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

The Petition of John Bentley, a native of England, respectfully represents that your Petitioner arrived in the United States [illegible] year 1843 in the month of October, & that he has made arrival at the said port more than three years before he arrived at the age of twenty one, and that he has made a declaration to become a Citizen of the United States & to [illegible] and made a report of his age, nativity and allegiance and intended place of residence in said declaration before the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County in the [illegible] day of September A.D. 1853, a certificate of which is hereunto annexed and that he has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States for five years last past and for all that time within the State of Pennsylvania and three of those five years previous to his arriving at the age of twenty one years and that he was never born with any hereditary title or been of any of the orders of nobility in the Kingdom whence he came or elsewhere. Therefore he prays the Court he may be admitted a citizen of the United States and as in duty bound will ever pray

John Bentley