

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Stephenson VAS4480
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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

John Stephenson a Sergeant in the Illinois service begs leave to present his claim for Land Bounty, to the Executive of Virginia, for a service of three years.

In support thereof he refers to the affidavit of John Smothers [W26475], & the Report of Mr. Commissioner Smith No 4 page 21.

State of Kentucky } towit
Morgan County }

Personally appeared John Smothers before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath that while he served in the Revolutionary war in the army Commanded by Gen'l George Rogers Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark VAS269] he became and was intimately acquainted with one John Stephenson, a sergeant who also was engaged as such in said service at the same time & I do further certify that said John Smothers is a credible witness Given under my and this 11th day June 1834
G B Wade JPMC

Petition for bounty land

John Stephenson, Serg't Illinois Reg.

John Stephenson was a Sergeant of Illinois volunteers; and was in service under Capt. John Williams [W6511], at Kaskaskia & other Posts from July 12th 1778 to May 31st 1779 until after the taking of the British Posts in the Illinois Country (see payroll of Capt Jno Williams' Company – Vol 1st Illinois Papers)

John Smothers, a credible witness says that he was intimately acquainted with John Stephenson a Serg't in the Illinois service, & knew him while he was engaged in said service.

I have heretofore reported favourably of this claim.

To Gov'r Tazewell

Resp'y submitted
John H Smith Com'r &c
Aug't 4th 1834