Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Matthew Smith BLWt200-300
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Virginia, Frederick County  Ss

On this day Edward Smith Esq personally appeared before me William Davison one of the Justices of the peace in & for the County aforesaid and made oath as followeth that Matthew Smith formerly an officer in the continental line during the revolutionary war received a wound at the battle of german town in the year [blank; Battle of Germantown PA, 4 Oct 1777] & of which wound he died soon after in the Town of Reading in the State of Pennsylvania. That the said Matthew Smith never was married & that by the then existing Laws of Virginia Augustine I. Smith the son of Augustine Smith, the elder Brother of the said Matthew, became his Heir, & as such has always been acknowledged by his relations – To the truth of the above statement the said Edward Smith Esq. made oath & added his signature this 18th day of March 1805 [signed] E Smith

Whereas Matthew Smith deceased late a Captain in the first Regiment of the Continental Line of the State of Virginia on the passing of a certain Bill now before Congress, into a Law of the United States will be entitled to a Land Warrant for Three hundred Acres of Land in the Tract allotted for satisfying United States army bounty Lands; and whereas Augustine I. Smith of the County of Fairfax in the State of Virginia Heir at Law of said Matthew Smith for divers just and good causes thereunto him moving and for five shillings in hand to him paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged [several illegible words] Indenture bearing date the twenty first day of February one thousand eight hundred and five doth assign sell, give and set over unto John Smith of Frederick County in the State of Virginia to him his heirs and assigns forever all and singular, the warrant for Three hundred Acres of Land, and the said Augustine I. Smith doth hereby request and authorise the issuing of a Land Warrant for the said three hundred Acres in the Name of John Smith Assignee of Augustine I Smith Heir at Law of Matthew Smith aforesaid.

[signed] Aug I Smith

NOTE: A typed summary from the Pension Office includes the following: “The records of this office show that Matthew Smith was a Captain in the 1st Virginia Regiment, and was wounded at the battle of Germantown, when carrying a flag by order of General Washington, to ‘Chew’s House’, which wound caused his death about three weeks later in Reading, Pennsylvania.”