To the Hon. the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Beaver.

The Petition of Richard Payne of the County of Beaver, humbly sheweth: That your Petitioner, arrived in the United States in the year 1816 or 17 and has resided within this State of Pennsylvania at least (five) 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 Queen of England to whom he was heretofore subject, that he hath never borne 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 prays to be admitted to be admitted a Citizen of the United States and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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Richard Payne
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Beaver County ss.

At a Court of Common Pleas, held for said County, on the 3 day of January 1848 before the Hon. John Breden & his Associates the Hon. John Carothers & Ben. Adams the Judges of the same Court — came Richard Payne and being sworn according to law, saith that what he hath set forth in the above petition is the truth, and that he doth renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the Queen of England and that he will support the Constitution of the United States.

Sworn in open Court

W. Lawrence
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Richard Payne
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