

Pension Application for John Shepard

S.42292

Continental-New York Line, Captain John Shepard, Col. Baldwin's Regiment
State of New York
Onondaga County SS.

On this thirteenth day of June 1818, before me, the subscriber, First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the said county of Onondaga, personally appears John Shepard, aged sixty two years, resident in the town of Cicero in the said county, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, 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 for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said John Shepard enlisted in the spring of the year 1777 at Newburgh in the state of New York in the company commanded by Captain James Young under Col. A. Taylor of the United States Quarter Master's department that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the spring of 1778 when Capt. Young left the service & by the appointment of Col. Udney Hay this deponent took command of said company that in the fall of the year 1779 said company was annexed to Col. J. Baldwin's regiment & this Deponent was commissioned by the board of war as Captain of the same in which capacity he served until the year 1781 in the fall when having for some time been in a bad state of health he received a furlough to go home but did not regain his health as to join the army before it was disbanded—and has been an invalid ever since & for about six years impossible of doing any business for his support and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stand in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. (Signed) John Shepard

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid. Joshua Forman, First Judge

Letter dated March 7, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of John Shepard, born in 1756, served in the Revolutionary War from New York, applied for pension from Onondaga County, that state, and died in Cicero, New York.

The record of John Shepard follows as obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.42292, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of soldier's birth and names of his parents are not given.

He enlisted in the spring of 1777, in Newburgh, New York, served in Captain James Young's company, under Colonels A. Taylor and Udney Hay, in the U.S. Quartermaster General's Department, until the spring of 1778, when by appointment of Colonel Udney Hay he took command of the company in place of Captain Young who left the service, and was in the battle of stony Point; in the fall of 1779, he company was annexed to Colonel J. Baldwin's Artillery Artificer Regiment, and John Shepard was commissioned captain of the company, served in that capacity until the fall of 1781, when on account of bad health he secured a furlough from Colonel Baldwin to go home and did not regain his health sufficiently to return to duty in the army.

John Shepard was allowed pension on his application executed June 13, 1818, at which time he was aged sixty-two years and a resident of Cicero, Onondaga County, New York.

In 1820, the soldier was still residing in Cicero, New York, and referred to his wife then aged sixty years, but did not give her name.

John Shepard died January 29, 1822.

On February 28, 1859, the following heirs of John Shepard were named, their relationship to soldier not stated:

Sophia Shepard, wife of L. Nathan Botsford.

Sarah I. Shepard, wife of Myron Stevens, and at that time a resident of Antioch, Lake County,
Illinois.

Almira Shepard, widow of David H. Shepard

Lyda Shepard, widow of Samuel R. Shepard.

Hannah Shepard, wife of Ralph Bingham.

William F. Shepard.