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Friend or Foe?: Documenting Alien Ancestors during Times of War



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The Federal government created documentation of aliens, immigrants living in the United States who were not naturalized, during times of war in the 19th and 20th century. Come learn about some of the applications, files, and lists utilized by a variety of Federal agencies during the Civil War, World War I, and World War II. This course will introduce underutilized records, highlight some of the most popular, and offer instructions for completing successful requests.

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