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This new concept of citizenship left many questions unanswered, however. Nevertheless, as Americans first experienced, then sought to articulate the meaning of, their transformation from subjects to citizens, they made. The Restoration of Charles II brought temporary peace after a troubled decade of parliamentary rule, but the attempts of James II to restore the supremacy of the monarchy revitalized political opposition and ultimately produced the Glorious Revolution.

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Two copies of the certificate were created — one given to the petitioner as proof of citizenship, and, after September 26, 1906, one forwarded to the Immigration and Naturalization Service INS. Americans took the model of naturalization as their starting point for defining all political allegiance as the result of a legal contract resting on consent. Kettner explores this complex but fascinating subject with authority and dexterity.

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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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American Naturalization Records, 1790-1990: What They are and How to Use Them Bountiful, UT: Heritage Quest, 1998. In the colonies this reasoning was being reversed. .

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Researchers should contact the serving the state in which the petitioner resided to determine if records from lower courts are available. The concept of citizenship that achieved full legal form and force in mid-nineteenth-century America had English roots in the sense that it was the

product of a theoretical and legal development that extended over three hundred years. Across the Atlantic divergent ideas were taking hold.

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USCIS maintains duplicate copies of court records including the certificate of citizenship created September 27, 1906-March 31, 1956 within Certificate Files C-Files. The new states not only sought the loyalty of their present inhabitants and former fellow subjects; they also extended a broad welcome to the. Men and laws completed what nature had begun.

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