-1912, most of the immigrants in these books are from Europe, mainly coming from England, France, Germany, and Italy.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION
DIVISION OF NATURALIZATION

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

Declaration of intention (in lieu of the one required immediately upon the filing of the original) furnished in
 accordance with authority granted by the Division of Naturalization, file number 558 920
 to N. W. Lloyd, Esq., Clerk, Grand Court.

State of Virginia }
County of Fairfax } ss:

In the Circuit Court
of Fairfax County, Va

I, Frank Youradour, aged 30 years,

occupation Merchant, do declare on oath that my personal

description is: Color White, complexion light, height 5 feet 5 inches,

weight 135 pounds, color of hair medium, color of eyes blue

other visible distinctive marks none

I was born in Lignieres, Dept. Eure, Eure, France
France, on the 11th day of August, anno

Domini 1877; I now reside at Accotink, Fairfax County, Va

I emigrated to the United States of America from Havre, France

on the vessel La Champagne; my last

foreign residence was Cuzance, France

It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign
prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to the Republic of

France, of which I am now a Citizen; I

arrived at the port of New York, in the

State of New York on or about the 21st day

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22 Feb 23 1910*

State of Virginia }
County of Fairfax } ss: In the Circuit Court
of Fairfax County

I, Johannes Nielson, aged 24 years,

occupation Painter & Decorator, do declare on oath that my personal description is: Color White, complexion Light, height 5 feet 7 1/2 inches, weight 143 pounds, color of hair Light, color of eyes Blue

other visible distinctive marks Scar on middle finger of right hand

; I was born in Vedsted, Denmark, on the 19th day of December, anno

Domini 1885; I now reside at Fairfax, Fairfax County, Virginia

I emigrated to the United States of America from Copenhagen, Denmark on the vessel* Oscar II Scandinavian-American Line; my last foreign residence was Birkelse Station, Denmark

It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to Frederick VIII, King

of Denmark, of which I am now a citizen subject; I arrived at the port of New York City, New York, in the State of New York

Fairfax County Naturalizations Book 1907-1912, page 6

While the vast majority of the earliest immigrants to Fairfax County were from Europe, one of our records from the earlier 20th century showcase immigrants from all over the globe, and also shows ways they served the Fairfax community. During the early 20th century, those wishing to practice medicine were required to register their medical license with the county court. From 1912-1957, Fairfax Circuit Court kept these registrations in a book. Our Medical Register shows individuals from

places including Turkey, Russia, Jamaica, Guatemala, and China, and more registering to practice different types of medicine in Fairfax County.

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MEDICAL REGISTER

Name Abraham Joseph Arbecy
Residence Vienna Va. R.F.D. No 17
Place and Date of Birth Damascus, Syria, Turkey

Source of License State Board of Medical Examiners.
No. of License
Date of License February 17th. 1914
School of Practice Regular

Fairfax County Medical Register, page 16

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MEDICAL REGISTER

Name Adrian Acinos J.
Residence 447 Bellevue Drive Falls Church, Va
Place and Date of Birth Guatemala Sept 29, 1919

Source of License State Board of Medical Examiners
No. of License 11257
Date of License June 23, 1950 19
School of Practice Medicine & Surgery

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MEDICAL REGISTER

Name *Henry Milton Ladney*
Residence *Dalls Church, Va*
Place and Date of Birth *Jamaica, British West Indies*
April 3, 1898
Source of License *State Board of Medical Examiners of Va*
No. of License *6871*
Date of License *July 21st,* 1933
School of Practice *Allopathic (Harvard University*
Medical School)

Fairfax County Medical Register, page 41

While the court no longer handles the naturalization process, these records are still part of the Circuit Court's history, and help tell the rich story of Fairfax County and the beginnings of how it has grown to become the diverse area that it is today. If you would like to view these records in person, or are interested in learning more, please come visit the Historic Records Center or schedule a research appointment to view our collections.

For more information on the records held at the Fairfax Circuit Court Historic Records Center, please call 703-246-4168 or email CCRHistoricRecords@fairfaxcounty.gov

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