

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Walker Steerman (Stearman, Sturman) W8768      Mary f48VA  
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State of Kentucky Green County, to wit

On the 25th day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Circuit Court holden for Green County now sitting William Walker Steerman a resident citizen of Kentucky in the County of Green aged 77 years the 9 day of October 1832 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 the 7th 1832, he states he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated, he enlisted & served for two years in the service of the United States under Captain Henry Terrill [also spelled Henry Terrell] in the 5th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Josiah Parker he enlisted in Campbell County Virginia where he then resided but was born in Westmoreland County Virginia but the date he does not recollect, he marched from said County to Williamsburg, from thence to Suffolk on James River, from thence to Norfolk, thence to Cobham, thence he returned to Williamsburg from thence to York River where he took Shipping and sailed into the State of Pennsylvania from thence to Wilmington where he with the Army took winter quarters and was stationed at that place until the winter ended, he then joined Washington's Army and marched with a part of the Army over the Delaware River and he believes he joined the main Army again at a place called the White Horse, from thence he crossed a small River called Brandywine where the battle of Brandywine was fought [September 11, 1777], in which engagement the enemy with was successful, from thence he marched to Philadelphia where he remained with the Army at that place called Valley Forge during the winter, or until the 15 day of February at which time he was discharged which discharge he has lost, he then returned to Campbell County Virginia where he remained some little time. Sometime in 1781 he again enlisted in the Service of the United States for the term of six months under Captain Robert Adams in the 5th Division, commanded by Colonel Linch [perhaps a reference to Colonel Charles Lynch], we marched below Williamsburg where he continued until the siege at York had ended at which time he was again discharged he states that he removed from the State of Virginia Campbell County to Mercer County Kentucky where he resided about six years from thence he came to Green County where he has resided ever since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to any Pension or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State whatever. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William W Steerman, X his mark

On this 27th day of August 1832 Adam Mitchell appeared in proper person before the Judge of the Green Circuit Court holden for Green County in the State of Kentucky who being first duly

sworn on his oath makes a statement in relation to the services rendered by the applicant William W Steerman as follows that in the year 1775 or '76 he does not distinctly recollect said Adam Mitchell was at a muster in Campbell County State of Virginia when he saw said William W Steerman enlist for a term of two years in the Continental Army in a company commanded by Captain Terrill from whence the said Adam Mitchell states that the company in which said Steerman enlisted was marched to the North and the said Steerman remained absent from home until the two years had expired at which time said Steerman returned home to Campbell County Virginia.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid  
S/ Adam Mitchell<sup>1</sup>

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'l'.

[f p. 11: On January 27, 1842 in Green County Kentucky, Mary Steerman, 87, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 and 1838 acts as the widow of William Walker Steerman, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she was born in Bedford County State of Virginia January 23, 1755 but has no record of her age; that she married her husband in Campbell County Virginia December 17, 1779; that her husband died in Green County Kentucky November 9, 1841; that she and her husband continued to live to the best of her recollection in Campbell County Virginia until 1786 when they moved from Virginia to Kentucky. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 24: Adam Mitchell again testified in support of the widows application saying that he was present at the marriage of William Steerman to Mary in 1779 in Campbell County Virginia.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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<sup>1</sup> FPA R7265