

### **Pension Application for Samuel Cochran**

W.13964 (Former Widow, Mary Dutcher)

Green Mt. Boys, New York

Declaration: In order to obtain the benefit of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Section of the Act of 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836 and of the 1<sup>st</sup> Section of the Act of 3d March 1837.

State of New York

Greene County SS.

On this Seventh day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty one at a Court of Common Pleas and general Sessions here at the Court House in the village of Catskill in and for the County of Greene aforesaid personally appeared in open court before the Judges thereof Mary Dutcher a resident of the town of Catskill County of Greene and State of New York aged Seventy nine years since last May who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July July [sic] 4<sup>th</sup> 1836 and the act explanatory of said act passed the 3d March 1837.

That she was married to Samuel Cochran who to the best of her knowledge and belief in the revolutionary war resided in the town of Woodbury in the State of Connecticut.

That she has often heard him say that he the said Samuel Cochran at the commencement of the Revolutionary War entered the Military Service of the United States in a company Commanded by his cousin Robert Cochran (1) and was the most part of his time during said engagement in the Province of Canada and was at Quebeck at the time General Montgomery (2) was killed and believes he was a prisoner for a short period but how long he continued in said service she is unable to say. She further declares that she has also heard the said Samuel Cochran say that afterwards he entered the service as a Sergeant (3) in the Connecticut line for the term of two or three years during which time he was in several engagements and was finally discharged at the end of said term of enlistment but under what officers she does not know. She further declares that he the said Samuel Cochran afterwards to wit, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty moved into or came into Dutchess County in the State of New York. That this applicant became acquainted with the said Samuel Cochran and was legally married to him the thirtieth day of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one.

That the ceremony was performed (at the house of this applicants brother named Job Milks), by the Reverend Job Swift Clergyman of the Presbyterian Church at a place called the City in the said County of Dutchess and that her maiden name previous to her marriage was Mary Milks. She further declares that her husband the said Samuel Cochran afterwards to wit in the spring of the year of one thousand seven hundred and eighty two volunteered and became a substitute for a class in Colonel Graham's (4) Regiment of Militia as a private Soldier for the term of eight or nine months.

That her husband the said Samuel Cochran went from home when their eldest child was three or four months old.

That he was ordered to join a Regiment of Levies or State State [sic] troops on the West Side of the Hudson River where he was stationed for the protection of the frontiers of the County of Ulster until late in the fall of said year of Seventeen hundred and Eighty two when he was discharged and returned home.

She further declares that a few years afterwards she with her said husband moved from thence to a place called Pittstown in Renselaer [Rensselaer] county in the State of New York and remained there Several years and from thence moved into Greene County where she has ever since remained.

She further declares that owing to the lapse of time and loss of memory she is unable to give any more particulars neither does she remember the name of the officers under which her husband the said Samuel Cochran served but believes that the Captains name was Livingston (5) in the last Campaign.

And that she believes the whole of the Revolutionary Service of her husband the aforesaid Samuel Cochran during the Revolutionary War would amount to more than five years more than half she believes in the capacity of a Sergeant.

She further declares that her husband the aforesaid Samuel Cochran died while absent from home and was buried in the town of Cairo on the fourteenth day of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven and left several children.

She further declares that she was afterwards married to wit on the twenty ninth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and seven to David Dutcher that the ceremony was performed by the Reverend Mr. Ohnold Clergyman of the Pabtist [Baptist] in the town of Cairo and that her husband the said David Dutcher died the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen in the said town of Cairo and that she has not intermarried since the period of the death of said David Dutcher and that she was a widow on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1836 as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

She further declares that she has no family record nor any documentary evidence to prove any of her foregoing statements either in relation to her marriages or the Revolutionary Services of her former husband the said Samuel Cochran, deceased. (Signed with her mark) Mary Dutcher

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before me. William Pierson, Clk

End Notes—W.13964—Samuel Cochran

1. Robert Cochran was Captain of a Connecticut Company that marched to Crown Point, N.Y. under Colonel Benedict Arnold.
2. Major General Richard Montgomery of the Continental Army was killed in the attack of Quebec, Canada on December 31, 1775.
3. Unfortunately she did not have or remember an officers name to help narrow down a regiment for this service. Robert Cochran in 1776 served as a Captain and was promoted to major in Colonel Samuel Elmore's Connecticut State Regiment but Samuel's name did not appear on any of the muster rolls for this regiment.
4. Morris Graham was the Colonel of the First Regiment of Dutchess County Militia.
5. In 1782, Samuel enlisted as a private in Captain Gilbert J. Livingston's Company in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Frederick Weissenfel's Regiment of New York State Levies.