

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION
DIVISION OF NATURALIZATION

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

District Court of Lavaca Co. Texas

In the matter of the petition of Joseph Petru to be admitted a citizen of the United States of America.

To the District Court of Lavaca County:

The petition of Joseph Petru respectfully shows:

First. My full name is Joseph Petru

Second. My place of residence is number 404 street, city of Lavaca Co. Texas

State Territory of Texas

Third. My occupation is farmer

Fourth. I was born on the 28 day of November, anno Domini 1869, at Fidelity, Tabor, Austria

Fifth. I emigrated to the United States from Bremen Germany on or about the 1st day of March

anno Domini 1888, and arrived at the port of Galveston in the United States, on the vessel 'Werra'

Sixth. I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on the 31st day of October, anno Domini 1892

at Edna in the District Court of Jackson Co. Texas

Seventh. I am married. My wife's name is Juovefa Petru She was born in Lavaca Co. Texas, and now resides at 404 Lavaca Co. I have 7 children,

and the name, date and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children is as follows: Annie Land Jackson Co. June 2, 1894; Johanna Fern Jackson Co. Feb. 24-1895; Florian Fern Jackson Co. Feb. 16-1897; Lura Fern Jackson Co. June 10-1898; Joe Fern Lavaca Co. Feb. 10-1899; Juovefa Fern Lavaca Co. May 20-1900; Elizabeth Fern Gonzales Co. Dec 20-1901; Stanis Fern Gonzales Co. Feb. 6-1903; Thomas Fern Lavaca Co. Nov. 19-1904, all reside in Lavaca Co. Texas

Eighth. I am not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government or a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in organized government. I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and it is my intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to Francis Joseph Emperor of Austria of which at this time I am a citizen, subject, and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States

Ninth. I am able to speak the English language.

Tenth. I have resided continuously in the United States of America for a term of five years at least immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since the 22 day of March, anno Domini 1888, and in the State Territory of Texas for one year at least next preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since the 22 day of March, anno Domini 1888

Eleventh. I have not heretofore made petition for citizenship to any court. (I made petition for citizenship to the Court of said petition was denied by the said Court for the following reasons and causes, to wit,

Attached hereto and made a part of this petition are my declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States and the certificate from the Department of Commerce and Labor required by law. Wherefore your petitioner prays that he may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America.

Dated Dec. 1st, 1906

Joseph Petru (Signature of petitioner.)

State of Texas
County of Lavaca ss:

Joseph Petru being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the petitioner in the above-entitled proceeding; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of December, anno Domini 1906

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E. T. Lang, Clerk

\* If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance or name of transportation company should be given.

Declaration of Intention and Certificate of Landing from Department of Commerce and Labor filed this 1st day of December 1906

E. T. Lang, Clerk

By Clerk

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

District Court of Lavaca Co. Texas

In the matter of the petition of Joseph Petru to be admitted a citizen of the United States of America.

State of Texas
County of Lavaca ss:

John Pickett, occupation Tax collector, residing at Goodhead, Texas
and John Sittler, occupation Farmer, residing at Sublime, Texas

such being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, deposes and says that he is a citizen of the United States of America; that he has personally known Joseph Petru, the petitioner above mentioned, to be a resident of the United States for a period of at least five years continuously immediately preceding the date of filing his petition, and of the State Territory in which the above-entitled application is made for a period of five years immediately preceding the date of filing his petition; and that he has personal knowledge that the said petitioner is a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and that he is in every way qualified, in his opinion, to be admitted a citizen of the United States.

J. J. Pickett

John Sittler

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of December, anno Domini 1906

E. T. Lang, Clerk

By Clerk