The State of Tuyan In Districh Court of County of Sallas 3 Said county, SEC. Term 1878. To the Hon. Judge of the Districh Court, in and for Gaid Count your petitiones, Edward Ernst Kessler, respectfully Chows, that he is a native of Schwarzburg, Rudolstadt, Province Sayony, Terman, that on the The day of November A.S. 1876, before the clerk of the sister of court of Dallas county Texes, he de clased, on oath, that it was bona fide his interction to become a citize of the United States, and to renounce orever all allegiance and fidelite any foreign prince, potentate, State or sovereignty Whatever, and particularly Emperar William of Germany, Johom he was at that time a Subject, that he has resided within the United States whereards of five years, and in the State of Texas more than one year, both periods immediately preceding the his application to become a citizen of the United States; and that he has of any of the orders of nobility in his 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. Colward Emit Kentes by Mitages other

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I, Edward Emit Kessler, do Swear that the contents of the foregoing petition are true; that I will support Constitution of the United States; and and relinguish I now renounce title, or order of nobility to which 4 am now, or hereafter may be sutitled; and I do abrolutely and interely, and abjure all allegiance nounce and fidelity to any foreign prime and particularly to the imperor Million of Germany, of whom it was befor a subject. Edward & Kessler Swarn to and subscribed, in ope ish, this 9th day of May A.D. 18 Wa Harrord reise cer reacces Co Byoth forces reeper

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First page:

The State of Texas County of Dallas In District Court of 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 native of Schwarzburg, Rudolstadt, Province Saxony, Germany, that on the 7th day of November A.D. 1876, before the Clerk of the District Court of Dallas County Texas, he declared, on oath, that it was <u>bona fide</u> 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 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 citzen 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. Therefore 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, attorney

Second page:

The State of Texas County of Dallas In District Court of said county. Dec. Term 1878

David Goslin and S.E. McIlhenny, citizens of the United States of America, being duly sowrn, say that they know and are well acquainted with the petitioner, Edward Ernst Kessler; 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.E. McIlhenny Sowrn to and subscribed in open Court this 9th day of May AD. 1879— M. A. Harwood Dist.Clk. *Dallas Co* By HW Jones Deputy Third page:

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 reliquish any title, or order of nobility to which I am now, or whereafter 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 I was before a subject.

Edward E. Kessler Sworn to and subscribed in open Court, this 9th day of May A.D. 1879. *W* A Harwood, Dist. Clk. Dallas Co. By HW Jones Deputy

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Ex Parte

Edward Ernst Kessler Petition for Naturalization

Filed May 9th 1879 W A Harwood Dist. Clk. Dallas Co.by H W Jones Deputy