

(1) Sept. Term 1896.
Petition of
James Junior
for
Naturalization.

Filed 14 Sep. 1896.

Wm. Boland,

To the Honorable Judges of the Court of Common
Pleas of Columbia County.

To the Honorable Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County:

The Petition of James Benson
a native of England respectfully showeth:
That your Petitioner arrived in the United States of America, to wit: On the
2nd day of May A. D. 1882 and that
in pursuance of an Act in Congress, entitled "An Act Establishing a Uniform
Rule of Naturalization, and to Repeal the Acts heretofore passed on that Sub-
ject," made a declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United
States, and a report and registry of his nativity, age, allegiance, emigration,
arrival, and intended place of settlement in the United States, conformably to
the said Act, before the Prothonotary for the
County of Cambria on the 21st
day of January A. D. 1899, certificated
and and that he has resided within the limits,
and under the jurisdiction of, the United States, for five years last past, and
for one year last past within the State of Pennsylvania; that he has never
borne any hereditary title, or been of any of the orders of nobility, in the king-
dom whence he came, or elsewhere. He therefore prays that he may be ad-
mitted to become a citizen of the United States. And he will ever pray, etc.

James Benson
We, John Sweeney and W. S. McBurdy
citizens of the United States of America, being duly sworn or affirmed, accord-
ing to law, saith, that we are well acquainted with the above-named petitioner,
and that, to our certain knowledge and belief, he has resided within the limits,
and under the jurisdiction of the United States for five years last past, and
within the State of Pennsylvania one year last past; that during the same
periods he has behaved himself as a man of good moral character, attached
to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to
the good order and happiness of the same.

Sworn and Subscribed before me in open Court, this

14th day of Sept A. D. 1896

M. Davis

John Sweeney
W. S. McBurdy

I, James Benson, the above-named petitioner,
do on my solemn oath declare that the contents of my petition are true; that
I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I do hereby renounce
and relinquish any title or rank of nobility to which I am or hereafter may
be entitled; and that I do absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all
allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State, or Sovereignty
whatever, and particularly to Victoria, Queen of Great
of whom I was before a subject. Britain

Sworn and Subscribed before me in open Court, this

14th day of Sept A. D. 1896

M. Davis

James Benson

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, }
Cambria County, ss: }



Be it remembered that on the *Twenty-first* day of
January A. D., 189*2*, before the Prothon-
otary of the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County, person-
ally appeared *James Deuson*
an alien, a native of *England* and upon his
solemn oath did depose and say that it is his bona fide intention
to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce alle-
giance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate or Sovereignty

whatever and particularly to *Victoria Queen of Great Britain Ireland*

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this *21st* day of
January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
ninety *-two*

J. C. Darby
Prothonotary.