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On this twenty fourth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred &
thirty two personally appeared in open court before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for
the County of Union, now sitting. Peter Kester a resident of Centre Township, in the County of Union and
State of Pennsylvania aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his solemn
oath make the following decleration, 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
On the 28th of June 1778 I entered the service as an enlisted Soldier under — Brown a recruiting officer at
Wornelsdorf town Berks County Pennsylvania, under whom I marched to Philadelphia and from there to
white Plains, where I joined Capt [John] Nice’s company of the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment commanded
by Col. Harmer [sic: Josiah Harmar, pension application W3246], we marched to a number of places
which I cannot recollect being then only about seventeen years of age – when the army went into winter
Quarters I was sick and obtained a Furloe and went home. I got well again joined the army and in the
Spring of 1779 we stormed & took Stony Point Fort [16 Jul 1779], then in possession of the British, (this
Fort was on the North River about six miles below West Point), General Anthony Wayne was our
commander – we remained some time, then left it & marched different places had no other engagements
and returned to our Winter Quarters at Morristown. In the Spring of 1780 we left our winter quarters and
marched different places no engagement in which I was concerned, we lay principally at West Point, and
returned to our winter quarters at Morristown, during the winter I obtained a Furloe and went home, and in
the Spring of 1781 joined the Regiment at Lebanon then commanded by Col. [Richard] Humpton – we
marched to Lancaster, thence to Little York – thence to Frederick Town in Maryland, thence into Virginia,
the names of the places I cannot recollect, we had an engagement with the British at Green Spring [Green
Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781], our army was commanded by Gen’l. Wayne. in the beginning of the battle
we had to retreat, but being reinforced, we formed, and after a severe engagement we routed the British
killed and wounded a number, and lost several of our men killed and taken prisoners. [See endnote] In a
few days after this I would have been entitled to my discharge, but consented to go as one of the guard of
Col Humpton Baggage Waggon to Lancaster where I obtained my discharge on the 1st of August 1781
signed by Col. Humpton a part of which is hereto annexed, the other part has been lost, and cannot now be
found, the discharge was for three years service. I have no person who can prove my actual service, but
presume my name will be found among the names of the enlisted Soldiers of the 6th Penna. Regiment on
the Rolls in the War Department at Washington.
1. I was Born on the 13 March 1762 in Lancaster.
2. I have no record of my age, it was in my Fathers Bible which my Brother got, his house was burned,
   and the Bible with many other articles was consumed.
3. I was living in Berks County Penna. when I entered the service. since the revolutionary war I removed
to Lebanon Dauphin County, where I resided about two years, then to Berks County were I remained
about six years, and from there I removed about forty years ago to where I now live in Center
Township in then Northumberland now Union County.
   I never received any other discharge than the one mentioned in my declaration signed by Colon.
   Humpton part of which is hereto annexed.
George Murand Esq, Christopher Saebold, Frederick Sters[?] and many other respectable citizens of
my neighbourhood can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a
Soldier of the revolution.
I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

[Parts missing from the following discharge are indicated by *.

1st Aug 1781
[*] the bearer a Soldier [*]a. Reg’t. having [*]fully the term [*]stment He is [*]charged from [*] Reg’t.

Richd Humpston
Colonel 6th Pen. Reg

NOTES:
The Battle of Green Springs Plantation was in fact a British victory.
The file contains a letter dated 20 July 1858 by W. N. Keister of Beaver Springs PA stating that Peter Kester had resided near New Berlin (commonly called Longstown) and died on 27 July 1833 leaving a widow.