Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Cochran W6743 Temperance Cochran VA
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At a Court held for the County of Harrison on the 20 day of July 1818 & 43 year of the Commonwealth present David Morris, Benjamin Robinson, Joseph Cheuvront, and Francis Reed Gentlemen Justices. Before the court aforesaid personally appeared James Cochran who being first duely sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision of the late 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." That he the said Simon [sic] Cochran entered the service of the united states in october 1776 as an ensign in the 13 Regiment of Infantry of the State of virginia commanded by Colo. Russel [sic: William Russell BLWt1849-500] in the Company of Captain David Scott [S25425] of the Regulars that he continued in said service until September 1777 when he had Liberty to resign his commission at Pittsburgh and obtained a discharge from Gen'l. [Edward] Hand which is hereunto annexed that he has now no other evidence of his said services in his power and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support

a copy J. Wilson jr C.H.C.

Know all whom it may Concern that Mr. James Cochran has Resign'd his Commission as Ensign in the 13th Regiment of Foot of the State of Virginia in the Service of the United American States, and has my Liberty to withdraw him self from the said Regiment

Given under my hand at Fort Pitt this 11th day of Sept'r. 1777

Edw'd Hand Brigad/ Gen'l.

Virginia

At a Court held for the County of Harrison On the 16th day of January AD 1821 (being a court of record established by an act of the General assembly of this Commonwealth) Personally appeared in open court James Cochran aged 70 years resident of Harrison County, Virginia, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows. "Enlisted in October 1776 as an Ensign in the 13th Regiment of infantry of the state of Virginia commanded by Col. Russel in the company of Capt. David Scott of the regulars. that he continued in said service until September 1777 when he had liberty to resign and did resign, his commission at Pittsburg and obtained a discharge from General Hand, which is annexed to my original Declaration made on the twentieth day of July 1818. – The Number of his pension certificate is 7545 & also made oath as follows. "I do solemnly sware that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, & that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner whatsoever 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 & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818. 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 hereto annexed and by me subscribed." towit "I own 1 Horse, 5 Cows, 5 Sheep, 7 Hogs, Farming Utensils & Furniture worth \$38 I am by occupation a stone mason but thro' old age & infirmity unable to earn a Sustenance I have three in family myself, & wife & an orphan girl my wife is 61 years of age the girl is 14 years old & our joint labour will not support us.

James Cochran

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

I do hereby Sertify that James Chocron sarved as an Ensign under my command in the thirteenth Virginia Ridgement for three year in the Revolutionary War. Given under my hand this 19th Day of March 1806

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David Scott Captain the 13th virginia Ridgement

I Certify that above named James Cochran served in the 13th Virginia Regimentt for some time but not serving in the same place with him at the time I do not recollect at what time he left the service

Uriah Springer [R10017] Late a Capt in the Virg'a line

19th March 1806

Mr. William Price Please to advance my land warrents unto David Scott Se'r April 12 1806

John Cochran

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NOTE: On 31 Jan 1837 Temperance Cochran, 77, applied for a pension stating that she married James Cochran on 20 July 1777 in the Western District of Augusta County VA (at present Morgantown WV), and he died 13 Nov 1830. Another document states that they had a son-in-law named Eli Martin.