

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Clark W6741 MD
Simon Cochrun (Cochran) W6741 Sarah Cochran VA
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[The papers for the two soldiers are in two separate file jackets with the same number. Sarah Cochran was the widow first of John Clark and then of Simon Cochrun.]

State of Ohio

Pickaway County S.S. John Clark an inhabitant of Pickaway County & State of Ohio being duly sworn according to the provisions of an Act of the Congress of the United States approved by His Excellency, James Monroe President of the said United States on the 18th day of March 1818 entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Revolutionary War" makes the following statement and declaration (towit) that he said deponent was born on the 13th day of August AD 1747 and that on the 16th day of October AD 1775 he enlisted as a private soldier for the term of one year, at Baltimore in Maryland, into the company of Capt. Nathaniel Smith, belonging to the regular corps of artillery, which corps was commanded by Col. Charles Harrison of Richmond of Virginia, and that Edward Carrington was Lieutenant Colonel of said corps or regiment – that said corps belonged to the Continental establishment and that himself and whole company at the end of their year enlisted for during the War. that said Capt Smith did not serve long as a Capt, but went home and Capt. Richard Dorsey commanded the said Company until [Gen. Horatio] Gates's defeat at Camden in South Carolina [16 Aug 1780], when and where the said Captain received eleven wounds and he and this deponent were taken prisoners by the common enemy. After they were exchanged, Capt Dorsey unable from his severe wounds to take the field, Capt. James Smith who had until then been a lieutenant of the company under took the command of said company, and the deponent continued to serve in said company under said Capt. James Smith until the conclusion of the War. The deponent was engaged in the following battles with the said company (towit) – the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], of Gates defeat at Camden where deponent was taken prisoner, in the battle of Guilford S Carolina [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], in the second attack on Camden S. Carolina [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781], at the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] besides being in numerous skirmishes and affairs of outposts. He was honorably discharged at Annapolis M[ary]land on the 15th day of August AD 1783. That going into mercantile, naval service soon after his discharge and following the seafaring business, he lost his said discharge soon after he received it. he continued the seafaring business 5 years at the end of which time he became a pilot and acted as such for the space of two years at Baltimore and often time lived in various places in the States of Pennsylvania & Maryland until he came into this then territory, now State of Ohio, which took place eighteen years since, where now he resides in the county & state aforesaid and if Providence spares his life until the 13th day of August next, he will be seventy one years of age, and such are his circumstances, reduced circumstances in life, that he stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and humbly hopes that, that country which in his youth he defended will not ungratefully forget him in his old age. He further states that he cannot procure any other testimony but his own, without going to Maryland or Virginia for it, which neither his health nor circumstances will permit and further he saith not [Certified 4 June 1818] John Clark

I do hearby farther Sware that at the Battel of Monmuth I was in the Line Commanded by General anthony Wain [sic: Anthony Wayne] attached to the 2 Redgmt the Company was Commaned by Richard Dorsy But was Never Ridgmeted But under Collo. Charles Harrison at the Battel of Camdon. was under the Burron De Calve [sic: Baron de Kalb] who command the Left wing of the army in that Battell

under the same Capt. & Collo. as above stated that Line of the army was Commanded By General Gates wher I was Taken prisner and Remaind with the Enmey abught Two month and Maid My Esscape and Joind the army at Hills Burrow [sic: Hillsborough NC] whin the Company was Commaned by the first Lutunet of the Naim of fenly [sic: Samuel Finley] Commonly Cald Capt Lutennant Fenly in the Saim Ridgment Tell after the Battell of Gilford after which Capt James Smith took the command of the Company at the Battell of the Utaw Springs the Company was Detached to the Merraland Line as he is old and Infirm he Dont Ricolect who commanded that Line John hisXmark Clark Sworn to and subscribed Before me this 2^d day of June 1819

The State of Ohio Pickaway County SS
 Court of Common Pleas July Term 1820

On this twenty seventh day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court (being a court of record) John Clark aged about seventy three years (on the 13th August next) who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the first day of May 1820: that the said John Clark enlisted at Baltimore in the month of October A.D. 1775 in the company or recruiting rendezvous commanded by Captain William Smith but went out into service in a company commanded by Captain Richard Dorsey in Colonel Charles Harrison's Regiment of artillery on continental establishment and served until the peace of 1783 when he was honorably discharged at Annapolis in the State of Maryland that his discharge was lost at sea some time afterwards. that he was in Monmouth battle and Germantown battle, at Gates' defeat in South Carolina and second attack on Camden – at the battle at Guilford Courthouse and at the Eutaw Springs and many skirmishes that he has no other evidence of his said services and that he has received a certificate of Pension under the act of Congress of 18th March 1818 which certificate is numbered 12127 bearing date 21st June 1819. and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed to wit – One Mare fourteen years old and her colt worth ten dollars – two cows one of them seven and the other Eighteen years old worth both of them together twenty dollars in the way of trade or \$15 dollars in cash

Recapitulation –	Mare and colt	\$10.00
	Cows	<u>20.00</u>
		30.00
	All my household furniture	<u>15.00</u>
		\$45.00

I am by occupation a farmer but not able to perform any labour whatever and not been able to do any for two years almost. My wife is nearly forty six years old and quite feeble. I have the following Children who live with me. Sally aged 15 years. Elizabeth who is thirteen years of age. Sam ten years old. James who is nearly seven years of age. These Children are tolerably healthy and are all my dependence for support if my pension is taken away from me. I owe Thomas Bell of Cuchville in this County about twenty dollars for necessaries bought at his store. I owe about six dollars to one Bour for corn. Jonas Hemphill I owe twelve dollars and fifty cents for corn. I owe Peter Staley six dollars and 50 cents for corn. I owe one Redman 12 dollars for my cows

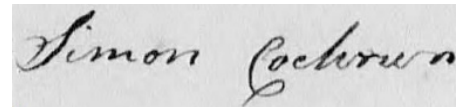
Total	Bell	\$20.00
	Bour	06.00
	Hemphill1	2.50

Staley	06.50
Redman	<u>12.00</u>
	\$57.00
My property worth	<u>\$45.00</u>
Deducted insolvent by the sum of	\$12.00

I have drawn my pension up to the 4th of March last past

John hisXmark Clark

Simon Cochran aged sixty two years deposeth and saith that in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six or seven he enlisted into a company of foot in the thirteenth Regiment of the Virginia line of Continental troops. The number of said Company this deponent has forgotten, but said company at the time of said enlistment was commanded by Captain David Scott of Monongahela [sic: Monongalia] County in the State of Virginia, and said Regiment was commanded afterward by Colonel John Gibson but the name of the Colonel who commanded said Regiment at the aforesaid time of enlisted this deponent has forgotten but Richard Campbell was then Lieutenant Colonel of said Regiment This deponent served in said Regiment under the said Colonel Gibson until and at the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], where said Regiment was much cut to pieces and so reduced in numbers, that it was soon after attached to and became a part of the Ninth Regiment of the Virginia line of Continental troops, In which said Ninth Regiment this deponent continued to serve as a soldier till some time after the expiration of the three years for which he enlisted as aforesaid This deponent thinks that he served as a good and faithful soldier in the service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war, for nearly four years – This deponent was finally discharged from said Ninth Regiment, at Fort Pitt, the twenty eighth of October seventeen hundred and eighty, as appears by the said discharge under the hand of said Colonel Gibson herewith enclosed. This deponent has been a Citizen of the United States ever since the Revolutionary war, and is now a Resident Citizen of Franklin County in the State of Ohio. This deponent is a crippled and lame man, and has a large family of children to support. This deponent is in indigent and reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support. This deponent has never received any pension from the United States April 25, 1818



Simon Cochrun soldier in Capt Berrys Company of the 9th Virginia Regiment is hereby discharged from the same he having served three years the term he first Engaged to serve Given under my hand at fort Pitt Oct 28 1780
Jno. Gibson Col./ 9th Virg'a Reg't

State of Ohio Franklin County SS

Franklin Supreme Court of the Term of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty

On this 31st day of July 1820 personally appeared in Open Court the same being a Court of Record expressly made such by the Constitution and laws of said State Simon Cockran aged sixty five years resident in the said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: He enlisted into the service of the United States for three years at Monongahala County in the State of Virginia in a Company then Commanded by Captain David Scott in the thirteenth Regiment in the Virginia Line of Continental troops this declarant has forgotten the Number of said Company and the name of the Colonel who then Commanded the Regiment. This declarant marched with the battallion very shortly after his enlistment to Fort Pitt and the Regiment was then put under the Command of Colonel John Gibson under whom this declarant served as a good and faithfull soldier till the expiration of his full term of three years aforesaid as appears by his

discharge signed by said Colonel Gibson accompanying his original declaration of the 25^h April 1818 now on file at the war office: the 13th and 8th and 9th Virginia Regiments however were so cut to pieces at the battle of Germantown that they were soon afterwards united in one and called the 9th Regiment, from which this declarant was discharged this declarant does not now recollect the exact time of his inlistment but refers to his discharge aforesaid for greater certainty this declarant has received a pension certificate from the War office of the United States dated May 31st 1820 and Numbered 17.291 And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the united States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule here to anexed and by me subscribed necessary bedding and clothing excepted
[signed] Simon Cockrun

Schedule of property possessed by Simon Cockrun

I am in possession of one hundred and twenty eight acres

of land third rate valued with no improvements at	\$350.00
One small horse fourteen years old	25.00
1 Bay mare 8 years old	50.00
1 Small mare about 14 years old and Colt	30.00
10 Sheep	20.
A number of hogs running in the woods the number not really known worth	25.00
1 Loom and apparel	11.
pots and kettles	7.
2 old axes	3.50
1 old flax Washer	1.00
1 old gun \$3. old hay and Irons	\$47.00
Dresser furniture worth	3.75
1 Bible \$5. pair Steelyards \$2	7.00
Knives and forks	.75
Bee hives	17.00
Plough and tacking	5.00
1 Tub and Sugar can	1.50
Due to this declarant in Cash	<u>34.25</u>
	\$597.75

This declarant also states that on the 7th day of March 1809 he excuted a Mortgage deed of all his land herein set forth and also all his personal property to Samuel Spurgeon of Kentucky to secure the payment of four hundred dollars with interest from the date of said deed on or before the 7th day of September 1820 on which said Mortgage there is now Justly due from this declarant to said

Spurgeon the sum of three hundred and and fifty dollars	\$350
This declarant also owes to Abraham W. Cockrun by bond principle & interest	257
he also owes to several other persons small debts amounting in the aggregate to	<u>116</u>
Total of Debts owing by declarant	\$723.00

So as above stated this declarant owes about one hundred and thirty five dollars and twenty five cents more than the whole value of his property or all that he possesses and he is legally liable to be turned out of possession of the whole at any time by virtue of the mortgage aforesaid This declarant is by occupation a farmer but has been unable to perform any labour of consequence for 19 years past having

been a Cripple for that length of time with a stiff knee occasioned first by the kick of a horse and afterwards by the Cut of an ax and being also much subject to Rheumatick Complaints

This Declarant has a wife fifty years of age of a very feeble constitution having very allarming symptoms of the consumption and able to do very little labour. He has also six children who reside with him

The eldest named Thomas in the 20th year of his age but who expects to leave this declarant this fall intending shortly to be married. The 2nd a girl named Christena aged 18 years who is blind with one eye and unable to add any thing towards the support of her parents the third a son named Simon aged about 15 years is unable to perform any very hard labour by reason of a severe fall from a horse about four years since which had nearly kiled him he is unable to more than earn his support the forth a son named Josiah has been sickley from birth and is lately unable to earn a support by his labour

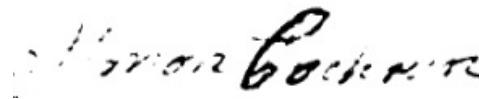
The fith a son named Andrew in the tenth year of his age and very small – the sixth a son named William six years old and large and healthy of his age

This declarant is actually worth nothing after his debts are paid as appears above and as soon as his eldest son leaves him which he intends doing in a few weeks will be wholly unable to support himself and family comfortably, without the aid of publick or private if deprived of his pension from the infirm state of his health and the crippled state of his right leg together wtih the helpless state of his family he is compeled to ask the ask the aid of Country. Simon Cochran

[The following is among the [Revolutionary bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Simon Cochrun Late a Sergeant in the 13th virginia Redgement do hereby appoint col david Scott to receve the Land warants which I am entitled to as witness my hand & Seal this 19th day of April 1806
Test

David Scott



1785 Nov'r 2 A Certificate issued in the name of Simon Cockran a Soldier in the Cont line for balance of his full pay of £63.7.2

Auditors office[?] 21 May 1806 [illegible signature]

NOTES:

On 20 Jun 1853 Sarah Cochran, 79, applied for a pension as the widow of Simon Cochran, whom she married 5 Aug 1831, and who died 9 Jun 1845. The file contains a copy of the record of marriage in Franklin County of Simon Cochran and Sarah Clark by Benjamin Lawrence, a Methodist preacher. A document in the file states that "Sarah Cochrun died on or about the 5th day of June AD 1854 without having any children by the said Simon. Said Simon however died leaving Heirs by by a former Marriage."

Another document shows that John Clark and Sarah Louden were married in Berkeley County VA by Rev. Edward Tiffin on 7 Aug 1794. On 8 Apr 1854 in Franklin County OH James Clark applied for a pension for himself and the other children of John Clark and his former widow, Sarah Cochran. He stated that his parents were married 7 Aug 1794, that his father died in 1822, and his mother died 5 Oct 1853, leaving the following children: Joseph Clark, Nancy Ann Davis, John Clark, Elizabeth Groves, Jane Peltier, and James Clark. In the file is part of a family register showing the dates of birth of these and other children, as transcribed below.

BIRTHS.

Joseph Clark, was born June 20th 1795

Ann Clark, was born Feb 19th 1797

(John Clark March 7th 1799)

Catherine Clark, was born June 19, 1801

Sarah Clark, was born Aug 9th 1804

Elisabeth Clark, was born Jan 2^d 1807.

Jane Clark, was born Aug 20th 1811.

James Clark was born Aug 1st 1813

DEATHS.

Nancy Clark, Wife of John Clark Died June 5th 1839.

Joannah Clark Wife of John Clark Died May 31th 184 [sic]