

State of Pennsylvania
Bedford County

On the first day of January 1832

personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County of Bedford and made a request of a writ of Habeas Corpus in the said County and State of Pennsylvania aged eighty two years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth in his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that about the 14th of June 1777 this applicant with seventeen others then in the British service under Genl Burgoyne in the North, left the said service and the army of the said Burgoyne and crossed over the Dutch River in an old Boat, using their hats for oars and joined the American Army under Genl Gates who was with his forces encamped on the Dutchess River, and remained with the said Genl Gates until after the capture of Genl Burgoyne which event this applicant witnessed, that shortly afterwards he was sent to Springfield New Jersey where he was employed in guarding the prisoners of Col Bauens Regiment who had been taken prisoners by the Americans that he continued guarding said prisoners who were two or three hundred in number and were kept in a Quaker meeting house until they were sent to the camp under the command of Genl Peulaski: which was done with the consent of Genl Washington that he continued in the said service until (applicant believes) the 15th of October of the same year when at the white plains he entered the Flying Camp under Capt Peter Erving and Brigadier Genl John Erving and continued in the same until the following March five months that during said term he was constantly engaged in active service the particulars of which he cannot owing to his advanced age now recollect He stated during said term to destroy three bridges, one of which he believed was over the Hackensack River the others he cannot recollect

Of the general and other officers he recollects having seen and known during said term were the following General Gates Genl Arnold Genl Washington Genl Erving Major Washington under whose command he was during the time he was with Genl Gates Captain or Lieut Andrew Murray who commanded here at Springfield whilst he was guarding the prisoners and Capt Erving