

Be it Remembered, That on the 20 day of Sept 1906, there came on and was held a regular term of the Honorable County Court of Lovaca County, Texas, at the Court House thereof, at Wallisville Present and Presiding, Hon. E. O. Metzger County Judge; A. O. Ragby Attorney; J. B. Buchanan County Clerk; and A. B. Noble Sheriff.

Court being opened according to law, the following among other proceedings were had: In the Matter of the Naturalization of James Petru an Alien.

NOW, On this day there is filed a petition, and an affidavit in support thereof, which are, respectively, in words and figures as follows, to-wit: TO THE HON. E. O. Metzger Judge of the County Court of Lovaca County: The undersigned, James Petru your Petitioner, respectfully represents that he is an alien, a native of lawful age; that he has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States for the space of five years last past, and for one year last past within the State of Texas; that heretofore, to-wit, on the 5 day of March A. D. 1888 (the same being two years and upward before the date hereof), he declared on oath before the Clerk of the Common Pleas Court of the County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio (the same being a Court of Record, having common law jurisdiction and a Seal and Clerk), that it was bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to Emperor of Austria whereof he was heretofore a citizen or subject, as will more fully appear from the certificate under the seal of said Court herewith presented. And further, that he has never borne any hereditary title or been of any of the degrees of nobility of the country whereof he has been a subject. And he further states that he does not disbelieve in and he is not opposed to all organized government, nor is he a member of, or affiliated with, any organization entertaining and teaching such disbelief in or opposition to all organized government, or who advocates or teaches the duty, necessity or propriety of the unlawful assaulting or killing of any officer or officers, either of specific individuals or of officers generally, of the Government of the United States, or of any other organized government, because of his or their official character; that he has not knowingly aided or assisted, or connived or conspired with any person or persons to allow, procure or permit any alien who is an idiot, an insane person, or one who has been declared insane by any lawful authority within five years previous to his arrival, or one who has epilepsy, or one who is a pauper, or one who is likely to become a public charge or a professional beggar, to enter the United States, or any territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof; that he has not landed, or permitted to be landed, any alien, at any other time or place than that designated by the Immigration officers of the United States; that he has not by himself or another, brought, landed or imported, or attempted to bring, land or import into the United States any alien who is afflicted with a loathsome or dangerous contagious disease, or one who has been convicted of a felony or other crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or one who is a polygamist, or any woman or girl for the purposes of prostitution; that he has not held or attempted to hold any woman or girl for the purposes of prostitution in pursuance of such illegal importation; that he has not aided or abetted the importation of any person or persons in violation of the terms of the Contract Labor Laws of the United States; nor has he violated any provision of an Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to regulate the immigration of aliens into the United States," approved March 3, 1903. Your Petitioner, therefore, prays that he may be admitted to become a NATURALIZED CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, pursuant to the several Acts of Congress heretofore passed on that subject.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, } James Petru being duly sworn, deposes and says that the facts County of Lovaca } averred in the above Petition are true and correct. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 20 day of Sept. A. D. 1906. J. B. Buchanan Clerk County Court, Lovaca County, Texas. Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, } We, Jas. Kopecky and County of Lovaca } Chad Petru of the County of Lovaca and State of Texas, having been first duly sworn, depose and say that we have been personally acquainted with James Petru an alien, who has applied to be admitted as a Naturalized Citizen of the United States, for the space of five years last past; that during the whole of said time he has continued to reside within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States, and one year at least in the State of Texas, immediately preceding the day of the date hereof; that during the whole of that time he has behaved himself as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles contained in the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same; and that we have no reason to believe, and do not believe, that the said alien disbelieves in or is opposed to all organized government, or is a member of or affiliated with any organization entertaining and teaching such disbelief in or opposition to all organized government, or who advocates or teaches the duty, necessity or propriety of the unlawful assaulting or killing of any officer or officers, either of specific individuals, or of officers generally, of the Government of the United States, or of any other organized government, because of his or their official character; that he has not knowingly aided or assisted, or connived or conspired with any person or persons to allow, procure or permit any alien who is an idiot, an insane person, or one who has been declared insane by any lawful authority within five years previous to his arrival, or one who has epilepsy, or one who is a pauper, or one who is likely to become a public charge or a professional beggar, to enter the United States, or any territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof; that he has not landed, or permitted to be landed, any alien, at any other time or place than that designated by the Immigration officers of the United States; that he has not by himself or another, brought, landed or imported, or attempted to bring, land or import into the United States any alien who is afflicted with a loathsome or dangerous contagious disease, or one who has been convicted of a felony or other crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or one who is a polygamist, or any woman or girl for the purposes of prostitution; that he has not held or attempted to hold any woman or girl for the purposes of prostitution in pursuance of such illegal importation; that he has not aided or abetted the importation of any person or persons in violation of the terms of the Contract Labor Laws of the United States; nor has he violated any provision of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to regulate the immigration of aliens into the United States," approved March 3, 1903. Subscribed and sworn to in open Court, this 20 day of Sept. A. D. 1906. J. B. Buchanan Clerk County Court, Lovaca County, Texas. Deputy. Jas. Kopecky Chad Petru

THE STATE OF TEXAS, } I, James Petru do solemnly swear, in the County of Lovaca } presence of Almighty God, that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I do absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiances and fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and more particularly the allegiance and fidelity I in anywise owe to Emperor of Austria whereof I was heretofore a citizen or subject. Subscribed and sworn to in open Court, this 20 day of Sept. A. D. 1906. J. B. Buchanan Clerk County Court, Lovaca County, Texas. Deputy. James Petru

THE STATE OF TEXAS, } UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. County of Lovaca } In the County Court, Sept Term, 1906. BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the 20 day of Sept in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six personally appeared before the Hon. E. O. Metzger Judge of the County Court of the County of Lovaca and State aforesaid (the same being a Court of Record, having and exercising common law jurisdiction, a Seal and a Clerk), sitting judicially for the dispatch of business, at the Court House in Wallisville in the County aforesaid James Petru an alien, of lawful age, and applied to be admitted to become a Naturalized Citizen of the United States of America, pursuant to the several Acts of Congress heretofore passed on that subject. And the said alien having thereupon produced to the Court record testimony showing that he has heretofore reported himself, and filed his declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States, according to the provisions of the said several Acts of Congress, and the Court being satisfied, as well from the oath of the said alien, as from the affidavit filed and the testimony taken of Jas. Kopecky and Chad Petru that the said alien has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States for at least five years last past, and at least one year last past within the State of Texas; that during the whole of that time he has behaved himself as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles contained in the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same; and two years and upward having elapsed since the said alien reported himself and filed his declaration of his intention aforesaid, and the Court being further satisfied from the affidavits of said alien and his said witnesses, that he does not disbelieve in and is not opposed to all organized government, and is not a member of or affiliated with any organization entertaining and teaching such disbelief in or opposition to all organized government, or who advocates or teaches the duty, necessity or propriety of the unlawful assaulting or killing of any officer or officers, either of specific individuals or of officers generally, of the Government of the United States, or of any other organized government, because of his or their official character; that he has not knowingly aided or assisted, or connived or conspired with any person or persons to allow, procure or permit any alien who is an idiot, an insane person, or one who has been declared insane by any lawful authority within five years previous to his arrival, or one who has epilepsy, or one who is a pauper, or one who is likely to become a public charge or a professional beggar, to enter the United States, or any territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof; that he has not landed, or permitted to be landed, any alien, at any other time or place than that designated by the Immigration officers of the United States; that he has not by himself or another, brought, landed or imported, or attempted to bring, land or import into the United States any alien who is afflicted with a loathsome or dangerous contagious disease, or one who has been convicted of a felony or other crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or one who is a polygamist, or any woman or girl for the purposes of prostitution; that he has not held or attempted to hold any woman or girl for the purposes of prostitution in pursuance of such illegal importation; that he has not aided or abetted the importation of any person or persons in violation of the terms of the Contract Labor Laws of the United States; and that he has not violated any provision of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to regulate the immigration of aliens into the United States," approved March 3, 1903; and the said affidavits reciting and affirming the truth of every material fact requisite for naturalization, having been recorded, and he having now here in open Court taken and subscribed the oath required by law to support the Constitution of the United States, and to renounce and abjure all allegiances and fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly all allegiance which he may in anywise owe to Emperor of Austria whereof he was heretofore a subject;

IT IS THEREUPON CONSIDERED, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED BY THE COURT, That the said James Petru be, and he is hereby admitted, a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES. The foregoing Minutes read, approved and signed in open Court, this the 20 day of Sept. 1906. Attest: E. O. Metzger Clerk County Court, Lovaca County, Texas. Deputy. County Judge, Lovaca County, Texas.