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*United States Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce*

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE COMMERCE

March 7, 1944

Mr. Louis P. Gagne  
26 Webster Street  
Lewiston, Maine

My dear Mr. Gagne:

Your letter of March 5 written in behalf of Miss Marie Agnes McCollough is acknowledged.

I have made inquiry through the Naturalization Service here and am told that Miss McCollough can not make application for a certificate of derivative citizenship by reason of her Grandfather's citizenship here. She is only eligible to do so on a parent's citizenship, that is, if her father, or mother, was not a citizen, she would not be entitled to claim derivative citizenship. She can not do so on her Grandfather's citizenship. If the father was foreign born but had made claim for citizenship because of his father's citizenship, she would be entitled to the claim of derivative citizenship.

The Bureau of Census is the only Government Agency that I know of that would have any record of the Grandfather. If he were living in 1880 or 1900, you might be able to establish a record from their files. I am enclosing the proper application blank for use in the Census Bureau if you desire to make such an application. If I can be of further assistance in connection with this matter, I shall be glad to have you write me again.

Believe me

Sincerely yours,

*Wallace H. White, Jr.*