NAME: ROSS, Malcolm (also Malchom, Malcolm, Malcholm)

PARISH: Burray, South Ronaldshay,Orkney [also shown as Birsay,Orkney]

ENTERED SERVICE: 1774 (5 yrs. for 6); 1779 (2 yrs. at l5); 1782 (3 yrs. at 20); 1785 (3 yrs at 25); 1789 (3 yrs. at 30); 1791 (3 yrs at 40); 1794 (3 yrs. at 60)

DATES: b. ca. l754 d. 1799

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	PositionPost	District		HBCA Reference
1774-1776	Labourer	York Factory	York Factory	A.l6/32, fo. ll6; A.30/l, fo. 22, 34
+1776-1786	Labourer	Inland	York Factory	A.l6/32, fo. ll6; A.30/l fo. 47, 63, 80 A.l6/33, fo. 7; A.30/2, fo. l2, 32, 62, 72
1786-1790	Labourer	Inland	York Factory	A.l6/ll, fo. l3l
1790-1791	Supt. of Northern Expedition (Turner & Fidler in charge)			B.239/b/53
1791-1796	Master of Northern Expedition (Athabasca)		York Factory	A.30/5, fo. l6, 42; A.30/6 fo. 3l, 77; A.32/5, fo. l6; A.30/7, fo. 36
1796-1798	Trader etc.	Inland	York Factory	A.30/7, fo. 80; A.30/8
1798	Returned to Europe per *King George*			C.l/404, 405
1799	Sailed from Orkney to Churchill on *Queen Charlotte*			C.l/l0l7, l0l8
1799	Inland Master			
1799, 17 Oct.	word reached Churchill of his death by drowning on God's Falls			B.42/b/42, p. l0

*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May

+1779	described "An equal Shot with an Indian, an excellent Servant and a good Canoeman" (A.30/l, fo. 80)
1781	"A most excellent Canoeman, much beloved by the Indians desires to return home (A.30/2, fo. 32)

Family: 1790-l792 Ross was accompanied by "his woman and 2 children"

Wife: Abicow Shies (Abbiga Shiez) *see* SF: 'ROSS, George (l788-)

Son: George, b. 4 May 1788 at York Factory, baptized in Burray 3 Oct. 1802, a fact which was attested to *see* SF: 'ROSS, George (1788-) at South Ronaldshay 8 Oct 1809 and recorded 2 May 1812; 1801 sailed from York to Orkney on *King George* (C.1/410)

Daughter: Clemen, daughter of Malcom Ross (deceased) and a Native woman, baptized on 16 Sept. 1824 by David T. Jones. (E.4/1a, fo.51)
Married to John Moor, Red River Settler, 16 Sept. 1824 (E.4/1b, fo. 211d)
Children baptized: Eleanor, Mark, Clemen, Rachel l6 Sept. 1824 (E.4/1a, fo. 51)
Catherine (4 Jul. 1826); Hebron, a son (14 Aug. 1831); Margaret (24 Jun. 1834) (E.4/1a, fo. 60, 85, 109)

In 1799 will: natural son George major beneficiary

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