

MORGAN CIRCUIT COURT

State of Indiana, Morgan County, ss:

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 11 day of May, 1855 the same being the judicial day of the Term of said year of the Morgan Circuit Court, of Morgan County, Indiana, held at the Court House in the City of Martinsville in said County and State, before the Honorable Judge of said Court, the following proceedings were had, viz:

APPLICATION OF JOHN HOUSE FOR NATURALIZATION

And now comes JOHN HOUSE and produces in Open Court his declaration of intentions in these words and figures, viz:

The State of Indiana)
Morgan County) SS:

JOHN HOUSE an alien and free white person in order to become a citizen of the United States makes the following report of himself, to-wit:

That his name is JOHN HOUSE; that he was born in Baden, Germany; that he is 60 years of age; that he is of the German Nation, that he migrated from Amsterdam, Holland on or about the day of April 1817 and arrived in United States the day of October, 1817; that he intends settling in Morgan County, Indiana and that he owes allegiance to Leopold 2nd Grand Duke of Baden.

And that the said JOHN HOUSE now declares on oath before the Clerk of the Morgan Circuit Court that it is bona fide his intentions to become a citizen of the United States and renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever and particularly to Leopold 2nd Grand Duke of Baden whereof he is at present a subject.

Signed: JOHN HOUSE

Made sworn to and subscribed before me this 11 day of May in the year of 1855.

O. R. Dougherty, Clerk

By: John Ray, Deputy

And thereupon said JOHN HOUSE proves in open court by the testimony of Allen Hicklin and William J. Hanker, citizens of the United States that he had resided in the United States for the term of Five years, last and has not been out of during that time, and that he has resided in the State of Indiana for one year immediately preceeding and during all the time he has behaved 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.

And said JOHN HOUSE is now sworn and says that he will support the constitution of the United States and that he does now absolutely renounce and abjure forever all allegiance and fidelity from any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever and particularly to Leopold 2nd Grand Duke of Baden of whom he has heretofore been a subject.

And the said JOHN HOUSE is now duly declared a citizen of the United States.

(Taken from Order Book No. 1 of Morgan County Records.)

NOTE: George Sheets's application was very similar to John Houses except the following:
69 years of age; left Amsterdam on or about the 1st day of April 1817; arrived in United States on the 10th day of September 1817.

(Recorded Aug. 9, 1856. Page 405 - Order Book.)

THE STATE OF INDIANA, MORGAN COUNTY

To all to whom these present shall come - Greeting:

Know ye, That at the May Term, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty Seven of the Morgan Circuit Court of the County of Morgan aforesaid,

John House made the proof and took the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and the oath of Allegiance required by law, before said Court, and was then, that is to say, on the 17th day of May 1857, by said Court, duly admitted a Citizen of the United States.

In Witness of which, I, Jefferam K. Scott,

Clerk of said Court, here-unto afix the

Seal thereof, and subscribe my name at

Martinsville this 13

day of

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(Signed) J. K. Scott, Clk.