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Appendix 5

Copy of Statement presented to the Legislature of Massachusetts on behalf of the Societies of Shakers in Harvard and Shirley in said State in February 1840. [I:A-7, OCIWHI]

Agreeable to the Act of Congress March 18, 1818 relating to Revolutionary Pensions, who are and were members of the United Societies, called Shakers in the Societies aforesaid, and were entitled to pensions of the following amount with Interest inclusive.

Amos Buttrick	4143.30
Samuel Whitney	4143.30
Abijah Worster	4143.30
Samuel Banette	2691.71
Gideon Hammond	2691.71
David Melvin	2219.67
John Warner	2219.67
Levi Warner	669.63
Jonathan Henry	669.63
Nathaniel Turner	541.16
	\$24,133.08

Agreeable to Act of Congress June 14, 1832 relating to Revolutionary Pensioners the following persons, members of the Societies aforesaid were entitled to pensions of the following amounts Interest inclusive—

Benjamin Winchester	479.37
Jonathan Crouch	497.37
Samuel Blood	940.15
Joseph Wyeth	275.20
	\$2192.09

Agreeable to act of Court Amos Buttrick (He was an officer & lost one eye) was entitled to an additional pension during life of \$40.00 per year which would now with Interest inclusive to the sum of—

	\$15,251.66
And brot forwd	\$24,133.16
	\$41,576.91

The above pensioners are of the Society of Shakers of Harvard and Shirley. The two Societies comprising about 300 members and are about 3/7ths of all belonging in this State and in the same ratio as the amounts are for these two Societies, all of the Societies, in this state would now be entitled to \$95,005.75. Of the said sum nothing has been sought in consequence of the conscientious scruples of the above named persons, agreeable to the established faith and principles of said united Societies of which they became members.

Signed

Seth Blanchard

Simon T. Atherton

Jonas Nutting

Daniel Willard

In behalf of the Societies

Appendix 6

[Richard McNemar's Memorial to the New Lebanon Ministry concerning Military Pensions, December 16, 1833.]

[Item 301, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress]

Highly respected Ministry }
Watervliet Monday Dec. 16. 1833.

Agreeably to your request I now take up my pen to present you my views or rather my Reviews of the subject of pensions with respect to the letter which you presented us on that subject. On the perusal of that important letter, I received no sudden impulse to bias & my either way, as respected the propriety or impropriety of Believers claiming the benefits of the congressional act of 1832. I simply desired a recess for deliberation that the subject should be well considered before a final decree should be passed or any permanent rule established. The gift that had "stood good for more than 50 years, was not declared to be unalterable; but admitting that there might be another gift quite different, It was very justly questioned whether due information ought not to have been given why and wherefore.

Now waiving any comment on the preceding gift or attempting to call in question its propriety for the time being, the latter ministration