

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of Pennsylvania
Huntingdon County

On this 14th day of August 1857, personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of said County Valentine Hefner a resident of Walker township in the County of Huntingdon and State of Pennsylvania aged seventy eight 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and under such service stated: That he entered the service of the United States in the Summer of the year 1777. That he was drafted out to serve in the militia of the County of Franklin in the State of Pennsylvania and that he was drafted in the year 1777 on the first of June of that said year. That he was drafted out for the period of six months in the County of Franklin Pa. That this applicant served said six months under Capt. Samuel Shappard who was a captain of a militia company of the Franklin County militia legally embodied and called into service by the Continental Congress. That this applicant says the name of the Lieutenant was one Adam Smith and that he served in a Regiment of Franklin County militia commanded by Col. Johnson and the name of the Major of the said Regiment was Major Allison. That this applicant joined a company of militia of the Franklin County militia Pa. near Hagerstown Md. where there was a corps of the militia assembling for the purpose of marching to the neighborhood of Philadelphia Pa. on the Delaware River. That this applicant understood that the British Army were marching towards the City of Phila. with a design as was supposed to capture it and the militia were called out to go down and defend it. That this applicant was marched down to and stationed on and along the said river and was attached with other corps of militia to a considerable body of militia soldiers under the command of General Arnold on the west side of the Delaware River above Philadelphia. That this applicant was afterwards with the company to which he belonged transferred and attached to a body of the Pennsylvania militia under the command of General Armstrong and marched on towards the Paraná River. That the British compelled the Americans to retreat back towards the city of Philadelphia. That this applicant was with a corps of militia troops posted near the Schuylkill River with his capt. and companions under General Armstrong to stop the passage of the enemy over the Schuylkill River towards the City of Philadelphia. That this applicant during his said term of six months was stationed for a part of the time on the Ridge Road. That the advance of the party to which he was attached and