## **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?

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| Father's Name   | Benjamin  |                        | Bir                | thplace        | Russia  |            |
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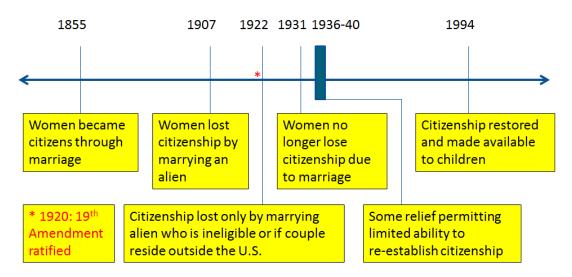
Between 1907 and 1922, American women who married foreign males lost their citizenship (and foreign women who married Americans automatically became citizens).

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!

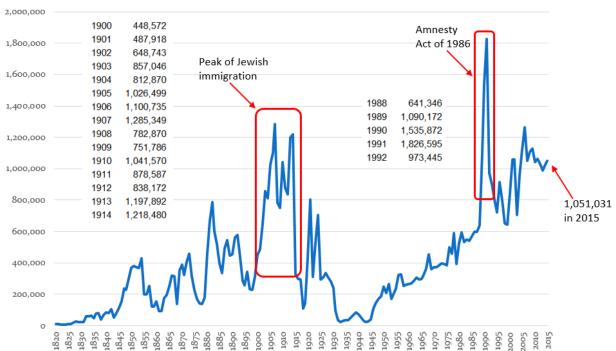
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## U.S. Citizenship of Women

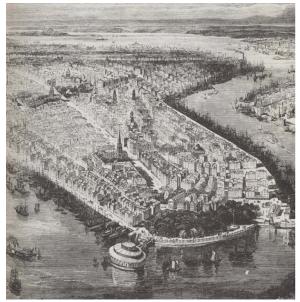


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Along with an overview of the varying naturalization laws and the resources for uncovering our ancestors' records, this talk will provide a brief history of Castle Garden, The Barge Office and Ellis Island. These New York immigration centers welcomed 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.

