

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

Pension Application of Joseph Caughron W1712

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Indiana                    }

Vermillion County SS    }

On this 11 day of August A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open court, the said courting, being a Court of Probate in and for said County now siting, Joseph Caughron, resident of said county aged seventy three 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, That he entered the Service of the United States, under the following named Officers, And served as herein stated, )Towit( in the company of Captain Anderson, at the Town of Romley [sic: Romney] county of Hampshire, and State of Virginia, as a substitute for John Walker of said county; In the Regiment (or Battalion) commanded by Col. [Elias] Edmonds, in the month of June 1781. Marched from thence to Winchester stoped at a place called the Rockspring, near the Town of Winchester, until we drawed provisions, Thence we marched to Fredericksbourg [sic: Fredericksburg], from thence to Richmond, there stoped until other troops would rendezvous, who were every day coming on, and embodying there we joined Col Edmonds. Marched from thence up James River, on the main road that leads to Stantown [sic: Staunton]. On our march to Stantown aforesaid there came up a storm of thunder lighting and rain, at a place called Scotch Town [Scotchtown]. The Horses of our light horsemen being alarmed at the storm, rushed back on the footmen from which circumstance The footmen supposed them to be British, when just on the point of firing upon them the mistake was discovered. we changed our rout before we got to Stantown The British troops that we were in pursuit of having changed we turned and pursued them back to the Town of Richmond Va. on said rout I was taken out of the Company of Captain Anderson and transfered to Captain Dicke's company of light infantry, which were made up from other companies, and marched in front, as an advance guard. It was five of us taken (or volunteerd) from Captain Andersons Company (Towit) Daniel Chapman, Joseph Craycraft, — Hoskins and Two others whose names I have forgotten; I believe we marched before Richmond to where the roads forked near the Hickory church (so called) the company that I belonged to the left hand road, and other tropes that were with us took the right hand road. We camped that night so near the British light horse that heard their bugles Blow the next morning the day we pursued untill we heard guns firing. We were then imediately marched to the place where we supposed our men attacked We saw some of the wounded retreating, before we came to the Hickory Church. When we got to the place where the skirmish was fought, as we supposed, found nothing but a check shirt and Blanket. we were then driven back by the enemy light horsemen to the Hickory Church again, inside of our lines. We there found Colonel Edmonds (our Col) in camp We requested to be discharged, by our colonel, the time that we were drafted for having expired. The colonel stated to us, that the Militia of Birkley Co [sic: Berkeley County] Virginia had overstaid their time, and we would be obliged for to stay until he got orders to discharge us. We was accordingly discharged the last of October 1781, after performing a tour of Service not less than four months and twenty days. On a second tour I volunteered at Darlington, four miles west of Winchester in Virginia, in the month of November 1781 in the Company of Captain Isaac Parsons, Stationed at Winchester Barracks to guard the British prisoners taken in Cornwallis's defeat [19 Oct 1781]. I was discharged in the month of December 1781 at Wincher [sic] Barracks afs'd. I did not serve less on the above tour than two months

Interogatories

I was Born in Bedford Co State of Pennsylvania the 16th of January 1761. (2<sup>nd</sup> Qestion [do you have a record of your age?] no I have none. 3<sup>rd</sup> I was living Hampshire Co. Virginia. I have lived since the

Revolutionary War a part of the time in Virginia, a part in Pennsylvania, a part in the State of Ohio Scioto Co., a part in Illinois. I now live in Vermillion Co. Indiana. (A Substitute for John Walker of Hampshire Co Virginia.) (Question 5th) Regular officers who were with a part of the troops where I served were Anthony Wayne, General Lafayette, General [Daniel] Morgan; (Militia) Col Edmonds Capt [Michael] Stump who commanded the Riflemen, Capt. Anderson Lt Hoskins Captain Dick Captan Parsons (I received a discharge) It was given to me by Col Edmonds, (lost not expecting any benefit from it) Question 7th) State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character &c, and that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any state. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed illegibly] Joseph Caughron

NOTE: On 25 Feb 1850 Prudence "Cochran" of Clark County IL, 74, applied for a pension stating that she married Joseph Caughron on 4 Nov 1794, and he died 19 Mar 1845 in Vermillion County. At that time she was living with her brother, Alexander Mathews, who was born in 1784 and had a brother named Isaac. As evidence of the marriage she submitted the family record transcribed below. On 8 May 1850 one George Mathews, born 29 Dec 1773, of Trumbull County OH, deposed that his father had died in 1834, that Joseph and Prudence Caughron were married by Esquire Little in the part of Washington County PA that became Beaver County, and that he knew the ages of their children by referring to the age of one of his sisters who was about four months older than John Caughron.

#### BIRTHS

John Coughren was Born in the month of ~~September~~ June 20<sup>th</sup> 1795

William Coughren was Born April the 27<sup>th</sup> 1797

Rachal Coughren was born in April the 11 1799

Benjamin Coughren was born in April the 11<sup>th</sup> 1801

Joseph Coughren was born in April the 24<sup>th</sup> 1804

Sarah Coughren was born in June the 2<sup>th</sup> 1806

Isaac Coughren was borne in July the 17<sup>th</sup> 1809

James Coughren was borne in July the 5<sup>th</sup> 1811

Matilda Coughren was born in September the 17<sup>th</sup> 1815

Johnathan Coughren was born in October 6<sup>th</sup> 1817

Jesse Coughren was born in March the 4<sup>th</sup> 1819

Isaac newton Cunningham was born in

Sally Ann Cunningham was Born in the year 1834 December the 19 Day

Mary Jane Cunningham was Born in the year of our lord 1837 November the 10 Day

Benton Jackson Cunningham was born in the year AD 1841 February the 17<sup>th</sup>

Jefferson Franklin Cunningham was born in the year AD 1843 March the 6<sup>th</sup>

John Marian Cunningham was Born January the 1<sup>th</sup> 1846

Lucinda Ellen Cunningham was born in the year AD 1847 Jan the 16<sup>th</sup>

#### MARRIAGES

Johnson Cunningham and Matilda Cunningham was married on the 20 of March in the year of our lord 1834

Johnson Cunningham and Eve Ritter was married on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of feb AD 1845

#### DEATHS

Matilda Cunningham the Wife of Johnson Cunningham Departed this Life May the 2<sup>nd</sup>[?] AD 1844

this is the oregon Family record Johnson Cunningham