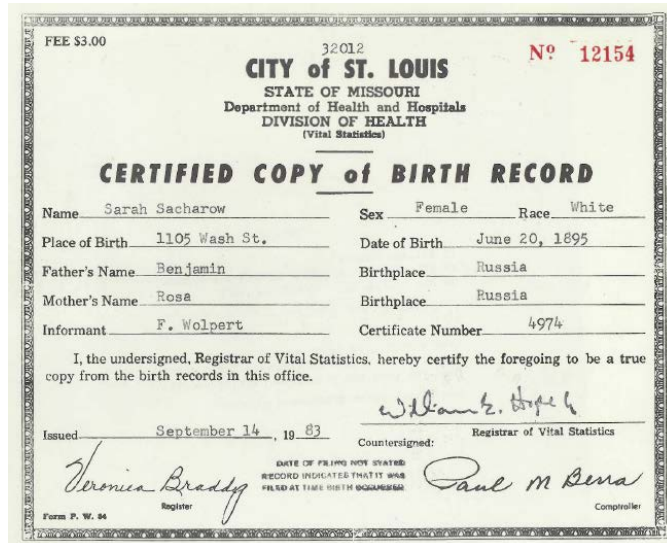


U.S. Immigration and Naturalization

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Why would a woman born in 1895 in St. Louis, Missouri be naturalized as an American in 1936 in Newark, New Jersey?



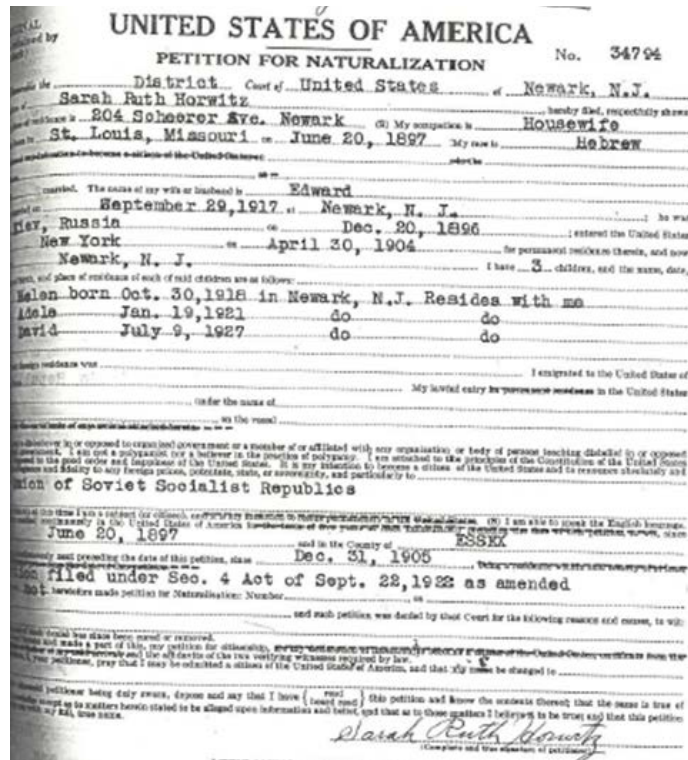
A certified copy of a birth record for Sarah Sacharow. The document is from the City of St. Louis, Missouri, Department of Health and Hospitals, Division of Health (Vital Statistics). It includes fields for Name, Sex, Race, Place of Birth, Date of Birth, Father's Name, Birthplace, Mother's Name, Birthplace, Informant, and Certificate Number. The record is dated September 14, 1933, and is countersigned by the Registrar of Vital Statistics.

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Between 1907 and 1922, American women who married foreign males lost their citizenship (and foreign women who married Americans automatically became citizens).

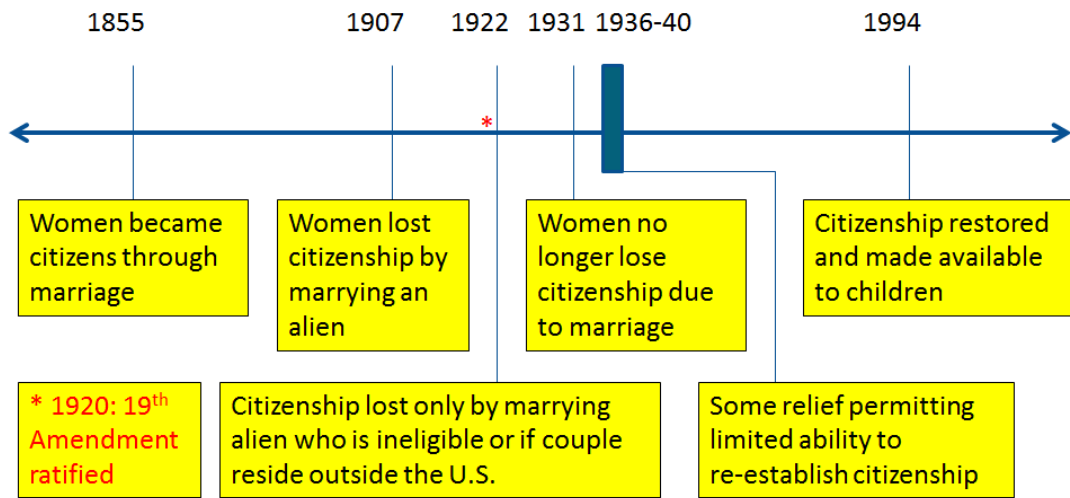
So, when my Missouri-born grandmother, Sarah Sacharow married Edward Horwitz, who had immigrated as a toddler but had never been naturalized, she ceased to be an American citizen.

To regain her citizenship, Sarah, who had never been outside the U.S., had to forswear allegiance to the Soviet Union!

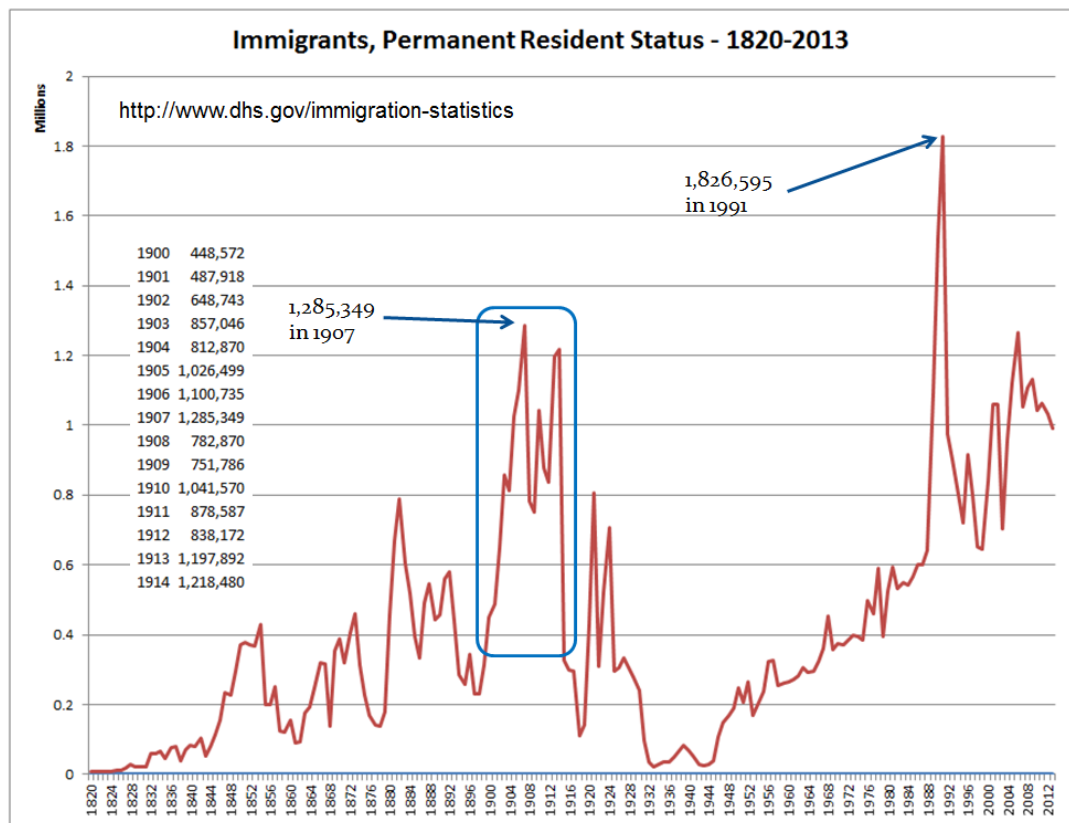


A petition for naturalization for Sarah Ruth Horwitz. The document is from the United States of America, District Court of Newark, N.J. It includes fields for Name, District, Court of, United States, of, Newark, N.J., Place of Birth, Date of Birth, My occupation is, My race is, The name of my wife or husband is, Date of marriage, My natural entry in permanent residence in the United States, and the date of my naturalization. The petition is dated June 20, 1897, and was filed under Sec. 4 of Act of Sept. 22, 1922 as amended.

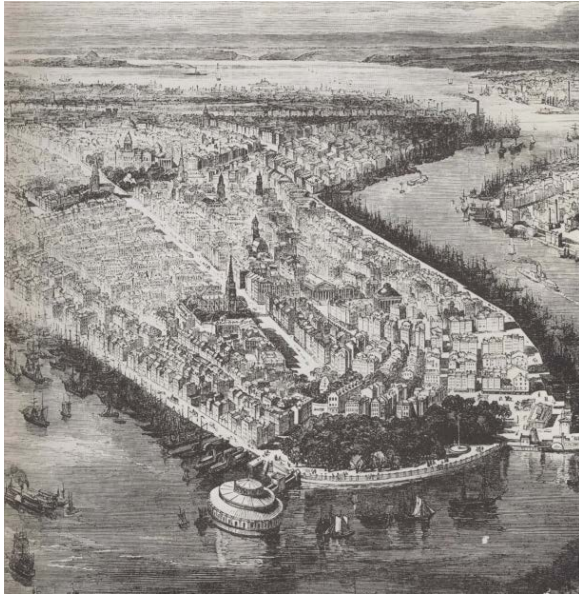
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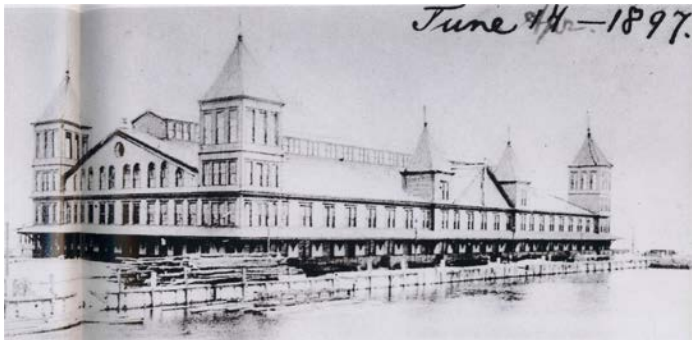
Along with an overview of the varying naturalization laws and the resources for uncovering our ancestors' records, this talk will provide a brief history of Castle Garden, The Barge Office and Ellis Island. These New York immigration centers welcomed about 25 million of our ancestors between 1855 and 1930. Finally, the talk will attempt to dispel some of the myths about our ancestors' experiences in these facilities (the family name was NOT changed on Ellis Island).



Castle Garden



Barge Office



Ellis Island - original wooden reception building.

Ellis Island - replacement brick structure after original building burned.

