Editor. (Jun. 21, 1920). Col. W. J. Donovan is back from Europe, re. legal work for Foreign Commerce Corporation of America, J.P. Morgan interest. The Buffalo Enquirer (NY).
COL W. J. DONOVAN IS BACK FROM EUROPE

Col. William J. Donovan returned to Buffalo yesterday after being abroad for three months on legal work for the Foreign Commerce corporation of America, one of the J. P. Morgan interests. The business took him to England, France, Italy, Austria and Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Donovan explained last night that the Morgan commission was given to the law firm of O'Brian, Donovan, Goodyear & Hellings, of which he is a member. He said he preferred not to give an interview on conditions in the countries he visited.
### William J Donovan in the U.S., Passport Applications, 1795-1925

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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](https://search.ancestry.com/collections/1174)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF: New York

COUNTY OF: New York

1. William J. Donovan, a NATIVE AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the Departments 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 ___ day of January, 1822; that I was born in Buffalo, N.Y. and am now residing at Buffalo. I have been a citizen of the United States from the time of my birth, and have resided in the United States, from ___ to ___ at ___; that I was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the ___ Court of the United States, at ___.

I have never been an alien or subject of any foreign prince, state, or sovereignty, and that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Buffalo, New York, in the State of New York, where I follow the occupation of lawyer. My last passport was granted on ___ at ___ and is now invalid. I am about to go abroad temporarily, and I intend to return to the United States within ___ 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:

First Certain Place to which Passport is to be Obtained

Commercial Houses (State of residence)

I intend to leave the United States from the port of New York, N.Y., sailing on board the ___ on ___ in the year ___.

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.

[Signature]

Sworn to before me this ___ day of ___ in the year ___.

[Notary Public]

[Signature]
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]

[ Firm Name]

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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. John 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,  

[Signature]  
Vice President  
FOREIGN COMMERCE CORPORATION  
OF AMERICA  

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 __________, 1920.  

[Signature]  
[Passport Agency]  
Secretary  
Department of State  

* A person born in the United States should submit a birth certificate with his application, or if the birth was not officially recorded, affidavit from the attending physician, parents, or other persons having actual knowledge of the birth.