

Aliens—Citizenship—Women—Marriage.

Whether an American woman who marries a foreigner is still an American citizen and entitled to carry firearms depends upon the date of marriage whether restored to citizenship and whether married to an alien ineligible to citizenship in view of the Act of Congress passed on September 22, 1922.

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My dear Mr. Jakways:

You have inquired whether an American woman, who marries a foreigner, is still an American citizen and entitled to carry firearms under the Alien Firearms Act.

Formerly an American woman who married an alien took the citizenship of her husband. On September 22, 1922, Congress passed a law authorizing women, who had lost their citizenship in this manner and who were married to aliens eligible to citizenship, to be restored to citizenship upon proper application. This Act also provides that women who marry aliens eligible to citizenship, after the passage of the Act, retain their citizenship unless they renounce the same or remove from the country and live outside of the United States for a

certain number of years. In case a woman marries an alien ineligible to citizenship, she ceases to be a citizen of the United States during the marital relation.

The answer to your question would, therefore, depend upon the date of marriage, whether restored to citizenship, and whether married to an alien ineligible to citizenship.

Very truly yours,

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