

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

In the matter of the petition of Chelsea May Wildern to be admitted a citizen of the United States of America.

To the Circuit Court of Eaton County

The petition of Chelsea May Wildern respectfully shows:

First. My full name is Chelsea May Wildern

Second. My place of residence is number 201 Upland Ave. street, city of Charlotte

State of Michigan
Third. My occupation is grocery clerk

Fourth. I was born on the 22 day of April, anno Domini 1871, at Port Burwell, Ontario, Canada

Fifth. I emigrated to the United States from Tilbury, Ontario, Canada, on or about the 4th day of December anno Domini 1880, and arrived at the port of Port Huron, in the United States, on the vessel the Grand Trunk No.

Sixth. I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on the 12th day of November, anno Domini 1912 at Charlotte in the Circuit Court of Eaton County

Seventh. I am not married. My wife's name is Jella Wildern She was born in Eaton Co. Mich. and now resides at Charlotte, Mich. I have 7 children.

and the name, date and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children is as follows: Frank H. Wildern born Mar. 20, 1894; Harper L. born Nov. 26, 1896; Marie born Dec. 29, 1898; Ruth born Nov. 15, 1900; Candy born Nov. 10, 1902; Fred born Aug. 26, 1906; Dorothy born March 1st, 1911
All residing at Charlotte Michigan

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 George V. King of Great Britain and Ireland 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 4th day of December, anno Domini 1889, and in the State of Michigan for one year at least next preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since the 4th day of December, anno Domini 1909.

Eleventh. I have not heretofore made petition for citizenship to any court. (I made a petition for citizenship to the Court of Eaton County on the 12th day of November, anno Domini 1912, and the said petition was denied by the said Court for the following reasons and causes, to wit: and the cause of said denial has since been cured or removed)

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 Nov. 12th, 1914 Chelsea May Wildern (Signature of petitioner.)

State of Michigan }
County of Eaton } ss:

Chelsea May Wildern, 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 12th day of November, anno Domini 1914. Frank E. Ford, Clerk,

[SEAL.]

By _____ 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 12th day of November, 1914. Frank E. Ford, Clerk,

By _____ Clerk.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

Circuit Court of Eaton

In the matter of the petition of Chelsea May Wildern to be admitted a citizen of the United States of America.

State of Michigan }
County of Eaton } ss:

J. N. Herbst, occupation Tailor, residing at Charlotte, Mich.
and Charles L. Johnson, occupation Grocery Clerk, residing at Charlotte, Mich.

each 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 Chelsea May Wildern, 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 territory in which the above-entitled application is made for a period of twenty 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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of November, anno Domini 1914. Frank E. Ford, Clerk,

[SEAL.]

By _____ Clerk.