To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Beaver

The Petition of William Plate, a native of Prussia respectfully showeth, That he declared on oath before the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Beaver on the twelfth day of April AD 1856 that it was bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to and foreign Prince Potentate State or sovereignty whatever and particularly to the King of Prussia of whom he was at that time a subject, That your Petitioner has resided within the United States upwards of five years and in the State of Pennsylvania one year both periods immediately preceding this his application to become a citizen of the United States and that he has never borne any hereditary title or been of any of the orders of nobility in his own or any other country, He therefore prays that on his making the proof and taking the oath prescribed by law he may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America, And he will ever pray &c.

Wm Plate

Henry Volkart a citizen of the United States of America being duly sworn according to law saith that he knows and is well acquainted with William Plate the Petitioner, that to his knowledge he has resided in the United States five years and in the State of Pennsylvania one year, both periods immediately preceding his application to be a citizen that during the said period of five years he has behaved as a person of good moral character attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the peace good order and happiness of the same.

Sworn in open Court

Prothonotary

Henry Volkart.

I William Plate do swear that the contents of my petition are true that I will support the Constitution of the United States and I now renounce and relinquish any title or order of nobility to which I am now or hereafter may be entitled and I do absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince Potentate State or sovereignty

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