

State of Pennsylvania

Preble County P.

On the twenty second day of May AD 1818  
before me the subscribed President of the Court of Common  
Pleas in and for the fourth Judicial District of Penn-  
sylvania personally appeared John M. Cracker aged  
sixty five years ~~two months and~~ ~~days~~ resident  
in the said County of Preble who being by me duly  
sworn, doth on his oath make the following declaration  
in order to obtain the provision made by the late act  
of Congress entitled "an act to provide ~~to provide~~ for  
certain persons engaged in the land and naval service  
of the United States in the Revolutionary war" that  
in the said John M. Cracker in the month of April  
AD 1776 at Krumpholtz square in the County of Chester  
& State of said State enlisted as a private soldier in Captain  
Frederick Vernon's Company 5th Pennsylvania Regiment  
commanded by Colonel Francis Johnston & that he served  
as a private soldier in said Regiment for the space of  
four years and eight <sup>against the Common Enemy</sup> months & then received an  
honorable discharge at Trenton New Jersey that his  
said discharge hath been long since lost that he was in  
the following Battles viz: Battle of Brandywine, Germans Towne &  
Monmouth also at Stony Point and that he is in various  
circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of  
his Country for support & that he hath no other means  
now in his power of his said service that he hath  
never received any provision therefore from the United  
States.

John M. Cracker

Given to & declared discharge  
before me the day & year  
aforesaid

For witness & attestation