

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Smuthers (Smothers, Smithers) R9880

f10VA

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Note: The affidavit which contains some details of this veteran's service is mistakenly filed in the file relating to John Smuthers/Smethers/Smithers FPA W26475, p. 31, as follows:

Statement made by John Smuthers relative to his Revolutionary Services viz.

I enlisted for during the war in Fredericksburg Virginia and served on board the Rogally [sic, row galley?] built at Fredericksburg under Captain White until she was taken by the enemy soon after she went to sea, and I was a prisoner on board a British ship seven weeks and was exchanged to the land service under Colonel Green in Captain Minor's Company thinks it was the 21st Regiment was at the battle of Kings Mountain under Colonel Mathers or Mathews in Captain Dudley's Company was at the surrender of York Town and served during the war and was discharged by General Weeden [George Weedon] my papers was burnt together with my house I have traveled more than eight hundred miles to procure a living witness to prove my actual service and I and [word obliterated and illegible] present of other witnesses

Henrico County to wit

This day John Smuthers personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing statement is true.

Given under my hand and seal this 18th day of August 1841

S/ Jno R. Burton, JP

[The correspondence in this file appears to me to relate to the claim of John Smuthers/Smethers/Smithers FPA W26475 who lived in Morgan County, Ky. This veteran PROBABLY lived in Virginia as the only hint we have is the attestation by a justice of the peace in Henrico County [presumably, Virginia].]