

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the  
County of Beaver:

THE PETITION of *Henry Shaffer* — of the county of Beaver, humbly  
sheweth: That your Petitioner, *arrived in the United States in the year 1836*  
*and has continued to reside* —

within the State of Pennsylvania, at least (five) years, that he  
will support the Constitution of the United States, and that he doth absolutely renounce and ab-  
jure, all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever,  
particularly to the *Duke Wilhelm in the Duchy of Bremen* — to whom  
he was heretofore a subject, that he hath never borne any of the orders of nobility in the King-  
dom from which he came, and is ready to declare on oath the truth of these things, and prays  
to be admitted a Citizen of the United States, and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**Beaver County, ss.**

At a Court of Common Pleas, held for said County, on the *23<sup>d</sup>* day of *September*  
A. D. 1844 before *The Hon. John Breckenridge and John Beatty and*  
*Benjamin Adams* —  
the Judges of the same Court—came *Henry Shaffer* — 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 Sove-  
reignty whatever, and particularly to the *Duke Wilhelm* —  
and that he will support the Constitution of the United States. *Henry Shaffer*

SWORN IN OPEN COURT.

*M. Seymour Pro.* *Simon Bernier*

**Beaver County, ss.**

At a Court of Common Pleas, held at Beaver, the *23<sup>d</sup>* day of *September* A. D.  
1844 for said County, came into Court, *Simon Bernier* a Citizen of  
the United States, and being sworn according to law, saith, that he hath known the above  
named *Henry Shaffer* — during the term of five years residence,  
and under the jurisdiction of the said United States, as in the above Petition set for by the said  
*Henry Shaffer* — and that he hath behaved himself as a man of  
good moral character, and attached to the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed  
to the good order and happiness of the same.

Sworn and Subscribed in Open Court.

*M. Seymour Pro.* *Simon Bernier*