

above act of 1824, it is preferred because it is, some-
times difficult to prove their arrival in before June
1812 & the act of 1828 requires two witnesses to
prove residence, Character &c whereas the act
of 1824 requires proof "to the satisfaction of the Court"
which may be complied with by one witness known
to & satisfactory to the Court. Such is the practice, in
the Courts here. The application of my sisters is
fully within the act of 1824 and my father can
prove all the requisitions of age, residence, intention
Moral Character &c.

The Applicants must swear - Their desire & intention
to become Citizens of the US & to renounce allegiance
to the Sovereign the Queen of the United Kingdom of Gt Britain
& that for 3 yrs next preceding their application they
bona fide intended to become Citizens also swear
to support the Constitution of the US & that they
do abjure & renounce all allegiance to the Queen of
the United Kingdom of Great Britain &c (Not to the nobility
to renounce)

Oath by the Witnesses - That applicants were in this
Country before they were 18 yrs of age & have resided
5 yrs in the US & one year in Maryland that they
are of good Moral Character, attached to the principles
of the Constitution of the US & well disposed to the
good order & happiness of the same & that for 3 years it was
their intention to be Citizens

I have prepared the above should it be necessary to
show to the Judge & would further refer him to 2^d
Kent's Com p 64.5 supposing that Carroll (of
being but recently established & the Judge being from
the interior where matters of this kind seldom
occur, the Clerk may not have a ready reference
to the acts of Congress & the forms &c, a matter
sometimes troublesome to those of more experience

in such matters - It may at any rate aid their
investigation if required

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The record of the Naturalization must I presume have
special relation & make mention of the particular
act of Congress under which the naturalization took
place - whereby it will be carried out & mentioned
in his certificate (to the Applicant) of their Naturalization