

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Shepherd R9482

Eleanor

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State of Virginia County of Culpeper to wit

On this twelfth day of March 1846 personally appeared before us the undersigned justices of the peace in and for the aforesaid County Eleanor Shepherd a resident of the aforesaid County aged eighty-seven years my last birthday which was the * __ who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July the 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of John Shepherd deceased late of the aforesaid County who was a Soldier of the revolution and served as herein after stated that he the said John Shepherd was a resident of Fauquier County Virginia when he entered the service in the said Revolution, that she lived in the neighborhood in which Mr. Shepherd her said husband resided in Fauquier County Virginia before he entered the Service of said war that she was well acquainted with him, that she was engaged to be married to him before the war, And she remembers distinctly that he came home to see her twice during the time of his service in said war and she supposes he came at the end of each term of service, but she cannot tell whether he her said husband served in the Militia State Service or Continental establishment ^{and not know} whether he was drafted, substitute or volunteer and although she remembers to have heard her said husband often speak of his Officers that it has been so long ago that she cannot now recollect his Officers neither does she remember what length of time he was in service but recollects that it was a great while – several years, that she remembers that he was in service early in the war that she recollects to have heard him speak of being in several battles but she does not recollect the name of the battles as it has been a good while since her said husband's death. That she recollects to have heard him speak of persons of the name of Preston [?] and Lunus [?] who served with him and she distinctly recollects to have heard him mention the name of Henry ^{or Harry} Allen who was in service with him. And she remembers distinctly to have heard him often speak of the battle of Bunker Hill bus he was in said battle and she remembers to have heard him state that the water at that or some other battle which he was in was all stained with human blood – that there were a great many persons killed in the said battle and she remembers the name of Cliffin who served with her said husband in the war that he has always been reputed to have been a Soldier of the Revolution. That her said husband died on the 17th day of April 1823. That she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim – that she does not know of any person now living whose testimony she can procure who can testify to the service of her said husband. She further declares that she was married to the said John Shepherd on the 29th day of December 1790 as will more fully appear from the record herewith sent accompanied by the affidavit of the person in whose possession it has been kept since the death of her husband in whose handwriting the records stands. And that her husband the aforesaid John Shepherd died on the 17th day of April

18 23 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794 viz. on the 29th day of December 1790 and that she has never been married since the death of her husband.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Eleanor Shepherd, X her mark

*She has no record of her age but she states it to be 89 years from the best sources of information. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Eleanor Shepherd, X her mark

[f p. 9: Elijah Shepherd authenticated the family record kept by his father John Shepherd



[family record]

John Shepherd betook Self to Ellanner his wife 29 day of december in the yare of 1790
first son

Thomas Shepherd son of John Shepherd and Ellanner his wife was born 11 day of
October in the yare 1791

first daughter

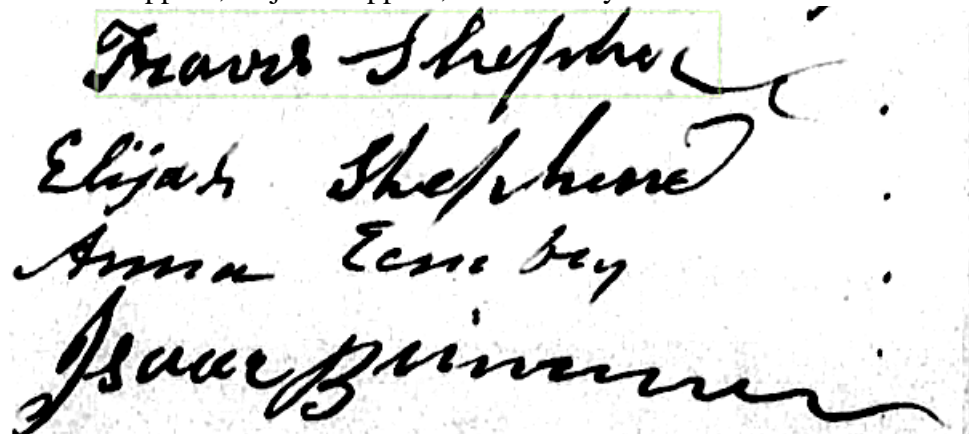
Anna Shepherd daughter of John Shepherd and Ellanner his wife was born the [illegible]
second

John Shepherd son of John Shepherd and Ellanner his wife born the 1 day of [illegible] in
the yare of 1794

betsey Jentle Shepherd daughter of John Shepherd and Ellanner his wife was born the 20
day of may in the yare of 1796

Travis Shepherd Son of John Shepherd and Ellanner his wife was [illegible]

[f p. 3: Power of attorney dated October 27th, 1854 executed in Culpeper County Virginia by
Travis Shepperd, Elijah Shepperd, Anna Embry & Isaac Brimmer



[f p. 5: Certificate dated November 7, 1854 of the clerk of court of Culpeper County Virginia that
Travis Shepperd, Elijah Shepperd and Anna Embry of the children of John Shepperd, reputed a
soldier, and that Isaac Brimmer is the son-in-law of the reputed soldier.]

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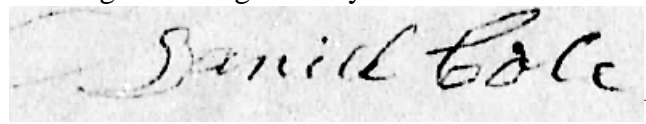
State of Virginia County of Culpeper to wit

I Peter Triplett¹ a Citizen of the aforesaid County certify under oath to the following facts in relation to the services of Mr. John Shepherd late of the aforesaid County but formerly of Fauquier County, Virginia in the War of the Revolution. I was well acquainted with the said John Shepherd Deceased prior to the said Revolution that he was born and raised in the County of Fauquier Virginia and I always considered him a [indecipherable word] man at the beginning of said Revolution. That he was himself in the Continental service and recollects distinctly to have seen the aforesaid John Shepherd Deceased in service in the State of New Jersey at a place called Wet Camps in said State of New Jersey in the year 1778. That he had been two years in service himself when he saw said Shepherd at the said Wet Camps in the Said State of New Jersey at which Camps his Army had a battle with the enemy under ___ & just as the armies engaged in said battle & fought about ten minutes the rain descended the engagement ceased and the rain continued to fall for eight days and nights without intermission and further states that he saw with the said Shepherd at the said Wet Camps in the said year 1778 a number of his old acquaintances from Fauquier & Culpeper counties and he further understood in Camp and shortly after seeing Mr. Shepherd at the said Wet Camps to have heard that he was at a place called Rudners Meeting house in the said State of New Jersey. Sworn to and subscribed this 12th day of March 1846 and further states that he always found the aforesaid John Shepperd to be a man of truthfulness and honesty and that he the said Shepperd always supported a fair character in his neighborhood.

Sworn to and subscribed this 12th day of March 1846

S/ Peter H. Triplett, X his mark

[f p. 15: There is another affidavit given by Daniel Cole² which in large part is illegibly faint but I could make out the following by way of summary: that the affiant became acquainted with the veteran a few years after the revolution and continued to know him until his death about 23 years ago; that they frequently conversed about their services during the revolution; that the veteran stated he enlisted under Colonel Washington early in the said war and was transferred to Morgan's Regiment or company and went to the South; heard the veteran speak of being in frequent scouting parties; that he recalls the veteran staying he was in the service for several years during the war; that the veteran stated he was several years older than the affiant and the affiant gives his age as 82 years.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Cole". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent 'D' at the start and a 'C' at the end. The signature is positioned above a closing bracket ']'.

[f p. 24

This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol.

¹ [Peter H. Triplett W2706](#)

² [Daniel Cole S8236](#)

10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 7th day of July 1786 in the name of John Shepherd as Sol. Inf. And evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £17.12.11 delivered to Edward Valentine but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
13th day of November 1854

S/ G. W. Clutten

Audr. Pub. Accts.

[No Seal of Office]

[The [Virginia State Library](#) has a 27-page record of a pension granted to a soldier named John Shepherd who was wounded in the course of service in the militia during the revolution. The documents do not give any details regarding his service or his wound. It is impossible to tell whether this record relates to the veteran described in the documents above, but my best guess is that they do not.]