

Angeles, California, the sum of \$1,175.34. The payment of such sum shall be in full settlement of all claims of the said Clyde M. Litton against the United States arising out of the fact that, through an administrative error on the part of officials of the Army, he was not formally transferred from the Infantry Reserve to the Air Corps Reserve effective February 22, 1943, upon his completion of advanced glider training, and was thus deprived of the benefits to which he would have been entitled under section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to increase the efficiency of the Air Corps", approved June 16, 1936 (49 Stat. 1524), as amended (10 U. S. C., sec. 300a), had he been so transferred: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Approved July 11, 1956.

Private Law 762

CHAPTER 583

AN ACT

To consider residence in American Samoa or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands by certain employees of the governments thereof, and their dependents as residence in the United States for naturalization purposes.

July 11, 1956
[H. R. 4031]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Emma Melnikoff shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of December 19, 1952.

Emma Melnikoff.
66 Stat. 163.
8 USC 1101 note.

SEC. 2. Residence and physical presence in American Samoa or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands by the following-named individuals shall be regarded as residence and physical presence in the United States and a State of the United States for the purpose of fulfilling the residence and physical presence requirements for naturalization prescribed by chapter 2 of title III of the Immigration and Nationality Act (66 Stat. 163, 239): Ilse Berta Susanne Michels, David Lehine, Lidia Lehine, Guy Lehine, Janis Pone, Valentina Pone, Arnis Pone, Alexander Hagentornas, Ludmilla Hagentornas, Elfryda Hagentornas, Eugene Melnikoff, and Emma Melnikoff: *Provided*, That each such individual continues to maintain the status of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence within the meaning of the Act.

Ilse B. S. Michels and others.

8 USC 1421.

Approved July 11, 1956.

Private Law 763

CHAPTER 584

AN ACT

For the relief of Mrs. Margaret Dows Thyberg.

July 11, 1956
[H. R. 5041]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Mrs. Margaret Dows Thyberg, who lost United States citizenship under the provisions of section 401 (e) of the Immigration Act of 1940, may be naturalized by taking, prior to one year after the effective date of this Act, before any court referred to in subsection (a) of section 310

Mrs. Margaret D. Thyberg.
54 Stat. 1169.
8 USC 801 note.

66 Stat. 239, 258,
8 USC 1421,
1448.

of the Immigration and Nationality Act or before any diplomatic or consular officer of the United States abroad, the oaths prescribed by section 337 of the said Act. From and after naturalization under this Act, the said Mrs. Margaret Dows Thyberg shall have the same citizenship status as that which existed immediately prior to its loss.

Approved July 11, 1956.

Private Law 764

CHAPTER 585

AN ACT

July 11, 1956
[H. R. 6029]

For the relief of Robert D. Grier (individually, and as executor of the estate of Katie C. Grier) and Jane Grier Hawthorne.

Robert D. Grier
and Jane G. Hawthorne.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the limitation placed upon the time within which claim may be filed for refund of any income tax, interest, or penalty illegally or erroneously assessed and collected, and any defense based upon the existence of a settlement previously entered into with respect to any such tax, interest, or penalty, are hereby waived in favor of Robert D. Grier (individually, and as executor of the estate of Katie C. Grier) and Jane Grier Hawthorne with respect to their claims for the refund of any income tax, interest, and penalties paid by them for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1940, and ending on or before December 31, 1945, if such claims are filed with the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate within six months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 2. If all or any part of any of such claims is disallowed by the Secretary or his delegate, or if the Secretary or his delegate has not rendered a decision upon any such claim within six months after it is filed, suit thereon may be instituted in the Court of Claims or in any United States district court of competent jurisdiction; but no suit on any such claim or part thereof may be instituted after the expiration of two years from the date of mailing by registered mail by the Secretary or his delegate to the said Robert D. Grier or Jane Grier Hawthorne (as the case may be) of a notice of the disallowance of such claim or part thereof.

SEC. 3. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), judicial proceedings for the determination of such claim or claims, appeals therefrom, and payment of any judgment thereon shall be in the same manner as in the case of claims over which the court has jurisdiction under section 1346 of title 28 of the United States Code.

(b) (1) The United States shall not be liable for any interest on any portion of any such claim for any period prior to the date on which such claim is filed with the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate pursuant to this Act.

(2) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as an admission of liability on the part of the United States.

Approved July 11, 1956.

Private Law 765

CHAPTER 586

AN ACT

July 11, 1956
[H. R. 8452]

To authorize and direct the conveyance of certain tracts of land in the State of Mississippi to Richard C. French, Lewis M. French, and Ruth French Hershey.

Richard C.
French and others.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary