

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Cochran W280                      Sarah Cochran                      VA  
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State of Tennessee } SS.  
Sumner County        }

on this the fourteenth day of August AD 1832 personally appeared in open court before William Edwards Thomas Anderson & John L Snorey Esqrs the Court of pleas and quarter sessions for said county now sitting Samuel Cochran a resident of the county aforesaid and state aforesaid aged seventy two years upon the 24<sup>th</sup> April 1832 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he entered in the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He enlisted upon the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 1777. under Captain Henry or Harry Conway [Henry Conway W6719] in the County of Henry state of Virginia. He and his company was attached to the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line – commanded by Colo. Chares Lewis [Charles Lewis VAS901]. That he resided in the county in which he enlisted to wit- Henry. He enlisted for the term of three years. the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment was attached to Genl. Weeden or Wheden’s [sic: George Weedon’s] Brigade. in March they marched to Alexandia then in Virginia [sic: Alexandria VA]. we then went through the opperation [inoculation] of the small pox we then marched to Baltimore. then passed Wilmington. into Delaware. and from that to Philadelphia which was he thinks about June 1777. we then went by the Delaware to Trenton we passed Princeton New Jersey and Brunsick [sic: Brunswick] from there we passed the Raratan [sic: Raritan] river, and joined head quarters at Medlebrok [sic: Middlebrook] New Jersey where we were attached to Weedens brigade. in a few days we took up the line of march north Genl. Washingtons main army commanded by Genl. Washington, and proceeded to the high lands of New York. Then arrived an express at head quarters that the enemy were about to land at the head of Elk [now Elkton MD] and make a march upon Philladlephia. Genl. Washington here retraced his steps and made a heavy march to prevent Philladelphia falling into the hands of the enemy. we met the enemy at Brandywine and then fought a hard fight [11 Sep 1777]. The enemy took possession of Philladelphia [26 Sep 1777] a few days after the battle which was in Sept. 1777. upon the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 1777. we again met the enemy and fought the battle of German Town [Germantown] This was the last general action he fought in Pennsylvania. Genl. Washington took up Winter quarters at the valey forge [sic: Valley Forge]. He continued with the army that winter and in the spring [two words illegible] to wit – in June [the 18<sup>th</sup>] 1778 the enemy left Philladelphia and made a march upon New York. We pursued the enemy and over took them at Monmoth [sic: Monmouth] Court house and had a hard fought battle called by that name [28 Jun 1778]. The respective armies were maneuvering till the approach of winter and we went into winter quarters upon a mountain in sight of MedleBrook. after the winter broke we were engaged during the year 1779 in scouting parties marching and maneuvering but no decisive action was fought. we went into winter quarters at Morristown New Jersey. His time of service of three years now drawing to a close and the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment was broke up [sic: renumbered as the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on 14 Sep 1778] and Genl. Washington sent him and others to Philladelphia to take charge of 500 prisoners and take them to Frederick Town, Maryland, which service he performed and was discharged from the service in the summer 1780. by Colo. James Webb. In February 1781 he volunteered his services in Colo. Linches [sic: Charles Lynch’s] Regiment in the county of Bedford in the state of Virginia some short time afterwards he was attached to Colo. William Washington Regiment of Draggons [sic: Dragoons]. He was in the battle of Gilford court-house [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], after which he was honorably discharged in Sept 1781. he volunteered his services in Colo. [William] Callaway’s Regment in Bedford County Virginia and that he beseged Lord Cornwallis in Litle york in Oct 1781 [Yorktown 28 Sep - 19 Oct] – whose army marched out and grounded their arms and surrendered themselves prisoners of war. after this he was honorably discharged in Virginia by Colo Callaway & here his services in the revolution ended. He further states that he served in the first instance as a private about

one year. previous to this Colo Lewis having resigned Colo Davis [sic: William Davies] was appointed by Genl. Washington to take the command of the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment who appointed him a 1<sup>st</sup> Corporal till 1779, and was then promoted by Colo Davis to 2<sup>d</sup> Sergeant, in which capacity he served till he was discharged in the summer of 1780 by Colo Webb [John Webb BLWt2052-450] who had the command of that detachment. He further states that all the documentary evidence he has of his service is that his name is found upon the list of soldiers of the Virginia line of Continental troops, and that he served a sufficient time to bring his case under the law which appears from a letter of the Hon<sup>l</sup>. J L Edwards [Pension Commissioner] dated the 9<sup>th</sup> Jany 1832. 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 to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



State of Tennessee } Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for said  
Sumner County } county Samuel Cochran who being duly sworn deposes and says that he served  
in the revolutionary war not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For one  
year he served as a private. For one year he served as 1<sup>st</sup> Corporal. For one year and nine months as 2<sup>d</sup>  
Sergeant. And for such service I claim a pension  
[22 Jan 1833]



[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Samuel Cochran Serj<sup>t</sup>. in the 10<sup>th</sup> Virg<sup>a</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> having faithfully serv<sup>d</sup> three years, the term of his  
inlistment is hereby Discharged  
Commissaries are desired to furnish him with provision untill the 24 of Feb<sup>y</sup> Given at Fredricksburg [sic:  
Fredericksburg] this 21 day of Jany 1780 John Webb Lt Colo [?] R  
a copy Edmund B. [undeciphered]

[other side]

Sir pleas to Deliver [undeciphered] for my propotion of land to Dan<sup>l</sup> Peryman or Wm Reynolds  
test/ Benoni peryman Samuel Cochran



#### NOTES:

On 26 Oct 1849 in Macon County Daniel Cliborn, age 80 since the previous May, stated that Samuel Cochran had several scars from the war, "one particularly on his head a severe cut."

On 10 May 1844 in Sumner County TN Sarah Cochran, 78, applied for a pension stating that she married Samuel Cochran in Franklin County VA (formed from Bedford and Henry counties in 1786) on 10 Aug 1784, and that he died 7 Jan 1842. The file includes a record of a deed dated 21 Nov 1818 by which Samuel and Sarah Cochran conveyed their land in Franklin County to John M. Holland

On 17 April 1846 before John B. Brizendine, Justice of the Peace, Sarah Cochran urged the Pension Officer to grant her pension soon, because she was old and blind. The main cause of delay was lack of proof of the date of marriage. On 11 Sep 1845 Rhoda Chitwood of Franklin County stated that "Sarah Northcut and Samuel Cochran went to a preacher by the name of Simmons who was a parson and married all the people that came to him as was the practice of them times to go to the parson. Sarah Northcut Live<sup>d</sup> at my Fathers, and Cochran came there and they went to the parsons with many persons and returned to my Fathers where the Weding was."

On 1 April 1846 Barnett Blankenship of Macon County TN, born 12 July 1768, stated that at the time of the marriage of Samuel Cochran and Sarah Northcut he lived “on the south side of Blackwater in Henry County about a mile from the river and That said Cochran lived on the Bedford county sid of the said river... making a distance only about two miles between them,” and that his brother attended the wedding in Bedford County, probably officiated by Rev. Simons, a “High Churchman.” He further stated “That Sarah Northcut about one or two years before her marriage came on a visit from some of the lower counties in Virginia to a relation of hers by the name of Sharp and finally lived there previous to her marriage” and that “Sharp lived on the Henry county side of the river.”

On 31 May 1848 Rhoda Blankenship, 78, who married on 4 March 1791 Hezekiah Blankenship, deceased brother of Barnett Blankenship, stated that she had lived within three miles of Samuel and Sarah Cochran from 1791 to 1811. On 10 June 1848 in Sumner County John B. Brizendine, 56, stated that he lived within two miles of Samuel and Sarah Cochran in Franklin County in 1804. At the same time and place Meredith Hodges, 54, stated that his father had been a neighbor of Cochran in Franklin County before moving to Sumner County in 1812, and that Samuel Cochran’s family moved to the same neighborhood a few years later. Hodges stated that he knew all their children “except one child which died in infancy, whoes name was Milly,” and that “of the others the oldest was Ann commonly called Nancy, Jemima, Sarah, William, Daniel, Mary commonly called Polly, Elizabeth and Samuel, the three latter being younger than he was, and the rest older, and that he attended school with Daniel, Polly, Elizabeth, and Samuel in 1810 and 1811. Hodges then quoted dates of birth from the family Bible of Samuel Cochran as follows: “Ann born March 5, 1785. Jemima Sept. 26, 1786. Sarah Nov. 4, 1788. William April 24, 1791. Daniel July 7, 1793. Polly Feb. 22, 1796. Milly Aug 17, 1798. Betsy March 10, 1801. Samuel May 29, 1804.” The file includes part of the family record, transcribed below.

On 1 July 1850 John B. Cochran, husband of Elizabeth Cochran and executor of her parents’ estate, applied for the additional pension that Samuel Cochran was due because it was believed he served “part as ensign and part as Leutenant and a part as a Captain,” and also for the increased pension due to Sarah Cochran, deceased.

#### MARRIAGES.

Samuel Cochran Son of Wm. & Jemima Cochran & Sarah Norcutt was Married August the 10<sup>th</sup> day 1784.  
William B. Cochran & Rhoda Pasley was Married.

#### BIRTHS.

Sarah Cochran

Ann Cochran Daughter of Samuel & Sarah Cochran was born March 5<sup>th</sup> 1785