

State of Pennsylvania

Bedford County

On this thirtieth day of November A.D. 1832
Personally appeared in open Court before Alexander
Thomson President of the Court of Common Pleas of said
County now sitting, William Dunning a resident of Burn
Leland valley Township Bedford County aged sixty
nine years & upwards, who being first duly sworn accord-
ing to law, doth, on his oath, make the following decla-
ration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Con-
gress passed June 7th 1832. That in the month of
April A.D. 1779 he went out as a substitute for his
father Samuel Dunning who had been draughted
to serve in the militia for two months and that he
marched from Bedford to Legomer under Captain
Richard Deulaf in company with twenty or twenty five
men as a guard for pack horses carrying publick
loading as was represented to the men - After they
arrived at Legomer the Capt^m delivered the horses
to the person entrusted to receive them and they
returned to Bedford. He was out & served two
months at that time - Some time afterwards it
was reported that a draught would be made
and the choice was given to the inhabitants either
to be draughted or taken out as volunteers & This appli-
cant in May 1780 volunteered for two months and

was ordered with his company, under Capt. William McCall to Wisingawm about six miles north of Bedford to act as a guard and to scout through the Country for Indians. After remaining there two weeks Capt. McCall & this applicant with five others were ordered to go to Franktown as Indians were about twenty four miles north of their station Wisingawm - on which expedition they marched & performed the duties assigned them. He was absent two months at this time. Applicant further states that some time in June 1781 - he was draughted & went out a third time - and that he was stationed at Fort Bedford under Capt. William McCall to be ready to go out as occasion might require. They remained at the Fort two months the period for which he was draughted - were not ordered on any expedition, and were not engaged in any thing more than Garrison duty -

Applicant further states that he never rec^d. on discharge - nor did he hear or know of any being given at that time - He never rec^d. a ~~pl~~ ^{pl} ~~com~~ ^{com} ~~mission~~ ^{mission}.

He does not know of any person excepting John ^{& John Mark} Wisingawm who knows any thing of his services -

He was born in Bedford the 30th November 1762. and that since that time he has resided

WAR DEPARTMENT

Pension Office

July 11, 1883

Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjoined notes you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed you will find marked in the margin with a brace (thus: }). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them, and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of *McLean*

Date when the claimant's service began	Duration of the claimant's service			Rank of the claimant	Name and rank of the Field, or Corps under whom he served	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service	Proof by which the claimant is supported
	Years	Months	Days				
April 1779	2				Capt. Dunlap	19 years	Traditionary and Living Witnesses
1780	2				McCabe		
1781	2				Co. Living		

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

John - *McLean* the notes certified to be true & correct the notes

in Bedford County Penna - He has in his
possession a record age -

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a
pension or annuity except the present, and declares
that his name is not on the pension roll of the
agency of any state -

William Groomsing

Witnessed & subscribed
this day & year aforesaid
at Bedford
John W. ...

Pennsylvania
Bedford County

Wm. Baldwin a clergyman &

John Wiggins of Bedford County Pennsylvania
hereby certify that we are acquainted with Wm Groomsing
who has declared to us to be ~~thirty~~ the foregoing
declaration that we believe him to be sixty nine years
of age; that he is reported & believed in the
neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier
of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion

And the said John Wiggins swears that he re-
members that said Wm Groomsing is a soldier of the