



Office of the  
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Mr. Charles Phebus  
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Dear Compatriot Phebus,

My good friend Col Jack Westbrook has shared the information of your marking the grave of your ancestor John Shepherd in North Royalton Ohio this coming June 26-27, 2010.

It is amazing that John Shepherd served with Washington in the French & Indian War then was at Valley Forge in the Revolution with General Washington. This is an American story that should be shared. It is remarkable all that this man endured and lived to be 118 years of age.

Since John Shepherd was at Valley Forge we would welcome an article for our newsletter The Encampment and would welcome you as a member. We would be happy to help in this effort to honor a great American Patriot in any way.

In Your Service, I am,

Timothy Eldridge Massey  
Commander in Chief

Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge