BEAVER COUNTY, ss:

To the Honorable, the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County:

The petition of Edward Bell *Of the* borough *of* New Brighton *in said county, and a native of* England *respectfully showeth: That he declared on oath before the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, on the* 11 *day of* Sept *A. D. 18*84*, 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 foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty whatever, particularly to the Queen of* **Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India,** *that at the time of his arival he was under eighteen years of age; that he has continued to reside in the United States since that period; that for three years previous to his arrival at full age it was and still is,* **bona fide** *his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and of renouncing forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the Queen of* **Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India,** *, 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, 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, etc.

Edward Bell

I, Edward Bell *the petitioner above named, do swear that the facts set forth in this petition are true, that for upwards of three years it has been* bona fide *my intention to become a citizen, that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I do absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the* Queen of Great Britain Ireland & Empress of India *of whom I was heretofore a subject.*

Sworn and subscribed in open Court,
this 11 *day of* Sept *A. D.* 18 84 } Edward Bell

Stephen P. Stone *Pronthonotary.*

I, Joseph Biggs Hunter *of the* borough of New Brighton *do swear that* Edward Bell *the petitioner above named, has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States of America five years, and within the State of Pennsylvania one year; that he is a man of good moral character, attached to the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.*

Sworn and subscribed before me
this 11 *day of* September *A. D.* 18 84 } Joseph Biggs Hunter

Stephen P. Stone *Prothonotary.*