

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Walter Ross ¹ W5723

Margaret Ross

f55NC

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State of Alabama Autauga County} SS

On this twenty fourth day of June A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Alvin A. McWhorter Judge of the County & Orphans Court of the County aforesaid Walter Ross a resident of the County & state aforesaid aged 73 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 provisions of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

This affiant states that he was born as near as he now recollects in the year 1761 in the County of Caroline, State of Virginia & that he is now to the best of his belief & knowledge in the 73rd year of his age (not having any record thereof) that he was living in Anson County North Carolina at the time he performed the services hereinafter mentioned: -- he also states that in the fall of the year 1777 or 78 (he cannot say positively which) he was drafted & served three months under Lieut. John Jarman, Capt. George Wilson & Col. Thomas Wade all at that time of the said County of Anson, that Col. Wade was the highest commanding officer in the said County of Anson. He further states that he was drafted & served three months each time, twice afterwards during the war, owing to old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot state precisely the date, at which he was drafted, but he served three months in two separate terms, that in these two last mentioned terms of service he was under the command of Capt. John De Jarnett [sic, John Dejarnett or DeJarnett]: He further states that during the whole time that he was in the service he was employed in small scouting parties against the Tories & never was attached to any larger Army & consequently does not recollect the names of any of the officers of the regular Army. -- he was frequently ordered off sometimes into Cumberland County and also in Robinson County [sic, Robeson County] & was several times in South Carolina in the neighborhood of Lynches Creek, he was once together with a man by the name of Thomas Douglass ordered by Col. Wade to make stoves for the use of the Army which duty they performed, he was once sent by Col. Wade to carry letters to Capt. McNeill in Cumberland County. He was also sent into Marlborough District in South Carolina after a load of leather. --

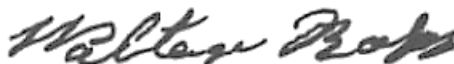
He states also that he never received any written discharge, & has no documentary evidence of his services, & knows of no person now living who can testify to his services; he never was engaged in any battles of much importance, except small skirmishes with the Tories, he was living as before stated in Anson County North Carolina at the time he was drafted the

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three several times before mentioned. -- He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

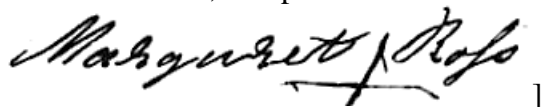
Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid
S/ Alvin A. McWhorter

S/ Walter Ross



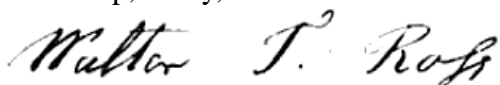
[Eli Terry, a clergyman, and William Ziegler gave the standard supporting affidavit: in addition, Ziegler states that he knew Ross in Anson County and that Ross was reputed there to have been a soldier of the revolution]

[p 27: On September 15, 1849 in Autauga County Alabama, Margaret Ross made oath that she is the widow of Walter Ross, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she surrenders his pension certificate; that he died in Autauga County Alabama having lived there for the space of 28 years before his death; that prior thereto he had resided in Anson County North Carolina.



[p 13: On December 8, 1851 in Autauga County Alabama, Margaret Ross, 82, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Walter Ross, a revolutionary pensioner at the rate of \$30 per annum; that he died October 25 1848; that she married him on the 8th day of July 1790; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 54: On May 22, 1852 and Autauga County Alabama, Walter T Ross gave testimony that Walter Ross died October 24, 1848 at his residence in Autauga County Alabama. The relationship, if any, of the affiant to the veteran is not stated.



[p 22: On December 18, 1855 in Autauga County Alabama, Margaret Ross, aged 83, a resident of said County and state, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married Walter Ross on July 10, 1790; that her name prior to her marriage was Margaret Williams; that her husband died in Autauga County Alabama October 25, 1848 and that she remains his widow. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 5 Family Record]

Walter Ross to Marget Williams was married July the 8 1790

Betsey Ross daught to Walter Ross and Marget his wife was born July 22, 1791

William Ross Son of Walter Ross begotten on Marget his wife was born november 18 [?] 1792

John Ross Son of Walter Ross by Marget his wife was born Jenuary the 13 Day 1795

Andrew Ross Son of Walter Ross by Marget his wife was born february 17—1797

Nancey Daughter of Walter Ross by Marget his wife was born march 27 1799

Galespie—Son of Walter Ross by Marget his wife was born may the 20 1801
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 Nancy Marten Daughter to Wm Marten Rebacco his wife was born August 23 [?] 1787 [?]
 James Marten Son of William Marten by Rebecco his wife was born October [illegible]
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by Margaret his wife was born

[p 7: certificate of the clerk of Anson County NC stating that he was unable to find in the County records the marriage license bond for the marriage of Walter Ross to Margaret Williams: certificated dated September 28, 1853.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]