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# Land Grant Application- Shepherd, Lewis (Portland)

Lewis Shepherd

Elizabeth Shepherd

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114  
Elizabeth Shepards

Lot No 90 Indian Bucken No 2  
Selected by John Miller  
~~March~~ 10. 1836

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Conveyed to John Miller  
March 15. 1836

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Deed all to him

STATE OF MAINE.

LAND OFFICE,

Augusta, Aug. 31, 1835

No. 114,  
I HEREBY CERTIFY,

That Elizabeth Shepherd  
(widow of Lewis Shepherd)  
of Portland in the County of Cumberland  
by declaration sworn to on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. instant,

(See claim N<sup>o</sup>. 440.)  
and other accompanying evidence has satisfactorily proved her claim  
to the benefits of a "Resolve in favor of certain officers and soldiers  
of the Revolutionary war and the widows of deceased officers and  
soldiers;" approved March 17, A. D. 1835, and that "the lawful  
holder" of this certificate is entitled, under said Resolve, to TWO  
HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND.

*Wm. H. Brown* Land Agent of Maine.

*Wm. H. Brown*  
Countersigned  
*Am. M. [Signature]*

Know all men by these presents I Elizabeth Shepherd of Portland in the county of Cumberland & State of Maine, widow, in consideration of sum of one hundred dollars to me paid by Elizabeth Pier wife Peter Pier of the same Portland Truckman, have granted, bargained, transferred & assigned, and do hereby make over & assign to the said Elizabeth Pier, her heirs, executors and administrators the within certificate from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, No 1114, and dated August 26<sup>th</sup> 1835, with all the rights, privilege and benefit that may be obtained thereby; and I do hereby grant to her the said Elizabeth Pier, her heirs and assigns, full power and authority to demand and receive the deed to which I am entitled by virtue of the within certificate.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty second day of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & thirty five.

Signed, sealed & delivered  
in presence of us.

David Quimby  
Jennett C. P. Barnett

Elizabeth Shepherd  
mark



Cumberland Co. October 22, 1835 Personally appears Elizabeth Shepherd and acknowledges the above instrument by her signed to be her free act and deed — Before me David Quimby, Justice of the Peace.

Know all men by these presents that I Reuben Ruby atty to Peter Bear and Elizabeth Bear, in consideration of one hundred Dollars to me paid by John Miller of Warren County of Vermont do here by sell assign transfer & make over to herne the said Miller all the right title and interest that the above named Peter & Elizabeth has in & to the within certificate & the said Miller is hereby authorized to receive a deed of the Land Agent of the State of Vermont of one of land  
March 10<sup>th</sup> 1836  
Reuben Ruby  
Nathan O. Frost

Know all Men by these Presents that we Peter  
Pier and Elisabeth his wife, of the City of Portland  
in the state of Maine, labourers, have made, constituted,  
and appointed and by these presents do make, constitute  
and appoint Phoebe Ruby of the said City of Portland,  
Yeoman, to be our lawful Attorney for us and in our name  
and to our use, to bargain, sell and convey our title  
to a grant of land consisting of two-hundred acres  
which grant of land is numbered 114 through Claim  
1440 given by John Hodgdon, in his capacity of  
Land Agent of Maine dated the 31 of August 1835 at  
the Land Office, to Elisabeth Shepherd widow of  
Lewis Shepherd of said Portland in pursuance of  
the Resolution approved March 17. AD 1835 - Under  
which Elisabeth Shepherd we are the proprietors  
for a lawful consideration. And in our names to make execute  
and deliver any deed necessary to a conveyance of our interests in said grant.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands  
and seals this the                      day of March A.D. one-thousand  
eight-hundred and thirty-six.

Witness

Samuel Henderson

Peter Pier

Elisabeth Pier

State of Maine March 7. 1835.

Personally appeared before me the  
within named Peter Pie and Elizabeth  
his wife to be their free and lawful act.

Samuel Townsend Justice of Peace

Ely's Shepherd 440,  
widow of Lewis Shepherd,

Filed Aug. 31, 1835,

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Admitted, Certificate No.  
114. sp. Aug. 31, 1835. —

Recd. Aug. 31, 1835. Certificate  
No. 114. for Ely's Shepherd. —  
Samuel Staples

S. Staples

I, Elizabeth Shepherd of Portland in the county of Cumberland & State of Maine, aged 84 years do upon oath declare, in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 17<sup>th</sup> 1835, entitled as Resolve in favor of certain Officers & Soldiers of the Revolutionary war, and the Widows of the deceased Officers & Soldiers, that I am the widow of Lewis Shepherd late of said Portland deceased, who died at said Portland on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November A. 1832, That I have reason to believe & do believe that my said husband did enlist in the Revolutionary Army, and Massachusetts Line, in the company of Captain John Skillin as a private in a Regiment (the Colonels name not remembered by me) for the term of three years, & that he performed his full term of service & was regularly discharged, after his discharge, I lived with my said husband in the towns of Scarborough & Portland now in the State of Maine until his decease, having been lawfully married to him in the town of Scarborough in the year 1774. I do further on oath declare, that I have reason to believe and do believe that my said late husband Lewis Shepherd was at the time of his enlistment an inhabitant of Scarborough in said county

and that I do know that he was, at the time of his decease, after said an inhabitant of said State of Maine, residing in Portland after said, where he had resided for about thirty years before his decease. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that neither my said husband, nor any one claiming under him did receive, (nor have I received since his decease, a grant of land or money in lieu thereof from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for his said service, or any other service during the revolutionary war, and that I am justly entitled to the full benefit of said Resolve.

Sarah J. Sheppard }  
David Dumbly }

State of Maine.

Cumberland, ss. Subscribed & sworn to this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August A. 1835.

Before me David Dumbly Justice of the Peace.

State of Maine: Cumberland, ss. I certify that satisfactory evidence has been adduced, the above named Elizabeth Shepherd was the lawful wife, and is the widow of the abovenamed Lewis Shepherd, deceased.

Barrett Potter Judge of Probate



I, Samuel Fitts of Portland in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, age 73 years, on oath declare, that I am well acquainted with Mrs. Elizabeth Shepherd of said Portland, widow, who has made application to the Land Agent of the State of Maine for a grant of two hundred acres of land, as the widow of Lewis Shepherd a revolutionary Soldier, late of said Portland, deceased, under the Resolve of the Legislature passed March 17, 1835, — and have known her for more than thirty years last past as the wife of the said Lewis Shepherd during his life time, and as his widow since his decease in the year 1832 — and have always understood and have never heard it doubted or questioned by any one, but that the said Elizabeth was the lawful and faithful wife of the said Lewis Shepherd, and that she is now as his widow, justly entitled to the benefit of the Resolve aforesaid. Sam<sup>l</sup> Fitts

State of Maine.

Cumberland, ss.

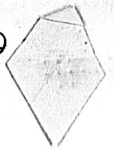
Portland August 26. 1835,

Then the above named Samuel Fitts a person of a good character for truth & veracity, personally appeared, and was duly sworn to the foregoing deposition by him signed,

Before me David Quimby Justice of the Peace

Know all men by these presents, that I, Elizabeth Shepherd  
of Portland in the county of Cumberland, & State of Maine, widow  
being the person by whom the preceding declaration was made,  
do hereby constitute and appoint Samuel Staples Jr of Gorham  
in said county, my true & lawful attorney, for me, and in my  
name, to receive from the land Agent of the State of Maine, such  
certificate as he may issue to me, in virtue of a resolve of said  
State passed March 17, 1835, entitled a Resolve in favor of certain  
Officers & Soldiers of the revolutionary war, and the Widows of the  
deceased Officers & Soldiers, to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled.  
And my said Attorney is hereby authorized & empowered upon the  
receipt of the certificate for me, and in my name, to execute  
such receipt or acknowledgment therefor, as I might, were I per-  
sonally present with power of substitution. Hereby ratifying  
& confirming whatever my said Attorney shall do by virtue hereof.  
Witness my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of August D. 1835  
Signed, Sealed and delivered }  
in presence of }  
David Quimby }  
Sarah J. Shepherd }

Elizabeth <sup>her</sup> Shepherd  
mark.



State of Maine.  
Cumberland Co. Be it known, that on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August  
D. 1835 Before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said County  
personally appears the abovenamed Elizabeth Shepherd and acknowledges  
the foregoing power of attorney by her signed, to be her free act  
and deed. In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name the  
day and year above mentioned. David Quimby Justice of the Peace

Lewis Shepard  
private.

Col Juppis Regt  
Massachusetts Line

From 20 Jan'y 1777  
to 20 Jan'y 1780  
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777 warr 440  
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Requested by Elizabeth  
Shepard

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> William H. Davis, District Judge of the United States  
for Maine District. Respectfully shews... Lewis Shephard of  
Scarborough, in said Maine District, that he served as a soldier in the  
War of the Revolution three years in the Continental Establishment, that  
he yet is a resident Citizen of the United States at Scarborough aforesaid,  
and that by reason of your applicants reduced Circumstances in life, he  
is in need of assistance from his Country for support. And your  
applicant further represents, that in the service aforesaid, he belonged  
in his said Capacity of a private to Capt Thomas Company of Col.  
Supper Regt of the Mass line, that he entered the service on or about  
the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Jan<sup>y</sup> one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven,  
and that he left said service on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Jan<sup>y</sup> one  
thousand seven hundred and eighty, was discharged at West Point by  
Maj<sup>r</sup> Knapp & that he is eighty years of age. In proof of the discharge  
herewith accompanies this affidavit. Wherefore, inasmuch as  
your applicant, as he verily believes, comes under the provisions of  
the act, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the  
land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war,"  
he prays your Honor to institute an inquiry into the Circumstances  
of his case, and that such further proceedings may be had touching  
the premises as are prescribed by law, in order that your appli-  
cant may be placed on the pension list of the United States.

(Signed) Lewis Shephard

United States of America, Maine District, ss. Be it known, that on  
the twenty eighth day of April one thousand eight hundred and  
eighteen, personally came before me, William H. Davis, District Judge  
of the United States for the Maine District Lewis Shephard the above  
named applicant, and made oath to the several statements by him  
made in the foregoing application by him signed and true. And the  
said Lewis Shephard further offers in evidence the affidavit of William  
Hobbs, an officer of the Revolutionary Army, sworn to before me, and  
also a part of his original discharge. Whereupon, it does appear to  
the satisfaction of me the said Judge that the said Lewis Shephard  
did serve in the Revolutionary war as alleged in his application,  
against the Common enemy, and that by reason of his reduced Circum-  
stances in life, he is in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

The testimony whereof I the said Judge, have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the seal of the District Court of the United States for the Maine  
District, to be hereunto affixed, this twenty eighth day of April in  
the year of our Lords One thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen, and  
of the Independence of the United States the Forty-second

(Signed) Abner H. Parvies.

Personally appeared William Hasty and made oath that  
he was well acquainted with Lewis Shephard in the Revolu-  
tionary War, and well knows that the affidavit by him  
subscribed is just and true in all its parts, having served  
in the same Company with which said Hasty was a Lieut.

(Signed) Wm Hasty

West Point Army Co. 1780 - Lewis Shephard late of the  
11<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment in the Service of the United States  
term of enlistment is expired (he being a good soldier while in  
said Regt. and service) therefore is discharged from said Regt.  
and Service, and has liberty to return home to Scarborough,  
Massachusetts State [the balance torn off]

I hereby Certify that the foregoing pages numbered One  
and two are truly Copied from the original on file in the  
Pension Office, War Department, and I do further Certify  
that it appears from the records of revolutionary service of  
Colonel Juppins Regiment, Massachusetts Line deposited  
in said Office, that Lewis Shephard enlisted in Cap-  
tain "Horn's" Company on the 20 January 1777. For three  
years, and was discharged on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1780.

Ben L Beale

October 15. 1835

I hereby Certify that Benjamin L Beale, who is employed  
by the said Agent of the State of Maine, under a Reso-  
lution of the Legislature of that State, approved by the  
Governor on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1835, to obtain from the  
Pension Office certain documents and records, has made  
as full an examination in the case of Lewis Shephard as

