

## **TABLE 1 - U.S. NATURALIZATION AND NONEXISTING RECORDS**

The Italian ancestor's naturalization document is crucial for the recognition of your Italian citizenship. Therefore, an accurate search has to be performed on this matter.

### **If your ancestor was naturalized a U.S. citizen**

- ☐ CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION (NO Apostille or translation needed)

### **AND/OR**

- ☐ CERTIFIED COPY OF DECLARATION OF INTENTION, PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION, and OATH OF ALLEGIANCE (which is an official document bearing the red ribbon and gold seal of the National Archives - NARA) (NO Apostille or translation needed);

### **If Ancestor is still alive and is NOT an American citizen**

- ☐ his/her **Italian passport**

### **AND/OR**

- ☐ current **U.S. permanent resident card** ("green card").

### **If your ancestor was NEVER naturalized a US citizen**

- ☐ LETTER OF NO RECORD OF NATURALIZATION/PERSON – aliases included - issued by **USCIS** (NO Apostille or translation needed) (**original, not a photocopy**, and with the Office Seal);

### **AND**

- ☐ LETTER OF NO RECORD OF NATURALIZATION/PERSON – aliases included - issued by **NARA** (NO Apostille or translation needed) (**original, not a photocopy**, and with the Office Seal);

### **And one of the following:**

- ☐ Copy of ITALIAN PASSPORT and/or US GREEN CARD dated **after** applicant's birth (NO Apostille or translation needed);
- ☐ Documentation from USCIS/NARA showing alien status after applicant's birth (NO Apostille or translation needed) (**original, not a photocopy**, and with the Office Seal);
- ☐ THE FIRST U.S. CENSUS dated after THE BIRTH OF THE FIRST IN-LINE ANCESTOR BORN OUTSIDE OF ITALY (or CHILD OF THE ITALIAN ANCESTOR) (NO Apostille or translation needed) (**Certified Copy, not a photocopy**);

### **If your ancestor IMMIGRATED to a country OTHER than the U.S.:**

- ☐ Proof of NATURALIZATION or NO NATURALIZATION through pertinent documentation issued by the competent authority of the country with APOSTILLE and TRANSLATION into Italian;  
**N.B.** Documents issued in countries other than the U.S. must comply with the local regulations on the legalization of documents, they must be translated into Italian and the translation must be certified by the Italian Consulate/Embassy in the country where the documents were issued. For information on how a document should be legalized in its country of origin, you can check the website of the competent Italian Consulate/Embassy (A list of all Italian Consulate/Embassies abroad is available at: [www.esteri.it/it](http://www.esteri.it/it));

### **List of the Offices you can contact:**

1. The **USCIS** in Washington D.C. ([www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)) This Office can provide a Certificate of Naturalization or a certification of nonexistence of a specific record.
2. The **National Archives in Washington, DC** ([www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)). This office collects documents from all over the United States: you could obtain a certified copy of your ancestor's "petition for naturalization" and "oath of allegiance" from the National Archives. Documents from NARA must be certified copies, bearing the red ribbon and gold seal of NARA. If no record is found, they should issue a letter stating it.
3. **County Court** in which the ancestor resided and in which his/her child was born. It can also provide the Certificate of Naturalization.
4. The **USCIS Genealogy Program**, in Washington, DC ([www.uscis.gov/records/genealogy](http://www.uscis.gov/records/genealogy)). This office can send you a copy of your ancestor's certificate or alien registration card, which must be supported by a County or NARA record, because USCIS will only release a certified copy to the person who received citizenship.
5. The **Regional Office of the National Archives**. This office keeps Federal documents related to the States in their area of jurisdiction. You can also obtain a certified copy of your ancestor's "petition for naturalization" and "oath of allegiance". Documents from NARA must be certified copies, bearing the red ribbon and gold seal of NARA. If the search shows NO RECORD, NARA can issue the alien registration card.
6. **Census record**. It may provide additional information relevant to your case even if based on the information provided by the individual: Immigration Records, Naturalization Records, Ship Passenger Lists, Military records, the U.S. Passport applications, Voter List Records and others ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)). Ask for the first U.S. Census dated after the birth of the Italian-born ascendant's child.

### **SUMMARY**

<b><u>Naturalization</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Naturalization</u></b>
<u>Naturalization Certificate: Notarized Copy (NO Translation)</u>	<u>USCIS: No Record of Naturalization</u>
<b><u>Or</u></b>	<b><u>And</u></b>
<u>Oath of Allegiance: Notarized Copy (NO Translation)</u>	<u>NARA: No Record of Naturalization</u>
<b><u>Or</u></b>	<b><u>And one of the following</u></b>
<u>Green Card issued after birth date of next in line/applicant: Notarized Copy</u>	<u>Census record - dated after birth of next in line relative</u>
	<u>Italian Passport/Green Card</u>
	<u>Declaration of Intention / Petition for Naturalization</u>
	<u>Mod. AR-2 (if ancestor deceased after Dec. 31, 1940)</u>

**PLEASE NOTE:**

When submitting a request to one of these offices, please provide your Italian ancestor's full name (and aliases, nicknames, and any other names appeared on any official documents), possible places and dates of birth which he may have declared during his life, according to the ancestor's documents and information available.

Conduct a search that covers the time of the arrival of your Italian ancestor in the USA, to the birth of his child born in the USA, and support it with Official statements.

This Consulate's citizenship office has the right to request additional documents, beyond the ones provided by the applicant on the day of the appointment, in order to determine the applicants' eligibility to the Italian citizenship.