



Genealogy



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. . . Family photograph . . .

the Cochran, Pollock and Sproule families
of Castrues

. . . Elderly couple seated in the front . . .

Samuel Cochran, son of William Cochran,
(major beneficiary of the Last Will &
Testament of Joseph Cochran d. 1877)
and his sister, Dorcas.

*Samuel Cochran was administrator of the
Cochran Endowment from 1880*

Genealogy

... *Three generations of the Cochran Family
of Buncrana, Ireland & Londonderry, Northern Ireland ...*

Joseph COCHRAN (1753-1838)

m. Dorcas MACKY
in 1784

James (1786 - 1798)
Joseph (1789 - 1865) *
Samuel (1791 - 1863)
Ann (1792 - ???)
William (1794 - ???)

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Joseph COCHRAN

m. Rebecca ORR (1790 - 1826)

Sarah (1812 - 1855)
Samuel (1815 - 1879) *
Ann (1817 - 1892)
Rebecca (1819 - 1880)
Catherine (1821 - 1859)
Joseph (1823 - 1875)
James (1826 - NK)

m. Catherine KITSON (NK - 1839)
(nee Armstrong)
in 1828

m. Elizabeth COWAN (1812 - 1863)
in 1849

Jane (1852 - 1896)
Sarah (1855 - 1863)

JOSEPH COCHRAN (1789-1865)

Rebecca Cochran* (nee Orr) is buried in the St Mura's cemetery, Fahan Co. Donegal.

Joseph Cochran* married a Mrs Kitson of Buncrana in May 1828 at Fahan. A Catherine Cochran (wife of Joseph) is listed as dying in 1839 (Donegal Genealogy Resources).

Elizabeth Cowan is listed as a milliner from Derry in the Slaters 1846 business directory. She continued to work as a milliner after her marriage to Joseph. She pre-deceased Joseph. After Joseph died in 1865 Elizabeth's sister cared for their elder daughter, Sarah.

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH & REBECCA

Sarah Cochran married Francis McElwain in 1835 and John Campbell in 1845. She died at Cootehill in 1855.

Samuel Cochran* was born in New York. He married Sarah Martha Parker at St Martins in the Field in 1841. His family resided in the Jersey Islands for the first few years of his married life, then immigrated to Montreal. Samuel joined other family members in NZ in 1858. Sarah Martha joined him in 1860.

Ann Cochran married Joseph Alexander in 1839 in Buncrana, Co. Donegal. She emigrated to NZ in 1854 as a widow.

Rebecca Cochran married Rev. John Macky (ordained parish of Fahan in 1842) in December 1842.

Catherine Cochran emigrated to NZ in 1852 and married Thomas Lindsay Macky the same year.

Joseph Cochran emigrated to NZ in 1854 with his sister Ann, and various members of the Macky family. He never married, so has no direct descendants.

James Cochran is mentioned in the Macky letters as having emigrated to Quebec. No further information is known.

The Cousins

... *The Cochran Family of
Chrislaghmore & Castrues* ...

Samuel COCHRAN (1755 - 1845)

m. Elizabeth Motherwell
in 1791

Joseph (1792 – 1877)

Margaret (1796 - NK)

Elizabeth (1797 - NK)

John (1799 - 1824)

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William COCHRAN

m. Elizabeth COWAN (b. 1800)
in 1824

John Cowan (1826 - 1903)

Dorcas (1828 - 1919)

Joseph (died young)

Samuel (??? - 1900)

Margaret (m. Andrew Sproule)

Elizabeth (m. William Pollock)

Elizabeth Cowan wife of William Cochran
is cousin to Elizabeth Cowan (1812 -
1863), third wife of Joseph Cochran d.
1865.

LW&T of Joseph Cochran 1792 - 1877

*"My property in land in Crislaugh,
all that I occupy and all that I
posses leave with all my rights,
title & interest to William
Cochrane, Castruse".*

William is the youngest son of Joseph
Cochran (1753 - 1838) . All his siblings
and cousins had pre-deceased him.

John Cowan Cochrane emigrated to
Victoria, Australia, in 1851 with his first
wife, Jane Thompson. He ran a Border
Leicester stud in Essendon, Victoria.
There are several mentions of him in the
Macky letters.

PROBATE AND MATRIMONIAL DIVISION

(Before Judge Warren and a Special Jury)

Mc Bride v. Morton

This was a suit to establish the will and codicil of the late Joseph Cochrane, a farmer who lived at Fahan, county Donegal, and near the city of Derry. The will and one of the codicils bore date the 2nd day of March, 1875, and the second codicil was dated the 10th of March, '77. The tea-totaller, who was an unmarried man, was a large farmer, and had besides been in the habit of lending small sums to people in the county. He had accumulated considerable property, and died in June '77, possessed of real estate to the value of about £3,000, and personal estate to the value of £14,000. By the will and first codicil of testator he bequeathed the bulk of his property to Wm. Cochrane of Castruse, county Donegal, his first cousin, who was named residuary legatee, and to his son, Samuel Cochrane. After granting various small legacies to relations and others, testators bequeathed to Rev. John Brown McBride, of the Presbyterian congregation at Fahan, **where the testator and his ancestors had for the last 150 years resided**, the plaintiff in this case, and named with Samuel Cochrane* and Joseph Dysart, an old friend of the deceased, as executors of the will, a legacy of £200, and during his own life an endowment of £50 a year, which on his death, was to be attached to Fahan congregation.

**son of William*

Excerpt taken from the **Freeman's Journal**, 5/6/1878

APPENDIX 2

IN THE DAYS OF THE LAGGAN PRESBYTERY

By the Rev. Alexander G Lecky

Appendix (4)

Names of persons who attended meetings of the Laggan
Presbytery as Ruling Elders and Commissioners between the
years 1672 and 1700

GLENDERMOTT

Edward Irwin, Robert Nevin, Robert Nutt, Robert Hall,
John Irwin, William Nevin, Marmaduke* Cochran, John
Henderson, Andrew Carson, Adam Murray, John Hall, John**
Cochran, James Murray, John Smith, Thomas Stevenson,
Robert Robertson, Wm. Ross, Ninian* Cochran, James Burn,
Peter** Cochran.

* Known family members

** Likely family members

APPENDIX 3

SCOTS IRISH LINKS 1575–1725, Part 2

By David Dobson, 1995

Scots-Irish students at Glasgow University

John COCHRAN, 1707

John COCHRAN, 1721

Nathaniel COCHRAN, 1707

Ninian COCHRAN, 1707

APPENDIX 4

Rev^d Sir

We received your letter by post concerning Mr James Macksparran and are much affected to understand there at any from hence should be so offensive and troublesome to your Israel; and more that any of your selves honoured with the ministerial character, should be in danger of such unprecedented temerity as to overlook the most notorious crimes, and counteract the judicial conclusions of a church to the undoing of the peace and unity thereof; the youth had the confidence to wait on us at our meeting, and addressed us pretty warmly for his testimonials, but being seasonably forewarned we were prepared to entertain him suitably to merit his cause: We proposed several questions to him concerning the testimonials you say he produced from some of our number, at his arrival to you; which he did not think fit to answer with either candour or freedom; and having interrogated the Rev^d brethren who were said to have signed his paper, they solemnly declared they have never at any time given any testimonial; which upon the whole made us conclude they were spurious; and we had no satisfaction from him, so he went off with as little from us. And whereas application was made to us in the last autumn by some of Mr McSparran's friends, in his favour, for a certificate preceding his going to America, and particularly as to a charge of fornication with one Murray, the Presbytery being sufficiently informed he had purged himself by oath before his departure hence, did certifie the same concerning him; which we were no way apprehensive he would make so l'll use as we understand he is likely to do so; otherwise would intirely declined the grant of it. The matter being of very great importance and general concern to the maintaining and cultivating of concord and order in the Churches of Christ; we concluded after the maturist deliberation to grant him no testimonial to serve his wicked purposes and designs; and of any in the neighbourhood where he has had his residence before his departure from Ireland, may either have or may certifie in his favour, we have advised them to caution, and that their conduct may in no respect be inconsistent with ours. And should any such testimony be procured, we cannot look

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on it in tantamount; and moreover, desire it may be rejected, as what we do not allow. His carriage and deportment since his arrival being exceedingly offensive to the brethren, and unbecoming the sacred character he assumes, does confirm and settle us more in our resolution and judgement, to give him no handle to accomplish his designs, or to humour a turbulent party who adhere to him, contrary to the order and government in the house of God. And we would gladly hope that this and the like instances which may happen, will satisfy you as to the expediency of Presbyterian discipline, which would be the most effectual method to curb and silence such turbulent and divisive spirits. That the glorious Gospel of our great redeemer may happily flourish and be successful in America; that place may be preserved within the walls of your Jerusalem, and the prosperity in her palaces, and a plentiful harvest of souls be brought in to the great husbandman; that all attempts of Satan and his accomplices against the Kingdom and interest of Christ, may be effectively defeated; shall be the fervent and daily prayers of Rev^d Snr. Your loving and affectionate brethren in the service of our Comon (sic) Lord.

*Ninian Cochran
W^m Cunningham
Tho^s Harvey
Joⁿ Harvey Jun^r
Sam^l Ross*

*Major Murray
Andrew Ferguson
John Harvey
Joⁿ Stirling
W^m Gray*

London Derry May 4 1720



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CONNECTIONS

APPENDIX 5

Derry Wills index, 1612–1858

Cockran, Ninian	Chrislaughmore, p. Fahan	1752
Cockran, Joseph	Crislaghmore, p. Fahan	1839

PRONI Record T808/3360

Derry will made 30/5/1751 proved 4/9/1751 Ninian Cochrane to brother Thomas, the latter's children, William, Ninian, Elizabeth, Margaret and Anne alias Smith. To his brother Joseph and the latter's daughters Elizabeth and Anne to his sister Elizabeth alias Murray.

APPENDIX 6

LONDONDERRY SENTINEL, 24/11/1832

The Minister and Session of the Presbyterian Congregation of Fahan most gratefully acknowledge to have received from Mr. Samuel Cochran, senior of Chrislaugh, two very handsome Flagons for the use of the Congregation, for which they return him their sincere thanks.

Irish newspaper references per Find my Past

Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia

Macky family website

PRONI Wills records

Griffiths land valuation records

Family members: John Hopkins, Joy Ricks, Kevin Whitton, Daphne Friis and Richard Cochran

Robin Moran, Londonderry

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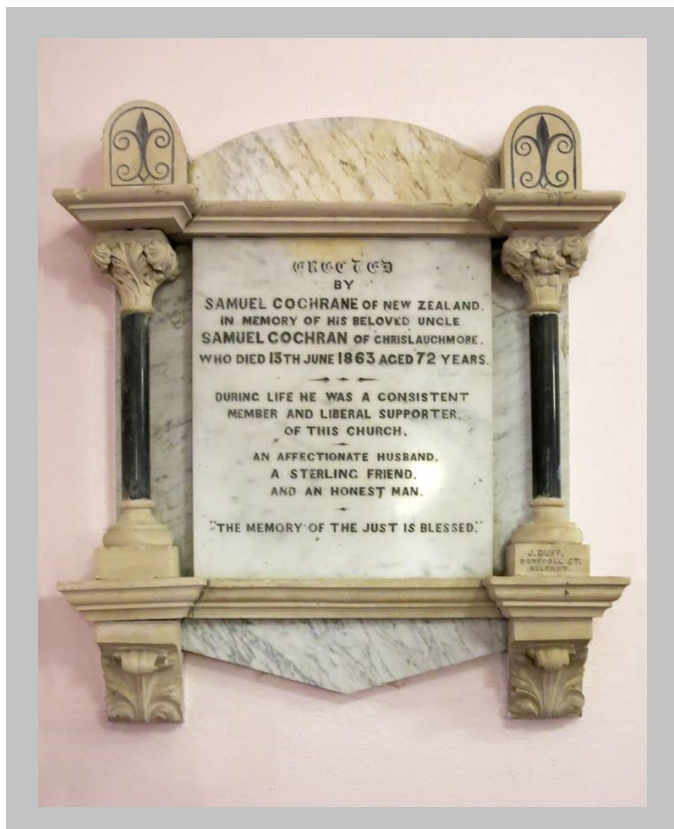
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.. Jesus is Lord ..