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**Application for the Naturalization of Louis Sopkin**

Transcribed by J. Gary Fox

Note: Incorrect spellings of Sopkin ...i.e. "Sopkon" corrected

United States of America

State of New York  
City and County of New York

Be it remembered, that on the 19<sup>th</sup> of *November*, in the year of our Lord, one thousand and ninety *one* personally appeared *Louis Sopkon* in the **Supreme Court of the State, First Judicial District**, (Said Court being a Court of record having common law jurisdiction, a clerk and a seal,) and made his Declaration of Intention to become a Citizen of the United States of America, in the words following to wit:

I, ***Louis Sopkon*** do declare on oath, that in bona fide my Intention to become a Citizen of the United States of America, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the Emperor of *Russia*, of whom I am now subject, (and that I arrived in the United States on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of *May* 1885).

Sworn, this 19 day  
Nov 1891

*Louis Sopkin*  
Residence 367 Cherry St.

*John Hood*  
Asst. ? Deputy Clerk

In Attestation Whereof, and that the foregoing is a true copy of the original Declaration of Intention remaining of record in my office, I Wm. Sohmer, Clerk of the said Court, have hereunto subscribed my name and the seal of the said Court, this 19 day of Nov 1891

*Wm Sohmer* Clerk

Petition for the Citizenship of Louis Sopkin

**District Court of the United States**  
for the Eastern District of New York

In the matter of the petition of  
*Louis Sopkin*  
by occupation *Grocer*  
to be admitted a Citizen of the United States of America

Petition filed *October 21 1904*

The above named petitioner, being a free white person over twenty one years of age, hereby petitions to be admitted a Citizen of the United States of America, and avers that two years have elapsed since he declared his intention to become such citizen, and that a certified copy of said declaration is hereto annexed and marked "Exhibit A" of this date.

Sworn to me before me  
this *17 day of October 1904*                      *Louis Sopkin* petitioner

*P. F. Prentice* ? Notary Public, Kings County, N.Y.

In the matter of the petition of the above named petition:      Testimony on Reference  
to be admitted a Citizen of the United States.

*Harry Levy* being duly sworn, deposed and says that he resides at *71 Montgomery St.*, borough of Manhattan, City of New York and is by occupation *lingerie(?) dealer* that he is a Citizen of the United States of America, and personally acquainted with the above named petitioner, and he has known him for the past *11* years; that the petitioner is by occupation *grocer* and resides at No *367 Cherry St.*, borough of Manhattan, City of New York: that he personally knows that the said petitioner has resided continuously within the United States five years at least, to wit: since A.D. 1893 and continuously within the State of New York one year at least: to wit since A.D. 1893 and that during the time of deponent's acquaintance with the petitioner, said petitioner has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same; that it is belief that the petitioner does no disbelieve in, nor is he opposed to all organized government; that he is not a member of or affiliated with any organization entertaining and teaching such disbelief in or opposition to all organized government; that he does not advocate or teach the duty, necessity, or propriety of the unlawful assaulting or killing of any officer or officers, either specific individuals or officers generally, of the Government of the United States or any organized government, because of his or their official character, nor does he believe that he has violated any provisions of the act of Congress entitled "An Act to regulate the immigration of aliens into the United States" approved March 3, 1903.

Sworn before me this *17<sup>th</sup> 1904*                      *Harry Levy*                      Witness  
*P. F. Prentice* Commissioner

*Louis Sopkin* being duly sworn, disposed, and says, the he is the above named petitioner for admission as a Citizen of the United States of America; that he was born in *Russia* in the year one thousand eight hundred and *sixty one* and immigrated to the United States landing at the Port of *New York* in the State of *New York* on or about the *25<sup>th</sup> of May* A.D. 1885, and that he now resides at *367 Cherry* Street in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York; that he has

resided continuously within the United States five years or at least, to wit; since *May* A.D. 1885 in *Manhattan Borough* and continuously within the New York one year at least, to wit since *May* A.D. 1885. Petitioner further disposes and says that he does not disbelieve in nor is he opposed to all organized government; that he is not a member or affiliated with any organization entertaining or teaching such disbelief in or opposition to all organized government; that he does not advocated or teach the duty, necessity, or propriety of the unlawful assaulting or killing of any officer or officers, either of specific individuals or of officers generally, of the Government of the United States or any other organized government, because of his or their official character; that he has not violated any of the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled, " An Act to regulate the immigration of aliens into the United States" approved March 3, 1903.

Sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of *October* 1904  
*P. F. Prentice* Commissioner

*Louis Sopkin* petitioner

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United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York

In the matter of the Petition of  
*Louis Sopkon*  
to be admitted a citizen of the United States of America

Report Filed *October 21, 1904*

To the Honorable the Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of New York.

In pursuance of an order of this Court, entered October 1, 1902, I the undersigned Commissioner, do respectively report that I have attended on reference by the petitioner, who has been orally examined, and have reduced to writing the proofs offered by the said petitioner, which are herein annexed, and have made carefully inquiry into all matters provided for in the Act of Congress entitled " An Act to regulate the immigration of aliens into the United States" approved March 3, 1903.

And I find and report thereon that the said petitioner has completed the acts of Congress in regard to the admission of Citizens. I further find that the said petitioner can *speak but cannot read or write* the English language intelligently.

Dated *October 17, 1904*

*P. F. Prentice* Commissioner

United States of America of the  
Eastern District of New York

I, *Louis Sopkin* do solemnly swear that I will respect the Constitution of the United States, and that I do absolutely and entirely renounce and adjure all allegiances and fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly to the Emperor of Russia of whom I have been heretofore a subject. So help me God.

Sworn in open Court this

*Louis Sopkin*

21 day of *October* 1904  
*Pat Dale (?)* Clerk

As a Stated Term of the District Court of the United States of America, held in and for the Eastern District of New York at the U.S. Court and P.O. Building of the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York on the 21 day of *October* one thousand nine hundred and four.

Present the Honorable Edward B. Thomas  
District Judge

In the Matter of the application of  
*Louis Sopkin*  
to be admitted a Citizen of the United States of America

The above named applicant having applied to be admitted a Citizen of the United States pursuant to the direction of the Act of Congress of the United States entitled "An Act to establish an uniform rule of Naturalization, etc. passed April 14 ? and the Acts subsequently passed on that subject and to the directions of the Act or Congress entitled "An Act to regulate the immigration of aliens into the United States" approved March 3, 1903, and appearing personally in Court producing such evidence and affidavits and making such declaration and representation and taking such oaths as said Acts required, and appearing to the Court that the said affidavits and his witnesses were duly made and recorded. IT IS ORDERED by the said Court that the said applicant be admitted to be a Citizen of the United States of America.

By order of Court

*P. F. Dale*  
Clerk