

**To the Honorable the Court of Common Pleas
of Cambria county, in the Commonwealth
of Pennsylvania:**

The petition of *Christian Biffinger* of *Nepe Sanustadt*

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That your petitioner is a native of *Nepe Sanustadt, Germany*
and was heretofore a subject of *Prussia* 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

Prussian *Christian Biffinger*
declared his intention to become a citizen of the
United States at the February term of the Court of Common
pleas in the County of Ohio, Virginia as by the
Certificate hereto attached more fully at large

appears:—that he will support the constitution of the United States; and that he doth absolutely and entirely
renounce, and forever abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, and sovereignty
whatever, and particularly, to *Prussia*

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, *Christian Biffinger* 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 re-
nounce, and abjure forever, all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, and sovereignty what-
ever; and, particularly, do absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure forever, all allegiance and fidelity to
Prussia
whereof I was heretofore a subject.

Sworn and subscribed in open Court, this } *Christopher Biffinger*
7 day of April 1852 } *Abraham Koplin*
Levi B. Cochran }
WE ~~*Levi B. Cochran*~~ & ~~*Alexander M. Smith*~~ Citizens of

the United States and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do swear, that the petitioner, *Christian*
Biffinger 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 *Christian*

Biffinger resided *near Shustown in the County*
of Cambria

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
7 April 1852
R. L. Shustown

L. B. Cochran
A. Koplin

C. Piffinger

1849

Declaration

Fee paid

Ohio County Court Feb^y Term 1849
Christian Peffenger a native of Germany
Wishing to be naturalized a citizen of the
United States this day appeared in Court and
in pursuance of the act of Congress made
a report of himself which is in the words and
figures following viz Virginia Ohio County
et Christian Peffenger an alien who has lately arrived
in the United States and is desirous of being naturalized
a citizen thereof this day appeared in Court and in pursuance
of the act of Congress made a report of himself which report is
in the following words I Christian Peffenger make the
following report of myself to the County Court for the
County of Ohio in the State of Virginia that is to say
I report that I was born in the Dukedom of Hess Darmstadt
in Germany on or about the 1st day of January in the
year 1815 being now in the 35th year of my age that
I am a subject of Ludwig D^o Duke of Hess Darmstadt
owing allegiance to that monarch and none other that I
migrated from the City of London England on the 15th
day of April 1846 and arrived at New York City in the
State of New York in the United States on the 15th
day of June 1846 and that I arrived at Wheeling in the State of
Virginia one of the United States on or about the 2^d
day of January 1849 where I intend to settle myself

Christian Peffenger

And the said Christian Peffenger here in Court declared on
oath that it is bonafide his intention to become a citizen
of the United State and to renounce forever all allegiance
and fidelity to every foreign prince potentate
State or Sovereign whatever and particularly to
the Duke of Hess Darmstadt whose subject he now
is

Test Wm Colloch Clerk