

Cochran
(Cockerham)

JACOB COCKERHAM

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On October 21, 1758 the State of North Carolina issued Jacob Cockerham (I) a land grant of 100 acres in Anson County on the northeast side of the Pee Dee River.¹ Two years earlier, on October 27, 1756, Thomas Cockran (Cockerham), probably a brother of Jacob Cockerham (I), had bought 300 acres on Mountain Creek in Anson County from William Terry for 30 pounds of British sterling money.²

Records show that Jacob Cockerham (I) was a man who was active in the affairs of the day. In 1769 he was listed as a member of the Regulators,³ an association which protested the oppression of "excessive taxes, dishonest officials and exorbitant fees" under the royal governor and colonial government.⁴

In 1771 and again in 1775 Jacob Cockerham was named to help build roads in Anson County.⁵ On July 12, 1775 he was named to the Grand Jury in Anson County.⁶ In 1777 and again in 1779 he signed a petition to divide Anson County along the Pee Dee River because of hardship in traveling the great distance and crossing the Pee Dee River to the present Court House (Anson County, in October, 1779, was 90 miles long and 38 miles wide).⁷

A 1774 Anson County deed from Jacob Cockerham (I) to George Collins shows that the name of Jacob Cockerham's wife was Mary. In the State Census of 1784-7 they were enumerated in Richmond County, North Carolina (which was formed in 1779 on the eastern side of the Pee Dee River). They do not appear in Richmond County in 1790.

Jacob and Mary Cockerham were the parents of Jacob Cockerham, Jr. (II) and Abraham Cockerham.⁸ From Anson County records, other possible children of Jacob and Mary Cockerham were John, Alexander and Randall Cockerham.

Jacob Cockerham (II) first appears in Anson County records in 1777 when he signed a petition, along with his father, to divide Anson County along the Pee Dee River.⁹

During the Revolutionary War, Jacob Cockerham (II) either served or gave supplies, as on October 14, 1783 the Auditor's Office of the State of North Carolina issued him a Revolutionary voucher in the amount of 20 pounds and 5 shillings for a claim he presented.

On November 8, 1775, probably in Anson County, Jacob Cockerham (II) had married Mary English.¹⁰ She may have been the daughter of Matthew or John English (English) who were living in Anson County at that time.

By 1790 the name, "Cockerham", had been changed to Cockran or Cockram. Jacob Cockran (II) appears in the 1790, 1800 and 1810 censuses of Montgomery County, North Carolina (formed from Anson County in 1779). His brother, Abraham Cockran, who married Tamer Bruton, was living near him in these censuses. (This Abraham Cockran is the ancestor of the Cochran's still living in Montgomery County, North Carolina today). These two brothers, Jacob and Abraham Cockran, appear in several Montgomery County land grants from 1790 to 1813.

Jacob Cockran (II) had three sons to serve in the War of 1812: Jacob Cockran (III) (now spelled Cochran), Abraham Cochran and Eli Cochran. Jacob Cochran (III) served in Captain Joshua Craven's Company of the Infantry, 7th Regiment, North Carolina Militia from February 1, 1814 to July 16, 1814.¹¹ His brothers, Abraham and Eli Cochran, also enlisted on February 1, 1814 and served in the War of 1812 for around six months each; Abraham served in Captain Joshua Craven's Company¹² and Eli served in Captain Robert Hood's Company.¹³

Sometime between 1814 and 1820 Jacob Cochran (II) and (III) moved from Montgomery County, North Carolina to Hall County, Georgia. The 1820 Hall County, Georgia census indicates that Mary English Cochran had died by then and Jacob Cochran (II) was living with his son, Jacob Cochran, Jr. (III), who had married Patsy Pool in North Carolina on January 24, 1811.¹⁴ On November 17, 1822 Jacob Cochran (II) married Ellender Beard in Hall County, Georgia.¹⁵ She was probably a widow from her age in the 1830 Hall County census where she is listed as age 50-60 and Jacob Cochran (II) was listed as age 70-80.

By 1830, Jacob Cochran (III) had been joined in Hall County, Georgia by his brothers, Abraham and Henry Cochran. On December 20, 1832 their sister, Rebecca Cochran, married Moses Waters in Hall County, Georgia. Also in 1832, Jacob Cochran, Sen. (II) drew land in the Cherokee Land Lottery and Jacob Cochran, Junr (III) drew land in the 1832 Gold Lottery of Georgia, both from Herndon's District in Hall County.

By 1840, Jacob Cochran (III) had moved to Union County, Georgia. He and his wife, Patsy Pool Cochran, daughter of Henry Pool, settled

in the Gaddistown section of Union County. In 1851 and 1855 Jacob Cochran (III) applied for and received bounty land in the total amount of 160 acres for his service in the War of 1812, according to his bounty land papers.

Of the brothers of Jacob Cochran (III) who moved from North Carolina to Georgia, Abraham moved to Lumpkin County, Georgia by 1840 and settled in Amicalola District of Dawson County (formed from Lumpkin and Gilmer Counties in 1857). Henry Cochran was also in Lumpkin County in 1840, but had settled at Conn's Creek in Cherokee County, Georgia by 1850. Their sister, Rebecca Cochran and her husband, Moses Waters, were in Forsyth County, Georgia in 1840 and in Gilmer County, Georgia in 1850.

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The children of Jacob Cochran (II) and Mary English:

1. Aaron Cochran, born Sept. 16, 1776. In Montgomery Co., N. C., in 1800. Married Mary Tracy. Two children: Miles and William. No further record.
2. Eli Cochran, born Jan. 23, 1779. Served in the War of 1812 from Feb. 1, 1814 to July 21, 1814. Possibly killed in the War of 1812. Three children: Faday, David and Tamer. No further record.
3. John Cochran, born Feb. 10, 1781, married Arcadia Goan (Goin) in Nov., 1803. No further record.
4. Jacob Cochran, Jr., born Sept. 1, 1783. Married Patsy Pool on Jan. 24, 1811. Moved to Hall Co., Ga. by 1820.
5. David Cochran, born Feb. 4, 1786. Died young, probably. No record.
6. Betsey Cochran, born May 23, 1788, married Elisha Thompson on Jan. 5, 1806. Six children: Polly, Tempy, Wince, Leasy, Rebecca and Betsy. Lived in Montgomery Co., N. C.
7. Polly Cochran, born Sept. 15, 1790, married Abner Jinkens on Mar. 9, 1809. Children: Faney and John. No further record.
8. Abram Cochran, born June 7, 1793, married Rebecca Luther on Dec. 18, 1817. Children: Elizabeth (Betsy), Rachel, John Russell, Arcada, Francis, Matilda (Tildy), George Washington, James Mateson, Polly J., Armina (Mindy), Abram Van Buren, Jacob (Jake), and James Alfred William. Moved to Ga. by 1830.
9. Rebeka Cochran, born Nov. 3, 1795, married Moses Waters on Dec. 20, 1832. Children: David Wesley, Henry and Mary. Lived in Ga.
10. Henry F. Cochran, born May 19, 1799, married Lydia or Sidney (Posey)? Children: Benjamin F., Polly Louisa, Susana, David Randolph, William Christopher, Posey, Nancy, Henry L., Richard and Betsey. Lived in Ga.

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The children of Jacob Cochran (III) and Patsy Pool:

1. Jean Cochran, born Feb. 15, 1812. No record.
2. Polley Cochran, born Dec. 25, 1813, married Moses Swofford. They lived in Union Co., Ga.
3. Henry P. Cochran, born Oct. 19, 1815, married Rebecca Cavender on July 23, 1846. Children: John M., George W., Lavica Ann (Vicy), Rebecca Jane, Jacob Buchanan (Buck), Lucretia Marinda, Martha, Mary R., Nancy Margaret and Fanny E. Lived in Union Co., Ga.
4. Jacob Jackson Cochran, born Aug. 7, 1817, married Nicey (Manning)? Children: James N., Patsy V., Mary Elizabeth, Manning B., Jacob J., John P., Nicey J., and William. Lived in Union Co., Ga. and McMinn Co., Tenn. Jacob Jackson Cochran served in the Civil War from Union Co., Ga. He was in Co. G, 52 Reg., the "Allegheny Rangers."¹⁸
5. Clarane Cochran, born Jan. 12, 1820. No record.
6. John Pinckney Cochran, born Dec. 21, 1821, married Margaret (Peggy) McCay on Nov. 28, 1844. Children: Mary M., Rodah Jane, Jacob M., Daniel M., Martha E., John Pinckney, Jr., Margaret R., Joseph E., Ferdinand L., George Virgil and Harbert Nathan. Lived in Union and Fannin Counties, Georgia.
7. Colwell (Collins) Washington Cochran, born May 28, 1824, married Elizabeth Eafen on Aug. 19, 1849. Children: Sukey. Lived in Union Co., Ga. and Alabama.
8. Rebecca Cochran, born May 29, 1826, married John Thomason, son of Young Thomason. Children: Esther, Polly, Martha, Hannah, Jane, John Y., Rebecca, Dolly, Julia Ann and Laura B. Lived in Union Co., Ga.
9. Patsy Matilda Cochran, born March 25, 1828, probably died young.
10. Nathan Mateson Cochran, born Aug. 24, 1829, married Eliza A. Gaddis. Children: Ellen R., John Pinckney, Lewis W., Susan, Elmira and Jacob Matteson. Lived in Union Co., Ga. Nathan Cochran was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He was in Co. G, 52 Reg., the "Allegheny Rangers", from Union Co., Ga.¹⁹

FOOTNOTES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Footnotes

- 1 Anson County, N. C. Land Grants, Book 18, p. 428, File 2462.
- 2 Anson County, N. C. Deed Book 5, p. 109.
- 3 Vol. 8, p. 80, Colonial and State Records of N. C.
- 4 Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol. 16, p. 611.
- 5 Anson Co., N. C., Abstract of County Court Minutes, 1771-7, p. 71, 99.
- 6 Anson Co., N. C., Abstract of County Court Minutes, 1771-7, p. 103.
- 7 Anson Co., N. C., Petitions, 1770-1789, p. 135, 137.
- 8 From Patrick Cochran, descendant of Abraham Cochran (1757-1818).
- 9 Anson Co., N. C., Petitions, 1770-1789, p. 135.
- 10 The Bible of Jacob Cochran (II).
- 11 War of 1812 Military Service Record for Jacob Cochran (III).
- 12 From Patrick Cochran, descendant of Abraham Cochran (1757-1818).
- 13 War of 1812 Military Service Record for Eli Cochran.
- 14 The Bible of Jacob Cochran (II).
- 15 Marriage Records, Hall County, Ga.
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- 18 Confederate Roster, p. 448.
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