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December 20, 1846: **Isham Monroe Cochran** was born on Sunday, December 20, 1846, in Casey County, Kentucky, to Lewis Lee Cochran (born August 16, 1808, in Patrick, Virginia; died February 20, 1875, in Casey County) and Nancy Oliver Cochran (born April 10, 1812, in Rockingham, North Carolina; died March 10, 1879, in Casey County).² He was the sixth of eight children:

William Cochran	(1832–1906)
Polly Ann Cochran	(1834–1876)
Isaac Preston Cochran	(1836–1918)
Sarah Margaret Cochran	(1838–1877)
George Wesley Cochran	(1842–1910)
Isham Monroe Cochran	(1846–1925)
Matilda Cochran	(1849–1865)
Lewis Jasper Cochran	(1852–1934)

All of the children were born, lived and died in Casey County except for Isaac Preston Cochran who died in Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas.

April 8, 1847: **Rebecca Caroline Short** was born on Thursday, April 8, 1847, in Morgan County, Kentucky, to William Granville “Buck” Short (born ca. 1805 in Burke County, North Carolina; died August 30, 1877, in Morgan County, Kentucky) and Rachel Henrietta Brooks

¹ Throughout this biography we have often expanded initials, names and other identifying information to enable the reader to better and more quickly recognize the individuals.

² Lewis Lee Cochran and Nancy Oliver Cochran were married on August 4, 1831, in Casey County, Kentucky.

Short (born 1806 in Martin County, North Carolina; died 1880 in Wolfe County, Kentucky).³
She was the eighth of nine children:

William Alford Short	(1827–1895)
Ira Calvin Short	(1829–1916)
Granville Short	(1830–1903)
Wesley Lafayette “Lafe” Short	(1835-1889)
Ellen Matilda Short	(1839–1879)
Alexander J. (W.?) Short	(1844–1871)
John Washington Short	(1845–1912)
Rebecca Caroline Short	(1847–1928)
Patience Jane Short	(1849–1923)

William Granville Short and Rachel Henrietta Brooks-Short may also have had three children who died in infancy or childhood in Morgan County, Kentucky.

1849: Rebecca’s younger sister, **Patience Jane Short**, was born in 1849, probably in Pulaski County, Kentucky, when Rebecca was two years old.

1849: Isham’s younger sister, **Matilda Cochran**, was born in 1849 in Casey County, Kentucky, when Isham Monroe was 3 years old.

June 1, 1850: In the 1850 Federal Census, the **Lewis Lee Cochran family** was living in District 2 of Casey County between the James Edwards family and the Mahaly Wolford household. The family was Louis Cochran (42), Nancy Cochran (38), William Cochran (18), Polly A. Cochran (16), Isaac Cochran (13), Margret Cochran (11), George Cochran (8), **Isham Cochran (4)**, and Matildy Cochran (1). Lewis was farming and owned real estate worth

³ William Granville “Buck” Short and Rachel Henrietta Brooks Short were supposedly married in August of 1840 in Hardeman, Tennessee, although they already had five children by then. It is more likely that they were married in 1824-1825 in North Carolina.

William Granville’s birthplace and date have also been listed as Flat Gap, Wise County, Virginia (later West Virginia) in 1805 or 1806.

From Bolling family research, William Granville "Buck" Short was born in 1805 in Wise County, Virginia. He died in 1879 in West Liberty, Morgan County, Kentucky. He is buried at Grassy Creek near Chapel (although I do not understand where or what that means). He married Rachel Henrietta "Ritter" Brooks (daughter of an unknown father and Patience Ann Brooks). She was born in 1806 in North Carolina. She died after 1880 in Wolfe County, Kentucky. She is buried at Grassy Creek near Chapel.

\$150.00. Neither he nor Nancy were literate, but all five children of school age were attending and literate. The birth places for Lewis and Nancy were incorrectly stated as "Kentucky."

June 1, 1850: In the 1850 Federal Census for the **William Granville "Buck" Short family**, "Buck" is listed as "John Short" in Division 1 of Pulaski County, Kentucky. The family unit was:

John Short	(47, Wise County, Virginia)
"Ritter" Short	(39, Martin County, North Carolina)
Calvin Short	(20, Virginia)
Granville Short	(17, North Carolina)
Wesley Short	(14, Wise County, Virginia)
Matilda Short	(13, Virginia)
Alexander Short	(8; Russell County, Virginia)
John Short	(6, Wise County, Virginia)
Rebecca Short	(4, Morgan County, Kentucky)
Patience Short	(1, Pulaski County, Kentucky)

The parents and all of the children were listed as having been born in North Carolina, but the believed correct birthplaces are shown above and Patience Jane Short was probably born in Pulaski County, Kentucky. Oldest child **William Alford Short** (born 1825 in Wise County, Virginia; died 1893 in Rowan County, Kentucky) is not listed as he had married Elizabeth Roman Davis in Letcher County, Kentucky, in 1846, and they were living in Marion County, Virginia, in 1850.

May 20, 1852: Isham's younger brother, **Lewis Jasper Cochran**, was born in Casey County, Kentucky, when Isham Monroe was 5 years old.

June 1, 1860: In the 1860 Federal Census, the **Louis Lee Cochran family** was in District 4 of Casey County living between the John P. Blevins family and the Mary Barnett household. The residents were Lewis Cochram (48), Nancy Cochram (44), William Cochram (28), George W. Cochram (20), **Isham Cochram (17)**, Malinda (or Matilda?) Cochram (11), and Jasper Cochram (8). Lewis had real estate worth \$800.00 and personal property worth \$600.00. The four children, including twenty year old George W. but excepting 28 year old William, were marked as attending school. Isham was exceptionally smart for in only ten years he had advanced thirteen years in age.

June 1, 1860: In the 1860 Federal Census, the household headed by **Henrietta Brooks Short** was living in District 11 (Perkins post office) of Putnam County, Tennessee. The household consisted of Henrietta Short (50; North Carolina), Matilda Short (21; Virginia), John Short (15; Tennessee), **Rebecca Short (13; Tennessee)**, Jane Short (11; Virginia), Sarah J. Short (4; Tennessee), and Flora A. Short (2; Tennessee). Notice that none of the six men older than John were present, and it has been suggested that John may have remained there with his mother because he was crippled with two clubbed feet. Sarah J. and Flora A. Are probably Henrietta's grandchildren, as Ira Calvin had a daughter named Sarah in 1856, and Ellen Matilda (Ross) had a daughter Sarah in 1857 and a daughter named Flora Ann in 1860.

June 1, 1860: We continue to search for the Short/Brooks men in the 1860 Federal Census. According to family historian Margaret Geraldine Russell (Dunn; 1926-2020), the males of the family had moved from Pulaski County, Kentucky, to Putnam County, Tennessee, and changed their surname to "Brooks." Calvin and Granville (Jr.) had married between 1850 and 1857 as Shorts, but Lafayette had married in 1857 as a Brooks. By the early 1860s, the family was in Casey County where all the young men joined the Union army under the name of "Brooks." This is probably when and where Isham and Rebecca met.

June 1, 1860: We may have identified Granville Short, Jr., as Granville Brocks (25) at Laurel Hill in Putnam County, Tennessee. He was married to Rebecca (Huddleston) Brocks (23) and had children William Brocks (6), Matilda Brock (Maude; 4), John Brocks (2) and Polk Brocks (James; 6/12). He was a farmer not owning land and having \$65.00 in personal property. He reported that he had been born in Virginia but that Rebecca and their four children had been born in Tennessee.

The Civil War: April 12, 1861 to April 09, 1865

April 12, 1861: The Civil War had commenced when troops loyal to South Carolina fired upon the Union Fort Sumpter. The Casey County Cochrans and the Shorts, under the name of "Brooks," all served the Union.

For the event, the "Brooks brothers" chose matching wool uniforms in Federal blue with brass buttons, accessorized with leather shoes, belts, rifle slings, cartridge boxes and kepi cap bills.

Alexander Brooks, residence not listed, enlisted on 9/1/1863 at Columbia, Kentucky, as a Private. On 12/23/1863, he mustered into "**I**" **Co. Kentucky 13th Cavalry**. He deserted on 11/22/1864 at Lebanon.

William L. Brooks (Wesley Lafayette "Lafe" Short/Brooks), residence not listed, enlisted on 9/1/1863 at Columbia, Kentucky, as a 1st Sergt. On 12/23/1863, he mustered into "**I**" **Co. Kentucky 13th Cavalry**. He was Mustered Out on 1/10/1865 at Camp Nelson, Kentucky,

Alexander Brooks, residence not listed, enlisted on 2/1/1865 at Turnersville, Kentucky, as a Private. On 3/14/1865, he mustered into "**C**" **Co. Kentucky Hall's Gap Battalion**. He was Mustered Out on 7/27/1865 at Stanford, Kentucky.

Granville Brooks, residence not listed, enlisted on 2/1/1865 at Turnersville, Kentucky, as a Private. On 3/14/1865, he mustered into "**C**" **Co. Kentucky Hall's Gap Battalion**. He was Mustered Out on 7/27/1865 at Stanford, Kentucky.

William L. Brooks (Wesley Lafayette "Lafe" Short/Brooks), residence not listed, enlisted on 2/1/1865 at Turnersville, Kentucky, as a Private. On 3/14/1865, he mustered into "**C**" **Co. Kentucky Hall's Gap Battalion**. He was Mustered Out on 7/27/1865 at Stanford, Kentucky.

Calvin Brooks (Ira Calvin Short/Brooks), residence not listed, enlisted on 2/28/1865 at Turnersville, Kentucky, as a Private. On 3/14/1865, he mustered into "**C**" **Co. Kentucky Hall's Gap Battalion**. He was Mustered Out on 7/27/1865 at Stanford, Kentucky.

As for the Casey County Cochrans, besides Isham, we think we can identify:

Brice Cochran, residence not listed, enlisted on 7/28/1862 at Russellville, Kentucky, as a Priv. On 9/8/1862, he mustered into "**I**" **Co. Kentucky 8th Cavalry**. He was Mustered Out on 9/17/1863 at Lebanon, Kentucky.

Clement K. H. (Kendrick Hickman) Cochran, residence not listed, enlisted on 7/28/1862 at Russellville, Kentucky, as a Corpl. On 9/8/1862, he mustered into "**M**" **Co. Kentucky 8th Cavalry**. He was Mustered Out on 9/17/1863 at Lebanon, Kentucky.

G. W. Cockrum (George Wesley Cochran), Isham's brother, enlisted at 23 years of age in Casey County on July 28, 1862. He was mustered in on

September 8, 1862, at Russellville, Kentucky, as a Private in Capt. Parker's Company, 8th Kentucky Regiment Cavalry. That regiment became **Company M of the 8th Kentucky Cavalry**. He was mustered out at Lebanon, Kentucky, on September 17, 1863.

G. W. Cockrum (George Wesley Cochran), residence not listed, enlisted on 2/1/1865 at Turnersville, Kentucky, as a Corporal. On 3/14/1865, he mustered into "**C**" **Co. Kentucky Hall's Gap Battalion**. He was Mustered Out on 7/27/1865 at Stanford, Kentucky.

July 28, 1862: **Isham Cochran**, residence not listed, enlisted in Casey County, Kentucky, for 12 months, when he was 19 years of age.

September 8, 1862: Isham mustered into "**M**" **Co. Kentucky 8th Cavalry** as a Private at Russellville, Kentucky.

October 31, 1862: Isham was marked "Absent Without Leave."

December 31, 1862: Isham was "absent with leave Sick." While we lack documentation, it is understood that Isham was blinded in his right eye when struck by a quoit⁴ and this may document the event. His NARA file states that no medical records or of his being AWOL were found as of 1917. On or about April 19, 1917, he did apply for a pension under claim number IC-230121, but we have yet to locate either his application or Rebecca's application after his death.

(March 25, 1863: Date of eye injury?)

January to June, 1863: Isham's NARA records show that he was present with his unit. The regiment was attached to District of Louisville, Kentucky, Department of the Ohio, to November of 1862. It was unattached at Bowling Green, District of Western Kentucky, Department of the Ohio, to June of 1863; attached to the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, XXIII Corps, Army of the Ohio, to August of 1863; unassigned, at Bowling Green, Kentucky; and attached to the 1st Division, XXIII Corps, to September of 1863.

⁴ A quoit was a flattened ring of metal or rope used in a game akin to horseshoes.

July, 1863. Isham's NARA records do not show if he participated in the chase and eventual capture of Confederate John Hunt Morgan in Ohio, this being the most notable event for the Union 8th Kentucky Cavalry. Confusingly, the Confederate 8th Kentucky Cavalry rode with Morgan. In July of 1863, Morgan had set out on a 1,000 mile raid into Indiana and Ohio, taking hundreds of prisoners. But after most of his men had been intercepted by U.S. Navy gunboats, Morgan surrendered at Salineville, Ohio, the northernmost point ever reached by uniformed Confederates. Morgan carried out the diversionary "Morgan's Raid" against orders, which gained no tactical advantage for the Confederacy while losing the regiment.

September 17, 1863: Isham was mustered out of the 8th Kentucky Cavalry at Lebanon, Kentucky. The regiment lost a total of 117 men during service; 1 officer and 8 enlisted men killed or mortally wounded, 4 officers and 104 enlisted men died of disease.

February 1, 1865: **Isham Cockrum**, residence not listed, enlisted on 02/01/1865 at Turnersville, Kentucky, as a Corporal. On 3/14/1865, he mustered into "**C**" **Co. Kentucky Hall's Gap Battalion**. He was Mustered Out on 7/27/1865 at Stanford, Kentucky. Notice that this is the same Company as Rebecca Caroline Short's brothers.

Marriage; Sunday, December 19, 1869

December 19, 1869: Isham Monroe Cochran (22) and Rebecca Caroline Short (22) were married in Casey County on Sunday, December 19, 1869. Probably a pot luck dinner after church, but we have no documentation that either were religious.

Family lore says that Isham rode his horse to Morgan County to get Rebecca and they rode back together to Casey County to marry. Aunt Nancy Jane Cochran Gorley was aghast that they would make the long trip back together before getting married. The research above implies that Rebecca had a strong Casey County connection before they were married and may even have been living in Casey County at the time they married.

1869: Isham's sister, **Matilda Cochran Carpenter**, died in 1869 in Casey County at about 20 years of age leaving one child, **John Lewis Carpenter** (1869-1931) to inherit her share of Lewis Lee Cochran's land and estate. Both John Lewis Carpenter and his wife, **Maranda Elizabeth Sanders Cochran**, are shown by FindAGrave.com to have died in April of 1931 and to be buried in Frederick Memorial Cemetery, Frederick, Tillman County, Oklahoma.

The 1870s were an eventful decade for Isham and Rebecca.

1870's: By the 1870s, most of the Short family had moved back to Morgan County, Kentucky, and changed their surname from Brooks back to Short. However, **Wesley Lafayette "Lafe" Brooks** retained the Brooks name as of the 1880 Census and until his death. It should also be noted that Rebecca's sister, **Ellen Matilda Short-Ross** (1839-1879) had married John Greenberry Ross in Tennessee in 1857 and they moved to Casey County between 1863 and 1866 where she continued to live until her death in 1879.

1870: Rebecca's brother, **Alexander Short/Brooks**, died in Casey County before the Census was taken, at 28 years of age under the surname of "Brooks." In the 1870 Federal Census, **Vina Brooks** (28; actually **Luvisa "Vicey" Pemberton-Brooks**) was head of a household with children Rebecca Jane Pemberton/Brooks (13) and George Brooks (2; John Washington Brooks, son of Mary F. Dunsmore?). This family unit needs more study.

June 1, 1870: In the 1870 Federal Census, Isham and Rebecca were living in the household of his parents, Lewis and Nancy Cochran, in the Liberty Precinct of Casey County, and between the households of Samuel King and James Martin. The household unit consisted of: Lewis Cockram (60), Nancy Cockram (57), **Isham Cockram** (23), **Rebecca Cockram** (23), Jasper Cockram (18), and John Carpenter (1; a grandson of Lewis and Nancy by daughter Matilda Cochran Carpenter who died in 1869, perhaps of childbirth; the child's father, George Stanton Carpenter, 28, was back living with his parents in Lincoln County).

November 9, 1872: **Lewis Lee Cochran** and Samuel King made an agreement to divide two tracts of land on Shucks Creek, one of 37 acres and the other of 120 acres, in Deed Book 12, Page 459. The agreement describes the division lines of each tract but not the complete divided tracts. It remains unclear where Lewis Lee obtained an interest in this land in the first place.

February 20, 1875: Isham's father, **Lewis Lee Cochran**, died at 66 years of age in Casey County. On March 17, 1934, an affidavit of Descent of Lewis Cochran, deceased, was filed in Deed Book 52, Page 337, listing the widow and the following heirs:

Nancy Cochran,	widow's dower
William Cochran.	(88; 1/8)
Polly Ann Martin	(86; 1/8)
Isaac Cochran	(84; 1/8)
Marguerite King	(82; 1/8)

George Cochran	(80; 1/8)
Isham Cochran	(78; 1/8)
Matilda Cochran	(76; 1/8)
Lewis Jasper Cochran	(74; 1/8)

The ages of the children were stated as if they were all living in 1937 and the approximations are imprecise, but they may help us to sort the children in the correct order if we assume that youngest child Lewis Jasper Cochran was correct when he furnished the information. When Lewis Lee Cochran died he owned real estate to the extent that the eight children partitioned it by agreement among themselves. Except for Isham, we have not seriously attempted to piece this real estate puzzle together. Lewis Lee Cochran is buried with wife Nancy Oliver-Cochran and granddaughter Nancy Jane Cochran in the Pioneer Cochran Burying Grounds (called, or combined with, "Atwood Cemetery" on FindAGrae.com).

Pioneer Cochran Burying Grounds, from: "***Forgotten Acres***" by Hazel S. Clarkson. This small family burying ground, located on the old homestead of the late Lewis L. Cochran, on the upper part of Brush Creek, contains five graves according to a report given the writer by Monroe Cochran, grandson of Lewis L. Cochran, Oct. 31, 1970. Lewis Cochran and Nancy Oliver, Florence and Braudus Cochran, grandchildren of Preston K. Cochran, said that Preston K. and Susannah Pemberton were buried there also. But, Uncle Monroe Cochran said only his little sister and Uncle Samuel were buried there.

COCHRAN,	
Lewis Lee	1808-1875
Nancy Oliver	1812-1879 (Wife of Lewis Lee)
Nancy Jane . .	1884-1884 (Daughter of Isham & Rebecca; died in Infancy)
Samuel	1813- (Brother of Lewis Lee)
Dolly Kidd	1818- (Wife of Samuel)

July 12, 1876: Isham's sister, **Polly Ann Cochran-Martin**, died at 43 years of age. Polly Ann left widower James Monroe Martin (1834-1901) and six children. This date of death looks wrong as she signed deeds later that month. **James Monroe Martin** (February, 1834-August 21, 1901) is buried at Poplar Grove Cemetery with a stone that recognizes that he served in Company I of the 8th Kentucky Cavalry. As James Monroe Martin did not remarry, it

would be expected to find Polly Ann Cochran-Martin to also be buried in Poplar Grove alongside him but she is not listed there or elsewhere in Casey County.

July 26, 1876: The eight surviving children of Lewis Lee Cochran agreed to partition his land among themselves so we should find eight partition deeds to attempt to plat and locate. However, despite reasonably diligent effort, we have thus far been unable to identify all of them. The deeds should be to:

William Cochran (1832–1906) ?
From John Lewis Carpenter ?

Polly Ann Cochran-Martin (1834–1876) ?
From John Lewis Carpenter ?

Isaac Preston Cochran (1836–1918) ?
From John Lewis Carpenter ?

Sarah Margaret Cochran-King (1838–1877) ?
From John Lewis Carpenter ?

George Wesley Cochran (1842–1910)..... Deed Book 12, Page 205
From John L. Carpenter . . 12/16/1889 Deed Book 16, Page 308

Isham Monroe Cochran (1846–1925) Deed Book 16, Page 455
From John Lewis Carpenter Deed Book 16, Page 455

[Matilda Cochran Carpenter (1849–1869; deceased)]
John Lewis Carpenter (1869-1931) . . . Deed Book 16, Page 439

Lewis Jasper Cochran (1852–1934) Deed Book 12, Page 158
From John Lewis Carpenter Deed Book 16, Page 393

Since John Lewis Carpenter was only six years old when the original division was being made and legally incompetent to execute a deed as a grantor, it was necessary for him to revisit the partition in 1890 when he became 21 years of age and to execute individual deeds to cure the title to the other seven shares.

July 26, 1876: To satisfy the partition arrangement and contract among the heirs at law of Lewis Lee Cochran, deceased, and **Isham Monroe Cochran**, his son, the heirs of Lewis Lee Cochran and spouses, being James M. Martin and Polly A. Martin, husband and wife, William Cochran and Jemima H. Cochran, husband and wife, Isaac P. Cochran and Margaret E. Cochran, husband and wife, Robert King and Margaret King, husband and wife, George Cochran and Nanny (?) E. Cochran, husband and wife, Lewis J. Cochran and Martha B. Cochran, husband and wife, conveyed two tracts on Brush Creek to Isham Monroe Cochran by deed of record in Deed Book 16, Page 455. The first tract is of unstated acreage and the second is one half of a 120 acre tract partitioned between Lewis Lee Cochran and Samuel King. Matilda Cochran (Carpenter) did not sign the deed as she had died in about 1869, but J.L. (John Lewis) Carpenter did sign the deed on December 17, 1889, as the son and sole heir of Matilda Cochran Carpenter.

July 26, 1876: To satisfy the partition arrangement and contract among the heirs at law of Lewis Lee Cochran, deceased, and **Lewis Jasper Cochran**, his son, the heirs of Lewis Lee Cochran and spouses, being James M. Martin and Polly A. Martin, husband and wife, William Cochran and Jemima H. Cochran, husband and wife, Isaac P. Cochran and Margaret E. Cochran, husband and wife, Isham M. Cochran and Rebecca C. Cochran, husband and wife, Robert King and Margaret King, husband and wife, and George Cochran and Nanny (?) E. Cochran, husband and wife, conveyed a tract of unstated acreage on Brush Creek to Lewis Jasper Cochran. The deed is of record in Deed Book 12, Page 158.

January 7, 1877: Isham's sister, **Sarah Margaret Cochran-King**, died at age 39 in Casey County.

August 30, 1877: Rebecca's father, **William Granville "Buck" Short** (1805-1877) died in Morgan County, Kentucky, at the age of 72.

March 10, 1879: Isham's mother, **Nancy Oliver-Cochran**, died in Casey County at the age of 66, thus ending her dower rights. She is buried with husband Lewis Lee Cochran and granddaughter Nancy Jane Cochran in the Pioneer Cochran Burying Grounds.

September 22, 1879: **George Preston Cochran**, the eldest child of Isham and Rebecca, was born when Isham and Rebecca were both 33 years of age.

December 21, 1879: Rebecca's sister, **Ellen Matilda Short-Ross** (1839-1879) died in Casey County, Kentucky, at 40 years of age. She and husband **John Greenberry Ross** had nine children between 1857 and 1875. Ellen and John Greenberry Ross had moved from

Tennessee to Casey County between 1863 and 1866 and their five youngest children (of nine) were born in Casey County. In the 1870 Census two children, four year old William and two year old Martha, are shown as having been born in Kentucky and would have been born in Casey County. It is believed that John Greenberry Ross and Ellen Matilda Short-Ross are both buried in Poplar Grove Cemetery in graves unmarked by engraved stones.

June 1, 1880: In the Federal Census, the household headed by **Isham Monroe Cochran** was living in District 1 of Casey County. The household residents were: Isham Cockram (33), Rebecca Cockram (33), George Preston Cockram (8/12), Louis E. Cockram (14; nephew), and Silas Cockram (9; nephew). Notice that Isham and Rebecca waited ten years before having their first child. Nephews Lewis Edmond Cochran (1866-1911) and Silas Monroe Cochran (1870-1958) were sons of Isaac Preston Cochran (1836-1918) but had different mothers.

June 15, 1880: In the 1880 Census for Wolfe County, Kentucky, Rebecca's mother, **Rachel Henrietta "Ritter" Brooks-Short**, appears as "Rhetta Short," 70, the widowed mother-in-law of the head of household, James T. Ratliff (27), husband of Ritter's youngest child (Patience) Jane Short (31), and their six children. It is believed that Ritter died in Wolfe County at age 74 and was carried to Morgan County for burial on Grassy Creek with Granville.

October 28, 1880: Deed from Elizabeth (Brown) Atwood and William Atwood, her husband, and **Isham M. Cochran** to Galen M. Brown for 26 acres on Brush Creek, being the same property inherited from James Brown, Deed Book 13, Page 291. It is unclear why Isham M. Cochran signed this deed as a grantor.

December 21, 1880: After the 1880 Census was taken, second son and child **William Lewis Cochran** was born on December 21, 1880.

January 8, 1881: Deed from James M. Martin and Sophie Martin, husband and wife, to **Isham Monroe Cochran** for two tracts, one of 100 acres and the other of unstated acreage, on Brush Creek, Deed Book 14, Page 498. The poorly described courses and distances of the first tract measure at only about 65 acres, not 100. The second tract lacks sufficient courses and distances to be platted. Part of this property was subsequently conveyed as 125 acres to **Nellie G., Isa M., and L.C. Cochran**, children of John Sherman Cochran, as an advancement worth \$3,000.00 of the grantors' estates.

June 30, 1882: Third child and first daughter **Della Alma "Alby" Cochran** (June 30, 1882-September 13, 1951) was born on June 30, 1882.

March 11, 1884: Isham's and Rebecca's fourth child and second daughter, **Nancy Jane Cochran** (March 11, 1884–1884), was born and died as an infant. She is buried in the Pioneer Cochran Burying Grounds. George Preston Cochran and Lenora Cochran named a daughter Nancy Jane Cochran (Gorley); their granddaughter, Vivian Sharleen Cochran (Foster), named a daughter Rebecca Jane Foster.

March 27, 1885: Deed from John Ross and Dorinda Ross, husband and wife, to **Isham Monroe Cochran** for 40 acres on Brush Creek, Deed Book 14, Page 497. The description contains no courses or distances to be platted.

April 9, 1885: Deed from B.F. Atwood and V.A. Atwood, husband and wife, W.H. Atwood and S.E. Atwood, husband and wife, G.B. Atwood and E.B. Atwood, husband and wife, C.F. Atwood and M.C. Atwood, husband and wife, N.G. Atwood and J.B. Atwood, husband and wife, and Mary R.M. Wilson and J.C. Wilson, her husband, to **Isham Monroe Cochran** for 50 acres on Brush Creek, subject to the claim (probably dower) of Polly M. Atwood, Deed Book 14, Page 496.

October 20, 1885: Fifth child and third son **Isham Monroe Cochran, Jr.**, was born.

November 17, 1885: Deed from G.M. Brown and Amanda Brown, husband and wife, to Isham Cochran for about 10 acres on Ben Sharp's Branch, Deed Book 15, Page 56.

November 6, 1887: Finally, on November 6, 1887, sixth and final child and fourth son **John Sherman Cochran** was born. After waiting ten years to have their first, the six children of Isham and Rebecca were all born in an eight year period from 1879 to 1887: George Preston Cochran (1879–1954); William Lewis Cochran (1880–1925); Della Alma "Alby" Cochran (1882–1951); Nancy Jane Cochran (1884–1884); Isham Monroe Cochran, Jr. (1885–1973); and John Sherman Cochran (1887–1912).

December 30, 1887: Deed from S.B. Lewis and Elizabeth Lewis, husband and wife, to **Isham Monroe Cochran** for 100 acres on the ridge between two branches of Brush Creek, Deed Book 15, Page 443. This property had been patented by John Branson. Isham and Rebecca subsequently sold this property to John T. Wheeler by deed dated September 10, 1888, and of record in Deed Book 16, Page 437.

September 10, 1888: Deed from Isham M. Cochran and Rebecca C. Cochran, husband and wife, to John T. Wheeler for one tract of 100 acres on Brush Creek, Deed Book 16, Page 437. This is the same property purchased from S.B. Lewis and Elizabeth Lewis on January 4, 1888,

and of record in Deed Book 18, Page 443. Isham bought the 100 acres for \$150.00 and sold it for \$175.00.

October 7, 1889: Rebecca's brother, **Wesley Lafayette "Lafe" Short/Brooks**, died in Morgan County, Kentucky.

February 3, 1890: Deed from Isham Cochran and Rebecca Caroline Cochran, husband and wife, to grandson **John Lewis Carpenter** for one tract on Brush Creek, Deed Book 16, Page 39.

1890-1906: From 1890 into 1906 **Isham Monroe Cochran** made numerous loans secured by mortgages on real and personal property. It does not appear that Isham foreclosed any of these mortgages or otherwise took title to the land as a predatory lender might. A listing of the mortgages is attached as Appendix #1 to enable readers to recognize potential relationships with the mortgagors.

June 2, 1890: There is no 1890 Federal Census for our reference. However, we have researched the 1890 tax rolls for Casey County and find this information about the Isham Cochran family:

Isham Monroe Cochran, Precinct 1, Part 3, owned 400 acres of land worth \$600.00 and of which J.G. Sharp was the nearest neighbor. As multiple tracts were listed separately, it appears that Isham and Rebecca then had one contiguous tract of 400 acres.

The household included one male over 21, one voter and one member of the militia, all being Isham. They reported three children between six and twenty, being George Preston, William Lewis and Alby.

They had two horses of mixed stock worth \$200.00, seven cows of mixed stock worth \$135.00, 25 sheep worth \$40.00, and twelve hogs worth \$50.00. They had wagons or buggies worth \$40.00. They had unspecified raw material for manufacturing worth \$200.00. All of this real and tangible personal property totaled \$1,260.00.

In intangibles, they had money out on loan of \$500.00 and money in hand or on deposit of \$1,050.00.

They had on hand two tons of hay, 300 bushels of corn, and 100 bushels of oats. They reported 18 acres of corn, 2 acres of meadow, and 325 acres of woodland. That should leave 55 additional acres of tillable land.

They claimed three cows worth \$50.00 as exempt from taxation. Notably, they reported no musical instruments, watches or clocks, gold, silver, diamonds, jewelry, paintings or other frivolous possessions. They lived on sun time.

November 30, 1892: Deed from John W. King and Mary E. King, husband and wife, to **Isham Monroe Cochran** for 75 acres on Brush Creek for a consideration of \$120.00 paid to W.J. Cochran, Deed Book 18, Page 440. Adjoiners appear to be "Jeffries" and "Edwards."

February 27, 1893: Oil and gas lease from **Isham Monroe Cochran** to A.L. Lowrie on 75 acres described by bounders G.W. Cochran, Willie Edwards, Moore and Moore, Deed Book 18-580.

February 3, 1895: Rebecca's brother, **William Alford Short**, died on February 3, 1893, in Catlettsburg, Boyd County, Kentucky, at age 69.

August 21, 1895: Isham Monroe Cochran (Sr.) and Rebecca Cochran, husband and wife, sold two tracts on the headwaters of East Casey Creek to **Lewis Jasper Cochran** for \$1,153.00, of which \$671 was paid to Austin Thompson and the balance of \$482.00 was paid to the grantors, Deed Book 31, Page 492. The two tracts were of 100 acres and 450 acres originally patented by George Weatherford.

August 6, 1896: Daughter **Della Alma "Alby: Cochran** (14 years, 1 month) married Samuel Elijah King (16 years, 11 months; born September 10, 1878; died May 11, 1946) in Casey County.

October 1, 1896: Son **George Preston Cochran** (17) married Lenora Atwood (14 years, 5 months) at the home of her father, Nathan Meredith Atwood (1859-1946). The License is in Marriage Book 2, Page 301. Her mother, Mary Caroline Coontz-Atwood (born ca. 1863) had died in 1885 and she had been raised by her maternal grandparents, Robert A. Coontz (1830-1917) and Elizabeth "Ella" Jane Taylor-Coontz (1833-1911) on Upper Brush Creek.

Family lore has it that upon her marriage her grandmother (Ella) offered Lenora a piece of furniture from the household and Lenora chose a wardrobe.

Lenora ("Mammy") and George Preston ("Pappy") later kept the wardrobe in the kitchen and used it as a pantry and a filing cabinet for George Preston's papers. After the deaths of Pappy and Mammy, Alma Estelle Cochran-Cannon (1918-2008) and Helen Faye Cochran-Jeffries (1925-2012) gave the dilapidated wardrobe to Mammy's granddaughter and Ella Coontz's g-g-granddaughter, Vivian Sharleen Cochran-Foster, whose husband, Jerry Lee Foster, rebuilt and refinished it. Vivian and Jerry consider it a treasured heirloom.

January 25, 1898: Isham and Rebecca welcomed their first grandchild, **Adna Caroline Cochran**, daughter of son George Preston and Lenora Atwood-Cochran.

June 1, 1900: In the 1900 Census the household of **Isham Monroe Cochran** (53) and **Rebecca Caroline Cochran** (53) included William Lewis Cochran (19), Isham Monroe Cochran, Jr. (14), and John Sherman Cochran (12). They were living between the households of Logan W. Sharp and George Preston Cochran. This would have been the "McDaniels Stretch" area of KY #49 in Casey County.

June 1, 1900: **George Preston Cochran** (20), **Lenora Atwood Cochran** (18), Adna (2) and Bessie (3 months) were next door.

1900: After all those births, marriages, deaths and other events, 1900 might be a good point at which to catch up on the families. Since a family reunion is now out of the question, we'll do it here. In the Lewis Lee Cochran Family, in the order of deaths:

Lewis Lee Cochran (1808-1875)
Nancy Oliver-Cochran (1812-1879)

Matilda Cochran-Carpenter (1849-1869)
Polly Ann Cochran-Martin (1834-1876)
Sarah Margaret Cochran-King (1838-1878)

Living:

William Cochran (1832-1906)
George Wesley Cochran (1842-1910)
Isaac Preston Cochran (1836-1918)
Isham Monroe Cochran **(1846-1925)**
Lewis Jasper Cochran (1852-1934)

Notice that all the daughters had died but all the sons were still living. Life for women has always been, and still is, more demanding. Matilda Cochran-Carpenter died in the year that her son and only child was born, which may not be a coincidence. There is also some confusion about the date of birth of Mary Florence King-Justice and date of death of mother Sarah Margaret Cochran-King, but death from childbirth is unlikely.

1900: In the William Granville "Buck" Short/Brooks family, in the order of deaths:

William Granville "Buck" Short/Brooks (1805-1877)
Rachel Henrietta "Ritter" Brooks (1806-1880)

Alexander Brooks Short (1842-1870)
Ellen Matilda Short-Ross (1839-1879)
Wesley Lafayette "Lafe" Short/Brooks (1836-1889)
William Alford Short (1825-1895)

Living:

Granville Short (1830-1903)
John Washington Short (1845-1912)
Ira Calvin Short (1829-1916)
Patience Jane Short-Ratliff (1849-1923)
Rebecca Caroline Short (1847-1928)

1900: In the Isham Monroe Cochran Family, Isham and Rebecca were living, and would go on to outlive their parents and all their fifteen siblings except for Lewis Jasper Cochran (1852-1934). All of their children except for Nancy Jane (1884-1884) were living as of 1900, but two, William Lewis Cochran (1880-1925) and John Sherman Cochran (1887-1912), would predecease their parents.

July 8, 1903: Rebecca's brother **Granville Short, Jr.**, died at 73 years of age in Morgan County, Kentucky, when Rebecca Caroline was 56 years old. In the 1890 Census of Civil War Union Veterans, Granville could not remember the unit in which he had served, listing only "Infantry from October 15, 1864, to July 14, 1864." On the same page, the widow of Lafayette Brooks, Granville's brother, incorrectly stated that he had served as a Private in Company I of the 12th Kentucky Cavalry from September 1, 1863, to January 20, 1865. Their actual service records are listed above.

September 25, 1903: Son **William Lewis Cochran** (22) married Cynthia Ann Sharp (17; born March 17, 1884; died April 10, 1973) at the home of her parents, David Baxter Sharp (1852-1921) and Bernetta Williams-Sharp (1853-1909).

December 2, 1903: Son **Isham Monroe Cochran, Jr.** (18), married Francis Ann Jeffries (15; born October 19, 1888; died September 20, 1991, @ 102 years of age).

June 14, 1904: Son **John Sherman Cochran** (16 years, 7 months) married Bertha Fights (13 years, 9 months; born September 5, 1890; died April 12, 1955) at "J.D. Brown's" in the presence of James R. Brown and **W. Short**⁵. Bertha Fights was the daughter of William Harvey Fightmaster and Margaret Ellen True-Fightmaster.

July 15, 1904: Deed from C.C. Peyton and Nancy Jane "Janie" Peyton, husband and wife, to **Isham Monroe Cochran** for 50 acres on Reynolds Creek, Deed Book 26, Page 614.

February 12, 1906: Isham's brother, **William Cochran**, died in Casey County, Kentucky, at 54 years of age.

March 17, 1906: William Arthur Spragens (Jr.) and Fannie(Frances C.) Reynierson-Spragens, husband and wife, and "Bettie" F. Spragens-Cunningham and G.J. (George Joseph) Cunningham, her husband, conveyed a tract of undesignated acreage on Big South Rolling Fork to L.D. King for \$2,500.00 in Deed Book 26, Page 346. This is the origin of the modern description of the Spragens tract containing the Spragens log cabin.

August 13, 1906: L.D. (Lorenzo Dow) King and Mary Ann Taylor-King, husband and wife, sold and conveyed to **Isham Monroe Cochran** a tract on Big South Rolling Fork, Deed Book 26, Page 604, for consideration of \$2,550.00. This is the "Spragens" tract on the north side of Big South Rolling Fork. This is believed to have become the home of Isham and Rebecca for the rest of their lives, and then, after being purchased from the Isham Monroe Cochran Estate, became the home of **George Preston Cochran** and Lenora Atwood Cochran for the rest of their lives.

September 14, 1906: Timber contract from **Isham Monroe Cochran** to B.F. Rakestraw for "all the sawed timber on the farm that he now lives on consisting of **six hundred & fifty**

⁵ There were 16 Shorts in Casey County in the 1900 Census including 22 year old Willie H. Short, 30 year old William G. Short, and 35 year old James W. Short. No one by the named of Brooks was living in Casey County.

acres except beech timber and trees under twelve inches & also gum & sycamore," Deed Book 28, Page 9.

June 27, 1908: L.D. King and Mary A. King, husband and wife, sold and conveyed to **Isham Monroe Cochran** 12 acres on Big South Rolling Fork, Deed Book 29, Page 198. This tract may adjoin the Spragens tract, but appears to be on the south side of Big South Rolling Fork. This tract was ultimately conveyed to Isham Monroe Cochran, Jr., on April 7, 1920, and of record in Deed Book 47, Page 199.

January 21, 1910: Isham's brother, **George Wesley Cochran**, died in Casey County at 68 years of age.

April 15, 1910: In the 1910 Federal Census Isham Monroe Cochran (Sr., 63) and Rebecca C. Cochran (63) were living in the Big South Fork precinct between the households of Isham Monroe Cochran, Jr., and Joseph Raney. This would appear to be the Spragens tract.

April 15, 1910⁶: See the footnote below about potential relatives of Rebecca living nearby.

June 4, 1910: Deed From Isham Monroe Cochran and Rebecca Caroline Cochran, husband and wife, to Isham's brother, **Lewis Jasper Cochran**, for 75 acres, Deed Book 47, Page 199.

July 5, 1912: Rebecca's brother, **John Washington Short**, died in Morgan County, Kentucky, at 66 years of age.

November 18, 1912: Isham and Rebecca's son, **John Sherman Cochran**, died on November 18, 1912, in Casey, Kentucky, at the age of 25. John Sherman Cochran and Bertha Fights (born September 5, 1890; died April 12, 1955; daughter of William Harvey Fightmaster and Margaret Ellen True) had four children: Estil Stanley (1905-1918;) Nellie Wray Cochran (1908-2007; married George Jesse Sharp); Isa May Cochran (1910-2011; married Paul Titus);

⁶ It is interesting to note that in the 1910 Federal Census for Casey County a 14 year old **Beckey Brooks** girl was living with William Lewis Cochran and Cynthia Sharp-Cochran as a servant. **Ettie Brooks**, 11, was living with Joel Weatherford and Sara Lane Weatherford on Little South as a housemaid. **George W. Brooks**, 8, was living with William Plummer as a stepson but the family structure makes no sense. No one by the name of Brooks was living in Casey County in 1900, nor do we find Beckey or Ettie in any adjoining county or in Morgan County. In 1900 in Nicholas County the household of Thomas Brooks and Lucy B. Brooks had a daughter Rebecca, 3, and a daughter Ethel, 3 months, who might have been the same. How or whether they were related to Rebecca is unclear.

and, Clifton Lewis Cochran (1912-April 10, 1933; married Flossie McFarland). Estil died at 12 years of age without issue. Isham later provided for Rebecca, his children and these grandchildren in his will dated September 22, 1921.

May 18, 1914: May 18, 1914: Isham Monroe Cochran and Rebecca Caroline Cochran, husband and wife, conveyed 125 acres on Brush Creek to son **George Preston Cochran**, Deed Book 44, Page 587, as an advancement of **\$1,500.00** to be charged to him from their estates. The source of title is stated only as "Deed Book 14 pages 497-496." This is what we commonly call the "George Roe" place on McDaniels Stretch.

May 18, 1914: Isham Monroe Cochran and Rebecca Caroline Cochran, husband and wife, conveyed 125 acres on Brush Creek to son **William Lewis Cochran**, Deed Book 44, Page 141, for love and affection and as an advancement of **\$2,000.00** to be charged to him from their estates. This is part of the land conveyed to Isham (Sr.) by J.M. Martin, et al., by deed dated January 8, 1881, and of record in Deed Book 14, Page 498.

May 18, 1914: Isham Monroe Cochran and Rebecca Caroline Cochran, husband and wife, conveyed 125 acres on Brush Creek to son **Isham Monroe Cochran, Jr.**, Deed Book 44, Page 141. The consideration was "love and affection" and as an advancement worth **\$2,000.00** upon their estates. This is part of the land conveyed to Isham (Sr.) by J.M. Martin, et al., by deed dated January 8, 1881, and of record in Deed Book 14, Page 498.

June 6, 1914: Isham Monroe Cochran and Rebecca Caroline Cochran, husband and wife, conveyed 110 acres on Brush Creek to daughter **Della Alma Cochran-King**, Deed Book 52, Page 425, for love and affection and as an advancement of **\$2,000.00** to be charged to her from their estates. This is part of the land conveyed to Isham (Sr.) by W.J. Cochran and C.C. Peyton.

November 18, 1916: Rebecca's brother, **Ira Calvin Short**, died in Morgan County, Kentucky, when he was 87 years old. He is buried in Short Cemetery in Morgan County.

January 14, 1918: Isham's brother, **Isaac Preston Cochran**, died in Hot Springs, Arkansas, when Isaac Preston was 71 years old.

January 1, 1920: In the 1920 Federal Census Isham R. (73) and Rebecca C. (72) were living on Big South Fork between the households of Edgar Murphy and Mack Allen. This is the Spragens farm they had purchased from L.D. King. Three houses away (across the creek) was Isham Monroe Cochran, Jr., and family.

April, 1920: **Isham Monroe Cochran** and **Rebecca Caroline Short Cochran**, husband and wife, conveyed the **Spragens tract** to Lou Ellis by a deed which was destroyed or lost and never recorded. The reason for this conveyance is unclear unless it involved security.

April 7, 1920: Deed from Isham Monroe Cochran and Rebecca Cochran, husband and wife, to **Isham Monroe Cochran, Jr.**, for 12 acres on Big South Rolling Fork, Deed Book 47, Page 199. This tract was purchased from L.D. King and Mary A. King, husband and wife, on June 27, 1908, and of record in Deed Book 29, Page 198. The consideration for this deed was \$5,000.00, of which \$1,000.00 was cash in hand paid and the balance was an advancement of **\$4,000.00** to be charged to the grantee in the settlement of the grantors' estates.

September 13, 1920: Deed from Isham Monroe Cochran and Rebecca Caroline Cochran, husband and wife, to **Isa May Cochran, Clifton Lewis Cochran, and Nelly G. (Wray?) Cochran** for 125 acres on Brush Creek, Deed Book 44, Page 102. The grantees were grandchildren of the grantors and the children of son John Sherman Cochran who had died on November 18, 1912. The consideration for this deed was "love and affection" and an advancement of **\$3,000.00** to be charged to the grantees in the settlement of the grantors' estates.

April 8, 1921: Lou Ellis and Edna Ellis, husband and wife, conveyed the Spragens tract back to **Isham Monroe Cochran (Sr.)** by deed of record in Deed Book 45, Page 36. The consideration for this conveyance was stated to have been \$15,750.00 in cash.

September 22, 1921: **Isham Monroe Cochran (Sr.)** executed his will according to the facts at that time, being that one son had died leaving three grandchildren, and that all the children had received advancements toward their inheritances to be equalized. He gave his address as "Chilton," the address of the Spragens tract that he was to own at the time of this death.

1923: Rebecca's younger sister, **Patience Jane Short-Ratliff**, died in Kentucky when Patience Jane was 74 years old.

February 5, 1925: Deed from Isham Monroe Cochran and Rebecca Caroline Cochran, husband and wife, to son **Isham Monroe Cochran, Jr.**, for 125 acres on Brush Creek, Deed Book 48, Page 613. The consideration for this deed was "love and affection" and an advancement of **\$2,000.00** to be charged to the grantee in the settlement of the grantors' estates. This makes **\$6,000.00** advanced to Isham Monroe Cochran, Jr., and knowing this makes the will more understandable.

April 18, 1925: Isham and Rebecca's son, **William Lewis Cochran**, born December 21, 1880, died on April 18, 1925, in Casey, Kentucky, at the age of 44. William Lewis and Cynthia Ann Sharp (1884-1973) had one son, David L. Cochran (1904-1906), who had died in infancy. They also had son **Otha Bernard Cochran** (1903-1994; married Alta Wilcher, 1907-1989) and daughter **Allie G. Cochran** (1908-1982; married Joe Bryant, 1902-1981).

May 13, 1925: **Isham Monroe Cochran** died in Casey, Kentucky, when he was 78 years old and after 55 years of marriage to Rebecca. He left three surviving children and five grandchildren by two of his three deceased children. He is buried in Poplar Grove Cemetery. A transcript of his will dated September 22, 1921, probated on May 25, 1925, and of record in Will Book 4, page 233, is attached as Appendix #2. Sons George Preston and Isham Monroe, Jr., were appointed as Executor and Administrator with the Will Annexed, respectively, of the will. In the 26 days since his son William Lewis had died, Isham had not updated his will to specifically name his grandchildren by William Lewis, but they inherited his share by Kentucky law.

May 13, 1925: By the time of his death, Isham Monroe Cochran had advanced a tract or tracts of land to each of his children, thus accounting for the varying charges to them in his will. However, we are unable to locate deeds to account for \$1,500.00 advanced to George Preston and \$3,000.00 advanced to Alby Cochran-King so those advances may have been in cash. The deeded advances we have been able to identify were:

George Preston Cochran (1879–1954) \$1,500; 05/18/1914; DB 44-587
..... \$1,500; ?

William Lewis Cochran (1880–1925) \$3,000; 05/18/1914; DB 44-141

Della Alma Cochran-King (1882–1951) \$2,000; 06/18/1914; DB 52-425
..... \$3,000; ?

(Nancy Jane Cochran; 1884–1884, deceased)

Isham Monroe Cochran Jr. (1885–1973) \$2,000; 04/07/1920; DB 47-199
..... \$4,000; 02/05/1925; DB 48-613

(John Sherman Cochran (1887–1912, deceased)

Nellie G. Cochran }

Isa M. Cochran }. \$3,000; 09/13/1920; DB 44-102

L.C. Cochran }

January 7, 1926: **George Preston Cochran** and **Isham Monroe Cochran, Jr.**, as Executors of the Last Will and Testament of **Isham Monroe Cochran (Sr.)**, conveyed the Spragens tract on the Big South Rolling Fork to Edgar Murphy. It was immediately reconveyed to George Preston Cochran, individually, on the same day.

January 7, 1926: Edgar Murphy and Annie Murphy, husband and wife, conveyed the Spragens tract to **George Preston Cochran** by deed of record in Deed Book 49, Page 191.

June 6, 1928: **Rebecca Caroline Short Cochran** died on June 6, 1928, in Casey County, Kentucky, when she was 81 years of age. She is buried at Poplar Grove Cemetery alongside Isham.

September 1, 1928: Alma King was appointed as Administratrix of the estate of Rebecca Caroline Short Cochran, with Sam E. King signing as surety in the amount of \$200.00. John Lumpkins, Jim Lynn and Bill Sharp acted as appraisers for the estate.

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Appendix #1

Mortgage loans made by Isham Monroe Cochran

02/ 12/ 1890	Mortgage from W.H. King and Bettie J. King, husband and wife, to Isham Monroe Cochran on 25 acres on Brush Creek, MB 3-165. William Hale King was Isham's nephew by his sister, Sarah Margaret Cochran-King.
10/ 22/ 1890	Mortgage from John W. Murphy and Sally J. Murphy, husband and wife, to Isham Monroe Cochran for 16.75 acres on Freys Creek, MB 3-270
11/ 07/ 1891	Mortgage from Forest Barger to Isham Monroe Cochran for 50 acres on Green River, MB 3-416.
12/ 05/ 1891	Mortgage from W.H. Wethington to Isham Monroe Cochran on livestock and a wagon, MB 3-430
06/ 15/ 1892	Mortgage from S.B. Lynn and Roan Lynn, husband and wife, to Isham Monroe Cochran on 34-1/3 acres on Big South Rolling Fork, MB 3-535
03/ 08/ 1894	Mortgage from B.F. McDaniel and Margaret R. McDaniel, husband and wife, to Isham Monroe Cochran on 100 acres on Brush Creek and Reynolds Creek, MB 4-266
03/ 26/ 1894	Mortgage from A.L. Hale and Nanny Hale, husband and wife, to Isham Monroe Cochran for property on Reynolds Creek and livestock, MB 4-280
09/ 29/ 1894	Mortgage from C.C. Peyton and J.C. Peyton, husband and wife, to Isham Monroe Cochran on a steam boiler engine for a sawmill, MB 4-370
09/ 23/ 1902:	Mortgage from W.H. Atwood and Sarah E. Atwood, husband and wife, to Isham Monroe Cochran for property on Cuirvey Fork, MB 7-157
06/ 23/ 1903:	Mortgage from (brother?) William Cochran to Isham Monroe Cochran for livestock, MB 7-408

03/ 22/ 1904: Mortgage from J.R. Wilson and Janie Wilson, husband and wife, to Isham Monroe Cochran on two tracts on Green River, MB 7-0

03/ 10/ 1905 Mortgage from John T. Beldon and Ida Beldon, husband and wife, to Isham Monroe Cochran for 38 acres on Big South Rolling Fork, MB 8-255.

12/ 20/ 1905 Mortgage from John Beldon to Isham Monroe Cochran on livestock, MB 8-437.

02/ 01/ 1906 Mortgage from A.J. Sherron to Isham Monroe Cochran on a tract on Little South Rolling Fork, MB 8-470

Appendix #2

Last Will and Testament of Isham Monroe Cochran (Sr.)⁷

I, I.M. Cochran of Casey County, Kentucky, mindful of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and desiring to dispose of my estate by Will, do now make and publish the following Last Will and Testament.

First: I desire that all my just debts be promptly paid.

Second: I have heretofore given to my children and grand children money and land which I desire charged to them in the settlement of my estate as advancements as follows: to George Preston Cochran, three thousand dollars; to William L. Cochran, three thousand dollars; to Alby King⁸, five thousand dollars; to Isham Monroe Cochran, Jr., six thousand dollars; to my grand children (the children of my son, John Cochran, now dead), viz⁹: Nellie Cochran, Isa M. Cochran, and Clifton Cochran, three thousand dollars.

Third: I will that out of my estate my children and grandchildren (the share belonging to the children of John Cochran) be equalized; that is, that before I.M. Cochran, Jr., shall receive anything further out of my estate, each other share shall receive an amount sufficient to make it equal with the share already received by I.M. Cochran, Jr., which is three thousand dollars to George P. Cochran, three thousand dollars to William L. Cochran, one thousand dollars to Alby King, and three thousand dollars to the children of John Cochran, viz: Nellie, Isa M. And Clifton Cochran. The Executors of my estate are directed out of the personal estate left by me after the payment of my debts to equalize said shares as herein provided and if there is not sufficient personal property to make all of said shares equal then the proceeds of the real estate when same shall become available shall be used for said purposes.

⁷ Edited from the original will of Isham Monroe Cochran (1846-1925) filed on May 25, 1925, and of record in Will Book 4, Page 233, in the Casey County Court Clerk's Office. See the family group sheets attached.

⁸ Alma "Alby" Cochran-King (1882-1951).

⁹ The occasionally seen abbreviation "viz". is short for the Latin videlicet, meaning "as befitting" or "as is pleasing to". It is normally spoken as "namely" and in use is an alternative to "i.e."

Fourth: I will to my wife, Rebecca Cochran,¹⁰ during her life or as long as she desires to occupy same, the use, benefit and control of the farm now owned by me located on the Big South Rolling Fork in Casey County, Kentucky, containing about 100 acres. I further will to her all the household and kitchen furniture.

Fifth: I will that upon the death of my wife or at any time she shall cease to use said farm as herein directed or at my death, if my wife shall not survive me, my executors sell said farm for the distribution of the proceeds of same as herein directed, and they are expressly empowered to sell same and to convey the title thereto.

Sixth: I will that after the shares of all my children and the shares of the children of my son, John Cochran share, have been equalized as herein provided and any remaining part of my estate shall be divided equally among my children and the children of my son, John Cochran, that is, one fifth to George P. Cochran, one fifth to William L. Cochran, one fifth to Alby King, one fifth to I.M. Cochran, Jr., and one fifth to Nellie, Isa. M. and Clifton Cochran.

Seventh: I appoint George P. Cochran and William L. Cochran executors of my will, and I further appoint George P. Cochran and William L. Cochran as guardians of Nellie Cochran, Isa M. Cochran and Clifton Cochran, the children of John Cochran. In case of the death of George P. Cochran and William L. Cochran or either before said Nellie, Isa M. and Clifton Cochran shall become of age, I appoint my son, I.M. Cochran, Jr., guardian of said children and I direct that the guardian herein named for Nellie, Isa M. and Clifton Cochran shall handle and control the part of my estate herein willed said children until they shall become of age and that said guardians further look after and control the farm heretofore deeded to said children until they become of age.

Witness my hand this September 22nd, 1921.

Witnesses {
 {
 {A.P. Young
 {M.J. Humphrey

I.M. Cochran

State of Kentucky
 Seal
Casey County

¹⁰ Rebecca Caroline Short Cochran (1847-1928)

I, George P. Garner, Clerk of the Casey County Court, do certify that the foregoing instrument of writing was at the regular term May 25, 1925, of Casey County Court produced in open court and offered for probate as the last will and Testament of I.M. Cochran, deceased, whereupon the same was probated in open court and ordered to be recorded as such which is now done accordingly.

Witness my hand this 25th day of May, 1925.

George P. Garner, Clerk
By W.D. Allen, D.C.

Appendix #3

Tracking the Spragens Cabin

December 28, 1954. George Preston Cochran died intestate at 75 years of age. His affidavit of descent listing his widow and heirs at law is of record in Deed Book 66, Page 60. They were:

Lenora Atwood Cochran (widow)	1882–1970
Adna Caroline Cochran-Edwards	1898–1986
(Bessie Lee Cochran-Williams, deceased	1900–1944)
George Kenneth Williams	1920–1977
(Pauline Williams-Sherrer, deceased w/o issue	1922–1941)
Joe Williams Jr.....	1928–1993
Leonard Harold Williams.....	1929–1992
Rollan Williams.....	1933–1998
John C. Williams.....	1940–2010
George Monroe Cochran	1901–1970
Floyd Meredith Cochran	1908–2005
(Vannie Carl Cochran, deceased w/o issue.....	1911–1913)
Chelcie Opal Cochran-Reed	1914–2005
Alma Estelle Cochran-Cannon	1918–2008
Nancy Jane Cochran-Gorley	1920–1999
Helen Faye Cochran-Jeffries.....	1925–2012
Doris Frances Cochran-Brown	1928–1996

December 31, 1954: The heirs at law of George Preston “Pappy” Cochran conveyed the Spragens tract to Lenora Atwood Cochran, their mother/grandmother, for life by deed dated December 31, 1954, and of record in Deed Book 66, Page 60.

October 12, 1970: After the death of Lenora Atwood “Mammy” Cochran, on October 12, 1970, ending her life estate, the heirs at law of George Preston Cochran conveyed the Spragens tract to Cecil Cannon and Estelle Cochran Cannon, and Fred Jeffries and Helen Cochran Jeffries, by deed dated November 27, 1970, and of record in Deed Book 82, Page 256.

April 20, 1999: On April 20, 1999, William F. Jeffries and Helen Cochran Jeffries, husband and wife, and Estelle Cochran Cannon, by then a widow, sold both the Spragens tract and

the Lieu Ellis farm to John W. Cox and Paula G. Cox by deed of record in Deed Book 191, Page 141.

June 6, 2005: Jerry L. Foster and Vivian Sharleen Cochran Foster, Vivian being a descendant of James L. Spragens on her mother's side, and of Isham Monroe Cochran on her father's side, bought the Spragens cabin and the nearby Chilton Post Office (buildings, but not the land) for \$1,500.00 from John Walden Cox and Paula G. Cox. They then dismantled the buildings (saving all reusable parts), transported them to 1603 Bryant Ridge Road, adjoining the city limits and overlooking the City of Liberty, Casey County, Kentucky, and rebuilt the cabin. The present cabin and adjoining added rooms are not in their original configuration, but are incorporated into a more modernized house.



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7	8974840	32
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Book Mark:

See also

319
Cochran, Isam

Co *M*, **8** Kentucky Cav.

Private | *Private*

REFERENCE ENVELOPE.

Cards filed with

Cochran, Isam

309
Cochran, Isam
Co M, 8 Kentucky Cav.

Private | *Private*

REFERENCE ENVELOPE.

Cards filed with

Cochran, Isam

320

Cochran, Isham

Co M, 8 Kentucky Cav.

Private

Private

REFERENCE ENVELOPE.

Cards filed with

Cochran, Isham

C | **8 Cav.** | **Ky.**

Isaac H. Bochen

Plt, Capt. Parker's Co., 8 Reg't Ky. Cav. †

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for *Dated Oct 31*, 1862.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When....., 1862.*

Where *Casey Co Ky*.....*

Period..... years.* *12 mo*

Present or absent *Absent*

Stoppage, \$..... 100 for.....

Due Gov't \$..... 100 for.....

Valuation of horse, \$..... 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$..... 100

Remarks: *Absent without leave*

† This organization subsequently became Co. M, 8 Reg't Ky. Cav.

* See enrollment on card from muster-in roll.

Book mark:

Burham

(158e)

Original

8 Cav. Ky.

~~John~~ Cochran

Priv., Capt. Parker's Co., 8 Reg't Ky. Cav.†

Age 19 years.

Appears on

Company Muster-in Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated

Russellville Ky, Sept 8, 1862.

Muster-in to date Sept 8, 1862.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When July 28, 1862.*

Where Casey Co. *

Period years.* 12 months

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks:

+ Corrected by E. J. Hull for

† This organization subsequently became Co. M., 8 Reg't Ky. Cav.

* 8th Muster-in roll shows enrollment of all men of this company as of same date. See enrollment on subsequent card of cards.

Book mark:

Burnham

6 | **8 Cav.** | **Ky.**

Sam + Cochran

Pat, Co. M, 8 Reg't Kentucky Cavalry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Jan & Feb, 1863.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When July 28, 1862.*

Where Barry Co Ky*

Period 12 mo years.*

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$.....100 for.....

Due Gov't, \$.....100 for.....

Valuation of horse, \$.....100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$.....100

Remarks:

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Book mark:

Bumlan

Original.

C

8 Cav.

Ky.

Isham Cochran

Det., Co. M, 8 Reg't Kentucky Cavalry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for *May & Apr*, 1863.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When *July 28*, 1862.*

Where *Cass Co. Ky.**

Period *1* years.*

Present or absent *Present*

Stoppage, \$.....100 for.....

Due Gov't, \$.....100 for.....

Valuation of horse, \$.....100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$.....100

Remarks:

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* See enrollment on card from muster-in roll.

Book mark:

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J. M. Muelant

(338c)

Copyright.

C | **8 Cav.** | **Ky.**

Isham Cochran

Bk, Co. M, 8 Reg't Kentucky Cavalry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for *May & June*, 1863.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When *July 28*, 1862.*

Where *Casy Co. Ky*.*

Period *1* years.*

Present or absent *Present*

Stoppage, \$.....100 for

Due Gov't, \$.....100 for

Valuation of horse, \$.....100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$.....100

Remarks:

NEXT ROLL ON FILE MUSTER OUT.

* See enrollment on card from muster-in roll.

Book mark:

S. Merchant

Isiah Cockran
Pvt. Co. M, 8 Ky. Reg't Cav.

/ Inclosures.

Bed Cards	Final Statements
Burial Records	Furloughs or L. of A.
Certs. of Dis. for Discharge	Med. Certificates
Clinical History	Med. Des. Lists
C. M. Charges	Oath
Desc. & Assign. Card	Orders
Descriptive Lists	Pris. of War Record
Discharge Certificates	Reports of B. of M. O.
Enlistment Papers	Resignations
Ex. Preliminary to M. O.	

Other papers relating to—

Admission to Hosp'l	Furlough or L. of A.
Casualty Sheet	Med. Examination
Confinement	Misc. Information
Contracts	Pay or Clothing
Death or Effects	Personal Reports
Desertion	Rank
Discharge from Hosp'l	Transfer to Hosp'l
Discharge from Service	Transfer to V. R. C.
Duty	Transportation

Sgt. S.

C

8 Cav.

Ky.

Isam Cochran

Put, Co. M, 8 Reg't Kentucky Cavalry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for *Dated Dec 31*, 186*2*.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When *July 28*, 186*2*.*

Where *Cassey Co Ky* *

Period years. * *12 mo*

Present or absent *Absent*

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks: *Absent with leave Sick*

* See enrollment on card from muster-in roll.

Book mark:

(328)

Burnham

Copied.

C

8 Cav. Ky.

Isham + Cochran

Det. Co. 16, 8 Reg't Kentucky Cavalry.

Age 19 years.

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated

Lebanon Ky, Sept 17, 1863.

Muster-out to date Sep 17, 1863.

Last paid to June 30, 1863.

Clothing account:

Last settled, 186 ; drawn since \$ 100

Due soldier \$ 100 ; due U. S. \$ 100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$ 32.14

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$ 100

Bounty paid \$ 27 100; due \$ 25 100

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks:

Book mark:

J. Merchant

Statement of Service Reference Slip.

Office Pension _____

Claim No. *I.C. 230121.*

Isaac Cockburn,
(Name.)

, Co. M, 1 Reg't Sig. Bde.

To *Arrested* Dis. *April 19, 1917.*

For period of abs. without leave,
arrest & confinement & record
of trial.

Roll place

*Oct. 31/17 shows him, P.O.,
absent without leave.*

Johnson.

W.B.

V.R.R. Sec. -

*no record of
arrest found. No
record found showing
period absent leave.*

315

Harleyman

Statement furnished *4 - 24, 1917*

DEJ

By H. H. Sec.

No record found bearing
on inquiry.

3 35

Harley
p. H. M.

Med. Sec.:

For stunk.

Med. stunk, furn. of Cochran,
not found, as Cochran.

No Med. P. O.

Johnson.

3.7.

No medical record found.