**William J Donovan**

**in the U.S., Passport Applications, 1795-1925**

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<td>Father: Timothy P Donovan</td>
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The original and each copy of an application for a passport must be accompanied by a photograph of the applicant. The photograph must be on this page, should have a light background, and be not over three inches in size.

[FORM FOR NATIVE CITIZEN.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF: NEW YORK
COUNTY OF: Erie

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, New York, on or about the 12th day of January, 1887, that I have never been a native or citizen of any foreign country, and I am now residing at Buffalo, New York.

I have been a resident of the United States for the past five years, uninterruptedly, and I was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the Court of

I, as shown by the accompanying Certificate of Naturalization, have resided outside the United States at the following places for the following periods:

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and that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Buffalo, New York, where I follow the occupation of a Commercial Farmer.

My last passport was issued from Buffalo, New York, on May 19, 1920, and I intend to return to the United States within 6 months, with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein; and I desire a passport for use in visiting the countries hereinafter named for the following purpose:

- Commercial Farmer

I intend to leave the United States from the port of Buffalo, New York, sailing on board the Manhattan on March 2, 1926.

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, 1926

[Signature]

Clerk of the Court of

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* 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.
APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PASSPORT.

I, William J. Donovan, a loyal citizen of the United States, solemnly swear that I am the identical person to whom passport No. 9707, dated Feb. 12, 1920, was issued by the Department of State, in witness whereof my signature is hereto affixed; and I further swear that I now desire my passport, renewed for an additional period of six months to enable me to visit the countries herein named for the following purpose:

Name of Country
Belgium, France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Russia, and Iceland.

Object of Visit
Commerce Business.

I intend to leave the United States from the port of New York on July 10, 1920, sailing on board the

Subscribed and sworn to before me this date.

William J. Donovan
Passport Agent, New York City.

Sworn to before me this date

[Signature of Passport Agent]

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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 exact knowledge of the birth.
Foreign Commerce Corporation of America
15 Broad Street
New York

Department of State,
Passport Agency,
Room 446, Custom House,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

It is respectfully requested that Passport No. 170777 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, Czechoslovakia.

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

Thanking you for your compliance with this request,

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

D.W.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
PASSPORT DIVISION

Sworn to before me this __________ day of ___________, 1920.

[Signature]

[Seal of Passport Agency]
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 Czechoslovakia.

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,

[Signature]
Vice President
FOREIGN COMMERCE CORPORATION OF AMERICA.

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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.

[Signature]
Sworn to before me this day

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Department of State.

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