TO THE HONORABLE THE JUDGES OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BEAVER COUNTY.

THE PETITION of John Melchin Meyer a native of Wirtemberg respectfully showeth: That he declared on Oath before the Clerk of the Superior Court of the City of New York on the 5th day of March 1855 that it was *bona fide* his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the King of Wirtemberg of wh om 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.

Johann Melchior Mayer

Beaver County ss.

Andrew Kotzba a citizen of the United States, being duly affirmed according to law, saith that he knows and is well acquainted with John Melchin Meyer 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 become a citizen; that during the said period of five years, he has behaved as a person of good moral character, attached to principles of the constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

Andrew Kotzba

Sworn in open Court, this 9th day of Sept. A. D. 1861.

Michael Weyand, Prothonotary.

I, John Melchin Meyer 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 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 whatever, and particularly to the King of Wirtemberg of wh om I was before a Subject Johann Melchior Mayer

Sworn in open court this 9th day of September 1861

Michael Weyand, Prothonotary.