

15th March 1915.

To the Head Constable.

Sir,

Lazarus Phillip Corfan.  
Applicant for Certificate of Naturalization.

I beg to report that I have made enquiries respecting the character and respectability of the above named man and his referees, also as to the genuineness of the signatures and accuracy of the statements made in the attached Memorial and I find as follows, viz:-

- (1). The signatures in the Memorial are genuine.
- (2). As regards the applicant:-
  - (a). He states that he was born at Mesrich, in the Province of Seidlitz, Russian Poland, on the 24th day of August 1883.  
His appearance is consistent with his statement as regards the date of his birth.
  - (b). So far as can be ascertained he is a person of good character and respectability.  
He states that he left Russia on or about the 16th September 1905 and came direct to Cardiff.  
He was from October 1905 to March 1906 and from September 1906 to August 1909 employed as a tailor by Harris Sunshine, master tailor, 8 Despenser Street, Cardiff, and during these periods gave satisfaction to his employer and he speaks highly of his character and respectability.  
He (applicant) states that from March 1906 to September 1908 he was employed as a tailor by Phillip Marks, his brother-in-law, master tailor, 5 Radnor Road, Newport, Monmouthshire.  
From August 1909 to date he has carried on business on his own account as a tailor at Cardiff.  
He has provided a good and comfortable home for his wife and children.
  - (c). He has a fairly good knowledge of the English language. He can speak and read it well but writes it imperfectly.
  - (d). He states that he intends to reside permanently in the

United Kingdom and has no desire to leave it, also that if necessary he would enter the service of the Crown.

- (e). He states that his reasons for applying for a certificate of naturalization are because he has resided and earned his living in this country for the past 9½ years, that he has now established and settled down in a good business here and has no desire to return to Russia, also for the sake of his family and that he is anxious to obtain the rights and capacities of a natural born British subject.
- (f). With regard to his statements in the Memorial as to his periods and places of residence I find they are correct.  
So far as I can ascertain he was not absent from the United Kingdom during the 12 months preceding his application.
- (g). He states that he was married at the Jewish Synagogue, Mesrich, in the Province of Seidlitz, Russian Poland, on the 2nd day of September 1905. He cannot produce his marriage certificate. His wife, however, bears out his statement upon that point.
- (h). Dora.
- (i). Rachael Corfan, born on the 3rd June 1906 at 6 Despenser Street, Cardiff.  
Bella Corfan, born 17th July 1910 at 123 Tudor Street, Cardiff.  
Morris Corfan, born 2nd December 1912 at 123 Tudor Street, Cardiff. Birth certificates produced.  
They reside with applicant at 57 Plantagenet Street, Cardiff.
- (j). He registered himself as an alien at the Law Courts, Cardiff, on the 9th August 1914.

(3). As regards the referees:-

Wyndham George, of 24 Clare Road, Cardiff, is a person of good character and respectability.  
He is a painter and decorator and has worked as such at Cardiff for the past 15 years.  
He is a householder and a native of Cardiff.  
He states that he has personally known and been well acquainted with the applicant for the past 5 years, during which time his sister, Bessie George, has been employed by him as a tailoress. He speaks highly of his character and respectability.

Daniel Jones, of 82 Dinas Street, Cardiff, is a person of good character and respectability.  
He is a master tailor and has carried on business as such at Cardiff for the past 12 years.

he is a householder and a native of Cardiff. He states that he has personally known and been well acquainted with the applicant for the past 5 years, during which time he has resided near and constantly come in contact with him and always found him an

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honest, straightforward and respectable man.

Samuel Southall, of 6 Colum Road, Cardiff, is a person of good character and respectability. He is secretary to the Cardiff Permanent Money Lending Society Ltd., 53 Queen Street, Cardiff, and has resided at Cardiff for the past 20 years. He is a householder and a native of Tipton, Staffordshire. He states that he has known the applicant for the past 6 years as a borrowing member of the Money Lending Society of which he (the referee) is the secretary and during that period applicant paid his weekly contributions regularly.

David Oliver Davies, of 3 Talbot Street, Cardiff, the residence referee, is a person of good character and respectability. He is a colliery agent and has been employed as such by Messrs James Richards & Company, coal exporters, Dowlais Chambers, West Bute Street, Cardiff, for the past 16 years. He is a householder and a native of Cardiff. He states that he has personally known and been well acquainted with the applicant for the past 5½ years. From August 1909 to February 1913 applicant was a tenant of his at 123 Tudor Street, Cardiff, and during that period he visited him each week there for the purpose of collecting the rent, also that from February 1913 to date he has resided at 57 Plantagenet Street, Cardiff, and during that time has frequently visited him at that address and has had business transactions with him. He speaks highly of his character and respectability.

This referee, in whose statement, so far as can be ascertained, reliance can be placed, appears competent to testify as to applicant's statements in the Memorial as to his periods and places of residence, judging from the business transactions etc he has had with applicant.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Signed).

JOHN PHOENIX

FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

The humble Memorial of Lazarus Phillip Corfan of  
57 Plantagenet Street in the City of Cardiff in the County  
of Glamorgan an Alien. SHEWETH-

1-. That your Memorialist is a Subject of Russia <sup>Said to be Russian Poland</sup>  
having been born at Mesrich in the County of ~~Chelich~~ on the  
24th Day of August 1883 and that the names and nationalities  
of his parents are Morris Corfan (father) deceased and  
Rachael Corfan (mother) deceased - both Russian Subjects.

2-. That your Memorialist is of the age of 31 years  
and is a Master Tailor.

3-. That your Memorialist is a married man and  
has the following children under age residing with him namel  
Rachael Corfan (female) aged 8 years  
Bella " " aged 4 years  
Morris " (male) aged 2 years.

4-. That your Memorialist settled place of business  
is at 57 Plantagenet Street Cardiff aforesaid.

5-. That your Memorialist has for five years within  
the period of the eight years now last past resided within  
the United Kingdom, viz,

From August 1909 till February 1913	years	months
at 123 Tudor Road Cardiff aforesaid	3	6
From February 1913 to date at 57 Plantagenet Street Cardiff aforesaid	1	6
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6- That your Memorialist intends to reside perman-  
ently within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Irelar

7-. That your Memorialist seeks to obtain the  
rights and capacities of a natural born British Subject from  
his desire to vote at Parliamentary Elections and otherwise

