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11 October 1852

[Holland, Michigan]

A copy of Albertus C. Van Raalte's intention to become a United States citizen. His intention to become a citizen was made 6 April 1847.

Original in the Van Raalte papers, the Holland Historical Trust collection, Joint Archives of Holland, T88-0230.

I Albert C. Van Raalte do declare on oath
 that it is bone fide my intention to become a Citizen
 of the United States and to renounce forever all
 allegiance and fidelity to all and every Foreign Prince
 potentate State and Sovereignty whatever, and par-
 ticularly to William Second King of the Netherlands
 Sworn & Subscribed this
 6th day of April 1847
 before me A. Manson Jur
 Clerk of Allegan County Mich

A. C. Van Raalte

State of Michigan
 Allegan County Clerk's Office } ss

I Eli P. Watson Clerk of said
 County and of the Circuit Court thereof do hereby
 certify that the above is a true copy of an Original
 Declaration of intention on file in this Office

Witness my hand and the seal of
 the Circuit Court of said County at
 Allegan this 11th day of October A.D., 185

Eli P. Watson
 Clerk

COPY OF ARTICLES ETC. FOR CITIZENSHIP PAPERS OF DR. VAN RAALTE

I Albertus C. Van Raalte declare on oath that it is, boni fide, my intention to become a Citizen of the United States and to renounce for all Allegiance and fidelity to all and every Foreign Prince, potentate, State and Sovereignty whatever, and particulary to William second, King of the Netherlands.

Sworn and subscribed this
6th day of April, 1847
before me Eli P. Matson, Jr.
Clerk of Allegan County, Michigan

Signed
A.C. Van Raalte

State of Michigan
Allegan County Clerks office } S.S.

I, Eli P. Matson, Clerk of said County and of the Circuit Court division, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an Original Declaration of intention on file in this office.

Witness my hand and the seal of the
Circuit Court of said County of Allegan,
this 11th day of October A.D. 1852.

Eli P. Matson, Clerk.

Articles under heading of Various speakers

Henry Griffin

"Forty years ago, in the fall, being County Clerk, came here at the request of Rev. Van Raalte to make out your first papers", (application for Citizenship in the United States) I came on foot, Grand Haven had no horses at that time. I arrived at Holland first, and remained there over Sunday. I attended the log church. It had, at that time, no doors or windows. After the sermon, Rev. Van Raalte announced that I was there and why I had come. In Holland I received about 300 applications, in Zeeland 100 and in Vriesland 40. Since there were so many I charged half price. I went home with #70 in gold (Willems) in my

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