

NAME: COCKING, MATTHEW **PARISH:** [York, Eng.] **ENTERED SERVICE:** 1765 **DATES:** b. 1743
 (Cochin, Cockan, Cockings, Coggins, Goggins) d. 17 March 1799

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May				
1765-1770	"writer" [Clerk]	York Fort	York	A.1/42; A.6/10 p.187
1770-1772	Second	York Fort	York	A.5/1 p.228,236-7; A.16/32 fo.58
1772, 27 June-1773, 18 June	Travelled Inland up Hayes & Fox R. to Saskatchewan			A.11/115 fo.144; B.239/a/69
1773-1774	Second	York Fort	York	B.239/a/70-71
1774, 4 July-1775, 27 June	To help Hearne establish at Basquia, but taken to Red Deer Valley west of L. Winnipegosis			B.239/a/72
1775, Oct.-1777	In charge	Cumberland House	York	A.116/12 fos. 53-54, 100-103; A.11/116 fo. 17
1777-1781	Master	Severn	York	A.6/12 fos.156, 207; B.198/a/22-25
1781-1782	Chief	York Fort	York	B.239/a/80; A.16/33 fo.20
1782, 24 Aug.	sailed for England on <i>King George</i> just before LaPerouse captured post Settled in the "Suburbs of city of York" where a sister and half-brother lived			C.1/386; B.239/a/80 Will, pp. 1-3, money left for his three daughters (A.6/16 p.134)
1799, 17 March	Died in York			DCB IV

Parents: probably Richard Cochin and Jane Charlton

DCB IV

Wife (1): Le-lo-es-com

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Daughter: Ke-che-cow-e-com-e-coot (alias Wee-misti-goos or Betsy) (ca.1775-1835)
 m. (1) Thomas Stayner, (2) John Pocock Holmes

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 B.239/d/124 fo.50 (1801-1802); E.7/34 p. 260

Wife (2): Ke-che-cho-wick

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Daughter: Wash-e-soo-E'Squew (alias Mary Budd or Agathas) (b. ca.1780, bapt.1828)
 m. "Budd", a Muskego Cree

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Wife (3): A-pis-ta-Squa-sish

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Daughter: Mith-coo-coo-man-E'Squew (alias Mary Cocking or Agathas) (ca.1782-1853)
 m. William Hemmings Cook

Search File: "Cocking, Matthew";
 paid annuity after Cocking's death, B.239/d/121, 123, 124, 128, 130, etc.); E.7/34 p. 260

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