James H. Shepard register of Civil War pension applications, November 1891-November 1892

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Overview of the Collection

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Date (inclusive): November 1891-November 1892
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Recorder: Shepard, James H., 1843-1917
Researcher: Owen, Ray
Physical Description: 1.2 linear feet, 1 oversize flat box (5 x 33 x 41 cm)
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Abstract: This collection contains several items related to the work of San Francisco pension attorney James L. Shepard (born Jan. 1843 in Bergen, New Jersey; died Apr. 10, 1917, in Oakland, Calif.). The primary item is a ledger book of clients containing 559 chronological name entries from Nov. 9, 1891 to Nov. 7, 1892 of Civil War veterans that identifies them by name, service unit, residence, pension application/certificate numbers, disability and other data. The collection includes a partially-completed form filled out by Abby (aka Abbie) L. McChesney (nee Abigail Lincoln Hunt; Aug. 31 1856-Oct. 5, 1917) of San Francisco, Calif., widow of Robert Watson McChesney (Aug. 17, 1831-Nov. 23, 1908), full 2nd Sergeant in Company B, Iowa 36th Infantry Regiment. Also included are a memo from Ray Owen, researcher, to Tony Hoskins, Local History and Genealogy Librarian, dated Aug. 5, 2014, providing a summary of information on Shepard, and several pages of background information printed from Ancestry.com and other sources.

Alternate title of ledger: Register of Civil War pension applications,
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Access Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection.
Geographic Terms
California--Genealogy
United States--History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Veterans

Topical Terms
Military pensions--California--History--19th century
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Veterans--California--Registers
Veterans--United States--Registers
Survivors' benefits--California--History--19th century

Genre and Format Terms
Registers (lists)
Application forms
Archival materials

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Custodial History
Ledger book and form likely donated to the Sonoma County Museum by the Shepard family.