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**ANCESTORS ——— DESCENDENTS**

**AND**

**SOME RELATED FAMILIES**

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# HISTORY OF THE ROSS FAMILY

The Ross family in the Candy's Creek Community of Bradley County in Tennessee.

With the hope of more economic security and of gaining more religious freedom, which was very promising at this period of history in the new world, found part of the Ross clan moving to America.

They left Scotland, immigrated to Ireland where they stopped for a short time and then came to America. Francis Ross was born in Scotland and immigrated to Ireland where he married and lived the remainder of his life.

His children were:

- 1:1 James Ross born 1698 in Ireland, immigrated to the United States in 1724. They first went to Virginia. He married Catherine McCallough in 1730.
- 1:2 John Ross, married -- Wiseman.
- 1:3 Mary Ross, married 1) Chesney 2) Jasper Sutton.
- 1:4 Elizabeth Ross, married George Hague.

- 1:1 Children of James Ross and Catherine McCallough.
- 2:1 John Ross born 1731, married Barbara Hague.
- 2:2 Francis Ross, married Rachel Love. (Soldier of the Revolutionary War).

Francis was born in 1744 and died March 31, 1779 after receiving a mortal wound in a battle with Indians in Aiken County, South Carolina opposite Augusta, Georgia. Rachel died April 26, 1790. Her will is in Case 38 File 1605 in the probate office in York County, South Carolina in Book A--12 page 54.

- 2:3 George Ross, married Sarah Sutton.
- 2:4 James Ross, married Delilah Alexander.
- 2:5 William Ross, no records of marriage located.
- 2:6 Jane Ross, married 1) Thomas Martin 2) John Miller - (Captain Revolutionary War).
- 2:7 Sarah Ross, married William Irwin, born 1734 died 1814. Son of Nathaniel Irwin of York, South Carolina. Sarah lived to the age of ninety-eight (98).

- 1:1 James Ross and Catherine McCallough Ross, settled first in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. They first settled between Coddle Creek and Rocky River. They came from Virginia to Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. When their children were very young and sometime before the Revolution, they moved to York County, South Carolina, and settled two miles north of Yorkville.

Kattie Kettner? Francis wife  
Scot land to  
Virginia



- 2:1 Children of John Ross and Barbara Hague.  
 3:1 George Ross born 1760, married Edna Elizabeth Walker of South Carolina. George was a soldier all during the Revolutionary War. He died in Hardin County, Tennessee in 1846. He entered the army at the age of 16 years. The deeds in the probate office in York, S. C. show him to have been a landowner.  
 3:2 James Ross married Rachel Thompson. He was born in 1764.  
 3:3 Francis Ross married Mary James.  
 3:4 William B. Ross married (1) Martha Hutton (2) Mary Witherspoon.  
 3:5 David Ross married Jane Brown.  
 3:6 Jessie S. Ross married Susan Benson (Soldier - War 1812).  
 3:7 Catherine Ross married Samuel Redder.  
 3:8 Jane Ross married William French.  
 3:9 Elizabeth Ross married Fan Walker.  
 3:10 Sarah Ross married Ben Jostlin.  
 2:2 Children of Francis Ross and Rachel Love (Soldier of Revolution. Francis born 1744 died March 31, 1779; Rachel died April 26, 1790.  
 3:1 William Ross born 9/27/1773.  
 3:2 James Ross born 12/23/1775.  
 3:3 Alexander Ross born 10/4/1777.

After their father was killed in the war the boys and their mother with a slave known as "Cracker Tom", planted and raised crops for a period of time. When it was necessary for them to remove from their farm, "Cracker Tom" requested to stay in his little home on the farm. The boys would send down provisions to take care of him. Finally, when he could no longer look after himself, he went to live with William. We do not have the complete dates on these boys. Alexander born in 1777, died 1823. His wife was born April 4, 1779 and died 1821. They married in 1800.

James Ross died without a will and his estate was settled in court, December 28, 1802. The administrators were his brothers: Alexander and William. If James had a wife, she was dead on this date.

The inventory of his property was some \$3,800.00, including 8 slaves. The record in York S.C. Book B, page 159 case #62 File #2840. In Deed Book E, page 447 York County, S.C. Courthouse, recorded April 29, 1800: James Ross, William Ross and Alexander Ross sold to Isaac Smith, 160 acres on Bullocks Creek. James and Alexander Love Ross sold to John Miller in 1799, 106 acres of land. Book E. page 381.

Francis Ross deceased, soldier signed for by James Martin, Esq. to Robert Reed on January 10, 1789, 300 acres on Turkey Creek. Book C. page 426.



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## REMINISCENCES OF YORK, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Written by Yates Snowden who taught history in the University of South Carolina from 1905 - 1931. His book is in the library at the University.

Francis Ross was born in Virginia. When he was young his parents came to North Carolina and settled in Mecklenburg County on a farm between Coddle Creek and Rocky River. Before the revolution his parents settled 2 miles north of York, South Carolina. He was of Scotch Irish descent.

His favorite sister Sarah Ross married William Irvin. Francis Ross married Rachel Love of York District, South Carolina. At the beginning of the revolution he espoused the causes of Whig Party.

His first campaign was in the winter of 1775-76. In the summer of 1776 he commanded a battalion from York known as the Keowee expedition and in the spring of 1779 joined Colonel Hammond and his light horse near Augusta, Georgia. On March 29, 1779 5 miles east of Rocky Comfort, Major Francis Ross received a mortal wound in his abdomen. He died March 31, 1779 at the age of 35 and was buried April 1, 1779 with military honors in sight of and opposite Augusta, Georgia on the South Carolina side.

He left 3 little sons: James Ross, William Ross and Alexander Ross.

James Ross was never married and died young. William married and left a family. Alexander studied law. Alexander married Rachel Hill. The proof is that one of Alexander's descendants went in the DAR on the record of Francis Ross, the father of Alexander. Her DAR #64977.

William Ross was alive as an administrator of James' Ross Estate December 28, 1802, but died before March 1805 as found in the Judgment Roll Court of Common Pleas Roll #2327, Box 34 York Court House basement. A debt originally against the father, but after death fell to the boys. William Ross had died intestate before 1805 and Alexander was out of the state and could not be located. This places the death of James and William Ross between 1800 - 1805.

Yates Snowden who taught history at the University of South Carolina from 1905 to 1931, wrote the Reminiscences of York, South Carolina as given him by Dr. Maurice Moore who had been a long residence of York.



We do not have any record of the sister of Nathaniel Green Ross and James M. Ross. The first record we have of the boys is that they left the home of Sarah Irwin and joined the army and fought under Jackson in the War of 1812. The story is that they were discharged in White County, Tennessee where the boys lived with a relative Robert Ross, for a period of time.

James M. Ross went to Indiana to work in the Salt works. He married a Neal in Indiana. His son James Neal Ross made one visit to my grandfather's about 1902. This report comes from Marshall L. Ross who was the first cousin of James Neal Ross.

The census of White County, Tennessee in 1820 lists Nathaniel Green Ross and his wife with one child. He then moved to what was to be Athens, Tennessee; this was McMinn County. He reared 14 children by Margaret Anderson in McMinn County. During this time he moved to Calhoun, Tennessee. His first wife died after Charles Ross was born on Jan. 27, 1841. Her grave is in the Old Methodist Church Cemetery. A Baptist church has replaced the Methodist Church. This is on the northeast of Calhoun. Her grave is next to the child of Lewis Ross the brother of Chief John Ross. The marker does not have an inscription of date of death.

Soon after this date he moved into Walker Valley about one mile west of Charleston. In 1842 he purchased the farm on Candy Creek. He married Sophia Christian in 1846. To this union were born 6 children. Nathaniel was a Methodist. He and Sophia are buried in the Henager's Chapel Cemetery about 9 miles from Cleveland, in Mouse Creek Valley.

Three of Nathaniel's boys, Thomas, William and James, served in the Federal Army during the Civil War. William Ross and James Ross were put on duty too soon after having the measles and died in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Nathaniel Green Ross manufactured hats until some time after he came to Bradley County, Tennessee. I have seen and remember well the old dye pots and other equipment stored in the old log house, which was his first home in Bradley County.

4:1 Nathaniel Green Ross, born April 12, 1795, died July 31, 1861. Married (1) Margaret Anderson on October 1, 1818. She was born March 1, 1803 and died in 1841. (2) Sophia Christian Ross, born March 20, 1820 died Sept. 3, 1894 - married August 27, 1846.