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**New York State Court of Chancery (5th, 6th, and 8th Circuits)  
Naturalization Papers J1061**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series consists of documents filed with the 5th, 6th, and 8th Chancery Circuits by aliens seeking United States citizenship. The information in each file usually includes: the alien's name; birthdate and age; place of origin; nation and ruler of former allegiance; arrival date in the United States; place of settlement; date and location of final naturalization proceedings; and the names of the witnesses testifying to his years of residency in the United States and New York.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York (State). Court of Chancery
<b>Title:</b>	Court of Chancery (5th, 6th, and 8th Circuits) naturalization papers
<b>Quantity:</b>	1 cubic foot
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1830-1847
<b>Series:</b>	J1061

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## Arrangement

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By circuit, then alphabetical by name of alien.

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## Scope and Content Note

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This series consists of documents filed with the 5th, 6th, and 8th Chancery Circuits by aliens seeking United States citizenship pursuant to Federal Statute (Laws of 1802).

This law required prospective citizens to declare before a Federal or state court of record: the intent to become a citizen; an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States and renouncing allegiance to a foreign state or ruler; proof that he has resided in the United States five years and state of residence one year and that during this period he was of good moral character and kept his oath. Before 1840 the format of the records varies slightly from circuit

to circuit. After that date, however, they are all on standard printed forms. Each file usually contains a declaration of intent, fulfilling the first requirement for citizenship, and a record of proceedings or final record of naturalization fulfilling the remaining two requirements. The information in each file usually includes: the alien's name; date of birth and age; place of origin; nation and ruler of former allegiance; date of arrival in the United States; place of settlement; date and location of final naturalization proceedings; and the names of the witnesses testifying to his years of residency in the United States and New York.

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## Other Finding Aids

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### Online Index

The [index to series J1061](#) contains 760 entries. Each entry includes the applicant's name, place of origin and the filing date. Each entry also provides a pointer to the location within the records series.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.

### Alternate Formats Available

### Items Online

High resolution images of selected original documents in this series are available in State Archives Digital Collections.

The entire series is digitized as part of a larger collection of Naturalization Papers and is available to New York State residents for free on Ancestry.com New York. You must sign up for a free account to access these records without a paid subscription. To learn more, go to [How to Use Ancestry.com New York](#)

[Naturalization Papers of Central and Western New York State, 1799-1847 on Ancestry.com](#)

[Naturalization papers, 1830-1847 in Digital Collections](#)

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## Administrative Information

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### Custodial History

The Court of Appeals placed these records on deposit at the Historical Documents Collection, Queens College, from 1973-1982.

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## Access Terms

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- Courts
- Naturalization records
- Naturalization
- New York (State)
- Aliens
- New York (State). Court of Appeals
- New York (State). Court of Chancery (6th Circuit)
- New York (State). Court of Chancery (5th Circuit)
- New York (State). Court of Chancery (8th Circuit)