

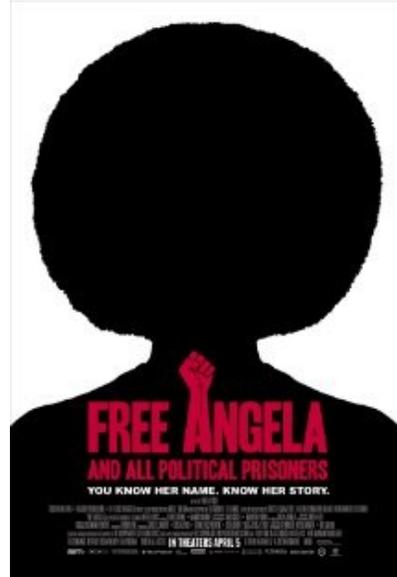
October 2015

## 20th Century Civil Rights and Liberties Film Series: *Free Angela and All Political Prisoners*

On **Thursday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m.**, the National Archives at Kansas City will screen the documentary *Free Angela and All Political Prisoners*. Post-film discussion will be led by **Dr. Delia Cook Gillis** of the University of Central Missouri. A free light reception will precede the lecture at 6:00 p.m.

Davis emerged as a prominent counterculture activist and radical in the 1960s, as a leader of the Communist Party, and had close relations with the Black Panther Party through her involvement in the Civil Rights Movement. Her interests included prisoner rights; she founded Critical Resistance, an organization working to abolish the prison-industrial complex. Davis was arrested, charged, tried, and acquitted of conspiracy in the 1970 armed take-over of a Marin County, California, courtroom in which four persons died.

This series is presented in partnership with the Greater Kansas City Black History Study Group. To make a reservation for this **free film** call 816-268-8010 or email [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov). Requests for ADA accommodations must be submitted five business days prior to events.



## Irwin F. Gellman to Discuss *Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower: Myths and Realities of the Civil Rights Struggle*

On **Thursday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m.**, the National Archives at Kansas City will host author and historian **Irwin F. Gellman** for a lecture titled *Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower: Myths and Realities of the Civil Rights Struggle*. A free light reception will precede the lecture at 6:00 p.m.

More than half a century after Eisenhower left office, the history of his presidency continues to be clouded by myth, partisanship, and a lack of public understanding of how Ike's administration worked or what it accomplished. We know, or think we know, that Eisenhower distrusted his vice president by keeping him at arm's length; that he did little to advance civil rights; that he sat by as Joseph McCarthy's reckless anticommunist campaign threatened to wreck his administration; and that he planned the disastrous 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. None of this is true. In his research, Gellman reveals a different Eisenhower, a man whose complex relationships with Harry Truman and Richard Nixon were important toward advancing the cause of civil rights. Gellman will discuss the myths and realities surrounding the civil rights records of Truman and Eisenhower, and put their accomplishments--and limitations--into historical context.

This program is presented in partnership with the Truman Center at the University of Missouri-Kansas City; the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library; and the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library. To make a reservation for this **free program** call 816-268-8010 or email [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov). Requests for ADA accommodations must be submitted five business days prior to events.

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### Upcoming Events

Unless noted, all events are held at the National Archives  
400 West Pershing Road  
Kansas City, MO 64108

- OCTOBER 1 - 6:30 P.M.  
20TH CENTURY CIVIL RIGHTS & LIBERTIES FILM SERIES
- OCTOBER 8 - 6:30 P.M.  
LECTURE: *MYTHS AND REALITIES OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE* WITH IRWIN F. GELLMAN
- OCTOBER 15 - 6:30 P.M.  
PANEL DISCUSSION: *DIVERSITY & INCLUSION IN KANSAS CITY*
- OCTOBER 22 - 6:30 P.M.  
AUTHOR DISCUSSION: *HOOVER'S WAR ON GAYS* BY DOUG CHARLES
- OCTOBER 29 - 6:30 P.M.  
AUTHOR DISCUSSION: *THE COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA* BY LADENE MORTON

# Gems for Genealogists - 2015 Virtual Genealogy Fair

Please join the National Archives from the comfort of your home for the 2015 Virtual Genealogy Fair on October 21 and 22, 2015. This event will be live broadcast via YouTube. The free program offers family history research tools for all skill levels on Federal records dealing with immigration, military and civilian personnel, and bankruptcy.

Sessions include "how-tos" on genealogical research using traditional and electronic records. Sessions and handouts will be available free of charge during and after the event. For the complete schedule and participation instructions, visit the Virtual Genealogy Fair web site: [www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair/](http://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair/)

**When:** October 21 and 22, starting daily at 10 a.m. Eastern Time

**Who:** Experts on genealogy related records from National Archives' facilities nationwide.

**Where:** Anywhere! The Virtual Genealogy Fair will be streamed on the National Archives' You Tube Channel, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-rDaFVYJhU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-rDaFVYJhU)

## **Day 1: Wednesday, October 21 (All sessions are broadcast on Eastern Time)**

**Session 1 at 10 a.m. ET** - *Introduction to Genealogy at the National Archives* by Claire Kluskens.

**Session 2 at 11 a.m. ET** - *Preserving Your Family Records: Conversation and Questions* by Mary Lynn Ritzenthaler.

**Session 3 at 12 p.m. ET** - *Personnel Records of the National Archives— St. Louis* by Bryan K. McGraw.

**Session 4 at 1 p.m. ET** - *It's in the Cards: Finding Family Members in National Archives—St. Louis' Card Series* by Daria Labinsky & David Hardin.

**Session 5 at 2 p.m. ET** - *Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Personnel Records* by Ashley Mattingly.

## **Day 2: Thursday, October 22 (All sessions are broadcast on Eastern Time)**

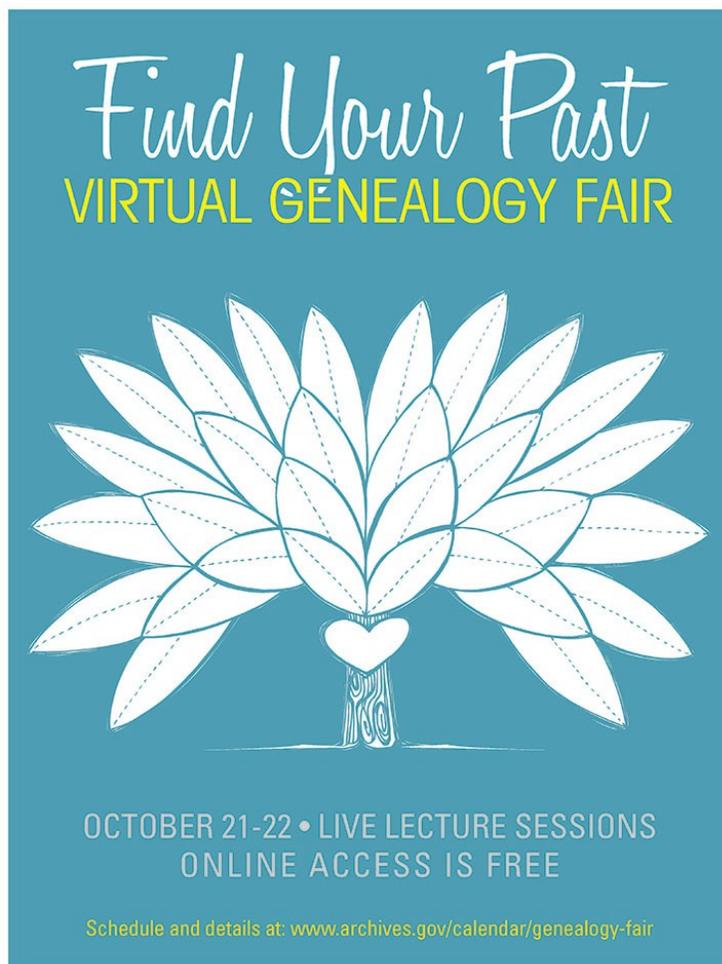
**Session 6 at 10 a.m. ET** - *Where'd They Go? Finding Ancestral Migration Routes* by Jean Nudd.

**Session 7 at 11 a.m. ET** - *Access to Archival Databases (AAD): Looking Down, From Above, to Look it Up!* by John LeGlohec.

**Session 8 at 12 p.m. ET** - *Finding Your World War I Veteran at the National Archives at St. Louis* by Theresa Fitzgerald.

**Session 9 at 1 p.m. ET** - *Women in War Time Civilian Government Employment* by Cara Moore.

**Session 10 at 2 p.m. ET** - *Broke, But Not Out of Luck: Exploring Bankruptcy Records for Genealogy Research* by Jessica Hopkins.



The poster features a teal background. At the top, the text "Find Your Past" is written in a white, cursive font, with "VIRTUAL GENEALOGY FAIR" in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font below it. In the center is a white line-art illustration of a tree with many leaves and a heart-shaped trunk. At the bottom, the text "OCTOBER 21-22 • LIVE LECTURE SESSIONS ONLINE ACCESS IS FREE" is written in a white, sans-serif font. Below that, in a smaller yellow font, is the text "Schedule and details at: [www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair](http://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair)".

## National Archives to Host Panel Discussion *Diversity and Inclusion: How Does Kansas City, Missouri Rate?*

On **Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m.**, the National Archives at Kansas City will host a public discussion titled *Diversity and Inclusion: How Does Kansas City, Missouri Rate?* A free light reception will precede the lecture at 6:00 p.m

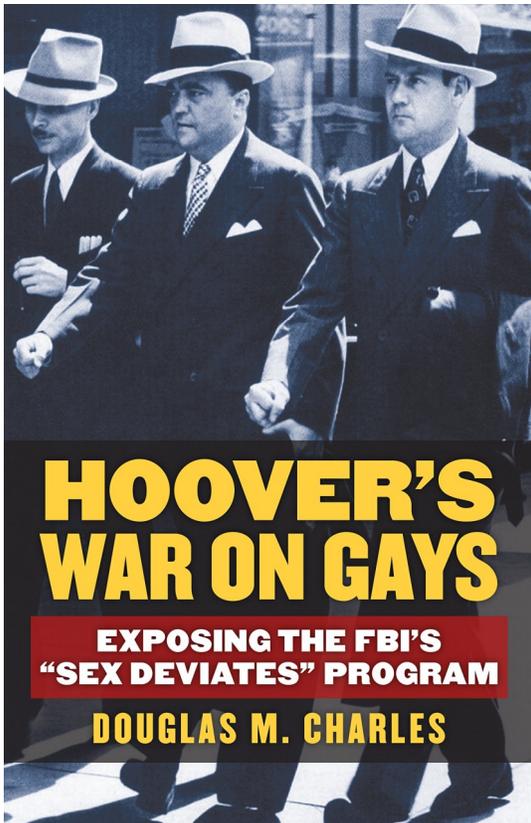
*Diversity and Inclusion: How Does Kansas City, Missouri Rate?* will be presented as a panel discussion with a group of local experts who will address the topic. Panelists include: **Lewis Diuguid**, *Kansas City Star* Editor and Columnist; **Judy Hellman**, Jewish Community Relations Bureau; **Stuart Hinds**, Gay and Lesbian Archive of Mid-America (GLAMA) and Assistant Dean of Special Collections and Archives at the University of Missouri-KC; **Jennifer Omilian**, Certified ADA Coordinator at the University of Missouri-School of Health Professions, Disabilities Studies and Policy Center; **Bette Tate-Beaver**, panel moderator and Executive Director for National Association of Multicultural Education (NAME); and **Arzie Umali**, Assistant Director, Women's Center at the University of Missouri-KC. Each panel member will review the history of the community he or she represents, rate Kansas City's openness to inclusion, and answer prepared questions posed by the moderator. Following the presentation there will be a question and answer with audience participation.



This program is presented in partnership with the American Association of University Women – Kansas City Branch. To make a reservation for this **free program** call 816-268-8010 or email [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov). Requests for ADA accommodations must be submitted five business days prior to events.

## Douglas M. Charles to Discuss *Hoover's War on Gays:* *Exposing the FBI's "Sex Deviates" Program*

On **Thursday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m.**, the National Archives at Kansas City will host author **Douglas M. Charles** for a discussion of his new book *Hoover's War on Gays: Exposing the FBI's "Sex Deviates" Program*. A free light reception will precede the lecture at 6:00 p.m.



At the FBI, the "Sex Deviates" program covered a lot of ground, literally; at its peak, Director J. Edgar Hoover's notorious "Sex Deviates" file encompassed more than 330,000 pages of information. In 1977–1978 these files were destroyed - and it would seem that four decades of the FBI's dirty secrets went up in smoke. But in a remarkable feat of investigative research, synthesis, and scholarly detective work, Doug Charles manages to fill in the yawning gaps in our understanding of the bureau's - and Hoover's own - systematic (some would say obsessive) interest in the lives of gay and lesbian Americans in the twentieth century. His book, *Hoover's War on Gays*, is the first to fully expose the extraordinary invasion of U.S. citizens' privacy perpetrated on a massive scale by the FBI, an institution tasked with protecting Americans' civil rights.

This program is presented in partnership with the Gay and Lesbian Archives of Mid-America and the Truman Center at the University of Missouri – Kansas City; Harry S. Truman Presidential Library; and the University Press of Kansas.

Copies of *Hoover's War on Gays* will be available for purchase and signing. To make a reservation for this **free program** call 816-268-8010 or email [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov). Requests for ADA accommodations must be submitted five business days prior to events.

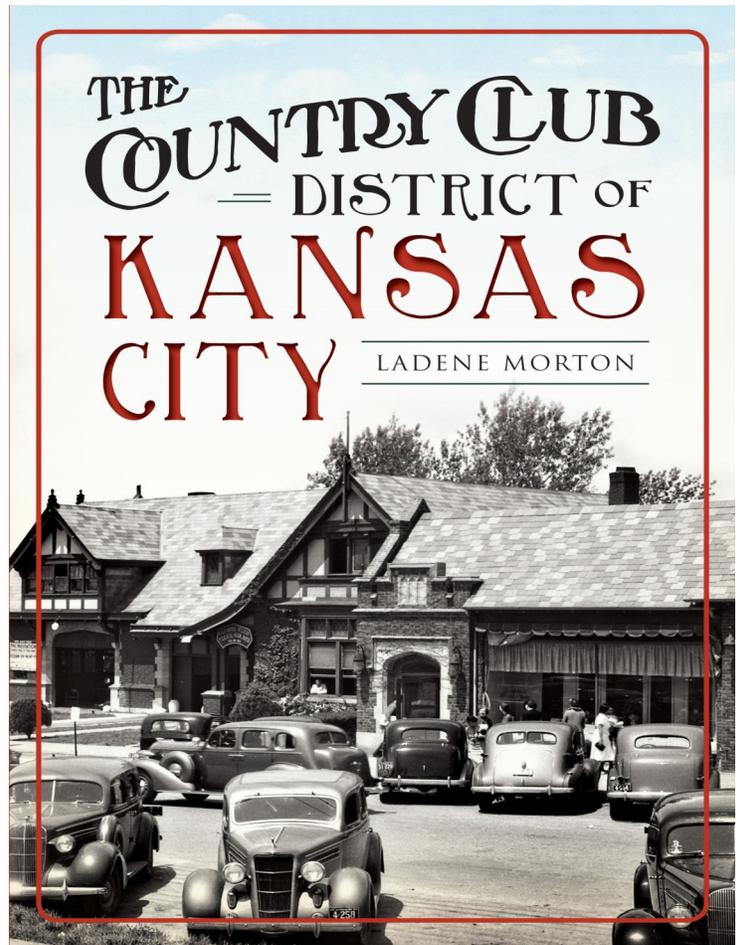
## LaDene Morton to Discuss *The Country Club District of Kansas City*

On **Thursday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m.**, the National Archives at Kansas City will host author **LaDene Morton** for a discussion of her new book *The Country Club District of Kansas City*. A free light reception will precede the lecture at 6:00 p.m.

In her newest book, Morton looks at the first 50 years of J.C. Nichols' visionary development, the period of Nichols' life-time where he was singularly influential in creating the community.

While the book includes chapters covering the chronological history, and the larger historical context in which the District came to be, the stories about the "community features" of the district provide the nostalgia. The strength of the District came from Nichols insight into how features such as architecture and aesthetics, the schools and churches as institutions, and creating community through creating shared experiences, all played important roles in building the District into what Nichols termed, "America's Best Residential Section."

Copies of Morton's book will be available for purchase and signing. To make a reservation for this **free program** call 816-268-8010 or email [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov). Requests for ADA accommodations must be submitted five business days prior to events.



## Updated Resources For Educators!

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The National Archives is excited to announce an overhaul of DocsTeach.org, the popular and award-winning web tool for teaching with documents. In its five years online, over a million visitors worldwide have used DocsTeach to teach with and learn from primary sources. The National Archives holds the permanently valuable records of the Federal government. With hands-on access to these primary sources, plus document analysis techniques, students are able to form connections to historical evidence and deepen their understanding of the past.

On DocsTeach, educators can:

- Access thousands of primary sources in a variety of media types.
- Borrow from an ever-expanding collection of document-based activities created by the National Archives, and teachers around the world.
- Modify activities for their students. Or create their own activities using the online tools — it's as simple as (1) choosing primary sources, (2) selecting a tool and (3) customizing instructions.

Educators who use the web site helped inform the major updates, which include:

- Designed to work on mobile devices as well as computers
- Ability to find activities by era, historical thinking skill, activity type, and grade level
- Folders for favorite primary sources and activities
- Transcriptions of primary sources AND easy one-click downloading and printing
- Seamlessly browsing while adding primary sources to activities
- Copyright statements and citations for all primary sources

Look for the new DocsTeach.org in late Winter 2016!

# Hidden Treasures from the Stacks

## A Man without a Country

Mirroring current headlines, the historical stories of refugees seeking safe haven are common in immigration records. Poignant details in the documents concerning these forced migrants afford personal glimpses into large-scale tragedy and disruption.

Noubar Leonce Arabian, an Armenian, was born in 1895 in Turkey under the rule of the Ottoman Empire, according to his Alien File, maintained by the National Archives at Kansas City. He studied religion and religious history at St. Mesrobian College in Eski-Shiehir, Turkey, became Dean of the Armenian School there, and served the Armenian Church as an assistant priest. In the Armenian Genocide carried out by the Ottoman government during and after World War I, many of Arabian's relatives were "massacred by the Turks," including an uncle with his entire family. Their businesses seized by the government, Arabian and his immediate family members fled to Paris in 1924, where he found work as an accountant and bookkeeper.

In June 1938, Arabian entered the U.S. on a temporary "Nansen Passport" issued by France, at the request of the Armenian Apostolic Church Prelacy in New York City. He became the sole priest of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Chicago, serving between four and five thousand congregants, with additional assignment to the Armenian Church in Racine, WI. In 1940, Arabian applied for an extension of his stay in the U.S. In a letter of support submitted by his attorney, Arabian is described as "A Man without a Country," having renounced his Turkish citizenship. In his application, Arabian declares himself "an Armenian refugee under protection of [the] League of Nations," with citizenship in "no country." Eager to remain in Chicago, he cites the difficulty of securing a successor to lead his church. "The scarcity of pastors was created in 1914, 1915, 1916, because of the massacres in Turkey by the Turks. All the

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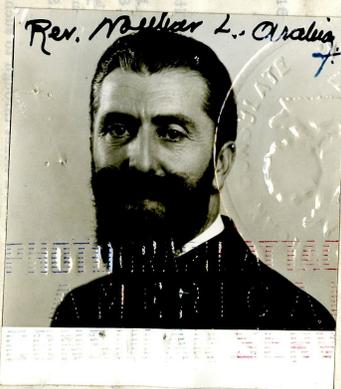
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Date October 22nd, 1943

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Noubar Leonce Arabian  
who is of Turkish  
(Citizen ~~XXXXXX~~)  
nationality, having been seen and examined, is classified  
as a quota immigrant and is granted this Immigration Visa  
pursuant to the Immigration Act of 1924, as amended.  
The validity of this Immigration Visa expires on  
February 22nd, 1944



E. A. Schuler, Jr.,  
Consul of the  
United States of America.  
E. M. J.

Fee \$9.  
Fee No. 6860

Immigrant identification card No. \_\_\_\_\_ issued.

Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_ or other travel document  
Affidavit in lieu of passport  
(Describe)  
Issued to Noubar Leonce Arabian

Issued by \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Valid until \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE.—This Immigration Visa will not entitle  
person to whom issued to enter the United States  
upon arrival in the United States, he is found  
inadmissible to the United States under the  
Immigration Laws. (Subdivision (g), sec. 2, Immigration  
Act of 1924.)  
\*Check appropriate classification.

Above: Excerpt from Form 255, Application for Immigration Visa, included in Record Group 566, Records of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Alien Case Files, 1944-2003, Alien Case File for Noubar Leonce Arabian (National Archives Identifier 7168638).

churches were destroyed as well, at the time. . . . [I]mmediately after 1914, when Turkey declared war, there was a general exodus of the Armenian people from Turkey and there was no chance of anyone becoming ordained because of the persecutions. . . .”

(You may use both sides of this sheet to continue your answers to any questions which you do not have room to answer on the form itself. Be sure to state the number of each question you are answering.)

(Answer to 55 continued).

the sovereignty of the Turks has ceased to exist.

Even to this day the Armenians living in Turkey are subject to civil and political persecution, because of race and religion. They are living under a constant fear for their safety and their liberty. Those who have no family ties or relationship outside of Turkey are doomed to carry out their lives under Turkish rule, never knowing when their turn might come to be killed or to be jailed on mere pretext created by local police government or under arbitrary rules promulgated by the government. There is no right or freedom of travel allowed to the Armenian in Turkey; no freedom to work in pursuit of all trades or professions. For instance, an Armenian cannot become or practice the profession of a doctor or of a druggist. My own brother-in-law and other Armenians of whom I have knowledge have lost their apothecaries and their businesses have been given over by the government to the Moslems. My brother-in-law was an assistant physician in the Turkish army for four years during the first World War. The result is that those Armenians who have the opportunity to leave the country or to flee from the intolerable conditions which exist do so. My family members and I took advantage to flee when the opportunity came and saved ourselves from persecution, from loss of liberty and from danger to our lives.

Asked if he would be subject to persecution if forced to return to Turkey, Arabian answered, “Yes,” and supplied succinctly chilling details regarding the lives of Armenians remaining in their homeland. “Even to this day the Armenians living in Turkey are subject to civil and political persecution, because of race and religion. They are living under a constant fear for their safety and their liberty. Those who have no family ties or relationship outside of Turkey are doomed to carry out their lives under Turkish rule, never knowing when their turn might come to be killed or to be jailed on mere pretext created by local police government or under arbitrary rules promulgated by the government. There is no right or freedom of travel allowed to the Armenian in Turkey; no freedom to work in pursuit of all trades or professions. For instance, an Armenian cannot become or practice the profession of a doctor or of a druggist. . . The result is that those Armenians who have the opportunity to leave the country or to flee from the intolerable conditions which exist do so. My family members and I took advantage to flee when the opportunity came and saved ourselves from persecution, from loss of liberty and from danger to our lives.”

Above: Excerpt from Form I-55, General Information Form, included in Record Group 566, Records of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Alien Case Files, 1944-2003, Alien Case File for Noubar Leonce Arabian (National Archives Identifier 7168638).

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Because Armenia was a region of Turkey when Arabian was born, he was assigned to the nation of Turkey as a quota immigrant under United States immigration law. Due to the Armenian Genocide, the immigration quota for Turkey in 1940 had already been filled for years to come. The extension of his stay was denied, despite letters of support and assurances that his congregants would provide for his financial needs.

Arabian left the U.S. and went to Canada. He was able to re-enter the United States in 1943 as a non-quota immigrant, due to his history of working in the U.S.

		DESCRIPTION	
AGE	48	SEX	Male
COLOR	White	COMPLEXION	Med.
COLOR EYES	hazel	COLOR HAIR	brown
HEIGHT	56	FT.	10
INS.			
WEIGHT	170	LBS.	
VISIBLE DISTINCTIVE MARKS	none		
			
NO. <b>4201</b>			
SIGNATURE OF HOLDER: <i>Noubar L. Arabian</i>			
ALIEN READMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES ON <u>OCT 23 1943</u>			
IMMIGRATION OR PASSPORT VISA <del>(WAS)</del> (WAS NOT) PRESENTED. IT WAS NO. <u>83</u> , ISSUED BY THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES AT <u>Windsor-Ontario</u> , ON <u>October 22nd, 1943</u> , UNDER SECTION <u>6(a)3</u> OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT OF 1924.			
IMMIGRANT INSPECTOR: <i>Walter M. Lange</i>			

Above: Form I-165, Pre-Examination Border Crossing Identification Card, included in Record Group 566, Records of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Alien Case Files, 1944-2003, Alien Case File for Noubar Leonce Arabian (National Archives Identifier 7168638).

The INS began issuing aliens 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 active case of an alien not yet naturalized as they passed through the United States immigration and inspection process. The National Archives at Kansas City has thousands of Alien Files. For more information email [kansascity.archives@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.archives@nara.gov) or view Online Public Access at <http://www.archives.gov/research/search/>.

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