

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives
in Congress assembled.

Your humble petitioner John Shepherd, now residing
in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio,
beg leave to represent, that I was born at a place
near the city of Philadelphia, called Chestnut Hill
on the 16th of March 1729, and that on the 16th of March
ensuing I shall be 83 years old, that in the French
war I enlisted and served in Capt Besslys company
of Pennsylvania, during the campaign, in which
Gen Braddock was defeated, at which defeat, I was
present as a soldier, and acted the part of a
drummer in said company. That in the spring
of the year 1776, I enlisted and served, for the period
of one year in the 2^d Regiment of the Pennsylvania
Line, commanded by Lt. Col William Allen, that in the
year 1777 I enlisted in the 3^d Regiment Pennsylvania
line commanded by Col Thomas Craig, for the period
of 3 years or during the war, such being the terms of
this enlistment, and faithfully served in said 3^d.

Regiment, for more than 3 years, and until I became
sick and disabled, when I was lodged in the Hospital
in the city of Philadelphia, where being wholly crippled
with very severe rheumatic complaints, by the recommendation
of Doct. Benjamin Rush, I obtained a written discharge
from the army, from General Benedict Arnold, then
a commanding officer in the city of Philadelphia,
but this discharge, with all the property I possessed, was
burnt with my dwelling house, at a place called
Williamsport, on the west branch of the Susquehanna
in Pennsylvania some 25 or 26 years ago. That, until recently
with a riged of body, uncommon to a man of my years
I have been enabled to perform the duties of a

I have now since occasionally suffered, I am now almost
entirely helpless and wholly destitute of property,
and dependent on charity for my support.

With these claims and combined by my infirmities
and poverty, I earnestly pray, most venerable bodies
to be placed on the pension list of revolutionary
soldiers.

John Shepherd

The State of Ohio

Cuyahoga County, } February 22nd 1832

Personally appeared before me, the above named
John Shepherd, the signer of the foregoing petition
and to me personally known, and having been
duly sworn, made solemn oath, that the facts
by him stated, in the foregoing petition are true.

Sam^l Williamson A. J. Judge

This may certify, that for several years past, I have been personally, and familiarly acquainted, with the above named John Shepherd, and take pleasure in stating, that his character for truth and veracity and industry and good habits, is irreproachable, that by the community, in which he lives, he is held in veneration, for his surprising age, and reputed revolutionary services, of which no doubt are entertained. That, being, as he is now, entirely destitute of the means of support, and in a state of extreme poverty, much public feeling exists in favor of his application to be placed on the pension list.

Sam^r M. Markweather
Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 24th 1832.

John Shepley
Petition for Pension

Mar. 6. 1832

Ref^d to Com^{rs} on Rev. Pensions

May 7. 1832. Com^{rs} decided to do

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