

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Mathew Cockran (Cockram) S32185
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[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Georgia } S.S. On this 3rd day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court before
Morgan County } the Justices of the Inferior Court sitting as a Court of Ordinary, Matthew
Cockran a resident of Georgia in the County of Morgan and State aforesaid aged about Seventy 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 act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein
stated. towit. he resided in the County of Mecklinburg [sic: Mecklenburg] State of Virginia and entered
the Service the precise time he cannot recollect but believes it was about three or four months previous to
the battle at Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina [15 Mar 1781] under the Command of Gen'l
[Nathanael] Greene, Colo Monfort [sic: Robert Munford] & Captain White as a Volunteer, he joind the
headquarters at Hillsborough North Carolina and marched from thence to Guilford Courthouse where
this deponent was engaged in the battle which was fought at that place after the battle was over we
march to Ramseys Mills on deep River and after a few days we were again marched to Hillsborough and
then was discharged by Colo. Monfort who gave me a written discharge which was stolen from me by a
robber which term of service contained Six months this deponent has no documentary evidence and
knows of no person except the affidavit of Robert Brooks [pension application S10422] herewith annexed
by whom he can establish his service. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity
except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born.

Ans. I was born in Lunenburg [sic: Lunenbug] County State of Virginia the year & day I cannot
state having no record of my age

Qust 2nd Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it.

Ans'r. None

Qust 3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the
Revolutionary War & where do you now live.

Ans'r. I was living in Mecklinburge County State of Virginia when I entered the service. I have
lived since in South Carolina, Kentucky & now living in Morgan County Georgia

Qustion 4. How were you called into service were you drafted did you Volunteer, or were you a
substitute, and if a substitute for whom

Answer Volunteer

Qust 5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers, who were with the troops where you served
such Continental & Militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of
your services

Ans'r. Gen'l. Greene. I recollect no others. the circumstances of the time of the term of service I have
before stated

Qust 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given, and what
has become of it

Ans'r. I received a discharge from Colo Monfort which has been stolen from my possession

Qust State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and
who can testify as to your character for Veracity and good behaviour your service as a
Soldier of the revolution

Ans'r Jonathan Davis & Robert Rogers

Matthew hisXmark Cockram

Georgia Morgan County Personally appeared before me Fielding W Arnold a justice of the peace in and for said County and State Matthew Cockram the applicant for a pension agreeable to his declaration of the third June 1833 who being duly sworn saith and submits the following ammendatory declaration on oath that he volunteered for the time of three months and entered the service of the United States in the County of Meclenburg in the State of Virginia at the time stated in the original declaration under the command of Col. Montfort and Captain White and marched and joined General Greene's Army in the State of North Carolina from thence marched to Hillsboro where the term of the millitia comprising three months expired. Volunteered a second term of three months under the same Captain White; marched from thince on towards little York. when we arrived in about twenty miles of that place received information of the Surrender of Lor'd. Cornwallis Army [19 Oct 1781]. after the news reached us of the surrender we marched back to Virginia and was discharged after a service of three months at meclenburg Courthouse in Virginia; and that the two terms of service embrace a full period of six months Sworn and Subscribed before me Dec. 3rd 1833 Matthew hisXmark Cockram

Senate Chamber/ 29 Jan'y 1855

The Honble Mr Waldo. Com'r. of Pensions,

A Revolutionary soldier in Georgia by the name of Cochran, received a pension for many years preceeding his death – he died about eight years ago – leaving a Widow, – a second wife, which he married, twenty five years ago – she now, asks for a pension & the unpaid portion of her husband's pension. Is she entitled to any pension under the Laws? If there any paid portion of her husband's pension, of course, she is entitled to it? Cochran was an applicant from Morgan County Georgia – his given name, I have forgotten – will you be able to say by reference to the cases at what period, he rec'd the last payment. Please reply to this Note so, that I may answer, the confused letter of the widow.

Very respectfully/ Wm. C. Dawson