

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh Steers (Steirs) W6180

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State of Kentucky County of Boone: Sct.

On this 9th Day of August in the year 1832 personally [appeared] in open Court before the Judge of the Boone Court now sitting Hugh Steers a resident of said County of Boone & State of Kentucky aged about seventy-four 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated – viz.: He joined the company of volunteers commanded by Captain Robert Orr in the County of Westmorland & State of Pennsylvania on the 1st day of August 1781 & on that day rendezvoused in said County and on the 3rd day of said month of August he marched under Colonel Archibald Laughery [Archibald Lochry<sup>1</sup>] to join the Army under Genl. Clark [George Rogers Clark] North West of the Ohio River against the Indians &c. he descended the Ohio River with Captain Orr's, Stokely's, Campbell's Company & under Colonel Lochry & on the 24th of said month of August an engagement took place between Colonel Lochry & the Indians on the West bank of the Ohio River below the mouth of the big Miami some miles in which engagement Colonel Lochry was killed his Regiment defeated & this applicant taken Prisoner by the Indians – & by the Indians carried to their towns on the Miami called Chilicothe & there Captain at hard service & in a very suffering condition & with massacres & threats of being burned &c there Captain till the spring of 1783 when the Indians with whom he was a prisoner moved to the waters of the St. Mary's (it was the Shawnee nation that he was with – after moving to the St. Mary's he was kept a prisoner for a few months until a flag was sent by the Americans at the falls of the Ohio to the Shawnees & an agreement was entered into that the white prisoners among the Indians should be given up & that this applicant among others were taken to the falls of the Ohio and given up – as soon as possible after being given up at the falls of the Ohio the applicant proceeded up the Ohio to Westmoreland County Pennsylvania where he had formerly resided & found Captain Orr & others of his old comrades – Captain Orr gave him a Certificate or discharge which was in the fall season of the year 1783 which Certificate or discharge he gave to an officer in Philadelphia from whom he received his wages. The applicant does not now know of any person or documentary evidence by which he can prove his services – except Isaac Anderson<sup>2</sup> by whom he has proved a part of it & whose deposition he herewith forts to the War Department –. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the

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<sup>1</sup> An excellent account of the defeat of the Regiment under the command of Archibald Lochry is posted at <http://boards.ancestry.com/topics.Military.amerrev.general/803/mb.ashx>

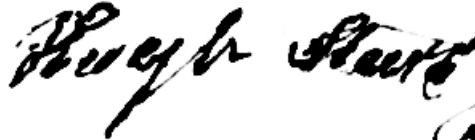
<sup>2</sup> FPA W4628 which application was transcribed and posted in this database 9/1/11

pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me So Judge 2nd Judicial District  
Kentucky

S/ H. O. Brown

S/ Hugh Steers



[Lewis Conner, a clergyman, and Benjamin Fowler gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Boone County Sct.

This day personally appeared before me Robert S Chambers the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County Isaac Anderson of lawful age who after being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that he knew Hugh Steers as a Volunteer in the company of Volunteers commanded by Robert Orr, a Captain under Colonel Lochry in the service of the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1781, and that the said Hugh Steers rendezvoused in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania, on the first day of August and marched on the 3rd day following 1781 to join the Army on the N. W. of the Ohio commanded by General Clark and this deponent further states that they descended the Ohio River to join General Clark until the 24th day of August 1781 at which time they were defeated by the Indians about 11 miles below the mouth of the Big Miami and the said Hugh Steers taken prisoner.



[fn p. 37]

The State of Ohio Butler County SS

Be it known that before me James O'Connor Esquire a Justice duly assigned to keep the peace in the County aforesaid personally appeared Isaac Anderson of the County aforesaid in the sixty ninth year of his age who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that being a Lieutenant in the service of the United States under the Authority of the State of Pennsylvania during the War of the Revolution a party was raised in the Western part of Pennsylvania to aid General Clark in carrying or intending to carry a campaign against the Western Indians – Troops for that purpose were appointed, rendezvoused at Colonel Carnahan's in Westmoreland Pennsylvania troops were collected at said Carnahan's in the first part of August in the year 1781 and amongst the troops which were collected was a man by the name of Hugh Steers (who is now present with deponent he is now about 70 years of age) who joined in the expedition and who belonged to the company commanded by Robert Orr – the detachment or Regiment was commanded by Colonel Archibald Lochry. The said Troops or detachment started down the Ohio River in the month of August and on the 24th day of August in 1781 the detachment by the orders of Colonel Lochry landed on the North West shore of the Ohio River about 10 miles West of the Great Miami River – as soon as the detachment were landed they were surrounded by the Indians and defeated – about 45 or more were killed and the remainder of the detachment taken prisoners. Amongst the Prisoners taken were the deponent and the said Hugh Steers – who was then a private in the company of the said Captain Robert Orr – soon after the capture the prisoners were separated – And further this deponent sayeth not.

S/ Isaac Anderson

[fn p. 7: On November 11, 1846 in Boone County Kentucky, Mary Steirs, 81, filed a claim for a widow's pension as the widow of Hugh Steirs, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Ohio County Virginia October 26, 1790 and that her husband died January 12, 1846.]

[fn p. 41: certificate of the marriage of Hugh Steirs and Mary Fowler given by John Brice Ohio County Virginia October 7th, 1790.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$27.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one year, 8 months, 11 days service as a private in the Pennsylvania militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$67.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848.]