



ALIEN FILES (A-FILES)

National Archives as Kansas City

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION



What is an A-File?

- The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) began issuing each alien an Alien Registration number in 1940, and on April 1, 1944, began using this number to create individual case files, called Alien Files or A-Files.
- A-Files contain all records of any case of an alien not yet naturalized as they passed through the United States immigration and inspection process.



Why else were A-Files Created?

- An A-File might be created without any action taken by the alien, for example if INS initiated a law enforcement action against or involving an alien.
- In a few instances there are also files on aliens who registered between 1940 and 1944. These files document aliens who received an Alien Registration number and form prior to 1944, and had an A-File created due to the re-opening of the case after 1944. Files from other series, such as visa or registry files, were withdrawn and placed in the A-Files when cases were reopened in instances such as the filing of applications to replace a document, obtain a border crossing card, or petition for an immigrant relative.

What is the research value of A-Files?

- A-Files are a rich source of biographical information in that they contain relatively modern immigration documents, all in one file. Since the early 20th century the United States collected increasing amounts of information from immigrants and A-Files from mid-century hold a wealth of data, including visas, photographs, applications, affidavits, correspondence, and more.
- Although the files were created beginning in 1944, documents and information included may be much older than that, and could date to the birth of the person. Documents may also be included that date up to the time of any final action related to the alien which could be deportation, permanent resident status, or citizenship.

Who should have an A-File?

	NO A-number	NO A-File	Likely A-File
Died before Aug 1, 1940	X	X	
Naturalized between Sep 27, 1906 and Aug 1, 1940 (likely a C-File)	X	X	
Naturalized between Aug 1, 1940 and Mar 31, 1956 (likely a C-File)		X	
Registered in 1940 but never came back to INS for any benefit or reason		X	
Registered in 1940 and came back to INS after Apr 1, 1944 for a benefit or some reason other than naturalization			X
Immigrated after Apr 1, 1944 (and did not naturalize prior to Apr 1, 1956)			X
Naturalized on/after Apr 1, 1956			X

Which A-Files are presently available for research through the National Archives?

- The National Archives at Kansas City presently holds over 350,000 A-File records for individuals who were born 1909 and prior.
- Additional records will be accessioned to our holdings on an annual basis. Each accession will continue to increase the number of records available in the earlier date ranges, while also extending date coverage forward.



A-Files at San Bruno

- The National Archives at San Francisco will receive an accession of A-Files soon.
- San Bruno will receive **some** of the A-Files from the USCIS District Offices located in **San Francisco, Honolulu, Reno, and Guam.***

*The National Archives at Kansas City will also maintain files from these offices, in addition to files from other USCIS district offices across the U.S.

A-Files Physical Logistics

- There are no standard document sizes
 - Document sizes range from small inches square to 11x17 pages
- Files are housed in Letter sized folders in archival FRC boxes
 - The files were recently re-boxed, but will not be re-folded

BASIC CONTENT



A-Files Content Logistics

- There are no standard documents that can be found within each file – there are only documents which appear more frequently than others.
- Due to this fact, there are no means of determining what an “average” file would look like. The number/kind of documents in any file is entirely dependant on the kinds of interactions the subject had with INS.
 - Files range from 1-2 pages to hundreds of pages

A-Files Could Contain:

- Alien Registration Form and Receipt Card (AR-2 and AR-3)
- Agency Name Check (G-135a)
- Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration
- Address Report Card

Alien Registration Form (AR-2)

FORM AR-2
OFFICE USE 4212197

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

ALIEN REGISTRATION FORM

1. (a) My name is Maria Terraro Terraro
(b) I entered the United States under the name of Maria Terraro
(c) I have also been known by the following names (include maiden name if a married woman, professional names, nicknames, and aliases): Maria Berhano
2. (a) I live at 315 Hill Avenue, Endicott, Broome, New York
(b) My post-office address is Same
3. (a) I was born on May 18, 1892
(b) I was born in (or near) Casale Alessandria Italy
4. I am a citizen or subject of Italy
5. (a) I am a (check one): Male ☐ Female ☒
(b) My marital status is (check one): Single ☐ Married ☒ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐
(c) My race is (check one): White ☒ Negro ☐ Japanese ☐ Chinese ☐ Other ☐
6. I am 4 feet 4 inches in height, weigh 120 pounds, have Gray hair and Brown eyes.
7. (a) I last arrived in the United States at New York City, New York on July 1, 1920
(b) I came in by S. S. Dante Alighieri
(c) I came as a (check one): Passenger ☒ Crew member ☐ Stowaway ☐ Other ☐
(d) I entered the United States as a (check one): Permanent resident ☒ Visitor ☐ Student ☐ Treaty merchant ☐ Seaman ☐ Official of a foreign government ☐ Employee of a foreign government official ☐ Other ☐
(e) I first arrived in the United States on July 1, 1920
(f) I have lived in the United States a total of 20 years.
(g) I expect to remain in the United States Permanently
8. (a) My usual occupation is Housewife (b) My present occupation is Same
(c) My employer (or registering parent or guardian) is Myself
whose address is _____
and whose business is _____

ALL INFORMATION must be answered by persons 14 years of age or older. For children under 14 years of age, only the items marked with a star (*) must be answered by the parent or guardian. All answers must be accurate and complete.

16. I am, or have been within the past 5 years, or intend to be engaged in the following activities:
In addition to other information, list memberships or activities in clubs, organizations, or societies None

11. My military or naval service has been None

12. I have not applied for first citizenship papers in the United States. Date of application _____
First citizenship papers received _____
Filed petition for naturalization _____

13. I have the following specified relatives living in the United States:
Parent(s) None Husband or wife Yes Children Seven

14. I have not been arrested or indicted for, or convicted of any offense (or offenses). These offenses are:
Nature of offense _____ Date of arrest _____ Place of arrest _____ Disposition of case _____

15. Within the past 5 years I have not been affiliated with or active in (a member of, official of, a worker for) organizations, devoted in whole or in part to influencing or furthering the political activities, public relations, or public policy of a foreign government.

AFFIDAVIT FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

I have read or have had read to me the above statements, and do hereby swear (or affirm) that these statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me at the place and on the date here designated by the official post-office stamp below.

Maria Terraro
DECLARANT OF REGISTRANT

Jenneth Whittemore
REGISTERING OFFICIAL

AFFIDAVIT FOR PARENT OR GUARDIAN ONLY

I am the _____ of the above-named alien, who is _____
and have made the above allegations for him (or her). I have read or have had the same read to me, and do hereby swear (or affirm) that they are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me at the place and on the date here designated by the official post-office stamp at the right.

ENDICOTT, N.Y.
OCT 24 1940
REGISTERED

Agency Name Check (G-135a)

Form G-135 Agency Name Check (Rev. 10-1-65)		UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Immigration and Naturalization Service		Office Mexico City, Mex.	
				File No.	
				Date September 29, 1969	
xx					
FBI Ident. Number					
(LAST NAME) MOYA	(FIRST NAME) Ignacia	(MIDDLE NAME) Garibay Vda.	DATE OF BIRTH Jan. 2, 1904	PRESENT NATIONALITY Mexican	
OTHER NAMES USED (Maiden name, names by former marriages, former names changed legally or otherwise, aliases, nicknames, etc. Specify which, and show dates used) nee GARIBAY-Sánchez, Ignacia			PLACE OF BIRTH Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico	MARITAL STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED	
			<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR
			HEIGHT	WEIGHT	IDENTIFYING MARKS
IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, GIVE FULL NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE OR FORMER SPOUSE. INCLUDE WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME. GIVE DATES AND PLACES OF ALL MARRIAGES OR DIVORCES. widow of Albino MOYA-Mata, citizen of Mexico.					
PARENTS' NAMES (Last name)		(First name)		DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH (if known)	
Father GARIBAY		Mother SANCHEZ		deceased	
Gundalajara, Jalisco, Mex.		Gundalajara, Jalisco, Mex.		deceased	
ORGANIZATIONS (Include any societies, clubs, etc., with which now or previously affiliated) none					
RESIDENCE LAST (5-17 YEARS (Street & No., RFD, etc.) (City, state and country))			FROM	TO	
Juan Soto #53, Veracruz, Ver., Mexico			1964	Nov. 1967	
1526 W. 18 Pl. Chicago, Illinois			Nov. 1967	Nov. 1968	
Juan Soto #53, Veracruz, Ver., Mexico			Nov. 1968	present	
EMPLOYMENT LAST (5-17 YEARS (Employer's name) (Number, street, city, state))			FROM	TO	
Housewife					
LAST ADMISSION TO U.S. (Date, port and status) Nov. 1967 at Chicago, Ill as tourist			PRIOR ENTRIES AND DEPARTURES (Dates and ports or if numerous, list years when previously in U.S.)		
PREVIOUS REPORTS FURNISHED BY FBI: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, attach list of reports.			U.S. PASSPORT NO. (if known)		
REASON FOR REQUEST <input type="checkbox"/> DEPORTATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADM. TO U.S. <input type="checkbox"/> BRIEF PR. # <input type="checkbox"/> NATURALIZATION <input type="checkbox"/> ADJ. OF STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> SPONSOR PR. #			ARMED FORCES SERIAL # AND BRANCH OF SERVICE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant for a waiver of grounds of excludability					
Assistant Commissioner Investigations					
DISTRIBUTION (check appropriate block)					
<input type="checkbox"/> FBI IDENT.	<input type="checkbox"/> FBI	<input type="checkbox"/> FBI	<input type="checkbox"/> MIL PER.	<input type="checkbox"/> AIR RESERVE	<input type="checkbox"/> USAF PER.
<input type="checkbox"/> FBI	<input type="checkbox"/> FBI	<input type="checkbox"/> FBI	<input type="checkbox"/> MIL PER.	<input type="checkbox"/> AIR RESERVE	<input type="checkbox"/> USAF PER.
SEE O.I. 328.1 FOR MAILING ADDRESS					
BAL					
WAS					
<input type="checkbox"/> MID Q-2	<input type="checkbox"/> PROV. WARE.	<input type="checkbox"/> OSI (USAF)	<input type="checkbox"/> ONI (USN)	STATE (P.R.)	STATE (C.Y.)
SEE O.I. 105 FOR MAILING ADDRESS					
(3) FILE COPY					

Immigration Visa and Alien Registration

Form 1-24-55
Revised August 1955
Approved Bureau Order
No. 6-10-55

FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

RRA
I- 678198

**APPLICATION FOR IMMIGRANT VISA
AND ALIEN REGISTRATION**

Special provisions
I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, state the following facts regarding myself and hereby make application for an IMMIGRANT Visa and
Refugee Relief Act of 1953 and
Alien Registration under the Immigration and Nationality Act to the American Vice Consul
at Palermo, Italy

1. Family name Given name Initial 2. Place and date of birth Age
MIRABITO Angelina xxx 3. Place and date of birth 6 November 1896 64

4. Other names by which I have been known
nee MIRABITO (first husband's name) Alessandro
Via Roma 51, Stromboli, Lipari, Messina, Italy

5. Address in the United States
56 Kruger Place, Passaic, N.J.

6. Name and address of person to whom destined, if any
Gruco Mirabito MIRABELLA (sister), for address see 5

7. Name and address of nearest relative in home country Giuseppe MIRABITO
(cousin), Via Lena, Stromboli, Lipari, Messina, Italy

8. Travel document is presented
Italian Passport No. 8024235 P

9. Hair 10. Eyes 11. Height 12. Weight 13. Nationality 14. Race 15. Sex 16. Marital status
Grey Brown 5' 3 1/2 in 147 lb Italian White F Married ☐ Single ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐

17. Occupation
Baker shop owner

18. Distinguishing marks
Scar on the neck

19. Languages spoken, read, or written
Italian

20. Intended United States port of entry
New York City

21. Final destination
See 5

22. I have (1) (a) through (d) so
domination

23. Purpose of going to the United States
To reside

24. Places of previous residence Stromboli, Lipari, Messina, Italy from birth to date, except: 1906-1914: Passaic, N.J.
1921-1925 and 1926-1933: Brooklyn, N.Y.

25. Name and place of residence of spouse and minor children
Vincenzo MIRABITO (husband), deceased

26. Name and address of father
Ignazio MIRABITO, deceased

27. Name and address of mother
Bonelia Romano MIRABITO, deceased

28. I claim to be a (foreigner) immigrant and am claiming to be based on the
Refugee Relief Act of 1953 and the Immigration and Nationality Act and
claim to be based on the following facts:
I am the sister of Gruco Mirabito MIRABELLA
who is an American citizen.
VF 3-26848 approved 10 June 1953

29. I have never been: arrested; restricted; in prison; in an almshouse; treated in an institution, hospital, or other place, for insanity or other mental disease;
the beneficiary of a pardon or amnesty, except as hereinafter stated:
Never

30. I have never applied to any American consular officer, either formally or informally, for a visa or other documentation as an immigrant or nonimmigrant, except
as hereinafter stated:
In 1926 I applied to the American Consulate Of Catania, Italy for an immigrant visa

31. I have never been excluded, deported, or removed from the United States at Government expense, except as hereinafter stated:
Never

(Application continued on reverse side)

Angelina Mirabito Mirabito
(Signature of applicant)
(Angelina Mirabito MIRABITO)
27th day of September 1955

C. JEFFERSON THE VICE CONSUL
VICE CONSUL of the United States of America.

Fee: GRATIS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
IMMIGRANT VISA AND ALIEN REGISTRATION
VP 3-26848
approved 10 June 1953

PORT OF NEW YORK DEC 10 1955
I certify that the immigrant named herein arrived to the United States at this
port on the T/R "A DOBIA"
on 9-6 (day, month, year)
and was inspected by me and (submitted) for further inquiry by special inquiry officer
under Section 9-6 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.
P. 203 admiral (Immigration officer)

ACTION OF SPECIAL INQUIRY OFFICER
The immigrant named herein was (admitted) (excluded) (and no appeal taken)
under Section _____ of the Immigration and Nationality Act.
Date _____
(Special inquiry officer)

ACTION ON APPEAL
Admitted _____ Excluded _____ Date _____

Admitted SEP 20 1955
EXCLUDED
ADMISSIBLE
AT PALERMO ITALY

Signature of applicant: Angelina Mirabito Mirabito

Signature of official: George B. Sherry
George B. Sherry, Vice Consul of the United States of America.

Fee: GRATIS

Passport No. 5324235 P or other travel document (describe)

Issued To Angelina Mirabito MIRABITO
By Police of Messina, Italy
On 9 August 1955
Expires 8 August 1956

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-57448-1

Address Report Card

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INSTRUCTIONS (READ CAREFULLY)

ADDRESS REPORT CARD

DO NOT TEAR, FOLD, MUTILATE OR SPINDLE THIS CARD.

All aliens residing in the United States on January 1 shall, within ten days following such date, report their address to the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service. Aliens temporarily admitted to the United States, whose period of admission has not yet expired and who have not violated the conditions of their admission, are not considered, for the purposes of this report, to be residing in the United States and need not make this report. If you have any doubt as to whether you should make a report, be on the safe side and submit one.

Use this form for reporting your address. All entries on this form except your signature must be PRINTED clearly in ink or with a dark or indelible pencil. WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED THIS FORM TAKE IT TO ANY POST OFFICE AND HAND IT TO THE POSTAL CLERK. DO NOT MAIL IT.

The following instructions must be followed for Items 2, 3, and 6: ITEM 2: Be sure to indicate your registration number. This is very important. Your registration number appears on the official alien registration receipt card issued to you. ITEM 3: Print the name you used when registering under the Alien Registration Act in 1940; or, if you entered the United States after December 26, 1940, print the name used at time of entry. ITEM 6: Print the name of the country of which you are a citizen or to which you owe permanent allegiance.

Form Approved
U.S. GPO: 1950 O-206

(1) MY NAME IS
Ferraro (LAST) Maria (MIDDLE)

(2) MY REGISTRATION NUMBER IS 4212197 (I AM REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF MARIA Ferraro (FULL NAME)

(4) MY PRESENT ADDRESS IS
315 Hill Avenue (STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE) Endicott (POST OFFICE) NY (STATE) Broome (COUNTY)

(5) I WAS BORN ON
May 22 1892 (MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR)

(6) I AM A NATIONAL OF ITALY (COUNTRY)

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
STATE CODE 311 DISTRICT CODE 07 COUN. OF CIT. CODE 21

(7) DATE THIS CARD IS SIGNED
Jan 8 1951 (MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR)

(8) I CERTIFY THAT ALL STATEMENTS ABOVE ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.
Maria Ferraro (SIGNATURE OF ALIEN)

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INTERESTING ITEMS



In Some Cases You May Find:

- Birth & Marriage Certificates
- Chinese Exclusion Act files
- Permit to Reenter the United States
- Report of Deportation Proceedings
- Certificate of Exemption from Military Service
- Etc, etc, etc.

Birth & Marriage Certificate

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find the entry, a
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CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF BIRTH.
Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953.

Registration District **HOLBORN**
in the Sub-district of **ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR** in the **COUNTY OF LONDON**

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Name, if any.	Sex.	Name, and surname of father.	Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother.	Occupation of father.	Signature, description, and residence of informant.	When registered.	Signature of registrar.
JULIA ADA	Girl	CLEMENT ROSSI	JULIA ROSSI formerly Johnson	Pianoforte Maker (Journeyman)	Julia Rossi, Mother, 26 Lamba Conduit Street	Sixth July 1891	Arthur W. Hill

Registration District **HOLBORN**
in the Sub-district of **ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR** in the **COUNTY OF LONDON**

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
FORM 27
THE VITAL STATISTICS ACT

Marriage Certificate

NAME OF BRIDEGROOM **GREGOIRE, LEO JOSEPH**

PLACE OF BIRTH **THETFORD MINES, QUEBEC**

NAME OF BRIDE **HUTTON, MADELINE MARY**

PLACE OF BIRTH **LINDSAY, ONTARIO**

DATE OF MARRIAGE **DECEMBER 2ND, 1944**

PLACE OF MARRIAGE **TORONTO, YORK COUNTY**

DATE OF REGISTRATION **DECEMBER 11TH, 1944**

REGISTRATION NUMBER **1944-05-058632**

ISSUED AT TORONTO, ONTARIO, THE **14TH** DAY OF **MAY** 19**64**

R. B. Wallace
DEPUTY REGISTRAR-GENERAL

212564 AB

63-12

Application/Permit to Reenter

ALIEN REGISTRATION
NO. A11 221 466 ✓

FEE PAID No. 175-14
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
CLEVELAND, OHIO
DATE 3/20/58 ACCEPTED BY Rub.

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO REENTER THE UNITED STATES
A fee of \$10, together with two identical unmounted, unretouched, and signed photographs must accompany this application. If you mail this application, attach money order or check. **DO NOT SEND CASH.**
(This application must be typewritten or printed in ink. Read carefully and follow instructions on Form I-131A)
TO THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE:

NATZ 10-27-58
Form I-132 (Rev. 4-28-55) Form approved. Budget Bureau No. 43-R321.2. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE File No. A11 221 466

Permit to Reenter the United States
PURSUANT to provisions of section 223 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, this permit is issued to bearer,
ERIC DEAN WATSON
an alien previously lawfully admitted to the United States, to reenter the United States, if otherwise admissible, as a nonquota immigrant ☒ as a treaty merchant ☐

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION OF BEARER

AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COMPLEXION	HAIR	EYES
53	5' 10	180	FAIR	BROWN	BLUE

VISIBLE DISTINCTIVE MARKS
HOLE ON LEFT CHEEK

SEX ☒ M ☐ F **MARITAL STATUS** ☐ Married ☐ Widowed ☒ Divorced ☐ Never Married

COUNTRY OF WHICH A CITIZEN, SUBJECT, OR NATIONAL **COUNTRY OF BIRTH** **COUNTRY OF DESTINATION**

AUSTRALIA	AUSTRALIA	AUSTRALIA INDIA ENGLAND NEW ZEALAND
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The validity of this permit expires

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
MARCH	26	1958

NOTE.—Any erasure or alteration shall render this permit null and void.
Extended to and

Selected Miscellaneous

NOTICE! NOTICE!

THIS FILE IS NOT CONSOLIDATED

- I. When this file becomes active and subsidiary files are needed from the Central Office to complete the file consolidation, Form G 180 shall be executed, giving data necessary to make complete search of indexes and to prepare decentralization records.
- II. The following information must be shown when appropriate:
 - A. Entry subsequent to July 1, 1924, where the documents are in the Central Office and a search of indexes is required:
 1. VISAS.—The name used at time of arrival, if different from present name.
 2. REENTRY PERMIT.—The name used at the time the last permit was issued and year of issuance.
 3. SUSPENSION OF DEPORTATION.—The name under which the record of entry was created and when possible, the Central Office immigration file number.
 - B. Entry prior to July 1, 1924, where the record of entry is at the port of arrival.
 1. The entry shall be verified and the G-180 stamped to show "Entry as immigrant verified," unless record was created through registry.
 2. REGISTRY.—The name under which the record of entry was created and when available, number shall be given.
- III. CREATION OF RECORDS.—Where record of entry is created under sections 244, 245, 249, or private law; the G-180 shall show "Record created under . . ."
- IV. Any Central Office file number, other than above, which may be known, shall be quoted.
- V. All requests for records and files for consolidation from Central Office shall be made on Form G-180.

ADM 458 (2-24-37)

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FAMILY NAME REGEIONS		GIVEN NAME WILLIAM		MANIFEST SOUTHAMPTON	
OCCUPATION FLORIST				SHEET NO. 65	
				LINE NO. 4	
LAST ADDRESS IN UNITED STATES					
STREET ADDRESS OR HOTEL 7921 White Bluff Rd		CITY Savannah Ga		STATE	
DATE OF BIRTH MONTH 6 DAY 23 YEAR 96		PLACE OF BIRTH CITY Saffrom COUNTRY England			
NATIONALITY British		REENTRY PERMIT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		M <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> M <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> D	
DESTINATION ABROAD: STREET ADDRESS 34 Lindholme Yorkshire England					
REASON FOR GOING ABROAD visit					
HOW LONG WILL YOU REMAIN ABROAD? 3 mos					
LAST ENTRY IN UNITED STATES 4/28/50 New York					
NAME OF VESSEL OR AIRCRAFT SS America					
WAS SUCH ENTRY FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE OR TEMPORARY STAY? Perm.					
REPORT OF DEPARTURE OF ALIEN Form-1-424 (Rev. 12-24-53) U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE Form approved Budget Bureau No. 43-R259.4. 51-653 J. P. Grundy, Inc., 165 William St., New York 36, N. Y.					

CERTIFIED COPY of an				ENTRY OF DEATH.		
Pursuant to the Births and				Deaths Registration Act, 1953.		
Registration District				HASTINGS		
Sub-district of				HASTINGS		
in the				COUNTY BOROUGH OF HASTINGS		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
and surname.	Sex.	Age.	Occupation.	Cause of death.	Signature, description, and residence of informant.	When registered.
	Male	68 years	of 98, Parker Road, Hastings. Cinema Manager, retired.	1a Myocardial infarction b Atheroma of coronary arteries	Julia Aida Maude Widow of deceased In attendance 98, Parker Road, Hastings.	Twentynine April

Naturalization Paperwork

- Additionally, within an A-File you may find:
 - Declaration of Intention
 - Petition for Naturalization (and all related forms)
 - Certificate of Naturalization

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO BE FORWARDED TO
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

No. 11762094

SEP 1 1984

Petition No. 609216

• DUPLICATE •

When Registered No. 135 036 111

Personal description of holder as of date of naturalization: Date of birth March 27, 1904 sex male
complexion fair color of eyes brown color of hair grey height 5 feet 9 inches
weight 165 pounds scars or disfigurements none
Manner of birth married

I certify that the description above given is true, and that the photograph affixed hereto is a likeness of me.

X Flora Drega
(Complete and true signature of holder)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

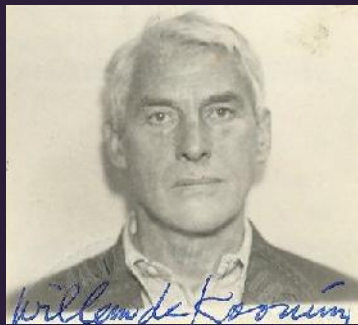
Not known, that at a term of the District Court of
The United States Chicago
held pursuant to law at
on SEP 1 1984 the Court having found that
FLORA DREGA
born residing at 1344 S. Home Ave., Berwyn, Illinois
entered in order permanently on the United States for then as required by the
Immigration laws of the United States and in all other respects complied with
the applicable provisions of such naturalization laws, and was entitled to be
admitted to citizenship, thereupon ordered that such person be and likewise
admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.
In testimony whereof the seal of this court is hereunto affixed this
day of SEP 1 1984 in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and
eighty-four

H. STUART CUNNINGHAM
Clerk of the U.S. District Court
By Lawrence J. Ryan, Deputy Clerk

IT IS PUNISHABLE BY U. S. LAW TO COPY,
PRINT OR PHOTOGRAPH THIS CERTIFICATE.

Celebrity Files

- The A-Files series does/will include celebrity files
 - Kansas City has presently located only 1 celebrity file within the first accession: Willem de Kooning



- USCIS has identified celebrities which will appear in upcoming accessions

RECORD REQUESTS



How can I request copies of A-Files?

- Send us an e-mail or letter to request records



- We receive requests either by e-mail, postal mail, or fax **only**.

How to Request A-Files for On-site Use

- Appointments are required.
- Because these records are housed off-site and are subject to review for privacy concerns under the Freedom of Information Act, researchers must submit a written request at least 3 business days in advance.

A-Files Fee Schedule

- We are completing a Pilot Fee Schedule program that utilizes the standard NARA fee schedule.

Research and Reproduction Fees

Mail Order Services

<i>Product/Service</i>	<i>Fee</i>
Minimum Reproductions Mail Order (up to 20 pages)	\$15.00
Paper to paper (up to and including 11 in. by 17 in.) made by NARA	\$0.75 per copy

On-Site Service

<i>Self-service Product/Service</i>	<i>Fee</i>
Self-service paper to paper copy	\$0.20 per copy

Note: The National Archives at Kansas City accepts credit cards, checks, or money order as payment for services rendered.

What information do I need to make a record request?

- To make a Record Request you must provide (at minimum):
 - the individual's complete name
 - Archival Research Catalog (ARC) ID number
 - Alien Registration number
- Also helpful to include to aid in locating the file:
 - Accession Number
 - Box Number

ARC Search Result

Individual's Name

Alien Registration Number

Accession/Box Info

The screenshot shows the ARC Search Results interface. At the top, there are links for 'Refine Search', 'Highlight Search Terms', and 'Add all Results to My List'. A 'Sorted by' dropdown menu is set to 'Relevance'. Below this, it shows 'Results 1 - 10 of 587' and a 'results per page' dropdown set to '10'. On the right, it says 'Results page: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10'. Under 'View results by:', there are two buttons: 'Summary' (selected) and 'Hierarchy'. The first result is titled '1 Alien Case File for Regina Pilus'. Below the title, it lists 'ARC Identifier 5325346 / Local Identifier A5272291/085-10-0128/Box 44'. Further down, it provides context: 'Textual Records from the Department of Justice. Immigration and Naturalization Service. (06/14/1940 - 03/01/2003)', 'NARA's Central Plains Region (Kansas City), Kansas City, MO', and 'File Unit from Record Group 85: Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1787 - 2004'. An 'Add to My List' button is visible on the right side of the result entry.

Refine Search ☐ Highlight Search Terms Add all Results to My List

Sorted by Relevance

Results 1 - 10 of 587 10 results per page

Results page: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

View results by: Summary Hierarchy

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Textual Records from the Department of Justice. Immigration and Naturalization Service. (06/14/1940 - 03/01/2003)

NARA's Central Plains Region (Kansas City), Kansas City, MO

File Unit from Record Group 85: Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1787 - 2004

Add to My List

Location of Record

Record Request (cont.)

- To confirm that we have referenced the correct file, it is also helpful to provide other biographical information you may have (i.e. the individual's date and place of birth and date of entry into the United States; names of spouses and/or parents).

What A-File information can I expect to find in the Archival Research Catalog (ARC)?

- Alien Registration number
- Last Name
- First Name
- Alias
- Date of Birth
- Sex
- Date of Entry
- Country of Birth
- Father's Name
- Mother's Name
- Naturalization Date
- Naturalization Court
- Naturalization Location



ARC Entry

NOTE: Always click on the Scope & Content tab to learn more about the subject of the file.

Refine Search Highlight Search Terms Return to Results

Description 1 of 587 Descriptions page: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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File Unit from Record Group 94 - Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1787 - 2004 Add to My List

Details **Scope & Content** Archived Copies Hierarchy

This file consists of an alien case file for Regina Pilus. Date of birth is listed as 01/01/1885. Country is listed as Russia. Alias name is listed as Regina Petraszka.

Why can't I find my ancestor in ARC?

- If you cannot find your individual in ARC, it is because the National Archives does not currently maintain the record you are seeking.
- To continue your search contact the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) through their Genealogy Program: www.uscis.gov/genealogy. The USCIS continues to maintain all active and inactive A-Files that have not yet been transferred into the holdings of the National Archives.
- The National Archives will accession new A-Files on an annual basis, so you can also continue to check back in ARC to see if your individual has been added to our holdings.

How do I contact A-Files staff in Kansas City?

- Website:

<http://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/aliens/a-files-kansas-city.html>

- E-mail: Afiles.KansasCity@nara.gov

- Postal mail:

National Archives at Kansas City

Attn: A-Files Request

400 W. Pershing Rd.

Kansas City, MO 64108

- Fax: (816) 268-8038





U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Alien Registration Forms on Microfilm, 1940-1944

Background

Alien Registration (as opposed to enemy alien registration) began in August 1940 as a program intended to fingerprint and create a record of every non-citizen within the United States. The original Alien Registration Act of 1940 was a national security measure, and directed the Service to fingerprint and register every alien age 14 and older living within and entering the United States. The 1940 Act directed that a specific form be developed for the Alien Registration program. INS then introduced the Alien Registration Form (AR-2), a form individually stamped with a unique Alien Registration Number. Forms AR-2 date from August 1, 1940 to March 31, 1944.

The Forms Today

Alien Registration Forms completed between August 1940 and March 1944 were microfilmed and the original forms were destroyed. USCIS maintains this microfilm containing 5,665,983 Alien Registration Forms (AR-2). The microfilmed forms are technically not part of the A-File series. Alien Registration Forms available from this series are as follows

A1000000 to A5980116	Resident aliens and Delayed registration, Aug 1940-Mar 1944
A6100000 to A6132126	Railroad workers, 1942-1943
A7000000 to A7043999	Children under 14 years of age, resident in US (not all children were registered), Aug 1940-Mar 1944
A7500000 to A7759142	Newly arriving immigrants (Consular registrations), Aug 1940-Mar 1944

Alien Registration forms on microfilm are arranged in numerical order, and are indexed by name, date of birth, and place of birth.

Research Value

Though not official arrival records, Alien Registration Forms dating from the early 1940's may be useful in documenting an individual's presence in the United States. Many resident aliens registered under the Alien Registration Act during 1940-1941 had been living in the United States for decades. Some arrived as early as the 1880's and the Alien Registration form is the agency's only record of that immigrant.

Form AR-2 asked for the information listed below. Researchers must remember that not all registrants provided all information.

- Name
- Name at time of entry to the US
- Other names used
- Address
- Date of Birth
- Citizenship/Nationality
- Gender
- Marital Status
- Race

- Height & Weight
- Hair & Eye Color
- Port, date, ship and class of admission at last arrival in US
- Date of first arrival in US
- Years lived in US
- Intended stay in US
- Usual occupation
- Present occupation
- Present employer, including address
- Club, organization, or society memberships
- Military service (Country, branch, dates)
- Date and number of Declaration of Intention (if filed), and city and State where filed.
- Date of Petition for Naturalization (if filed), and city and State where filed.
- Arrest history
- Fingerprint
- Signature
- Date and place of registration

Index Search Issues

Alien Registration forms were indexed in a way to include up to three names for each individual (aliases, alternate spellings, maiden names)--but only if the immigrant provided more than one name on the form. AR-2 index entries also include an exact date of birth (if given on the form) and place of birth (if given).

To differentiate between individuals of the same name and date of birth in AR-2 records, the most useful information is the immigrant's residence ca. 1940 (State, county, town) and/or their occupation. Family member names do not appear on the forms.

Record Request Issues

One challenge surrounding Alien Registration Numbers (A-numbers) is determining whether the number corresponds only to an AR-2 form, or whether there is an additional A-File jacket identified by the same A-number. A-numbers in the AR-2 Form range, the majority numbered from 1 million to approximately 5.6 million, may or may not relate to a physical A-File. In other words, the existence of an A-number from the early 1940's does not guarantee the existence of an A-File.

A second Forms AR-2 challenge is producing the best possible image of the record from aging microfilm. A number of factors determine the quality of any given copy, including quality of the microfilm, reader/printer machine function, and the skill or determination of the machine operator. The USCIS Genealogy Program is committed to producing the best possible image of Alien Registration Forms AR-2. In addition, the Genealogy Program is investigating methods for the future reproduction and delivery of enhanced digital images taken from the Alien Registration Forms on microfilm.

A third challenge for researchers is distinguishing the A-number from other USCIS file numbers. One series of derivative C-File numbers are also prefixed with an "A" (learn more about C-Files on the "Historical Records Series" page). Other numbers appear on other records, such as ship passenger manifests, and it is dangerously tempting to add an "A" to the number and assume it is an A-number.

Where do I find an Alien Registration Number?

If the immigrant later naturalized between ca. 1942 and 1956, you may find the A-number at the bottom of the naturalization index card maintained by the naturalization court. If that number is below ca. 5.6 million, there should be a corresponding Form AR-2. If the immigrant did not later naturalize, you may find the number on or among the immigrant's personal papers.

The best way to identify the correct A-number is to submit a Genealogy Index Search Request on form G-1041.

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.eb1d4c2a3e5b9ac89243c6a7543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=88ef299f81bb8210VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=88ef299f81bb8210VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD>