

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania }
Hulton Court, } set;

On This second day of August A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty three personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County

John Halland a resident of State of Pennsylvania in the County of Full aged fifty six years who being duly sworn according to law doth on this oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed

That he is one of the legal heirs of Thomas Halland deceased a soldier of the revolution & that the said Thomas Halland served for several years as a soldier in the revolutionary war. That he was married to Ann Halland during the war. That he has often heard his father & mother say that they were married before the close of the war though he does not recollect hearing them say in what year the marriage took place. But I have heard ^{my} mother say that she had one child before the close of the war & he has also heard ~~my~~ that she died various times for herself & child while ^{my} father was in the service of in said war. That she lived at that time in Luzerne County State of Pennsylvania, that the said heir born during the war is now deceased & that the only heirs now living are the present declarant, John W. Halland, Joseph Halland aged sixty four years a resident of City of Carl Pennsylvania