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

The Petition of Simon Cottam — **of the County of Beaver,**

Humbly Sheweth, That your petitioner, Arrived in the United States about the year 1820 - and has continued to reside -

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 Queen of Great Britain 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.

Simon Cottam

BEAVER COUNTY, ss.

At a Court of Common Pleas, held for said County, on the — 19 — day of November A. D. 1851, before the Hon. D. Agnew President, and Jno. Carothers & Jos. Irwin Esq's, Associate Judges of the same Court, came Simon Cottam 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 Great Britain and that he will support the Constitution of the United States.

Sworn in open Court.

John Collins
B.C.

Simon Cottam

BEAVER COUNTY, ss.

At a Court of Common Pleas, held at Beaver, the — 19 — day of November A. D. 1851 for said County, came into Court, William Dunlap — a citizen of the United States, and being sworn according to law, saith, that he has known the above named Simon Cottam during the term of five years residence, and under the jurisdiction of the United States, as in the above petition set forth by the said Simon Cottam and that he has 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.

Wm. Dunlap Jr.

Sworn and Subscribed in open Court.

John Collins
B.C.