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Wm. D. R. Tilden
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Wm. D. R. Tilden
M.R.

November 21, 1934.

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John Shepherd
R. 9485

M. Becky Gordon
Office of Superintendent of Police
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of John Shepherd of Pennsylvania, who was born March 16, 1728 and died January 3, 1846 in Royalton, Ohio.

The Revolutionary War records of this office show that John Shepherd of Royalton, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, applied for pension under the Act of June 7, 1832, in July or August 1845, then aged one hundred seventeen years.

In the adjustment of this pension claim, Honorable D. R. Tilden, to aid in securing the pension for John Shepherd, requested that the papers in this soldier's application be withdrawn from the files of the Pension Office that he might have them referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions. Those papers were accordingly sent to Honorable D. R. Tilden, December 19, 1845, and were never returned to the Pension Office, therefore, there are no statements now on file in the Veterans Administration (now in custody of such claims for pension) which were made by John Shepherd when he applied for his pension.

From a few pieces of old correspondence still on file in regard to the pension, it is shown that John Shepherd alleged that he served under Captain Baird and Colonels Allen and Bull in the Pennsylvania line and was discharged from service of more than three years in the Revolutionary War, on a physician's certificate of disability, which certificate was secured by his mother, a nurse in the hospital; her name is not shown.

This claim was not allowed as the soldier failed to furnish proof of service as required by the pension laws, either by record evidence or by comrades in arms.

One B. B. Chapman of Elyria, Lorain County, Ohio, requested information in regard to the matter in 1846, but did not state that he was related to the soldier. It is not shown whether John Shepherd was ever married.

This office has no further data relative to this John Shepherd.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HILLER,
Executive Assistant to the Administrator.

Oct 19, 1905 Letter to
Mrs. Geo T. Stevens, Manistee, Mich.
1934 Nov. 21. Sent to M. Buck Gordon. [illegible]

~~Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1879.~~

REJECTED

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P. O. Port Shepherd

Service:

Enlisted: _____, 18

Discharged: _____, 18

Application filed: _____, 18

Printed list of 1885: Granted & Cert. Rendered Claim. Disallowed cause of suspension: Alleges over 3 yrs. service in the Penn. Line —

~~Re-enlisted:~~ No trace of evidence on any of the records of the Penn. Line adverse to his claim.

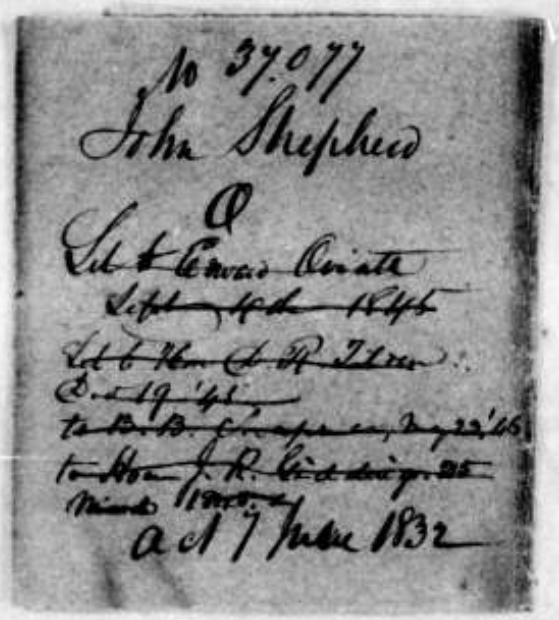
Alleges:

Attorney:

P. O.

_____ Recognized. _____ Contra.

_____ Cert. of Dis. Searched for _____, 18


No 37.077
John Shepherd
Q
Lieut Corps Artillery
Sept 4th 1841
Lieut Hon J R Tilton
Dec 19 '41
to B B Chapman Aug 22 '46
to Hon J R Giddings 25
Nov 1850
act 7 June 1832

March 30. 1848

John Shepherd
Ohio

Wants copy of Patent.
Exam

Hon J. R. Giddings
H R

Suspended Case of
John Shepard of Royalton Ohio
Penn. Line — D37. 349.

by Clerk
March 6th 55

Lexington Ky

March 18. 1848

№ 37177
John Shepherd
A
act 7 June 1832

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Washington D.C. 1845

Sir

Will you do me the favor to enclose me the papers referred to in the enclosed letter of Mr Smith. that I may have them referred to the Committee on invalid pensions

Very Truly
Your Obt Svt
Chas K Gillett

Col. I. L. Edwards

Pension Office
September 4th 1840

Sir,

The papers in the case of John Shepherd under the act of 7 June 1832, have been examined and filed.

The regulations require that all claims shall be asserted before a court of Record in open court unless from bodily infirmity they are unable to attend court, in that case a Judge of a court may act he certifying to the particular disability. Shepherds declaration was made before a Justice of the Peace which is not admissible. His Claim must be asserted in accordance with the above regulation, before any further action can be had on it.

Claimant alleges he served upwards of 3 years in the Pennsylvania Line, under Capt. Baird Lieuts. Allen & Bull. No proof whatever to sustain this allegation has been produced & before his Claim can be allowed he will be required to sustain the same by the testimony of record at Harrisburgh. ~~and to give a duly satisfactory reason for having delayed to assert his~~

to this late day ~~when the~~ means the fact of his
delayed to assert his Claim ~~when~~ to this late day the means of
establishing it by Comrades, ~~dead~~ so rapidly diminishing,
is well Calculated to discredit his Statement unless
a very Satisfactory reason be assigned for such delay
~~the~~ Individual 117 years old who writes his name
with so much accuracy as John Shepherd does in
signing his declaration, cannot be supposed to be
ignorant of the provision made by Government for
rewarding of Revolutionary ~~Services~~ who served during the Revolutionary
War.

Claimants name is not found upon the list
of Men, in this Office, of the Pennsylvania Line.

Ed. Oriale
Esq. 4 Oct

Edward Oriale Esq
Akron
Summit Co
Ohio

March 4, 1846

Recd

Jno. Snyder.
~~Edmund Staats~~

C.

Hon. J. C. Edmunds
Comm'r Pensions
Washington City
D. C.

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Elyria Lorain Co Ohio July 24th 1846

Sir

If the Rules of your office will permit, you will please send me a copy of the letter addressed by you to Edward Oviatt of Akron Ohio in September or October last in answer to the application of John Shepherd of Boylston Cuyahoga Co Ohio for a pension under the act of 1832 said application was made in July or August last

I am very Respectfully Yours

B. B. Chapman

Hon J. S. Edwards
Comm of Pensions

B. B. Chapman

Nov 23, '40?

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Pension Office.
May 23, 1845.

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 24th February last, asking the copy of a letter in the case of John Shepherd, I have to state that the condition of the business of this office does not admit of our furnishing copies of papers in such cases. When a claimant changes his agent he should see that the papers connected with his claim ~~shall~~ pass with the agency.

B. B. Chapman, Esq
Elyria,
Lorain Co. Ohio

25. March 1848.

Hon J. R. Giddings

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Pension Office
March 25th 1848.

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst., requesting a copy of the papers of John Shepherd of Ohio, I have to inform you that the papers were forwarded to the Hon. D. R. Tilden, on the 19th December 1846 since which time they have not been received at this office. Mr Jay's letter is herewith returned.

Hon J. R. Giddings
House of Repts.

1883-

Three Lakes, Mich. Oct 9th 1906

To the Commissioner of Pensions
Washington D.C.

Sir

I write you to know if you can give me any information concerning the subject of the enclosed notice, as he was an applicant for pension. We thought perhaps you might have some record of the same. Any information will be gratefully received. Respectfully,

Mrs Geo. L. Stevens

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March 25, 1846.

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To Hon. J. R. Giddings, House of Representatives.

December 19, 1845.

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To Hon. D. R. Tilden, House of Representatives.

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ALBERT A. CARROLL, SUPERINTENDENT

MEMBER NATIONAL BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION WASHINGTON

RECEIVED OCT 31 1934 MAIL SUB-DIV.

October 29, 1934

Veterans' Administration,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

In order to become a member of the D.A.R. it is necessary for me to possess certain facts concerning my Revolutionary ancestor's line, and a proof of his service. I am advised, if a pension was granted on account of his services, the record would be in your office.

The ancestor I wish a record of is John Shepherd, who was born ten miles from Philadelphia, Pa. on March 16, 1728 and died in Royalton, Ohio, on January 3, 1846. He served as a soldier during the French and Indian War, and was a sergeant under Washington at Braddock's Defeat; was in the battle of Brandywine and Germantown Flats. I am advised he served in Captain Caleb Armitage's company of a Philadelphia battalion of militia, Colonel John Moore commander, as shown on page 677, volume 1, Pennsylvania Archives. In volume 13 of Pennsylvania Archives it is recorded that John Shepherd was taken prisoner and confined in White Church, Philadelphia, later escaping through the efforts of a party of American troops who made an attack on the church at night. For over three years he served as a soldier in the War.

The above information was taken from a Family History of John Shepherd.

If you do not have a record of this man, will you kindly advise where I can write to obtain an official verification of his record.

Very truly yours,

M. Becky Gordon

M. Becky Gordon,
Secretary to A. A. Carroll,
Sup't of Police.

Rejected No.9485,
Rev.War.

Oct. 19, 1905.

Madam:

In reply to your communication dated October 9, 1905, received in this Bureau October 11, 1905, you are advised that from entries on the records in this Bureau it appears that one John Shepherd filed a claim for pension, which was rejected.

He asserted that he served nearly four years in the Pennsylvania line of the Continental Army, and was discharged from the service while in the hospital, upon a certificate from Dr. Rush, obtained by his mother, who was one of the nurses of the hospital.

His claim was rejected on the ground that the above statement (which covers the whole ground of his claim, asserted for the first time) is not only unsupported by any testimony in the papers, but is discredited by the records in this office and at Harrisburg, and by the fact that Dr. Rush resigned in January 1778 and could not have given such a certificate in 1780, when soldier alleges he was discharged after nearly four years' service.

The original papers were returned December 19, 1845, through the Honorable D. R. Tilden, House of Representatives; therefore, the records show no further data.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

Mrs. George L. Stevens,
Three Oaks, Michigan.