

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Smithers S17682

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State of Indiana Dearborn County: SS

On this 4th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Dearborn Circuit Court now sitting William Smithers a resident of Lawrenceburgh Township and Dearborn and State of Indiana aged ninety-one years the 22nd day of December next who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in the County of Stafford Virginia the 22nd of December 1741 he has a family Record that he was born on the day and at the place aforesaid.

That he was drafted on the first tour of Virginia militia time not recollected served 2 months in Captain Legs [sic, perhaps Capt. John Legg's of Spotsylvania County?] Company marched to Richmond stayed about one week then to Cabin Point then to Portsmouth was discharged at Petersburg we were commanded by Colonel George Stubblefield.

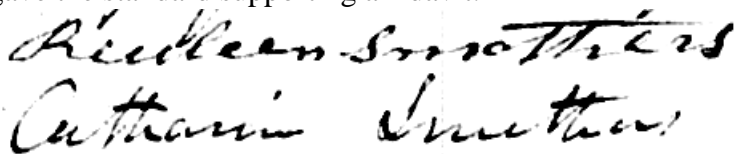
That he was drafted a second time under the same Captain Colonel McWilliams [perhaps Lt. Colonel William McWilliams of Spotsylvania County?] Marched to __ thence ordered to march through Culpepper [County] to meet the British and was discharged having served two months.

He was afterwards drafted under the same Captain Colonel Shew or Chew, went to guard the prisoners from York to Winchester and was there discharged having served two months making in all six months, that perhaps his name be enrolled on the Virginia Rolls that is if any were kept of the drafted men. I was living at Stafford County Virginia when drafted & lived there after the War for some time then removed to Franklin County Kentucky where I resided about 22 years then to Indiana where I have resided the last 18 years. I have no documentary evidence nor discharges if ever any high know of no person now living who can testify to my service. I am old, poor and unable to send or examine therefore I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed in open court October 1832

S/ James Dill, Clk

S/ William Smithers, X his mark

[Reuben Smithers and Catharine Smithers of Lawrenceburg Township Dearborn County Indiana gave the standard supporting affidavit.



veteran is not stated.]

Their relationship if any to the

[Facts in file: veteran died May 14, 1833; there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia.]