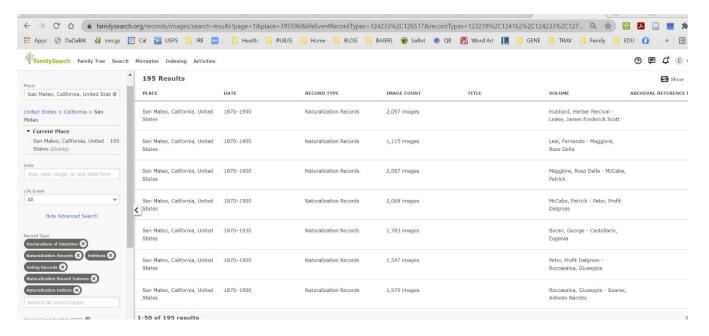
The Naturalization Indexes

All naturalization records are located at the County Record Center in San Mateo County. Copies of the originals can only be obtained through the San Mateo County Clerk/Recorder's Office.

FamilySearch has digitized the Naturalization Records for San Mateo County through 1946, including the card file mentioned above. Later records can be ordered through the <u>County Recorders Office</u>, or obtained from the federal government.

Images on FamilySearch are found among the browsable records on their website. How to find records on FamilySearch changes as they refine their process.



Today a search for San Mateo County, California refined by the record types Declaration of Intention, Naturalization Records, Petitioins, Voting Records, Naturalization Record Indexes and Naturalization Indices brings up the available records. Some are no longer available by book number, but rather by Name, it is possible these will also show up with a people search.

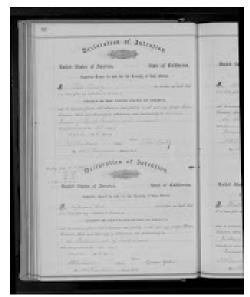
SMCGS does NOT retrieve records that are not in their possession. Researchers should search these images, or contact the county for further help.

SMCGS Indexes to the Naturalization Collection

The Naturalization Indexes were published by SMCGS before 2000. A decision has been made to retain the PDF versions of the books rather than upload a searchable index to these records.



Each volume includes a full description of the records indexed in it. All known naturalization records at the county level, including Declaration of Intention, Petitions and Certificates were indexed using the original records and not the compiled county indexes.



There are four county wide volumes.

- San Mateo County Naturalization Index to Sept 25, 1906
- San Mateo County Naturalization Index 1907-1925
- San Mateo County Naturalization Index 1926-1945
- San Mateo County Naturalization Index 1946+

San Mateo County Naturalization Index Camp Fremont 1918-1919

The Camp Fremont Index includes many soldiers from other places who were naturalized before they were discharged from the Army after WWI. A separate Declaration of Intention was not required for Naturalization, however, in some cases there is reference to one.

In addition to the naturalization records there is an

Index to naturalized voters.



In order to vote, it was necessary to provide information on naturalization if you were foreign born. The county created a card file of those who had done so, the information included might provide not only a place of naturalization, but also a date, the name of the person who was naturalized (in the case of a wife or child), a marriage date and the voting district the person was living in at the time they provided the information.

