**WAR OF 1812 GRAVE MARKING FOR PAST VIRGINIA**

**GOVERNOR, COLONEL JAMES PATTEN PRESTON**

**On 28 May 2012, at 1 PM Historic Smithfield, home of Rev War Leader William Preston and War of 1812 Col James Patton Preston will be conducting a grave marking for Col Preston. Preston was not only a Colonel in the War of 1812 but Governor of Virginia from 1816-1819.**

**The Smithfield Foundation has invited the Virginia Society of the War of 1812 to be present at the ceremony. The Governor of Virginia has been invited. The public is welcomed.**

### Smithfield is located at 1000 Smithfield Plantation Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060. The site is adjacent to the Virginia Tech campus in the heart of Blacksburg, Virginia, 9 miles from Interstate 81.

Directions:

From the East (from Roanoke, Floyd, Wytheville, etc.):

* From I-81, take exit 118-B.
* Follow Route 460 Bypass towards Virginia Tech.
* Turn right at Southgate Drive (Route 314) onto the Virginia Tech campus.
* Take your first left onto Duck Pond Drive.
* Follow the signs to Historic Smithfield (left turn).

From the West (from Giles County or West Virginia):

* Take Route 460 towards Virginia Tech
* Turn left at Southgate Drive (Route 314) onto the Virginia Tech campus.
* Take your first left onto Duck Pond Drive.
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