To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County,
The petition of Edward Close a native of the County of Lancaster in the Kingdom of England Respectfully sheweth, that he declared before the Prothonotary on oath this day, that it was his bonafide intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, potentate, State or sovereignty whatever particularly to the Queen of England that at the time of his arrival he was under eighteen years of age, that he has continued to reside in the United States since that period that for three years previous to his arriving at full age, it was and still is bonafide his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and of renouncing forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince potentate state or sovereignty whatever and particularly to the Queen of England 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 application to become a citizen of the United States and that he has never born any hereditary title or been of any of the orders of nobility