William Irwin a citizen of the United States, being duly sworn doth depose and say, that the within named James A Bickerstaff the petitioner now before the Court, with whom the deponent is well acquainted, hath resided within the limits and under the Jurisdiction of the United States three years next preceding his arriving at the age of 21. years and has continued to reside therein until the filing of the necessary petition, that excluding the three years of the Minority of the said James A Bickerstaff he the said James A Bickerstaff has resided within the United States five years and upwards, that, during the last three years thereof it has been to the best of this deponents knowledge and belief the bona fide intention of the said James A Bickerstaff to become a citizen of the United States; And that during all that time he the said James A Bickerstaff has behaved himself as a man of good Moral Character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

Wm Irwin

Sworn and declared in open Court this 13. day of March 1847

M. Lawrence Clk

I James A Bickerstaff the petitioner hereinbefore mentioned being duly sworn do declare and say, that the several facts set forth in the foregoing petition, are, to the best of his knowledge and belief, just and true; that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I do hereby renounce and relinquish all title or order of Nobility to which I am, or hereafter may be entitled; And that I do absolutely & entirely