

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver county.

THE PETITION of *Thomas Whipple* a native of *Germany* respectfully showeth: That he declared on *oath* before the *Prothy of the County of* *Beaver* *Pleas of Beaver Co Pa* on the *14* day *of* *March* 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, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the *Grand Duke of* *Baden* of wh *on* he was at that time a *subject*, and 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. And he will ever pray, &c.

Thomas Whipple

Simon Paul

a citizen of the United States, being duly sworn according to law, saith that he knows and is well acquainted with *Thomas Whipple* the petitioner; that to his knowledge he has resided in the United States five years, and in the state of Pennsylvania one year, both periods immediately preceding his application to become a citizen; that during the said period of five years, he has behaved as a person of good moral character, attached to principles of the constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

Sworn in open court,

Thomas Whipple
Simon Paul

Prothonotary.

his ar-
rival being
under the
age of 18
years, that
he has con-
tinued to
reside in
the United
States in
the County
of Beaver
that for
3 years prior
to his ar-
rival he
had still
been fi-
de his in-
tention to
become
a citizen
of the
United
States

I, *Thomas Whipple* do *swear* that the contents of my petition are true; that I will support the constitution of the United States; and I now renounce and relinquish any title or order of nobility to which am now or hereafter may be entitled; and I do absolutely and entirely renounce and anjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the *Grand Duke of Baden* of wh *on* I was before a *subject*.

Sworn in open court this *14* day of *March* 18 *56*,

Alexander R. Thomson
Prothonotary.