

and latter, 11 years old whose parents lived in Carpenter's station, a little distance above the mouth of Short Creek, on the west side of the Ohio river, were sent out in the evening to hunt the cows. At the foot of the river hill, at the back of the bottom they sat down under a hickory tree to crack nuts. After sometime, they saw two men coming towards them, one of whom had a bridle in his hand, being dressed like white men they mistook them for their father and an uncle in search of horses. When they discovered their mistake and attempted to run off, the Indians, pointing their guns at them, told them to stop, or they would kill them.— They halted and were taken prisoners.

The Indians, being in pursuit of horses, conducted the boys by a circuitous rout over the Short Creek hills in search of them, until late in the evening, they halted at a spring in a hollow place, about three miles from the fort. Here they kindled a small fire, cooked and eat some victuals, and prepared to repose for the night.

Henry, the oldest of the boys, during the ramble had affected the greatest satisfaction at having been taken prisoner. He said, his father was a hard master, who kept him always at hard work, and allowed him no play; but that for his part he wished to live in the woods and be a hunter. This deportment, soon brought him into intimacy with one of the Indians, who could speak very good English. The Indian frequently asked the boys, if they knew of any good horses, running in the woods. Sometime before they halted, one of the Indians gave the largest of the boys a little bag, which he supposed contained money and made him carry it.

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