

National Archives and Records Administration
REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

Records Schedule Number: DAA-0566-2022-0007

Status: INACTIVE
Date Approved: 10/19/2022

General Information

Agency or Establishment	United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
Record/Scheduling Group	0566 - Records of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Records Schedule Applies To	Agency-wide
Schedule Subject	Border Crossing Cards
Additional Schedule Information	Border Crossing Cards ("Labor Identification Cards") were used in the first half of the 20th Century by the Bureau of Immigration. These cards intended for aliens and citizens who, residing on either side of the border, frequently crossed for legitimate pursuits. This identification card was furnished to such persons upon application to the immigration official in charge at the US Port of Entry (POE).
Is There a Classified Version of This Schedule?	No
Is consultation and coordination with Tribal Governments required?	No- The records covered by this schedule do not implicate Tribal interests

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Item Count

Total number of disposition items: 1

Number of Temporary disposition items: 0

Number of Permanent disposition items: 1

Number of Items with Disposition Not Approved: 0

Number of Inactive disposition items: 1

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Outline of Records Schedule Items for DAA-0566-2022-0007

Item #	Title	Disposition
0001	Border Crossing Cards	Permanent

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Records Schedule Items

DAA-0566-2022-0007-0001		STATUS: INACTIVE - NOT FOR USE
ITEM GENERAL INFORMATION		
Item Title	Border Crossing Cards	
Item Description	<p>“Form 688” was issued by the Bureau of Immigration (predecessor to the Immigration Naturalization Service), to individuals who claimed United States citizenship or nationality, who frequently crossed the Mexican border with the continental United States. These border locations in the United States included, but were not limited to: Brownsville, Hidalgo, Laredo, Eagle Pass, Del Rio, Rio Grande City, and El Paso, Texas; Douglas, Naco, Nogales, San Fernando, and Ajo, Arizona; Andrade, Calexico, Campo, and Tia Juana, California.</p> <p>An identification card, “Form 688” for US citizens, and “Form 687” for aliens, was provided to citizens and aliens by the immigration official in charge at the POE. The “Form 688 and Form 687” cards constituted a pass which facilitated inspection by immigration officials.</p> <p>The documents are a card of heavy safety paper. The applicant's photograph was affixed to the card, with the rubber stamp seal of the issuing office impressed over its margin. The card “Form 688” or “Form 687” contained the bearer's personal description, date, and place of birth, and (if naturalized) the bearer's signature. A card was issued for each applicant, and its validity was restricted to a period</p>	

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not longer than 2 years. The SPL 222 forms were departure manifests produced and issued by the Department of Labor. If the person was a native-born U.S. citizen, the person's birthplace was noted. If the person was naturalized, the date and place of naturalization was noted. Form SPL 222 also included each person's marital status, occupation, ability to read and write, country of future permanent residence, country where the person lived before coming to the U.S., town and state of last residence in the U.S., and date and port of departure.

Is this item media neutral? No

Media limitation See Dossier

Is this item a Big Bucket?

SUPERSEDED AGENCY DISPOSITION AUTHORITIES AND GRS DEVIATIONS

Does this item supersede existing disposition authorities? No

Is this item a deviation from the GRS? No

DISPOSITION INSTRUCTION

DO NOT USE. This item is inactive because NARA accessioned the records. The Transfer Request number is TR-0566-2024-0005

Final Disposition Permanent

Are there multiple instructions for this item? Yes

Instructions

Records to which this instruction applies Transfer Instruction

Non-electronic Textual Records Records will not be pre-accessioned

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Approximate first year of records covered by this authority 1916

End year of records covered by this authority Year: 1947

Date span of the initial transfer From: --/--/1916 To: --/--/1947

Are any of the records covered by this item subject to a FOIA exemption?

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Signatory Information

Action	User	Date
Approve	Debra Wall	10/19/2022