

To the Judge of the Wabash Circuit Court, in the State of Indiana:
Samuel Kranz being an alien, and a free white man, makes the following report of himself: Upon his solemn oath declares that he is aged 25 years, that he was born in the Principality of Wurtemberg Wurttemberg Germany that he emigrated from said place in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy two that he arrived in the United States at the city of New York in the State of New York on the 11 day of February eighteen hundred and seventy two that he was employed in John Mc Kind and that it is his true intention to become a citizen of the United States of America, and to renounce forever allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, and particularly to John Mc Kind of whom he is a subject.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, on the 14 day of May A. D. 1876
James H. [Signature]
 Notary Public

State of Iowa, Clayton County, ss.
 Before the undersigned Clerk of the District Court of said County personally appeared Anton Buchel a native of Germany aged 34 years, who being duly sworn upon his oath declares, that it is his true intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever, all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State and Sovereignty, whatsoever, and particularly to the Emperor of Germany of whom he is at present a subject.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30 day of June A. D. 1876 } Anton Buchel
Marrin Cook Clerk,
 By H. McBeardman Deputy.

DECLARATION OF INTENTION.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE STATE OF OHIO,
 HAMILTON COUNTY, ss.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, Probate Judge and Ex-Officio Clerk of the PROBATE COURT within and for the County of Hamilton, aforesaid Ferdinand Ritter a native of Austria aged about 46 years, bearing allegiance to the Emperor of Austria who emigrated from Havre on the 11 day of February 1867, and arrived at New York on the 14 day of February 1867, and who intends to reside within the jurisdiction and under the GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, to-wit:

And he makes report of himself for NATURALIZATION, and declares on oath that it is his true intention to become a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and to forever renounce and abjure all ALLEGIANCE AND FIDELITY to every FOREIGN PRINCE, POTENTATE, STATE OR SOVEREIGNTY whatsoever, and particularly to the Emperor of Austria

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of October 1888
Ferdinand Ritter
Herman P. Loebel
 Probate Judge and Ex-Officio Clerk.
 By Amulushardt
 Deputy Clerk.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, the foregoing to be a true copy of the original record.
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court, at Cincinnati, this 10 day of October 1888
Herman P. Loebel
 Probate Judge.
 By Amulushardt
 Deputy Clerk.

Links oben: Declaration of Intention von Samuel Kranz, 1872 von Wendeln nach Wabash (Indiana) ausgewandert

Links unten: Declaration of Intention von Anton Buchel, 1867 von Ruggell nach Littleport (Iowa) ausgewandert

Rechts: Declaration of Intention von Ferdinand Ritter vom 10. Oktober 1888

Städten, dort wird auf alle erdenkliche Art dem Arbeiter Geld abgenommen. Auch spielt der Revolver noch seine Rolle. Ich habe hier in diesem Lande schon viele gesehen, die zerrissene Schuhe und Hosen an hatten und dennoch einen Revolver mit 6 Kugeln geladen unter zerlumpten Fräcken herausblinken liessen, dies ist Landessitte hier». ¹¹⁴

Allmählich allerdings wurden die Zeiten ruhiger und die Sitten zivilisierter. Die Abenteurer zogen weiter oder wurden sesshaft. Die Eisenbahngesellschaften rührten in den östlichen Bundesstaaten und in Europa eifrig die Werbetrommel und lockten Tausende von Siedlern in die neu erschlossenen Gebiete. Der fruchtbare Prärieboden entlang der Schienenstränge verwandelte sich in jahrelanger harter Farmerarbeit in Weide- und Ackerland. Hilfreich waren dabei vor allem zwei Dinge: der vom Schmied John Deere 1868 entwickelte stählerne Pflug, mit dem sich der harte Prärieboden zerschneiden und unterpflügen liess, sowie die Erfindung des Stacheldrahts (1874), mit dem die Siedler ihr Gebiet einzäunen und so ihre Ernte vor den frei herumziehenden, von Cowboys beaufsichtigten Viehherden schützen konnten. ¹¹⁵