# 1917, REGISTER JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>

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## 2. Home address.

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## 3. Date of birth.

Write your birthday (month, day, and year) on a piece of paper before going to the Registrar, and give the paper to him the first thing. Example: "August 5, 1894"

If you do not remember the year, start to answer as you would if someone asked you your birthday, as "August 5th." Then say "on my birthday THIS YEAR I will be (or was) \_\_\_\_\_ years old." The Registrar will then fill in the year of birth. Many people do not carry in mind the year they were born. This may be obtained by the Registrar by subtracting the age in years on THIS YEAR'S birthday from 1917.

## 4. Are you (1) a natural-born citizen; (2) a naturalized citizen; (3) an alien; (4) or have you declared your intention to become a citizen (specify which)?

- (1) If you were born in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, you are a NATURAL-BORN CITIZEN, no matter what may have been the citizenship or nationality of your parents. If you were born in Porto Rico, you are a citizen of the United States, unless you were born of alien parentage. If you were born abroad, you are still a citizen of the United States if your father was a citizen of the United States at the time you were born, unless you have expatriated yourself.
- (2) You are a NATURALIZED CITIZEN if you have COMPLETED your naturalization; that is, if you have "taken final papers." But you are not a citizen if you have only declared your intention to become a citizen (that is, if you have only "taken out first papers"); in the latter case you are only a "declarant."

  You are also a naturalized citizen if, although foreign born, your father or surviving parent became naturalized while you were under 21 years of age, and if you came to

- (3) You are a DECLARANT if, although a citizen or subject of some foreign country, you have declared on oath before a naturalization court your intention to become a citizen of the United States. Receipt from the clerk of the court of the certified copy of such declaration is often called "taking out first papers." You are not a declarant if your first paper was taken out after September 26,1906 and is more than 7 years old.
- (4) You are an ALIEN, if you do not fall within one of the three classes above mentioned.

## 5. Where were you born?

First name the town, then State, then the country, as "Columbus, Ohio;" "Vienna, Austria;" "Paris, France;" "Sofia, Bulgaria."

## 6. If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

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"Customhouse clerk," "employed in the transmission of the mails," or "employed in an armory, arsenal, or navy yard," "mariner, actually employed in the sea service of citizen or merchant within the United States."

## 8. By whom employed? Where employed?

If you are working for an individual, firm, corporation, or association, state its name. If in business, trade, profession, or employment for yourself, so state. If you are an officer of the State or Federal government, say whether your office is under the United States, the State, the county, or a municipality. In answer to the question as to where you are employed, give the town, county, and State where you work.

## 9. Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12 solely dependent upon you for support (specify which)?

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