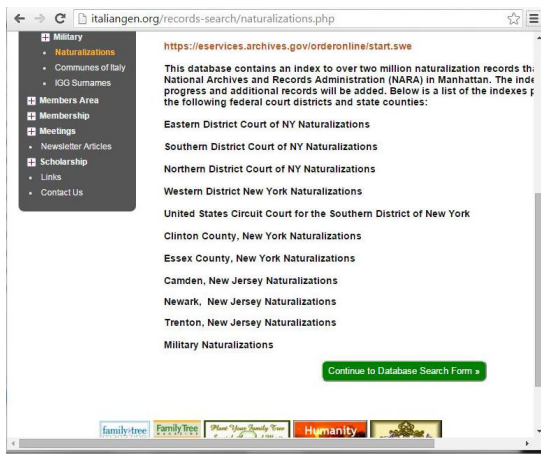


# New York, Southern District, U.S District Court Naturalization Records

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This article will describe a step-by-step method for viewing naturalization records from the New York, Southern District, U.S District Court Naturalization Records, 1824-1946.

**Step 1:** Go to <http://italiangen.org/records-search/naturalizations.php> to search the naturalizations.



**Step 2:** Click the green **Continue to Database Search Form** near the bottom of the page.

USDC-NJ-Camden    USDC-NJ-Newark    USDC-NJ-Trenton  
 USDC-NY-Eastern District    USDC-NY-Northern District    USDC-NY-Southern District  
 USDC-NY-Western District    USDC-PR-Hayageuez    USDC-PR-Ponce  
 USDC-PR-San Juan

Name  
 Last Name:     First Name or Initial:   
 is exactly     sounds like     wild card

Year  
 Greater than or Start Year:     Less than or End Year:

Other  
 Show Soundex Codes?

**Step 3:** Input the criteria to use for the search. In this case the criteria were:

- Last Name: **Fainstein**
- First Name: **Movcha**
- And the “sounds like” radio button was selected

**Step 4:** Click on **Submit Your Search**. The resulting page shows two results that match. One is the Declaration of Intent and one is the Petition of Naturalization (#439413). The Petitions are ordered sequentially at the FamilySearch website.

Naturalizations - Records Search Results: 2 records found for query.

Click Column Headings to Sort on a column (click column heading again to toggle Ascending or Descending sort order)

Last Name	Given Name	Birth/Age	Volume	Record#	Record Type	Date	Location
Feinstein	Movcha	-	-	410324	Declaration	1938	USDC-NY-Southern District
Fainstein	Movcha	1881	-	439413	Petition	1943-Mar-15	USDC-NY-Southern District

**Step 5:** Go to the FamilySearch website at <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2060123?collectionNameFilter=false>



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**Step 6:** Click on the link with “Browse through 2,187,206 images”.

**Step 7:** A list of all the films from 1824 to 1946 display. Press CTRL-F and type in the first 4 digits of the Petition number, “4394”.

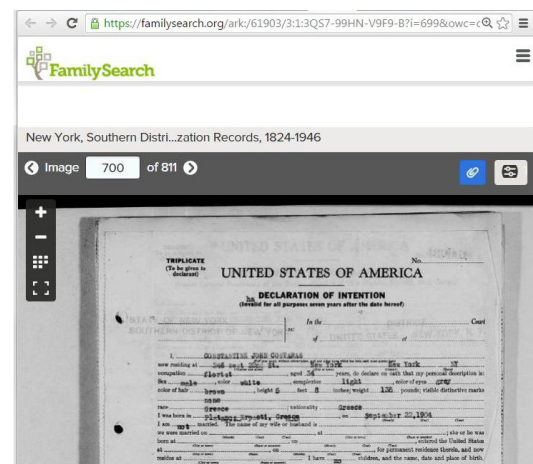


**Step 8:** Click on the link for the “Petitions for naturalization and petition evidence 1943 box 786, no 439301-439450” as 439413 is between the ranges of the list in box 786, closer to the end.

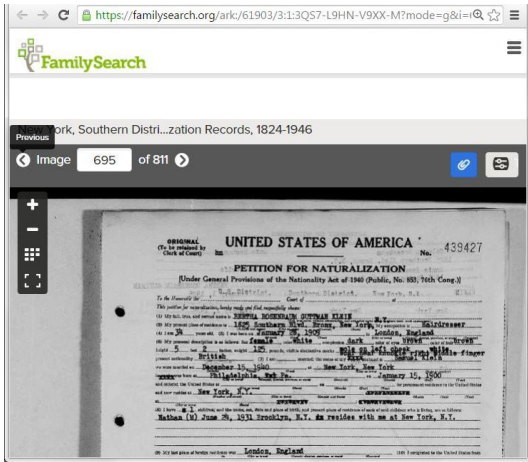
**Step 9:** A page will display allowing for browsing of all 811 images available in Box 786. Now it becomes a hunt-n-search through the records. As the recorded 811 images span 150 petitions, input a number close to the end as 439413 is close to 439450.



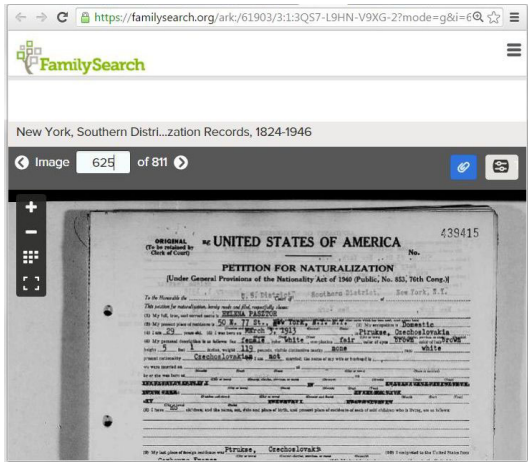
**Step 10:** Input 700 as the Image number and press enter. The resulting record is a declaration, so any number on it would not be relevant to the search. It is necessary to page.



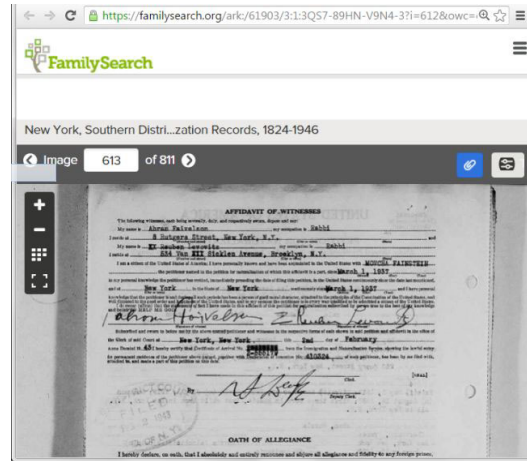
**Step 11:** Input 695 as the Image number and press enter. The resulting record is a petition. The number is 439247. That is still more than the search number of 439413. It is necessary to page.



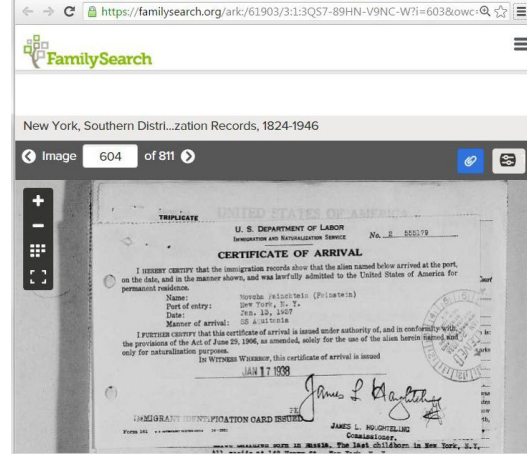
**Step 12:** Input 625 as the Image number and press enter. The resulting record is a petition. The number is 439415, still too high, but much closer to 439413. It is necessary to page.



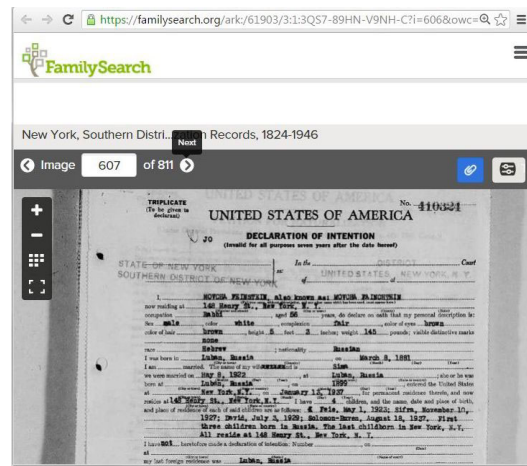
**Step 13:** Input 613 as the Image number and press enter. The resulting record is an affidavit of witnesses, the second page of a Petition. It does list the name Movcha Faiestein. It is necessary to page back, as the images typically include several copies of the Certificate of Arrival, Declaration of Intent and the two pages of the Petition for Naturalization.



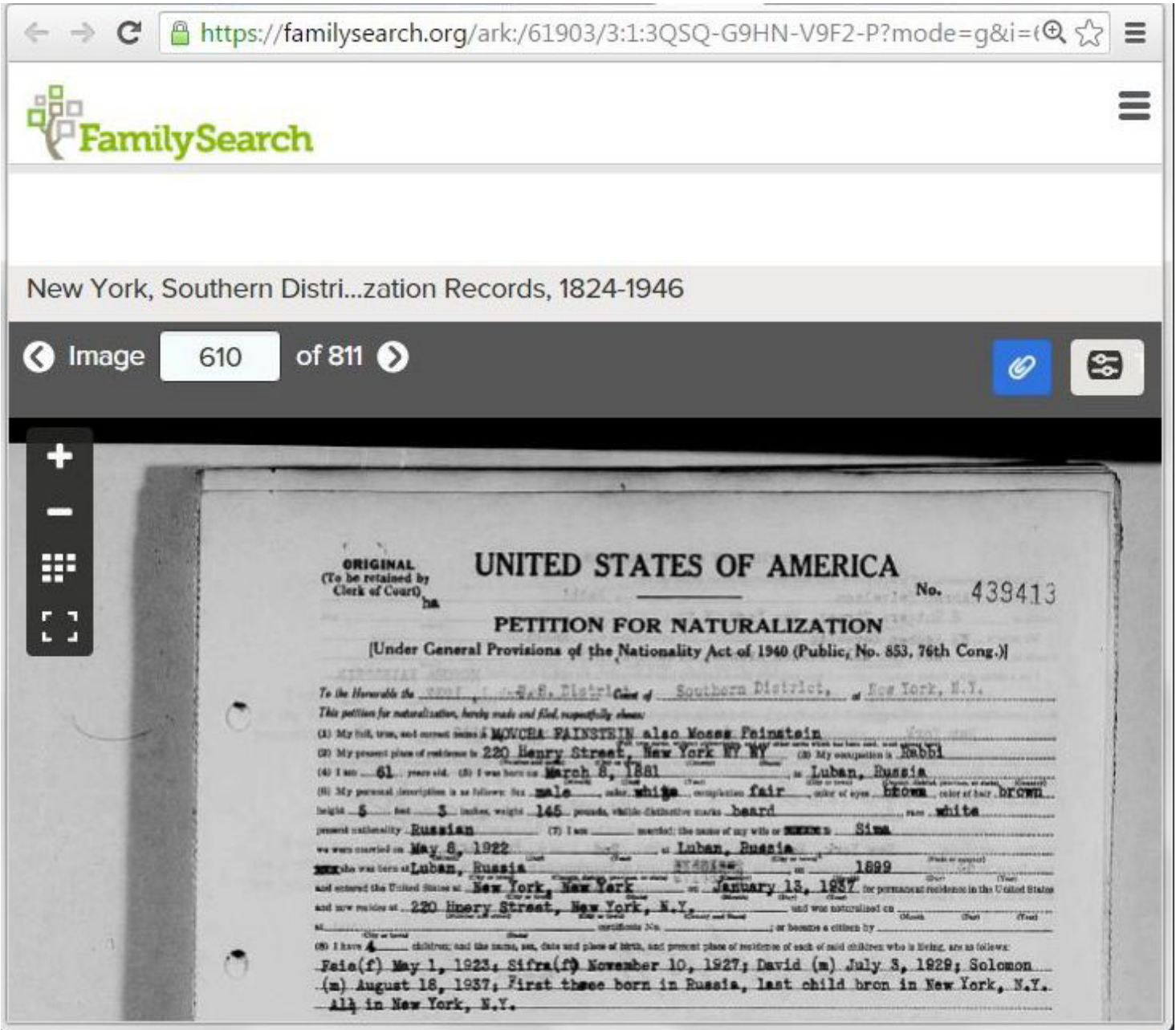
**Step 14:** Input 604 as the Image number and press enter. The resulting record is a Certificate



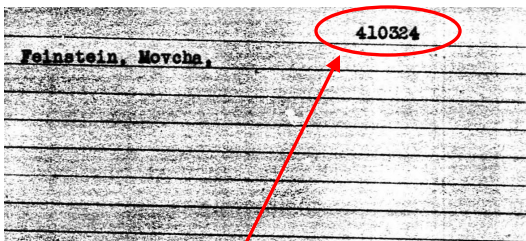
of Arrival for Movcha Fainchtein. Paging one-by-one through the pages, all of the detail related to the naturalization is available.





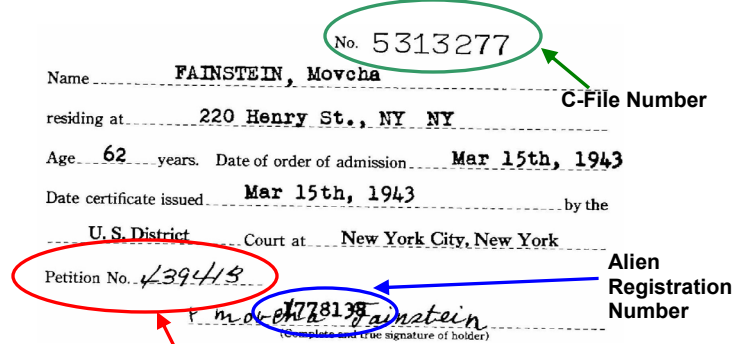


When searching for records using this method, always remember that the records are ordered by Petition numbers. Numbers from the Declaration of Intent or the Certificate of Arrival can be ignored for this search. Also note that if searching using another method, to check if the



Index, 1917-1950 Declarations of Intent, U.S. District Court, Southern Dist. of NY

index being used is for declarations or petitions. As per below, the petition index has the petition number on the bottom left of the card.



Index to Petitions for Naturalization filed in New York City, 1792-1989