

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam Oury (Owrey) W2964

Mary

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Pennsylvania County of Crawford

On this 14th of February Personally appeared before the Honorable Henry Shippen and his Associates judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Crawford County in open Court now sitting Adam Owing [sic] formerly of Shenango Township now falling in Crawford County Pennsylvania aged eighty years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted at Hannah's Town Pennsylvania in the year 1775 in the Company commanded by Captain William Buckner but was not then attached to any Regiment. That he enlisted again in the Army of the United States at Hannah's Town Westmoreland County Pennsylvania on the 10th of August 1776 in the company of Captain Samuel Miller in the 8th Regiment of Pennsylvania in the Continental line commanded first by Colonel \_\_ McCoy [Aeneas Mackey] afterwards by Colonel \_\_ Broadhead and continued to serve in the said Corps until his discharge at Pittsburgh in December 1779 being three years and four months. That his discharge with other effects were burned at the Hannah's Town defeat while he was a prisoner by the Indians. That in 1781 he volunteered under Captain Robert Orr in the Regiment of Colonel Archibald Laughrey [Archibald Lochry<sup>1</sup>] in a campaign against the Indians and were defeated on the 24th of August 1781 ten miles below the mouth of Big Miami on the Ohio River and every individual was taken prisoner or killed – that your petitioner was wounded in the fleshy part of the leg and one ball slightly grazed his head, that he was made a prisoner, carried to Detroit in during much privations & suffering until they were exchanged in 1783 – That he resided in Hannah's Town before mentioned at the time of his enlistment. That he was in the massacre at Paoli in September 1777, in the skirmish at Woodbridge New Jersey another at Pond brook [Bound Brook]. That he marched first to the Allegheny River near Kittanning then back again to Hannah's Town thence to Philadelphia and New Jersey through Bedford, Shippensburg & Lancaster. That he was placed on the pension roll under the act of March 18th 1818 on the Pennsylvania Agency at Philadelphia and received his pension for a year but was afterwards struck off on account of his having some property and that his pension Certificate being then considered of no value was lost or destroyed and that he has made diligent search and inquiry for it but without success in finding it –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present

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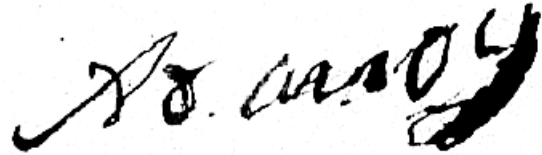
<sup>1</sup> There is an excellent account of the engagement at Lochry's Defeat posted at <http://boards.ancestry.com/topics.Military.amerrev.general/803/mb.ashx>

and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State except that of Pennsylvania from which he was stricken off as aforesaid.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Evin A. Reynolds, Proth.

S/ Ad. Oury



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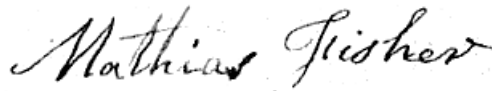
Westmoreland County SS the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in & for said County personally came Matthias Fischer<sup>2</sup> farmer a respectable Citizen of said County who being duly affirmed according to law saith that in the year of our Lord 1781 as deponent believes he volunteered him in the service of the United States under Captain Shannon in a Campaign against the North Western Indians – this deponent saith that he was taken Prisoner amongst with several others on the Ohio River below the big Miami River at the time Colonel Lochry was killed – this deponent further saith that Adam Oury who now resides in Crawford County Pennsylvania (as this deponent is informed) was likewise taken prisoner at the same time, and further saith he saw the said Adam Oury frequently at Detroit whilst a prisoner – the Prisoners were all retained until a peace was obtained unless a few who made their escape further saith not.

Affirmed & subscribed before me the 16th day of February 1833

S/ Robert Montgomery

S/ Matthias Fischer



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Armstrong County SS

Before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace, in and for said County personally appeared Robert Orr,<sup>3</sup> one of the associate Judges of said County who being duly sworn as the law direction deposes and saith that sometime in the year 1776 or 1777 Adam Oury enlisted under Captain Samuel Miller of the 8th of Pennsylvania commanded by Colonel McCoy and that the said Adam Oury served during the term of 3 years for which he was enlisted.

And this deponent further states that in the year 1781, the said Adam Oury joined the said Captain Robert Orr's volunteer company commanded by Colonel Archibald Lochry and that the said Adam Oury served under him until they were all taken Prisoners by the Indians and that the said Oury remained a prisoner near 3 years.

And this deponent further saith not.

Sworn & subscribed before me the 8th of January 1819

S/ Adam Speers

S/ Robert Orr



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<sup>2</sup> [Mathias Fisher S22239](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Robert Orr S4631](#)

[fn p. 9: On May 5th, 1842 in Crawford County Pennsylvania, Mary Owrey, 76, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Adam Owrey, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; she states that she was born in Chester County Pennsylvania April 22, 1766; that she married the veteran April 2, 1787 in Westmoreland County; that they were married by William Jack Esquire, JP; that her husband died April 22, 1826[sic]; that she has no Bible record or other record of her marriage. She signed her application with her mark.]

[facts in file: Veteran died in Crawford County Pennsylvania April 22 or 23, 1836. The veteran married April 2, 1778, at his own home, in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, about 3 miles from Greensburg, Mary (maiden name not stated); the veteran and his wife lived in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania until 1798 when they moved to Crawford County Pennsylvania; veteran and his wife had 9 children as follows: Martha, born between Christmas, 1787, and knew year following; Jacob, born in 1790; Nancy, born in 1792, Francis and William, all born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, prior to 1799; also Jane, George, Adam and Henry all born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania. The dates of birth for the last 6 named were not given. In 1843, Isabella Liston, 62, a sister of the widow, made an affidavit in behalf of the widow. Also in 1843 Rachel Smith, 61, a resident of Crawford County, Pennsylvania, stated that in 1788 as an orphan she lived with the soldier and his wife with whom she remained for about 10 years or until they moved to Crawford County Pennsylvania; that she followed them a year later and lived as neighbor to them in 1843 when she was a resident of South Shenango, Crawford County, Pennsylvania; that she Rachel Smith was born in May 1785 but no explanation is given in the discrepancy of her stated ages.]

[Note: the applications the veteran made under the 1818 and 1820 acts are not transcribed because he limits the description of his services given in those documents to his service in the Pennsylvania Continental line as opposed to describing his service in the Lochry expedition against the Indians in what was then Virginia.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Pennsylvania militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing March 4th, 1843.]