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

THE PETITION of Thomas Clarke a native of Ireland respectfully [illegible]: That he declared on oath before the Prothy of the Court of Common [illegible] County, Pa. on the 11th day of March 1856 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 Queen of Great Britain and Ireland of wh om he was at that time a Subject, that at the time of his arrival in the U.S. he was under Eighteen years of age; 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; 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.

Thomas Clarke

William Kingston a citizen of the United States, being duly sworn according to law, saith that he knows and is well acquainted with Thomas Clarke 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, William Kingston

M Bucky *Prothonotary.*

I, Thomas Clark 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 Queen of Great Britain & Ireland of wh om I was before a Subject

Thomas Clark

Sworn in open court this 9th day of Sept. 1856,

M Bucky, *Prothonotary.*