

State of Pennsylvania  
Berks County

On this ~~fourth~~ <sup>fourth</sup> day of ~~October~~ <sup>Nov</sup> 1833, personally appeared before me as a Justice of the Peace of the County of Berks in and for the said County and Commonwealth, John Cross a resident of ~~Reading~~ <sup>Reading</sup> town, in the said County and Commonwealth, aged ~~seventeen~~ <sup>seventeen</sup> years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his solemn oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the seventh of June 1832.

That in May 1780 he accompanied a Company of Militia commanded by Captain Howards, in Berks County, Pennsylvania - that he enlisted for seven months, and was marched from Reading to Philadelphia, and from thence to join the army was encamped between Monistown and Reading in the State of New Jersey, that he was then placed under the command of a Lieutenant Lord - that the Battalion he belonged to was commanded by Major ~~in the~~ that he belonged to a detachment of the Army that was marched to attack a Block-house erected by the British in the State of New Jersey not far from New York, and the detachment failed to retreat - that a second attack was ordered by General Duane, and when they arrived at the Block-house the British had evacuated it - that he continued in the service until the expiration of the seven months he had enlisted for, when the Army went into winter quarters, and he then returned home to Berks County aforesaid - that in the Spring following he again joined the Army in a Company commanded by a Captain ~~Henry~~ that on their march from Berks County he took sick of a bad fever, and continued sick for upwards of three months, and as soon as he was able he set out to join the Army, that he got a job in York, Pennsylvania, and while being weak he could handle but slant, and when he got as far as Hampton in Virginia he was told by the people