

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Caruth (Carruth) W9767

Letitia Caruth

f47NC

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State of Alabama Benton County: On this the 13th day of October 1856 personally appeared in open Court, being the Probate Court for the County of Benson aforesaid, which is a Court of Record, Letitia Caruth a citizen of the County & State aforesaid, age seventy-four years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7 1832 and all other acts passed by Congress prior to or sent said date granting Pensions to the widows of Revolutionary Soldiers & particularly the acts of 1848 & March 3 1853: That she is the widow of Alexander Caruth late of Rutherford County State of North Carolina – who was a soldier in the revolutionary war, belonging to the North Carolina Militia, that she does not with any certainty remember whether or not her said husband held any office – all she knows is what she has heard her husband say & her best recollection is that he was a ~~private~~ that her husband the said Alexander Caruth said he was engaged in the service for two years: ten months at one time & another time does not remember the exact time. She here refers to the date & time that her husband was engaged to the Certificate of Geo. W Brooks Comptroller of N C appended. That the said Alexander Caruth never a she remembers made any application to the Government for a Pension – but always when questioned on that point refused – saying at the same time he knew he was entitled. She further declares that she was married to the said Alexander Caruth on the 12th day of May 1818 that her husband the aforesaid Alexander Caruth died on the 30th of August 1827, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court on the day & year above written before

S/ A. Woods, Judge of Probate

S/ Letitia Caruth, X her mark

[p 12: On September 15, 1857 in Benton County Alabama, Letitia Carruth, 76, filed for her bounty land entitlement referring to herself as a pensioner as the widow of Alexander Carruth at the rate of \$20.88 per annum commencing February 3rd, 1853. In this affidavit she states that she was married on May 17, 1818 by Samuel Young, JP]

[p 9: Copy of the marriage bond issued to Alexander Caruth for his marriage to "Miss Letty Scott". The bond is dated April 12, 1818 and was issued in Rutherford County North Carolina. John Lankford served as co-bondsman with Alexander Caruth]

[p 7: On October 13, 1856 in Benton County Alabama, William Scott, a citizen of Benton County gave testimony that he was present at the marriage of Letitia Scott and Alexander Caruth; that the marriage took place on May 12th, 1818 in Rutherford County North Carolina and that said Alexander Caruth died on August 30th, 1826 or 1827 at which time he judges that Alexander Caruth was 64 or 65 years of age.]

[p 25: Certificate dated September 6, 1856 from the North Carolina Comptroller showing payments made to an Alexander Caruth for military service in the revolution.]

[p 31: In an affidavit dated December 10, 1869 filed in Calhoun County Alabama, in connection with her application for the restoration of her pension following the Civil War, Letitia Caruth referred to herself as being 90 years old as of the 15th of the previous month; a resident of Calhoun County in Alabama; living with her son, William Scott, a resident of Calhoun County Alabama.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20.88 per annum commencing February 3, 1853 for the service of her husband as a private in the North Carolina militia.]