

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Cochran S2140

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State of Tennessee Robertson County: Circuit Court October Term 1832

On this 9th Day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court John Cochran a resident of Robertson County & State of Tennessee aged seventy-four years last December, who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he enlisted in the service of the United States as stated in his discharge & served & such, – which discharge is here attached & sealed to this declaration. He would state that he was in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], also at the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777], also at the battle of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781]; He conceives this will be sufficient accompanied with his discharge, He would state that sometime after his discharge he again entered the service under Captain __ Cole [Josiah Cole] as a volunteer in Caswell County State of North Carolina, and marched through Rockingham County on to Guilford Court House when he had a fight above alluded to, and the next morning Colonel William Moore told the volunteers, that they might go home that General Greene [Nathanael Greene] wanted their services no longer, among which number he was one. He relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State or territory. He states that he was born in the County of Hanover Virginia, in the year 1757. He lived in the state of North Carolina until he moved to this state where he has resided ever since, and in the County of Robertson about 30 years. He has a record of his age in his Bible as taken from his father's Bible.

S/ John Cochran



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This is to certify that the bearer hereof John Cochran a soldier formerly of Captain Phillip Taylor's Company of the sixth North Carolina Battalion & Transferred January the 8th 1778 to Captain John Summers Company of the first North Carolina Battalion has served in said Battalion and Companies for the space of two years six months and two days and is for the reasons below mentioned discharge from said Battalion & Companies. He having received his pay arrears of pay, all his clothes and all just demands from the time of his enlisting into said Battalion same Companies to this Day of his Discharge. He is Discharged having enlisted

himself the 19th day of May at 1776 for the Term of two years & a half and no longer, as appears by a certificate from under the hand of Captain Taylor – And to prevent any [text either obliterated or too faint to discern] charge by its falling into the hands of any other person – Here follows a Description of the above mentioned Cochran. Aged twenty years – five feet, three inches & three quarters high dark brown hair, dark eyes, brown complexion, born in the State of North Carolina, Orange County, a common laborer.

Given under and at camp Kings Ferry November the 19th 1778

S/ [indiscernibly faint]



[reverse]

I John Cochran do acknowledge to have received my pay, arrears of pay, clothing of all sorts and all just demands from the day of my Enlisting into the said Battalion to this Day of my Discharge – Witness

S/ James Craven, Lieut.

S/ John Cochran, X his mark

[p 6: On September 5, 1836, Henry Cochran appeared in Robertson County court and gave testimony that his father John Cochran died January 24, 1833 and that his mother died several years before that time; that his brothers William Cochran & Lewis Cochran all the administrators of his father's estate.



[p 9: testimony that the veteran died in January 1833 survived by no widow leaving 10 children to wit Jeremiah, Lewis, Henry, James, William, Nancy, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Susan (who is dead leaving one child, Mary Ann Folks), and Sarah (who is also dead leaving two children, Benjamin Felts and John Felts)]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two years and six months service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line; he died January 24, 1833 and the amount due him as his pension is shown as having been paid to his children.]