

Declaration of  
Valentine Bell

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W. L. Meyer

PENNSYLVANIA,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY, SS.

The declaration of *Valentine Bell*  
upon his solemn *Oath* represents that he was born *in Oberofferbach*

that it is BONA FIDE his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all  
allegiance and fidelity to every foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, and particularly  
to *Ludwig 1st King of Bieren Germany*

of whom he was heretofore a subject.

And the said *Valentine Bell* makes reports and registry as follows, viz:

Name, *Valentine Bell* Birthplace: *Oberofferbach*  
Age, *33 years* Nation and Allegiance: *Bieren*  
Place whence he migrated: *Heavne Germany*

Place of intended settlement: *Cambria County Pa*  
*Sworn* and subscribed *before me*  
*in open court* the *6th* day of *December*  
*A. D. 1832* *Richard Blunstein, Jrg.* *Walther Lalla*



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

The petition of *Valentine Belle*

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That your petitioner is a native of *Germany*  
and was heretofore a subject of *the King of Bavaria* 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 *petitioner declared his intention*  
*to become a citizen of the United States in the Court*  
*of Common Pleas of Cambria County on the 6 day*  
*of Dec 1862. as by the records of said Court*

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 *the King of Bavaria*

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.

I, *Valentine Belle* 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 *the King of*  
*Bavaria* whereof I was heretofore a subject.

Sworn and subscribed in open Court, this  
30 day of Sept 1863

*Valentine Belle*

WE, ~~*J. P. Danmore*~~ and *G. C. W. Zahm* Citizens of the United States

~~*Henry Robaugh*~~  
and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do swear, that the petitioner, *Valentine Belle*

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 *Valentine Belle* resided

*in Cambria County over 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 30 day Sept 1863.

*Henry Robaugh*  
*G. C. W. Zahm*



Sept. Legibus Term 1863  
Petition of  
Valentine Belle  
for  
Naturalization

Filed Sept. 30. 1863

Case made out

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