

The Shepherds are an old Virginia family. Mr. [Nathan B] Shepherd's grandparents were William and Olivia P Emery Shepherd both natives of Virginia the former born August 18 1788 and the latter August 19 1788. They married in Virginia July 14 1809 and became the parents of eight children. From Virginia they sought homes in the Northwest country were pioneers in Franklin County Ohio and about 1838 came to Northeastern Indiana and located in a wilderness home in section 36 of Wabash Township. William Shepherd was a man of substantial means and enterprise and accumulated here some 1,200 or 1,400 acres of land He was a prosperous business man and a leading citizen in the community and died in this county June 17 1862. His wife passed away April 25 1856. William Shepherd also had a patriotic record having served his country in the War of 1812 and it was during that war that he gained his first knowledge of the country north of the River Ohio. He served at the siege of Fort Meigs and at the siege of Toledo.

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The paternal grandparents of [Nathan B Shepherd] our subject, William and Olivia P. Shepherd were married in Virginia July 14, 1809, and of the eight children born to them all are deceased. They removed to Franklin County, Ohio, in an early day, being among the first settlers. They immigrated to Indiana about the year 1838, settling on section 36, Wabash Township, Adams County, where the father entered some 1,200 or 1,400 acres of land, living there till his death, which occurred June 17, 1862. His wife died April 25, 1856. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was at the siege of Fort Meigs and also at the siege of Toledo, beside other engagements.

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