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

The petition of John Shay a native of Ireland Resp^y Showeth

That he declared on oath before the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County on the 17th day of July 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 Prince, State, potentate or sovereignty whatever and particularly to the Queen of Great Britain of whom he was at the time a subject, that your petitioner has resided within the United States upwards of five years, and in the State of Pennsylvania one year 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 proof and taking the oath prescribed by law, he may be admitted a citizen of the United States

And he will pray

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John Flowers a citizen of the United States being duly sworn according to law saith that he knows and is well acquainted with John Shay the petitioner and to his knowledge he has resided in the United States five years and in the State of Pennsylvania one year preceding his application to become a citizen, that during said 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 and happiness of the same

John Flowers

Sworn & subscribed in open Court this 12th day of Sept. 1856

W M Gray Pro