To the Honorable of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County at March [illegible] 1847—

The petition James A. Pickerstaff a native of Ireland—

Respectfully Sheweth—

That your petitioner is a free white person, and can claim and is desirous of becoming a citizen of the United States of America; that, in pursuance of an Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to establish an 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 and report and registry of his nativity, age, alleged emigration, arrival, and intended place of settlement in the United States, conformably to the said Act, a declaration of which is hereto annexed—setting forth that he was born in the 1790. in the County of Down, Ireland where he emigrated in the year 1792. That he has resided within the United States three years next preceding his arriving at the age of 21. years, and has continued to reside therein until the time of making the present application; that including the aforesaid three years of his minority he has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States five years and upwards; that your petitioner has been, during all the above mentioned time attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same; and that it has been bona fide his intention to become a citizen thereof—

Your petitioner therefore prays your Honorable Court, that upon making proof of all matters and things set forth in this petition, and upon complying with the conditions, stipulations and restrictions, contained in an act of the Senate & House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled passed the 26th day of May AD 1824. he may be admitted to become a citizen of the United States; and your petitioner, as in duty bound, will pray &c—

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