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Richard Bennett

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IN THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS IN THE COUNTY OF ...

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CAMBRIA COUNTY, IN THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:

The petition of *Richard Bennett*

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That your petitioner is a native of *England*  
and was heretofore a subject of *Victoria Queen of Great Britain* and  
that he has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States of America, for five years, and  
within the State of Pennsylvania one year, and that the *11 day of September 1860*  
*he made a declaration of intent in & became*  
*a citizen of the United States, before James*  
*Armstrong Prothonotary of the Court of*  
*Common Pleas of Allegheny County as by*  
*the annexed certificate*

appears:—that he will support the Constitution of the United States; and that he doth absolutely and entirely re-  
nounce, and forever abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, and sovereignty whatever, and  
particularly, to *Victoria Queen of Great Britain*

whereof he was heretofore a subject. Your petitioner, therefore, prays that he may be admitted to become a citizen of  
the United States of America.

*Richard Bennett*  
I, *Richard Bennett* do swear, that the facts set forth in this my petition, are true,  
and that I will support the Constitution of the United States; and that I do absolutely and entirely renounce, and  
abjure forever, all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, and sovereignty whatever; and particularly,  
do absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure forever, all allegiance and fidelity to *Victoria*  
*Queen of Great Britain* whereof I was heretofore a subject.

Sworn and subscribed in open Court, this

*Richard Bennett*

WE, *David M. Davis + E. James* Citizens of the United States

and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do swear, that the petitioner, *Richard Bennett*  
has resided within the limits, and under the jurisdiction of the United States of America five years, and within the  
State of Pennsylvania one year; that is to say, he the said *Richard Bennett* resided  
*in Johnstown Pa for the last five*  
*years*

which place is within and under the Constitution of the United States; and that during his residence within the United  
States, he has behaved as a man of good moral character, 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, this

*E. James*  
*David M. Davis*



THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, } SCT.  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY,



*E. Daniel Armstrong*

Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, of Allegheny County, in  
the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do by these presents certify, that on

*Tuesday* the *Eleventh* day of *September* in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *Sixty* *Richard*

*Bennett* a native of *England* and heretofore a subject of the  
*Queen of Great Britain &c* came before me, and having

been duly sworn according to law, made his declaration stating that it was *bona fide* his intention  
to become a citizen of the United States, and renouncing and abjuring all allegiance and fidelity  
to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, and particularly renouncing and

abjuring all allegiance and fidelity to the *Queen of Great*  
*Britain &c* whereof he was a former subject.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
the seal of said Court, at Pittsburgh, this *11<sup>th</sup>* day of  
*September* Anno Domini 18*60* and of the Inde-  
pendence of the United States the *85<sup>th</sup>*



*D. Armstrong* Prothonotary.