

State of Pennsylvania }
County of Huntington }

On this first day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty three the undersigned one of the judges of the said county of Huntington personally attended at the dwelling of Thomas Coleman a resident of a Slayberry township in the said county of Huntington and State of Pennsylvania aged eighty four years who is unable from bodily infirmity to attend the Court of said county and who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of 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 that in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven he with a number of his neighbors who lived on what was then considered the Berry frontier settlement situated in said County then known as a part of the bounty of Bedford collected into a fort called Settlers fort situated in Frankstown township in said county during which year he began to exert himself against the Indians and in the service of the United States that in the month of November in the same year he discovered the tracks of a parcel of Indians pursuing the path from Kittinging township Frankstown that he followed until he found them in the act of making their fires that he immediately saw and the inhabitants of the settlement of their danger who made their escape and that he assisted in collecting men to attack them the following night when five of the Indians were killed and secured from that time deponent became a guide to the detachment companies of men that came to protect the dependent inhabitants on the frontier also turned out and followed the bones who had meditated the death of the deponent's woman and children by joining the Indians and conducting them to the settlement and followed them to the Cherokee on the Appomahoc in the most inclement weather when we were ambushed and deponent was the first man

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