To the Honorable, the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Beaver:

THE PETITION OF William Collins — of the County of Beaver humbly sheweth; That your Petitioner, arrived in the United States in the Years — in the year — one thousand Eight Hundred and twenty and has resided —

within the State of Pennsylvania, at least (five) years, that he will support the Constitution of the United States, and that he doth absolutely renounce and abjure, all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, particularly to the The Queen of England to whom he was heretofore a subject, that he hath never borne any of the orders of nobility in the Kingdom from which he came, and is ready to declare on oath the truth of these things, and prays to be admitted a Citizen of the United States, and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

William Collins

BEAVER COUNTY, ss.

At a Court of Common Pleas, held for said County, on ~~the day~~ the 9 day of September 1842, before the Hon. John Bredin, President, and John Nesbit and ~~[illegible]~~ Esqrs., Associate Judges of the same Court—came William Collins — and being sworn according to law, saith that what he hath set forth in the above petition is the truth, and that he doth renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, or Sovereignty, whatever, and particularly to the Queen of England — and that he will support the Constitution of the United States.

William Collins

SWORN IN OPEN COURT.

Milton Lawrence
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BEAVER COUNTY, ss.

At a Court of Common Pleas, held at Beaver, the 9 day of September A. D. 1842 for said County, came into Court, David Whitta — a Citizen of the United States, and being sworn according to law, saith, that he hath known the above named William Collins during the term of five years residence, and under the jurisdiction of the said United States, as in the above Petition set forth by the said William Collins — and that he hath behaved himself as a man of good moral character, and attached to the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

Sworn and Subscribed in open Court.

David Whitta

Milton Lawrence
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