

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Bedford County

At a Court of Common Pleas held at Bedford
in & for said County before me the Subscriber President of said
Court personally appeared James Anderson Esquire of a Raper
Township Bedford County being a resident citizen thereof who
being by me first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath
make the following declaration in order to obtain the Provision of
the several acts of Congress regulating the application for Pensions
furnished in various instances in the revolutionary war & particularly
by the late act of Congress "entitled an act to provide for certain
persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United
States in the revolutionary war". That he the said James Ander-
son Esquire resided in Bedford in the County aforesaid some time
in the month of April 1776 in a company of Riflemen comman-
ded by Captain Richard Brown of the first Pennsylvania Regi-
ment of Riflemen that after going on to Marcus Hook the said
company composed part of the first Battalion of said Regiment
& was under the command of Colonel James Piper of said County
that declarant marched with said Col. James Piper to Long
Island that he was captured together with the greater part of
said Regiment at the Battle of Long Island after being taken
as aforesaid declarant was put on board of a British Ship after-
wards was landed & confined in New York from which place he
made his escape & joined his Regiment in the month of December
1776 a few days before the battle of Red Bank that declarant was
in said battle of Red Bank that declarant was first sergeant in
said company from that time he first marched from Bedford & con-
tinued as such until he was discharged that he was in the battle
of Brandywine & at that time was in the Regiment of Colonel
Walter Stewart having been transferred with many others to the In-
fantry of the Pennsylvania line that declarant in the fall of
the year 1777 was in the Battle of German Town which was
the last General engagement declarant was engaged in, though
he was afterwards in sundry skirmishes one a severe one the
ensuing summer at a place called the Short hills in New Jersey
that declarant was honorably discharged in the year 1778 & returned
to Bedford County & was appointed a second Lieutenant in a com-
pany of Rangers raised for nine months to act against the Indians
said company being commanded by Captain Solomon Adams that
during the time he was engaged in said service his horse was