

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.

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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

of the Interior is authorized and directed to issue a patent to Richard C. French, Lewis M. French, and Ruth French Hershey, of Claiborne County, Mississippi, subject to the conditions provided for in section 2 of this Act, conveying all right, title, and interest of the United States, including mineral rights, in and to the following-described tracts of land situate in the State of Mississippi: Lots 1, 3, and 4 of section 22, township 11 north, range 1 east, Washington meridian, Mississippi, as shown by supplemental plat accepted June 16, 1955.

SEC. 2. The tracts of land authorized to be transferred by the first section of this Act shall be conveyed upon the payment of the said Richard C. French, Lewis M. French, and Ruth French Hershey of the appraised value of the lands as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, but not less than \$1.25 per acre, if payment is made within one year after the Secretary has notified the said Richard C. French, Lewis M. French, and Ruth French Hershey of the appraised price of the lands. The appraised price shall not include any increased value resulting from the development or improvement of the lands by the applicants or their predecessors in interest, but the Secretary shall consider and give full effect to all of the equities of the applicants.

Approved July 11, 1956.

Private Law 766

CHAPTER 587

AN ACT

To relinquish any right, title, and interest which the United States may have in and to certain land located in Forrest County, Mississippi, in order to clear the title to such land.

July 11, 1956
[H. R. 11558]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States hereby declares that it has no right, title, and interest in and to the lands described in the patent which was issued to Newton D. Smith on October 31, 1906, and a copy of which is filed in the office of the United States Bureau of Land Management in volume 332 of the record of Mississippi patents, page 320: *Provided,* That this disclaimer is only applicable to any right, title, and interest arising out of the circumstances attendant upon the issuance of the aforesaid patent.

Newton D. Smith.

Approved July 11, 1956.

Private Law 767

CHAPTER 609

AN ACT

Conferring jurisdiction upon the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico, to hear, determine, and render judgment upon certain claims arising as a result of the construction by the United States of Elephant Butte Dam on the Rio Grande.

July 14, 1956
[S. 220]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any statute of limitations or lapse of time or any limitation upon the jurisdiction of the United States district courts to hear, determine, and render judgment on claims against the United States, jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico to hear, determine, and render judgment upon the claims of Max T. Martinez, Antonio Gonzales, Epigmenio Ramirez, Triunfo Silva, Felix Vallejos, Octaviano Trujeque, Margarite Torres y Gallegos, Eugenio Torres, Emileo Torres, Benito Silva, Juan Saave-

Max T. Martinez
and others.