

Introduction

*Iniquissimam pacem justissimo bello antefero.*  
I prefer, says the sagacious and humane Cicero, the most impolitic and disadvantageous peace, to the justest war; and yet with what precipitancy and on what trifling occasions do countries often rush into war with each another!

– Erasmus, *Adagia*, 1508<sup>1</sup>

By 1530 EUROPE had tired of war. For decades the respective rulers of France and the Habsburg Empire had squabbled over control of the wealth and power of the Italian city-republics and the Papal States. Open warfare broke out in 1494; the next sixty years were marked by both diplomatic intrigue and armed conflict.

Alliances were formed, broken, and reformed. The Sforza family of Milan were the first to manipulate the foreign powers; in forging an alliance with the French they hoped to secure Milan’s position against the rising influence of Venice. The results were disastrous. Both Naples and Milan fell under Habsburg control after the French were comprehensively defeated in 1526. In Rome, Pope Julius II first aligned himself with the French against the Venetians, then reversed course and backed the Venetians against the French; such outrageous diplomatic manoeuvres were designed to maintain the delicate position of the Papal States, but Julius’s duplicity and corruption, coupled with that shown by his successor Clement VII against the Habsburgs, led to the Sack of Rome by Habsburg troops in 1527.


The elevation of Charles V to the title of Holy Roman Emperor in 1521 inflamed tensions with France still further, for many of those who had supported Charles had been bribed to ensure the title of Emperor remained out of France’s grasp. The capture of Francis I at the Battle of Pavia in 1525 prompted the French to forge an unprecedented alliance between Catholic France and the

<sup>1</sup> Translated in “Proverbs, Chiefly Taken from the Adagia of Erasmus with Explanations”, Egerton, 1814.



Ludovico Grossi da Viadana *c. 1560 – 1627*

Quem vidistis, pastores?  
from “Cento Concerti Ecclesiastici a Una, a Due,  
a Tre, e a Quattro voci” (1602)



Application to Register Permanent Residence  
or Adjust Status

USCIS  
Form I-485  
OMB No. 1615-0023  
Expires 03/31/2023

Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

For USCIS Use Only

Preference Category:

Country Chargeable:

Priority Date:

Date Form I-693 Received:

☐ Applicant Interviewed

☐ Interview Waived

INA 209(a)

INA 209(b)

INA 245(a)

INA 245(i)

INA 245(m)

INA 249

Sec. 13, Act of 9/11/57

Cuban Adjustment Act

Other

Section of Law

Receipt

Action Block

To be completed by an attorney or accredited representative (if any).

☐ Select this box if Form G-28 is attached.

Volag Number (if any)

Attorney State Bar Number (if applicable)

Attorney or Accredited Representative USCIS Online Account Number (if any)

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Part 1. Information About You (Person applying for lawful permanent residence)

Your Current Legal Name (do not provide a nickname)

1.a. Family Name (Last Name)

1.b. Given Name (First Name)

1.c. Middle Name

3.a. Family Name (Last Name)

3.b. Given Name (First Name)

3.c. Middle Name

4.a. Family Name (Last Name)

4.b. Given Name (First Name)

4.c. Middle Name

Other Names You Have Used Since Birth (if applicable)

NOTE: Provide all other names you have ever used, including your family name at birth, other legal names, nicknames, aliases, and assumed names. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in Part 14. Additional Information.

2.a. Family Name (Last Name)

2.b. Given Name (First Name)

2.c. Middle Name

Other Information About You

5. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

NOTE: In addition to providing your actual date of birth, include any other dates of birth you have used in connection with any legal names or non-legal names in the space provided in Part 14. Additional Information.

6. Sex

☐ Male

☐ Female

7. City or Town of Birth

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Part 1. Information About You (Person applying for lawful permanent residence) (continued)

8. Country of Birth

9. Country of Citizenship or Nationality

10. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)

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NOTE: If you have **EVER** used other A-Numbers, include the additional A-Numbers in the space provided in **Part 14. Additional Information.**

11. USCIS Online Account Number (if any)

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U.S. Mailing Address

12.a. In Care Of Name (if any)

12.b. Street Number and Name

12.c. Apt. Ste. Flr.

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12.d. City or Town

12.e. State

12.f. ZIP Code

(USPS ZIP Code Lookup)

Alternate and/or Safe Mailing Address

If you are applying based on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) or as a special immigrant juvenile, human trafficking victim (T nonimmigrant), or victim of a qualifying crime (U nonimmigrant) and you do not want USCIS to send notices about this application to your home, you may provide an alternative and/or safe mailing address.

13.a. In Care Of Name (if any)

13.b. Street Number and Name

13.c. Apt. Ste. Flr.

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13.d. City or Town

13.e. State

13.f. ZIP Code

Social Security Card

14. Has the Social Security Administration (SSA) ever officially issued a Social Security card to you?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you answered “Yes,” provide the information requested in **Item Number 15.**

15. Provide your U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).

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16. Do you want the SSA to issue you a Social Security card? (You must also answer “Yes” to **Item Number 17. Consent for Disclosure**, to receive a card).

☐ Yes

☐ No

17. **Consent for Disclosure:** I authorize disclosure of information from this application to the SSA as required for the purpose of assigning me an SSN and issuing me a Social Security Card.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Recent Immigration History

Provide the information for **Item Numbers 18. - 24.** if you last entered the United States using a passport or travel document.

18. Passport Number Used at Last Arrival

19. Travel Document Number Used at Last Arrival

20. Expiration Date of this Passport or Travel Document (mm/dd/yyyy)

21. Country that Issued this Passport or Travel Document

22. Nonimmigrant Visa Number from this Passport (if any)

Place of Last Arrival into the United States

23.a. City or Town

23.b. State

24. Date of Last Arrival (mm/dd/yyyy)

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