

To THE HONORABLE, the JUDGES of the COURT of COMMON PLEAS, in and for the County of Beaver:

THE PETITION OF *Joshua Shel Drake* of the County of Beaver humbly sheweth; That your Petitioner, *arrived in the United States in the year 1833 - 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 abjure, all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, particularly to the *Queen of England* to whom he was heretofore a subject, that he hath never borne any of the orders of nobility in the Kingdom 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,

*Joshua Shel Drake*

**BEAVER COUNTY, ss.**

At a Court of Common Pleas, held for said County, on the day - *10* A. D. *March* before the Hon. John Bredin, President, and John ~~Smith~~ and Benjamin Adams, Esqrs., Associate Judges of the same Court - came *Joshua Shel Drake* 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 Sovereignty, whatever, and particularly to the *Queen of England* and that he will support the Constitution of the United States.

**SWORN IN OPEN COURT.**

*John Collins Esq.*

*Joshua Shel Drake*

**BEAVER COUNTY, ss.**

At a Court of Common Pleas, held at Beaver, the *10* day of *March* A. D. *1849* for said County, came into Court, *Daniel Reisinger* a Citizen of the United States, and being sworn according to law, saith that he hath known the above named *Joshua Shel Drake* during the term of five years residence, and under the jurisdiction of the said United States, as in the above Petition set forth by the said *Joshua Shel Drake* 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.**

*John Collins Esq.*

*Daniel Reisinger*