

*Lepper, John
 of De Witt, Iowa
 Monument & Memorial*

A BILL

FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ERECTION OF A MONUMENT IN ELMWOOD CEMETERY, DE WITT, IOWA, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE MEMORY OF ONE JOHN LEPPER, AND PROVIDING THE METHOD OF SUCH ERECTION.

WHEREAS, The remains of one John Lepper, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, died in Clinton County, Iowa, in 1840, and his remains lie buried in a field, on the north-west quarter (N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$) of the south-west quarter (S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$) of section one (1), township eighty-one (81) north, range three (3) east of the 5th P. M., the exact location being unknown, with no stone or monument of any sort to mark the place of his sepulchre, and

WHEREAS, At a meeting of the citizens of De Witt, Iowa, called for the purpose of taking action relative to the formation of a "John Lepper Memorial Association" for the purpose of procuring the erection of a suitable monument in memory of said John Lepper, and at which meeting such an association was perfected, and officers elected to conduct the business thereof, therefore,

Be it Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That there be, and there is, hereby appropriated out of any funds not otherwise appropriated the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or so much thereof as may be required, for the purpose of erecting in Elmwood cemetery at De Witt, Iowa, a suitable monument in commemoration of his memory, and service to his country of this old Revolutionary soldier and patriot.

SEC. 2. That the three principal officers of said association, to wit: W. A. Cotton, Pres., Addie M. Lee, Secy., and W. H. Schlabach, Treas., are hereby authorized to purchase said monument and cause it to be erected in a suitable and conspicuous place in said cemetery.

The material to be used and the manner of construction shall be such as to render the monument durable and permanent; and it shall bear a brief and concise statement, as far as known, of his service as a soldier, date of his birth, death and burial, and such other inscription as to said persons may be known, or deemed suitable. Also a statement of the fact that the monument is erected by the State of Iowa, assisted by the said "John Lepper Memorial Association of De Witt, Iowa."

SEC. 3. The material, style and cost of said monument shall be determined by said associa-

2 tion acting through said committee except that the entire cost, when said work is completed,
3 shall not exceed the amount of this appropriation, and, provided further, that the monument
4 shall be placed on a suitable site, the lot to be donated by the Elmwood Cemetery Association
5 of De Witt, Iowa, and, provided further, that no part of this appropriation shall be used either
6 for the purchase of ground or for superintendence.

7 The Auditor of State shall issue a warrant on the State Treasurer, payable to said
8 parties, for such sum as shall be required to pay for the erection thereof, provided for in this act,
9 when the committee having the erection of said monument in charge shall file in said Auditor's
10 office a statement showing that said monument has been purchased and erected in accordance
11 with the provisions of this act, which statement shall show a detailed account of the cost of
12 said work.