

ORIGINAL
(To be retained by
clerk)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 243109

PETITION FOR CITIZENSHIP

To the Honorable the US District Court of Southern District at New York, NY

The petition of Joseph Hubertus Pilates, hereby filed, respectfully shows:

(1) My place of residence is 939 - 8th Ave., New York, NY (2) My occupation is Director Physical Culture

(3) I was born in Munchen, Gladach, Germany December 9, 1883 My race is German

under the name of Joseph H. Pilates

(4) I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on June 20th, 1929 in the US District

Court of Southern District at New York, NY

(5) I am widowed. The name of my wife was Elfriede

we were married on October 10, 1919 at Westphalia, Germany he was

born at Dortmund, Germany on April 1879; entered the United States

at _____ on _____ for permanent residence therein, and now

resides at Died in Duesseldorf, Germany in 1931. I have 1 children, and the name, date,

and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children are as follows: Levi Friedrich, November 30, 1905, Gel-

senkirchen, Germany; and resides at Germany; By first wife.

My first wife, Maria, died in Germany in 1913.

(6) My last foreign residence was Hamburg, Germany I emigrated to the United States of

America from Hamburg, Germany My lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States

was at New York, NY under the name of Joseph Pilates

on April 27, 1926 on the vessel Westphalia

as shown by the certificate of my arrival attached hereto.

(7) 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 or opposed to 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 well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States. 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 _____

The German Reich

of whom (which) at this time I am a subject (subjects), and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States. (8) I am able to speak the English language.

(9) I have resided continuously in the United States of America for the term of five years at least immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since

April 27, 1926 and in the County of New York

this State, continuously next preceding the date of this petition, since April 27, 1926 being a residence within said county of at least

six months next preceding the date of this petition.

(10) I have not heretofore made petition for citizenship, and _____ on _____

at _____ such petition was denied by that Court for the following reasons and causes, to wit:

and the cause of such denial has since been _____

Attached hereto and made a part of this my petition for citizenship, are my declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States, certificate from the Department of Labor of my last arrival, and the affidavits of the two verifying witnesses required by law.

Wherefore, I, your petitioner, pray that I may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America, and that my name be changed to _____

I, your aforesaid petitioner, being duly sworn, depose and say that I have read _____ this petition and know the contents thereof; that the same is true of

my own knowledge except as to matters here stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters I believe it to be true; and that this petition

is signed by me with my full, true name.



Joseph Hubertus Pilates
(Complete and true signature of petitioner)

AFFIDAVITS OF WITNESSES

Nathaniel S. Fleischer occupation Publisher

residing at 30 Willard Ave., Mount Vernon, N.Y. and

Charles Trier occupation Producer of Operas and Plays

residing at Hotel Glendening, N.Y.C.

each being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, depose and says that he is a citizen of the United States of America; that he has personally known and has been acquainted in the United States with

Joseph Hubertus Pilates the petitioner above mentioned, since February 1, 1930

and that to his personal knowledge the petitioner has resided in the United States continuously preceding the date of filing this petition, of which this affidavit is a

part, to wit, since the date last mentioned, and at New York, NY in the County of New York

this State, in which the above-entitled petition is made, continuously since February 1, 1930 and that he has personal knowledge that the

petitioner is and during all such periods has been a person 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 United States, and that in his opinion the petitioner is in every way qualified to be admitted a citizen of the United States.

Nathaniel S. Fleischer (Signature of witness) Charles Trier (Signature of witness)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses in the office of the Clerk of said Court at New York, NY

this 7th day of February, Anno Domini 1935. I hereby certify that contents of arrival No. 2357881

from the Department of Labor, showing the lawful entry for permanent residence of the petitioner above named, together with declaration of intention No.

295765 of such petitioner, has been by me filed with, attached to, and made a part of this petition on this date.

By [Signature] Clerk. (SEAL)
Deputy Clerk.

No. 24896

No.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE