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At a special session of the District Court of the United States in and for the Western District of Pennsylvania held at Bedford in the County of Bedford within the said Western District by special adjournment on Wednesday the sixth day of November Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and twenty two before the Honorable Jonathan P. Walker Judge of the United States in and for the said Western District personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record in and for said District Benjamin Ward of the said County of Bedford in the said District aged sixty eight years on or about the 10th day of May last resident in the said County of Bedford within the said District who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his solemn oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows to wit that he entered the service in the month of August in the year One thousand seven hundred and seventy five as a Lieutenant in Captain Blugg's Company in the first Pennsylvania Rifle Corps commanded by Colonel Wm Thompson and marched to Boston with said Corps and served in said Corps until the 3^d day of September One thousand seven hundred and seventy seven when he was promoted to a Captaincy in the fourth Pennsylvania Regiment commanded by Colonel Lambert Cadwallader and in General Mifflin's Brigade and continued to serve as a Captain in said Regiment until some time in the Autumn of the year One thousand seven hundred and eighty on the Continental establishment in the Revolutionary war against the Common enemy that the whole of said Continental service was about five years during which time he was in the following engagements or battles at Lancaster point near present hill at the battle of Long Island the battle of Brandywine German Town, Paoli, Trenton, Red Bank, Mifflin's, Red Bank, and various other engagements as set forth in his original application filed in the office of the Secretary of War and on which a pension certificate issued to the Department dated the 30th day of April 1814 signed J. Beckham Secretary of War and numbered 11.072 and the said declarant doth further swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he hath not since that time by gift sale or any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an 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" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he hath not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor hath he any income other than that which is contained in the schedule herunto annexed and by him subscribed The declarant further states that his occupation was that of a former Merchant that he is now a Cripple in both knees and therefore incapable of performing any business or employment whatever That his family residing with him consist of himself his wife aged about sixty years and that they both reside with their son George Ward at Bedford in the County of Bedford aforesaid