

## A3388, Name Index to Bureau of Naturalization Correspondence Files, 1906-1946

NARA's 19 reel microfilm publication A3388 is a **Name Index** to Bureau of Naturalization files. The index provides reference to correspondence filed in several file series maintained by the U.S. Bureau of Naturalization and its successor agencies.

The index contains references to several file types, not all of which are available from the National Archives as Part of RG 85, Records of INS. Below are the sample file numbers for the most common file types found in the index:

Sample File Number(s)	Record Series
500/2, 23-54467, 106799/500	<b>Administrative Files Relating to Naturalization</b> (Bureau of Naturalization Correspondence Files), 1906-1946 [Nationality, RG 85, Entry 26 and additional entries]. Archives I, DC <b>ARC ID: 563066</b>
730-P-29476, 2551-D-66264	<b>INS Petition Files (P) and INS Declaration Files (D).</b> Filed in Certificate file if naturalization was granted. Court numbers (to the left of the P or D) may help researchers locate the court copy of a declaration or petition (e.g. court 2873 = The Court of Common Pleas at Gaffney, NC). <b>Court number translations are available on the NARA microfilm publication M203: Directories of Courts Having Naturalization Jurisdiction, 1908-1963.</b>
C-349852	<b>Naturalization Certification Files (C-Files).</b> Files for 1906-1956 available through the <b>USCIS Genealogy Program.</b>
A-4552314	<b>Alien Files/A-files.</b> Files numbered below 8 million (A8000000) and documents therein dated prior to May 1, 1951 available through USCIS Genealogy Program. A small number of A-files for subjects born more than 100 years ago are now available from National Archives at Kansas City, Missouri. <b>NARA ARC ID: 4488912</b>

**Note:** Not all file types that appear in the index are described here. Questions about other citations may be directed to the USCIS History Office ([uscishistory.library@dhs.gov](mailto:uscishistory.library@dhs.gov)). More information about files available through the USCIS Genealogy Program will be found at [www.uscis.gov/genealogy](http://www.uscis.gov/genealogy).

### Sample Card

First letters of Last Name →	MEIS-MEK	Names and Subjects	Card Number
15-993 & 23-3733 = Bureau of Naturalization Correspondence files	File Numbers 15-993 23-3733	MEIZEL, SAMUEL (Maizel, SAM); re case proceedg res. in Palestino within 5 yrs. after natz. 9-2-25	6
730-P-29874 = Petition File	730-P-29874	MEJIO, JOSE B.; (Filipino) req. infm. rel; citizp. (Cong. J.J. Kindrud) 7-19-26	
8-6491 & 35-1308 = Bureau of Naturalization Correspondence files	8-6491 35-1308	MEISSNER, AUGUST; re c/a (Cong. T.A. DOYLE) 7-22-26	Date(s)
1542-C-1103759 = Naturalization Certificate File	1542-C-1103759	MEKUS (Malin), Liby; re c/a 8-30-27 MEKOS (Mikos), JOSEPH; re mil service 9-14-27 MEKELBOMT, FRANK; re soldier cert. 7-16-27	

#### Notes:

Bureau of Naturalization Correspondence files may appear with a slash (15/993) or dash (15-993), both formats refer to the same file.

For declaration, petition, and certificate files the number that appears prior to the letter notation (D, P, C) refers to the court number. For example in file 1542-C-1103759: 1542 = Circuit Court at Battle Creek, Michigan; C-1103159 = the certificate number.