

Company K, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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COCKRAN, Martin 28 Sept 1862

Corporal Cockran was age 40 when he entered service. He was transferred to Co. K 114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864. Mustered out 10 June 1865 at New Orleans, LA, by order of the War Dept.

Father: Joshua COCKRAN

Mother: Betsy COX

Birth: <1822>OH Coshocton Co OH

Marriage: 1 [Lovina BINGER](#) on 13 Mar 1845 at Coshocton Co OH[Bur West Carlisle Cem, Coshocton Co OH.

2Francis N. YOUNG on 12 Dec 1853 at Wooster, Wayne Co OH[could not find burial]

3Mary J. STOVER, but separated

Death: 21 Nov 1904, National Military Home of Ohio

Cemetery: Dayton National Cemetery, Montgomery Co OH, Plot: N, 11, 3

Pension Index: Invalid pension for Corporal Martin COCHRAN, K 120th OH Inf, in 1880 June 24, Application 388294, Certificate 241097, but no state given.

Marriage record: Martin COCKRON married Lovina BINGER on 13 Mar 1845 at Coshocton Co OH. Also listed as COCHRAN on 15 and 12 March 1845.

Martin's parents and some siblings: 1850 Perry Twp, Coshocton Co OH, Dwelling 177, Family 179: Joshua COCHRAN, age 61 MD, farmer; Elizabeth, age 51 OH; Loretta, age 14 OH; Martha, age 12 OH; Mary, age 12 OH; George, age 7 OH; Eliakin JOHNSON, age 27 PA, laborer; John McCULLOUGH, age 21 unknown birthplace, laborer.

relatives? 1850 Census, Perry Twp, Coshocton Co OH, Dwelling 86, Family 87: William COCHRAN, age 57 MD, farmer; Elizabeth, age 56 MD, Jackson, age 20 OH, laborer; Thomas J, age 14 OH; Rebecca KEEFER, age 25 OH; William A KEEFER, age 3 OH; Rachel BLUE, age 3 OH.

Brother, 1850 Census, Perry Twp, Coshocton Co OH, Dwelling 170, Family 181: Joshua COCHRAN, age 30 OH, farmer; Ruth, age 26 OH; Elizabeth, age 5 OH; Samantha, age 5 months OH.

1850 Census, Perry Twp, Coshocton Co OH, Dwelling 87, family 88: Martin COCHRAN, age 28 OH, clerk; Lavina, age 23 OH.

Lavina, [wife of Martin](#), is buried at West Carlisle Cemetery, Coshocton County, OH

Marriage record: Martin COCKRAN married Francis N. YOUNG on 12 Dec 1853 at Wooster, Wayne Co OH. Bride was single

Mother, siblings, 1860 Census, Perry Twp, Coshocton Co OH, Dwelling 544, Family 550: Elisabeth COCKRAN, age 61 PA; Martha, age 22 OH; Mary, age 22 OH; George, age 17 OH, farm laborer.

1860 Village of Salem, Richland county, OH: Martin CHOCHRAN age 38 born OH, a drover; Frances born NJ age 27; Ives? [male] age 5 born OH.

???1870 Census, Butler, Bates Co MO, Hotel Residents, Dwelling 40, Family 45: Hotel run by John F. ATKINSON; line 22, Martin COCKRAN, age 48 OH, retired saloon keeper.

Mother [Elizabeth](#) died 1875.

??? ...There is a Martin COCHRAN, occupation "freighting" in Butler, Bates county MO in 1880 age 58 OH [parents born OH], but with a different wife named Susan[?] [parents born S Carolina?], age 41 MO. Two children born MO, Andrew R., son, age 19. Robert, son, age 1

In Oct 1884 Martin was back in the Coshocton Co OH area according to info in the pension record.

Historical Registers of National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938. Dayton OH: Martin COCKRAN, 1890, born 1822 OH. NARA publication M1749, Roll 40, film 1547737, folder 004832584, image 00633.

Transferred to Co K 114th OH Inf 27 Nov 1864. Mustered out 10 June 1865. Born OH. Age 68 when he entered the Home. Light complexion. Blue eyes. Gray hair. Farmer. Previous residence Coshocton, OH. Widowed. Nearest relatives: sister Mrs. Mary Bell KEENE, Coshocton OH.[Mrs. Mary Bell, of Keene [Coshocton county], Ohio] Rate of pension \$12. Admitted to Home 14 Nov 1890. Protestant. Died 21 Nov 1904. Burial Row 11, Grave 3. Pneumonia. Nephew Martin V. SPANG, 611 Denmead Ave, Columbus OH was notified by telegram.

Information from the National Archives sent by Debbie Ferdetta:

17 Apr 1891, Coshocton Co OH, Martin Cochran was age 69, resident of Coshocton.

27 Apr 1896, National Military Home, Montgomery Co OH.

Soldier enrolled in service at Shelby OH.

Alexander E. DAVIDSON, age 66, and Solomon S. SMITH, age 62, of Kansas city, Jackson Co MO, testified that they had known Martin Cockran for 18 yrs and from boyhood respectively, and that ever since the war he has not been able to do manual labor. Before the war he was a "stout hard working man."

22 Dec 1882 James D. Robison, M.D. [late surgeon of volunteers], Wooster, Wayne Co OH: "I have been practicing medicine for thirty nine years. I was called to see Martin Cochran professionally on Dec 2 1863. I have no recollection of having known the patient before that time. I found him quite sick with chronic diarrhoea, confined to his bed and unable to visit me as I would have preferred having him do, as he lived twelve miles from Wooster and it was in the winter. I visited him again on Dec 9 and on Dec 15 and on Dec 20 and on Dec 27 1863, and January 3 1864. When I found him so much better that I turned him over to the professional care of Dr. John Cowan of Jeromesville, Ashland Co Ohio as he resided much nearer the patient. The soldier was then home on sick furlough. And was during the time of my treatment totally disabled from performing manual labor."

J. Cowan, M.D, 11 July 1882.: "I treated the above named soldier while at Home on Furlough. I first visited him January 16 1864. Visited twice several times between that and 10th March 1864 when I reported him to his Regiment or Hospital as being unable to report in person. During all this time he was unable to perform labor of any kind and part of the time was confined to bed. His general condition was bad. Diarrhea with general tenderness over the stomach and bowels, emaciation etc. He was what we at that time called chronic camp diarrhea with low fever. As to giving a precise description of his condition I cannot as this is from memory. The dates are from my book kept at the time.

Soldier was in Coshocton at least from 1849 to 1854. Then again in Oct 1884 he was back in that area. He was seeing Dr. James G. Carr during those time periods.

There is a letter from Elizabeth Ann Cochran MAGAW [Mrs. John G. Magaw, 425 Surf St, Chicago, IL] included in the pension papers. She wrote the letter 25 May 1929 asking for family information. It seems that Martin had a brother named Joshua who was in Co F 80th OH Vol Inf. He was killed in action at Corinth, MS on 4 Oct 1862. Joshua's place of birth was Jefferson Co OH, age 42, farmer. His father was Joshua COCKRAN and his mother was Betsy COX [a near relative of General Cox of the War of 1812]. She said that Martin was honorably discharged 10 June 1865 at New Orleans LA. Martin was born at Coshocton Co OH. She stated that her father, George W. COCHRAN, was a much younger brother of Joshua and Martin. George was born in Coshocton Co OH and was also in the Civil War and drew a pension at Toronto IA and then at Chicago and then died at the National Soldiers Home in Milwaukee WI.

This was the answer to that letter:

National Archives letter to Mrs. John G. Magaw, 425 Surf St, Chicago, IL; 19 July 1929

In response to your letter requesting information relative to the family of the above entitled soldier [Martin Cochran], I have to advise you that in a statement on file the soldier gave his first wife's name as Lovina Bingard, married at East Union, Coshocton County, Ohio; second wife, Frances A. Young, also of Ohio; and it appears from evidence on file that he was again married to Mary J. Stover, from whom he separated.

A report from the National Military Home of Ohio, furnished at the time of the soldier's death, November 21, 1904, shows that on entering the Home he gave as next of kin the name of Mrs. Mary Bell, of Keene [Coshocton county], Ohio, sister; and at the date of his death a nephew, Martin V. Spang, of 611 Denmead Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, was the person notified.

There is nothing further on file relative to this family.

Very truly yours,
Earl D. Church, Commissioner

Brother George

Historical Registers of National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938 Milwaukee, WI

George W. COCHRAN, Private, Co G 15th US Inf, enlisted 6 Nov 1861 at Coshcoton, OH. Discharged 19 June 1865. Born OH, age when admitted 70. Ht 5'11.5", fair complexion, blue eyes, gray hair, could read and write, Catholic, residence subsequent to discharge Chicago IL. Widower. Nearest relative: Mary McNEIL, 1538 E. 65th St, Chicago, IL Died 27 Feb 1920. Body shipped to Chicago, IL. Money and effects shipped 9 June 1920 to Bessie C. MAGAW, daughter, 141 Fuller St, Brookline, MA.

Brother: Pvt. Joshua COCHRAN, brother of Martin, was in Co F 80th OH Vol Inf. He was killed in battle at Corinth Miss. on 4 Oct 1862. The Roll of Honor does not say where he was buried. He was age 42 when he joined 8 Dec 1861. Pension Index: Widow Ruth COCHRAN applied 6 Dec 1862, Application 7566, Certificate 742.

[Notes on brother Joshua: Family Search, Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907-1933: Joshua COCHRAN, Pvt Co F 80th OVI. Widow, Ruth PICKETT, died 14 Feb 1914. Samantha M. SLATER of Mount Blanchard, Hancock Co, OH, was reimbursed some money for her mother's care.

Widow's pension papers are available at fold3.com. Ruth's maiden name was PIGMAN. At the time Joshua died in 1862 they had 3 minor children: Samantha, Rebecca, and Joseph. Joshua was killed at the Battle of Corinth, Miss. on 4 Oct 1862. Samantha's Post Office address was West Carlisle, Coshocton Co, OH. Pension number was 7566. Joshua enrolled at Coshocton OH. "Killed in Battle." Samantha PIGMAN and Joshua COCHRAN were married on 14 Apr 1842, by R. S. Wolfenburger, JP. Children under 16: Samantha born 20 Jan 1850; Rebecca Ann born 8 Dec 1854; Joseph Albert born 21 Jan 1858. In 1862 they were living in Pike Twp, Coshocton Co OH. When he joined, Joshua was age 42, 5'8" high, grey hair, blue eyes, light complexion, born Jefferson Co OH, farmer. Mustered in 8 Dec 1861. He died at the hospital in Corinth MS. Ruth remarried Heathcoat C. PICKETT [not a soldier] but apparently became a widow again by 1901 and was living in Blanchard, Hancock Co OH. She reapplied for her pension under Joshua COCHRAN's name, pension certificate 742. Heathcoat died 16 June 1891. Ruth and Heathcoat had been married 20 Oct 1874, Coshocton Co, by T. J. Pope, Minister. Samantha M. SLATER was Ruth's daughter and took care of her during her last years. Ruth was buried at Mt. Blanchard Cemetery.]