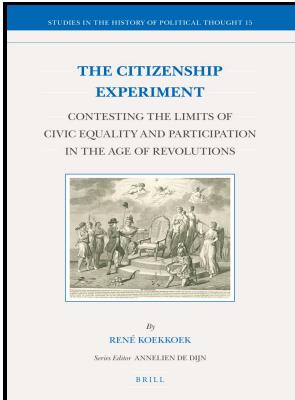


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## The Development of American Citizenship, 1608

. English judges of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries assumed that the essential purpose of naturalization was to make the alien legally the same as a native, that is, to make his allegiance natural, personal, and perpetual.

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After the petition was granted, a certificate of citizenship was issued to the new citizen.

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With the single exception of eligibility for the presidency, they thereby acquired the.

## Naturalization Records

Often petitioners went to the court most geographically convenient for them. Across the Atlantic divergent ideas were taking hold. Aliens, born out of the protection of the English king and owing their natural obedience to another sovereign, could become adopted subjects and share the rights that others enjoyed as their natural inheritance.

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It was only the triumph of the Union in the Civil War that allowed Congress to affirm the quality of native and naturalized citizens, to state unequivocally the primacy of the national over state citizenship, to write black citizenship into the Constitution, and to recognize the volitional character of, the status of citizen by formally adopting the principle of expatriation.

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Citizenship constituted membership in a federal community requiring allegiance to nation and state.

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A splendid and original piece of research. In certain cases county court naturalization records maintained by the National Archives are available as. The process of change was gradual, and those who participated in it did not fully perceive its patterns or direction.

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