

Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the
7th of June, 1832.

State of Pennsylvania and }
County of Bedford }^{ss}

On this 24 day of August 1833, personally appeared in person ~~before~~ before
John D. Davis a Justice of the ^{Peace} ~~Court~~ of Bedford County, ~~residing~~ Vincent
Stephens, a resident of Dublin Township in the County of Bedford, and
State of Pennsylvania, aged 88 years who being first duly sworn
according to law, do then his oath, make the following Declaration
in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832
that he was born near Baltimore State of Maryland came to reside
in Bedford County plank cabin Valley (now Huntington County
in 1773 and continued there during the Revolutionary war, and now
lives in Dublin Township Bedford County & State of Pennsylvania.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following
named officers and served as herein stated.

entered the service in the spring of the year 1779 (volunteer), assembled
at Sherrillsburg our Regiment Commanded by Col. Davison
Major Clegg, Capt. Bolton, Lieut. Clegg, commanded our Com-
pany, said applicant and others (viz) E. M. Claen, E. H. K. Pickett, Joshua
Cornelius Benjamin, Cornelius John Wright, William Wright, John Long,
William Long, Thomas Long (a few others names not recollecting) who had
volunteered to perform such service, was by our Field & Company Officers
appointed in lieu of being subject to any draft or Campaign ordered to
guard the frontiers in the District of Country, i.e. plank cabin Valley
along Raystown branch of the Juniatta River guard the families above
in by the alarm of Indians be in readiness ~~at~~ minutes warning
to march or run to places when needed to serve as spies & scouting
parties, danger, hunger, fatigue, had to be endured climbing
over mountains even in the night, at the best only a path was
applicant being well acquainted, in the woods was mostly called on
to pilot scouting parties when sent by their officers on any
emergency had to start when called on without any provisions to take
along ^{days} pass over an uninhabited & Wilderness Country without food
two or three ^{days} at a time (the winter season gave some repose although
but still provided for the enclemency of the weather) in the spring
of the year 1780 he continued in the same service rendered every
aid to the inhabitants, he erected a Block house at the three springs