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William J Donovan
in the U.S., Passport Applications, 1795-1925

Name:	William J Donovan
Age:	37
Birth Date:	1 Jan 1883
Birth Place:	Buffalo, New York
Residence Place:	Buffalo, New York
Passport Issue Date:	12 Feb 1920
Father:	Timothy P Donovan
Has Photo:	Yes
Certificate Number:	170707

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Description

This is a collection of American passport applications that includes passport applications from 1795-1925, passport amendment and extension applications from 1912-1925, and a register of passport applications that cover most of the same years. Passport applications often include information regarding an applicant's family status, date and place of birth, residence, naturalization (if foreign-born), and other biographical information. Twentieth-century applications often include marriage and family information as well as dates, places, and names of ships used for travel. [Learn more...](#)

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* Birth affidavit filed in May, 1919 with
Department of State when passport was obtained.

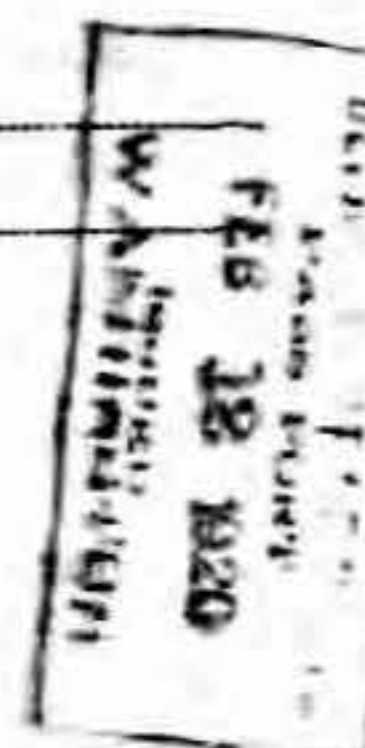
The original and each copy of an application for a passport must have attached to it a copy of the applicant's photograph.
A loose signed photograph of the applicant must accompany the application.
The photograph must be on this paper, should have a light background, and be not over three inches in size.

This blank must be completely
filled out. The legal fee of one dollar,
in currency or postal money order,
must accompany the application.
A woman's application must state
whether she is married or not, and a
married woman must state whether
her husband is a native citizen.
The rules should be carefully read
before mailing the application to the
Department of State, Division of Passport
Control, Washington, D. C.

[EDITION OF 1913.]
[FORM FOR NATIVE CITIZEN.]

No.

Issued



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF New York
COUNTY OF Essex ss.

I, William J. Donovan, a NATIVE AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE
UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport.

I solemnly swear that I was born at Buffalo, in the State of
New York, on or about the 1st day of January, 1883; that
my father Timothy P. Donovan, was born in Buffalo, N. Y.
and is now residing at deceased

~~that he emigrated to the United States from the port of~~
on or about _____, 1 _____; that he resided _____ years, uninterruptedly, in
the United States, from 1 _____ to 1 _____, at _____; that he was
naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the _____ Court
of _____, at _____, as shown by the accompanying Certificate of Naturalization];

that I have resided outside the United States at the following places for the following periods:

I never have _____ from _____ to _____
_____ from _____ to _____

and that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Buffalo
in the State of New York, where I follow the occupation of lawyer

My last passport was obtained from Department of State, on May 9, 1919
and Cancelled at Vancouver, Canada I am about to go abroad temporarily; and

(Disposition of passport.)
intend to return to the United States within 6 months with the purpose of residing and per-
forming the duties of citizenship therein; and I desire a passport for use in visiting the countries here-
inafter named for the following purpose:

<u>Great Britain, France</u>	<u>Commercial business</u>
<u>Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Belgium,</u>	" "
<u>Holland, Denmark, Norway,</u>	" "
<u>Sweden, Poland and Czechoslovakia</u>	" "

I intend to leave the United States from the port of New York, N. Y.
sailing on board the Carnegie on March 2nd, 1920

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States
against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and
that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion. So help me God.

Sworn to before me this 9th day

of February, 1920

[SEAL OF COURT.]

James S. Williams

Clerk of the S. Dist. Court at Buffalo, N. Y.

* A person born in the United States should submit a birth certificate with his application, or if the birth was
not officially recorded, affidavits from the attending physician, parents, or other persons having actual knowledge
of the birth.
† If the applicant's father was born in this country, lines should be drawn through the blanks in brackets.

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DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 37 years.

Mouth: medium

Foreign Commerce Corporation of America

Carl Taylor
Vice President

15 Broad Street
New York

DIVISION		RECEIVED		JUL 30	
Relay to		Date		JUNE 28 1920.	

Department of State,
Passport Agency,
Room 445, Custom House,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

It is respectfully requested that Passport No. 170707 issued to Colonel William J. Donovan on February 12th, 1920, be extended in order to enable him to re-visit the countries enumerated therein namely - British Isles, France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Spain, Switzerland, Norway, Poland, Czecho-Slovakia.

Colonel Donovan intends to visit these countries on the business of this corporation.

Thanking you for your compliance with this request,

Very truly yours,

FOREIGN COMMERCE CORPORATION
OF AMERICA.

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THAT I HAVE THIS

Sworn to before me this 9 day
of FEB 9 - 1920

[SEAL OF
PASSPORT AGENCY.]

James H. [Signature]
Passport Agent, Department of State.

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FOREIGN COMMERCE CORPORATION OF AMERICA
15 BROAD STREET
NEW YORK

FEBRUARY
Seventh
1920.

To the Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
State Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

We beg leave to advise you that Mr. William J. Donovan, of Foreign Commerce Corporation of America, is desirous of going to Europe in connection with the business of the Foreign Commerce Corporation of America. Mr. Donovan intends to visit, on the business of this company, Great Britain, France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Poland and Czecho-Slovakia.

It is respectfully requested that a passport be issued Mr. Donovan, which will enable him to visit the above enumerated countries.

Thanking you, we are,

Respectfully yours,

Carl Taylor
Vice President
FOREIGN COMMERCE CORPORATION
OF AMERICA.

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OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: So help me God.

Sworn to before me this _____ day

of FEB 9 - 1920

[SEAL OF
PASSPORT AGENCY.]

James M. Hargrave
Passport Agent, Department of State.

FEB 12 1920

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