

# National Archives Traveling Exhibits Service



## Attachments: Faces and Stories from America's Gates

**Exhibition Overview:** "Attachments" chronicles the journeys of men, women, and children who left likenesses and traces of their journeys to America's entry ways. Entering, leaving, or staying in America—their stories were captured in documents and photographs that were "attached" to government forms. "Attachments: Faces and Stories from America's Gates" draws from the millions of immigration case files in the Archives to tell a few of these stories from the 1880s through World War II. It also explores the attachment of immigrants to family and community, and the attachment of government organizations to laws reflecting certain beliefs about immigrants and citizenship. These are dramatic tales of joy and disappointment, opportunity and discrimination, deceit and honesty.



Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization  
 To Commissioner General of Immigration,  
 Washington, D. C. September 1, 1934

See Previous Correspondence  
 Bureau File No. Student

Through Immigration Officer at Los Angeles

Sir: I, the undersigned, an alien, believing that there is no record showing that I am now a lawful permanent resident of the United States, hereby request that, under the provisions of an act of Congress, approved March 2, 1929, a record of registry of my arrival in the United States be made. I hereby agree to appear in person at such time and place as may be designated for examination regarding the claims made by me, and to produce evidence in support thereof. This application is submitted in duplicate with my photograph affixed to each, together with four additional copies of the same photograph, which photographs are 1 3/4 inches in width by 2 1/4 inches in length, taken from the same negative, not retouched or mounted, on white background, representing me without hat, showing full front view, and signed (not printed) by me in such a manner as not to obscure my features. I inclose herewith postal money order in the sum of \$20, payable to the Commissioner General of Immigration, Washington, D. C. In support of my application I make the following statements:

Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization

THE DATA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ARE GIVEN AS OF THE DATE OF THE ENTRY UPON WHICH I BASE THIS APPLICATION

Name given at birth Marie (First) Pashgian (Last)  
 I entered under the name of Marie (First) Pashgian (Last)  
 My age was 16 (Years) (Months) My occupation was No occupation  
 I arrived at the port of Eastport, Idaho on (date) June 10, 1928

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE  
 To Commissioner General of Immigration,  
 Washington, D. C. August 11, 1934

August 17 1934  
 Registry Division  
 Detroit, Mich.

Through Immigration Officer at Detroit Michigan

Sir: I, the undersigned, an alien, believing that there is no record showing that I am now a lawful permanent resident of the United States, hereby request that, under the provisions of an act of Congress, approved March 2, 1929, a record of registry of my arrival in the United States be made. I hereby agree to appear in person at such time and place as may be designated for examination regarding the claims made by me, and to produce evidence in support thereof. This application is submitted in duplicate with my photograph affixed to each, together with four additional copies of the same photograph, which photographs are 1 3/4 inches in width by 2 1/4 inches in length, taken from the same negative, not retouched or mounted, on white background, representing me without hat, showing full front view, and signed (not printed) by me in such a manner as not to obscure my features. I inclose herewith postal money order in the sum of \$20, payable to the Commissioner General of Immigration, Washington, D. C. In support of my application I make the following statements:

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Name given at birth Stephan Sevastian Bondaroff (First) (Middle) (Last)  
 I entered under the name of " " (First) (Middle) (Last)  
 My age was 20-8 (Years) (Months) My occupation was Served in the Russian White Army  
 I arrived at the port of New York City N. Y. on (date) March 27 1926



## Exhibition Details

### Content:

50 graphic panels

### Curator:

Bruce Bustard, PhD, Senior Curator, National Archives, Washington, DC

### Supplemental Materials:

- Digital scans for up to 8 photomurals to be printed by venue
- Print-ready press and marketing materials including rights-free images, rack cards, and press releases
- Educational resources
- Catalog, Genealogy Tool Kit, and a variety of wholesale products designed for "Attachments" available for resale.

### Rental Fee:

\$7,500 for 12-week display

### Security Requirements:

Limited security & environmental controls

### Shipping:

Exhibitor is responsible for outgoing shipping costs

### Size:

300 linear feet

### Number of Crates:

TBD

### Insurance:

Insured by the National Archives

### Tour Dates:

"Attachments" will be available for tour 2016 through 2019. Dates are subject to change.

### Contact:

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## More About this Exhibition

Created by the National Archives in partnership with the Foundation for the National Archives.

### **"I must have cried a bowl full of tears."**

Chinese immigrant Lee Puey You, recalling her 20 months detained on Angel Island.

### **"I would also find it impossible to live in a country where all my family have been killed . . ."**

Richard Arvay, a refugee from Austria, describing why he did not want to return there after World War II.

The 2012 National Archives exhibition, "Attachments: Faces and Stories from America's Gates" generated much discussion, excitement, and media attention. Its remarkable stories and compelling photographs opened new ways of thinking about the complex and often contested history of American immigration. Now, your museum can host a traveling version of this remarkable exhibition.

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