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**Bhagat Singh Thind** (1892-1967)

b. Amritsar, Punjab, India

*United States v. Thind* (1923)

**Do You Know?** Bhagat Singh Thind was one of the first turbaned Sikh to serve the United States in World War I.

**What:** Thind challenged the courts when his US citizenship was revoked because he was an Indian.

**Decision:** Thind was ineligible for naturalized citizenship because he was not a “free white man.”

**Today:** Ethnicity does not determine whether or not a person can naturalize to be a US citizen.