

Hall County history

Cochran family came from Scotland

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The 1820 federal census of Hall county enumerates Archibald, Charles and Robert Cockram. The original home of the family was in Scotland and the original spelling was COCHRANE. The name is now sometimes variously spelled Cockram, Cockrum, Cochran, and Cockerham. The family appears to have moved to South Carolina from Henry County, Va. and descendants later moved to Hall County from Jackson and Oglethorpe Counties.

In 1780, James Cockran lived in Pendleton District and Hezekiah Cockran lived in Greenville District, S.C. By 1800, James Cockran and a John Cochran both were living in the Pickens County area of Pendleton District, S.C., and in Greenville that year were James, Hezekiah, Chesley, Daniel, and two William Cockrum families.

1800 census Pickens District, S.C.

James Cockran, age 45 yrs or over. 1 male under 10 yrs of age. 2 males between ages 10 and 16 yrs. 1 female between ages 16 and 26 yrs. 1 female age 45 yrs or over.

John Cochran, age between 26 and 45. 5 males under age 10. 1 female between ages 16 and 26. 2 slaves.

Capt. James Cochran was head of a militia district in Jackson County, Ga. in 1802. In 1803, he had land on Mulberry Fork in Capt. Alexander Reed's district, where the name James was listed twice, and March 9, 1807 as James Cockrum he bought some land from Drury Strickland. In the 1805 lottery, the names of Andrew, James, and Jonathan appear, and in the 1807 lottery, in Cochran's district, were Major James and Thomas Cochran. In the 1820 census Jackson County there is only a James Cochran enumerated. In 1832, James Cochran, a Revolutionary soldier, living in Jackson County, Ga. drew Cherokee County land which was granted Dec. 17, 1833. James left a will recorded in Jackson County.

Thomas Cochran, applying for a pension Sept. 7, 1832 in Adair County, Ky., stated he was aged 72, born in Charlotte County, Va., April 8, 1760, and

was living in Campbell County, Va., in August 1778. He entered the army under Capt. Thomas Heath. During the winter of 1778, he went to Georgia and in February 1779, volunteered under Capt. Reid in Wilkes County, to become a Ranger or Indian Spy. With Lt. Hewitt (?) and Ensign Hugh Roan, he marched from Wilkes Court House to Reid's Fort where he found the Indians "remarkably troublesome to the people." He was discharged from his Georgia service in February, 1781, and returned to his father's home in Virginia. After about 15 yrs he removed to Tennessee and a year later to Adair County, Ky.

Members of the Cochran Clan moved to the Mississippi territory and records of the family are found in several Alabama Counties. William Cochran, a Revolutionary soldier, born 1748, died in Clark County, Alabama in 1819.

Jackson County, Ga. was formed Feb. 11, 1796 from Franklin County. Many Revolutionary soldiers were given Bounty land in Franklin County and the land was in the section cut-off into Jackson County. James and Mary Cochran are listed as receiving land in Franklin County which later became Jackson County.

An interesting will is recorded in Abbeville District, S.C.

JAMES COCKRAN — Georgia, Hall County dated: 2nd July 1828 Proved: 2nd Oct. 1828

To Pleasant Love of Augusta..

My brothers and sisters
Dr. John L. Cooper of S.C. to apply for my effects at Gainesville.

Executor: Joseph Davis, Esq. of S.C., or Dr. George W. Presly

Witnesses: Thomas Sandford, Norman L. Chester, Wiley Harbin.

The 1860 Banks County, Ga. Census, 2nd District enumerates:

Robert Cochran age 61, born N.C. — farmer

Matilda Cochran age 52, born S.C.

This is possibly the Robert Cochran enumerated in 1820 Hall County, Ga. Census, and probably related to James Cochran of Jackson County.

A Robert Cochran (Jr. ?)

Bible record is in the possession of Miss Ruth Hanie.

Robert Cochran born Mar. 28, 1823, died June 17, 1864, Salisbury, N.C. (CSA) married

Malindiann Shirden (Malinda Sheridan), Dec. 31, 1846, Franklin County, Ga.

Malinda Cochran, born Jan. 8, 1823, died Aug. 11, 1866, Banks

County, Ga.

Children of Robert and Malinda Cochran:

William Terel Cochran, born Feb. 10, 1848; Elizabeth Eliza

Jane Cochran, born April 6, 1849; John Kinsey Cochran, born Aug. 31, 1850; James Alfred Cochran born Aug. 13, 1852, died Jan. 31, 1940.