

WILLIAM WHITLOCK NATURALIZATION PAPERS

The following is an extract from an example of naturalization papers relating to entry into the United States in the 1830's. They give an idea of the type of information these papers include and our thanks to Cuma Schofield for these copies.

In Jefferson [N.Y.] Pleas [Court]
of September Term 1836

William Whitlock being duly sworn saith that he is a native of Armagh, in the county of Armagh in Ireland & lately owing allegiance to the King of Great Britain, age thirty-five, that he came to America to reside in the year 1820 and during the minority of this ... to wit when he was 19 years of age and that it has been his bona fide intent for more than three years next immediately preceding this time to renounce and forever abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, sovereignty or State whatever. Especially that he would renounce and forever abjure all allegiance and fidelity to the King of Great Britain to whom he has been subject and become a citizen of the United States.

Sworn before me in open Court
this 17th day of Sept. 1836 (Signature)
William Whitlock
P. Burchurd Clerk

State of New York
Jefferson County

Ebenezer Sabin and Richard Phillips, citizens of the United States, being duly sworn ... they and each for himself doth & say that he has been personally acquainted with William Whitlock above named for more than 5 years next immediately preceding this time. That ... that period he has resided at Watertown in the County of Jefferson, and has behaved himself as a man of good moral character attached to the principles of the constitution of the United States and will ...pond to the good order and happiness of the same.

Sworn in open Court Ebenezer Sabin
Sept. 17, 1836 Richard Phillips

State of New York
Jefferson County
Jeff. Cou. Pleas
Sept. Term 1836

I, William Whitlock do hereby most solemnly swear that I will renounce and forever abjure all allegiance and fidelity to the King of Great Britain to whom I have been a subject and that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America

Sworn in Open Court (Signature)
Sept. 17, 1836 William Whitlock
P. Burchurd Clerk

Note: In the census records William listed his place of birth as 'Canada'. The above record was the first proof this was incorrect and the disguising of William's Irish ancestry stalled Cuma's research for some time.

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