To the Hon. John Breden Esq President and Thomas Henry and Benjiman Adams Esquires his associates Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Beaver

The Petition of Anthony Knapper

Respectfully Represents

That your Petitioner a native born in Germany has resided within the United States for thirty two years and within the State of Pennsylvania for twenty two years - That he will support the Constitution of the United States and that he doth absolutely renounce, and abjure all allegiance, and fidelity to any foreign Prince Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, particularly to the Emperor of Germany to whome he was heretofore a subject. that he never hath borne any hereditary title, nor hath he been of any of the orders of nobility in the Kingdom from which he came and is ready to declare on oath, the truth of these things - and as his your Hon. Court to be admitted a Citizen of the United States - And as in duty bound he will ever pray. &c Anthony Knapper

Beaver County ss

At an adjourned Court of Common Pleas of the County of Beaver held for said County on the 29th day of Anno Domini 1836 before the Hon John Breden President and his associate Judges of said Court came Anthony Knapper and being duly sworn according to law saith that what he hath set forth in the above petition is the truth, and that he doth renounce