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

THE PETITION of Nicholas Bensing a native of Prussia respectfully showeth: That he declared on oath before the Prothonotary of the Court aforesaid on the 7th day of September 1871 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 Emperor of Germany of whom he was at that 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, &c.

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Louis Weinman a citizen of the United States, being duly sworn according to law, saith that he knows and is well acquainted with Nicholas Bensing 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, L. F. Weinman

John Caufman Prothonotary.

I, Nicholas Bensing 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 abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the Emperor of Germany of whom I was before a subject

Nicholas Bensing

Sworn in open court this 7 day of September 1871

John Caufman Prothonotary.