

## James Nelson

Doctor James Nelson, a native of Ireland this day applied to the court to be admitted to become a citizen of the United States, whereupon the said James Nelson exhibited a certificate to the present clerk of this court shewing that he arrived in the United States prior to the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 1824, which certificate is in the following words: "Prince William County court, April 5, 1824, Dr. James Nelson a native of Ireland came into court and took the oath of allegiance to this Commonwealth which said oath is in the following form to wit; I James Nelson do declare myself a citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia. I relinquish & renounce the character of subject or citizen of any prince or other state whatsoever; & abjure all allegiance which may be claimed by such prince or other state, & I do swear to be faithful & true to the said Commonwealth of Virginia so long as I continue a citizen thereof so help me God, & the said James Nelson also exhibited a certificate of the clerk of this court shewing that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1824 he made a report of himself and caused registry of said report to be made in this court, which last mentioned certificate is in these words. " Prince William County Court August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1824 James Nelson came into court and filed the following declaration in these words " I James Nelson was born in the County of Donegal in the Kingdom of Ireland under the allegiance of "King George the third of Great Britain, Ireland" &c. and am twenty seven years of age, migrated from the said Kingdom of Ireland and intend to settle in the County of Prince William in the State of Virginia. Witness my hand this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1824 James Nelson" and it appearing to the satisfaction of this court that the said James Nelson hath in the year 1828 declared his intention upon oath bonafide 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 renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain & Ireland, and it being proved to the satisfaction of the court by the testimony of John W. Tyler and George G. Tyler, Citizens of the United States, who were examined as witnesses on oath that since the arrival of the said James Nelson in the United States as aforesaid, he has constantly resided in the United States and in the State of Virginia, and during that time has behaved as a man of good moral character, attaches to the principles of the constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order & happiness of the same he the said James Nelson declares on oath in open court, that he will support the constitution of the United States, and that he doth absolutely & entirely renounce & abjure all allegiances to every foreign Prince, potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever & particularly to Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and thereupon the said James Nelson is admitted a Citizen of the said United States of America