

FAMILY HISTORY
NATURALISATION RECORDS

USEFULNESS OF NATURALISATION RECORDS:

Naturalisation Records are a very valuable source of information about the arrival and early years in Australia of non-British immigrants. They can provide information not readily available from other sources, especially for early immigrants for whom family records have been lost. The date of arrival in Australia, the name of the ship bringing the immigrant, and the place of departure overseas can usually be found in naturalisation records, as well as places of residence in Australia between arrival and the naturalisation application.

TYPE OF INFORMATION:

The Naturalisation certificate itself usually contains some information, but it is advisable to locate the **complete naturalisation application file** to obtain additional information not included in the certificate. The naturalisation certificate (if still available in the family) will provide information on the date and number of naturalisation, and this information will then be useful in obtaining the complete application record. A naturalisation application file can contain 10 or more pages, including birth place and date, the date of arrival in Australia, the name of the ship, the various places of residence since arrival, names and birth dates of spouse and children, the reason for applying for naturalisation, references to support the application, the newspaper advertisement from the local paper, and other pertinent information.

Form B.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

STATUTORY DECLARATION

Referred to in Paragraph 1 of annexed Application.

I, Angelo Pietro Romano do solemnly and sincerely declare that—

1. My name is Angelo Pietro Romano

2. My place of residence is at Mourmelyan in the State of Queensland

3. My occupation is banegrover in which capacity I am at present and have been employed by _____ at _____ for a period of _____

4. I was born on the 9th day of Sept in the year 1885, at Pongano in the Pelluso in the country of Italy

5. My nationality is Italian
The nationality of my father was Italian
His full name was Giacomo Romano
The nationality of my mother prior to her marriage was Italian

6. I arrived in Australia from Italy on the 1st day of Febry in the year 1900 per the Schaenost and disembarked at the port of Adelaide

7. Since my arrival in Australia I have resided at Broken Hill 4 years Italy (Soldier) 4 years Italy (bankman) 1 year Mourmelyan 1 year

8. I have not been away from the Commonwealth of Australia at any time during the last twelve months.

9. After leaving the country of _____ and before coming to Australia, I resided in the following countries for the periods stated: Italy 5 years

Department of Home and Territories, Correspondence Files.
STATUTORY DECLARATION OF ANGLO P. ROMANO
AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES: CS 41, Item M23 4779

10. I am Married
My wife's full name is Prima Romano
She was born at Padovena, Italy
Her age is 30 years. She resides at Mourmelyan N.Q.

11. I have 2 children. Their names, ages, birthplaces, and residence are as follow:
Adriano Romano 6 years Italy
Giovanni Romano 10 years Italy

12. I have not been naturalized in any other country.
(Note—If the Applicant has been naturalized in any other country the statement should be amended accordingly, and particulars of such naturalization furnished.)

13. I was registered as an alien in Queensland (Certificate No. 24777)

14. I intend to settle permanently in Queensland

15. I have not obtained or applied for permission from the Government of Italy to retain my nationality as a subject of that country. I do not intend to apply for such permission, and I shall not avail myself of any such permission should it be granted to me by any law of Italy

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1911, conscientiously believing the statements contained therein to be true in every particular.

Declared at Mourmelyan the 15th day of January 1922 Angelo Pietro Romano
Before me, W. Elton J.P.

It is particularly required that the writing, especially of the names of persons and places, be plain and legible.

NOTE—Any person who wilfully makes a false statement in a Statutory Declaration is guilty of an indictable offence, and is liable to imprisonment with or without hard labour for four years.

This is an example of part of the Commonwealth Naturalisation application of Angelo Pietro Romano, lodged in 1922.

WHERE NATURALISATION RECORDS ARE LOCATED:

Naturalisation applications were lodged with the separate colonies until federation, and the states continued to administer naturalisations until 1904. For naturalisations before 1904 for Queensland, NSW, Tasmania and Western Australia you should go to the State Archives in the relevant state capital. For those granted after 1904, the documentation can be obtained from the Australian Archives in Canberra. All Victorian and South Australian naturalisations are held in the Australian Archives in Canberra.

Various finding aids and indexes are available at the state and Australian archives to help locate the records. Not all Italian immigrants obtained naturalisation however, and it is worth noting that in some cases many years elapsed between arrival and naturalisation. Note that the spelling of Italian names, especially in the last century, may be incorrect, so that variations of spelling should also be checked if the initial search is unsatisfactory. Remember to request the **complete naturalisation application file**, and not only the certificate.

Addresses:

Australian Archives, Canberra, for all Australian naturalisations from 1904, and for all Victorian and South Australian naturalisations:
Director General,
Australian Archives,
P.O. Box 34,
Dickson, ACT, 2602

New South Wales, for all naturalisations before 1904:
The Principal Archivist,
Archives Office of NSW,
2 Globe St.,
The Rocks,
Sydney, NSW, 2000

Queensland, for all naturalisations before 1904:
The Principal Archivist,
QLD State Archives,
162 Annerley Rd,
Dutton Park, QLD, 4102

South Australia, for finding aids for South Australian naturalisations:
The Manager,
Public Record Office,
North Terrace,
Adelaide, SA, 5000
Then write to the Australian Archives in Canberra for the file.

Tasmania, for all naturalisations before 1904:
The Principal Archivist,
Archives Office of Tasmania,
91 Murray St,
Hobart, TAS, 7000

Victoria, for finding aids for naturalisations. From 1851 to 1920 consult the Index to Naturalisation Certificates (VPRS 1190):
City Search Room,
Fourth Floor,
318 Little Bourke St.
Melbourne, VIC, 3000
Obtain a copy of the microfilm index card. Then write to the Australian Archives in Canberra for the file, and enclose the copy of the index card.

Western Australia, for all naturalisations before 1904:
State Archivist,
Alexander Library Building,
Perth Cultural Centre,
Perth, WA, 6000

OTHER IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS

The sponsorship document, called the **Atto di Chiamata**, enabled immigrants already in Australia to send for others to join them. Frequently, the male breadwinner in a family migrated first, and, once established, arranged for other family members to come to Australia. In this way Nicola Del Monaco sent the following **Atto di Chiamata** to his wife and sons, requesting them to join him in Melbourne.



Regio Consolato d'Italia
per l'Australia
Con sede in Melbourne

Atto di Chiamata

Regnando Sua Maestà
Vittorio Emanuele III per
grazia di Dio e per volontà
della Nazione
Re d'Italia,
L'anno millenovecentoventuno
in questo giorno Cessato del
nostro di Torino in Melbourne e
nella Cancelleria di questo
Regio Consolato
Avanti di noi, Avvocato
Antonio Fioravanti, Console
d'Italia in questa residenza
e senza testimoni, avendo
rinunciato il componente che
la legge e scrivere
Si è perennalmente costituito
il Signor Nicola Del Monaco
del fu Reggato e di Emilio
Trinchitelli nato a Viggiu
il 23 Maggio 1864
il quale ha dichiarato
essere suo desiderio che

in nessuno e in un proprio
Giannini nata la Viggiu
di anni 35 circa venga a
raggiungerlo appena sia
possibile qui in Australia
con figli Michele di
anni 15 e Arturo di
anni 13
Ed affinché non sia pato
ostacoli alla loro partenza
dell'Italia e al loro sbarco
in Australia, esso Componente
fa noto con l'atto presente
di essere perfettamente in
condizioni di sopportare ai
loro bisogni qui in Australia
e si obbliga di conseguenza a,
sia di relarsi a ricoverarli
al loro arrivo, sia di
provvedere, una volta arrivati,
alle necessità della loro vita,
alla cura della loro salute in
caso di malattia, in propor-
zione di suoi mezzi, ma in
modo e misura tali, che
essi non avranno mai a
rimanere a carico di alcuna
istituzione caritativa o di
beneficenza di questo paese.
Al che richiesto, lui
Avvocato Antonio Fioravanti
Console d'Italia in Melbourne,

come unico suo mare in
Gennaio, il presente Atto
che scritto da me notario
Consolato di un foglio di
carta di cui delle pagine
interamente scritte e la
terza alla riga ottava.
Prima lettura, spiega-
zione e conferma, il presente
atto, viene da noi e dal
Componente sottoscritto

Melbourne 5 Gennaio 1921

Firmato: Nicola Del Monaco
Il Regio Console Fioravanti
Per copie conferme all'originale:
esistente nelle archivi di
questo Regio Consolato
Melbourne, 5 Gennaio 1921

Il Regio Console



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Cassa - n. 100 36.
Data 5/1/21

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