

The State of Texas In District Court of  
County of Dallas } Said county, Dec. Term 1878.  
To the Hon. Judge of the  
District Court, in and for Said County.

Your petitioner, Edward  
Ernst Kessler, respectfully shows,  
that he is a native of Schwarzburg,  
Mudolstadt, Province Saxony, Germany,  
that on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D.  
1876, before the Clerk of the District  
Court of Dallas county Texas, he  
declared, on oath, 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  
Emperor William of Germany, of whom  
he was at that time a subject, that  
he has resided within the United States  
upwards of five years, and in the State  
of Texas more than one year, both  
periods immediately preceding this  
his application to become a citizen  
of the United States; and that he has  
never borne any hereditary title, or been  
of any of the orders of nobility in his  
own or any other country. Wherefore  
he prays, that on his making proof and  
taking the oath prescribed by law,  
he may be admitted a citizen of the  
United States of America.

Edward Ernst Kessler  
by J. M. Hayes atty-

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David Goslin, and S. C. McElheny,  
citizens of the United States of America,  
being duly sworn, say that they know  
and are well acquainted with the  
petitioner, Edward Ernst Nessler;  
that, to their knowledge, he has resided  
in the United States five years, and  
in the State of Texas one year, both  
periods immediately preceding his  
application to be a citizen of the  
United States; that during the said  
period of five years, he has behaved  
as a person of good moral character,  
attached to the principles of the Constitution  
of the United States, and well disposed  
to the good order and happiness of  
the same. -

D. Goslin  
S. C. McElheny

Sworn to and subscribed in open  
Court, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D. 1879. -

W. A. Starwood att. not necessary  
By at or for us signing

I, Edward Ernst Kessler, do swear that the contents of the foregoing petition are true; that I will support the Constitution of the United States; and I now renounce and relinquish any title, or order of nobility to which I am now, or hereafter may be entitled; and I do absolutely and entirely, renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the Emperor William of Germany, of whom it was before a subject.

Edward E. Kessler

Sworn to and subscribed, in open Court, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1879.

W A Harwood seal etc

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By attor general receipt

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Ex parte  
Edward Ernst Kessler

Petition for Natural  
Citizenship

Filed May 9<sup>th</sup> 1879

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Edward Ernst Kessler  
by J.M. Hayes, attorney

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M. A. Harwood Dist.Clk. *Dallas Co*  
By HW Jones Deputy

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