Beaver County }
Be it remembered. That at a Court of Common pleas held in the borough of Beaver for the County of Beaver, On the 2 day of ~~December~~ March 1840 Personally appeared Philip Stifel a native of Germany, before the said Court upon his solemn Oath did depose and say, that he is a Native of Germany now residing in Beaver County & State of Pennsylvania in the ~~In~~ the twenty fifth year of his age or thereabouts and that it is bona fide his intention to become a Citizen of the United States and to renounce for ever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince State or Potentate or Sovereignty whatever and particularly to the King of Germany —

Sworn & Subscribed in open Court this 2 day of ~~December 1839~~ March 1840

To the Honorable the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Beaver —

The petition of Philip Stifel —

Respectfully Sheweth

That your petitioner is a free White person, and an alien ~~[illegible]~~ desirous of becoming a citizen of the United States of America; that in pursuance of an Act of Congress entitled an Act to establish a uniform rule of Naturalization, and to repeal the acts heretofore passed on that subject; he has made a declaration of his intention to become a citizen