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

The petition of John Rieder a native of Germany respectfully sheweth that he declared on oath before the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Beaver on the 12th day of June A.D. 1854 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 Foreign Prince Potentate State or Sovereignty whatever and particularly to the Duke of Baden 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 & he will ever pray &c.

John Rieder

Anthony Billinger a citizen of the United States of America being duly sworn according to law saith that he knows and is well acquainted with John Rieder the petitioner that to his knowledge he has resided in the United States five years & 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 good order and happiness of the same

Sworn in open Court
this 9th day of Sept AD 1856

Anton Billinger

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