

State of Pennsylvania)
County of Huntingdon } Sec.

On this nineteenth day of April in the year of Our Lords One thousand eight eight hundred thirty three, personally appears in Open Court, before the Honorable Thomas Burnside Esq. President, and his associates, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Huntingdon, now sitting, John Dear a resident of Morris Township, in the County of Huntingdon, and State of Pennsylvania, aforesaid, aged sixty seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on 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, viz. That in the fall of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, several depredations and murders were committed by the Indians in what is now called the County of Huntingdon, aforesaid, which was then a part of Bedford County, and was at that time the frontier settlements near the Indians, in which deponent resided; that early in the Spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, a number of the inhabitants in said settlements collected together and raised a fort in a place called Warlock valley near the Juniata river in said County, which was named Lytle's fort, in which they resided during said summer, deponent who was then about fifteen years old assisted at raising said fort and done duty therein as a substitute for his father during the greater part of said summer; that early in the Spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine, deponent enlisted for a term of three months with Captain William Simonton who commanded a company of Militia, which was raised in said neighborhood, over which company and some others, raised in said County of Bedford, John Pipes of Bedford was the Colonel; that as soon as said term of enlistment of three months had expired, deponent again enlisted with said Captain in said company for another term of three months and as soon as said last term of three months ex