## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Atkinson W10358 Elizabeth Atkinson NC Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 24 June 2014.

State of Kentucky } Wayne County On this the [blank] day of October 1839 personally apeard Before me Benjamin Handcock a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid Joseph Atkinson with whom I am well acquainted and whose Statements are entitled to full credit and after Being Duly Sworn for that purpose doth on his oath make the following affidavit. towit that He is the oldest son of John Atkinson deceased and Elizabeth Atkinson affiant states that his farther moved from person county north carolina [formed from Caswell County in 1792] to wayne County Kentucky and Died about twenty eight years past in Wayne County Ky affiant States that he allways heard his father say he served six or seven years in the Revolutionary War and of serving under Col. Lytle or General Lytle [see endnote] and of serving as a light horse man and oftimes heard his uncle John Hall [pension application W23236] who was a pensioner of Wayne County Ky speak of his farther John Atkinson serving through most of the Revolutionary war allso Philip Hall and William Hall spake frequently of the same affiant states that he is now from the calculation of his mother forty nine years of age and that there is three sisters older than himself Nancy Bridgefarmer polly Basheen and Lucy Shope are all older than himself affiant states that at a time when he was guite small and was plowing in the field in Person County North Carolina there came to his farthers house three men by the name of John Darby, William Lethers and William A James and got from his farther two Discharges to obtain land for him But those men never Returned nor Gave an account of of their Doings affiants farther moved to Kentucky where he Died about 28 years past affiant and his Brother Richard Atkinson Both went to West Tennessee understanding the land to Be located there But of for lack of time and money never got to understand the particulars of the matter Sometime after going to West Tennessee a Mr. Macklimour wrote to his Brother Richard Atkinson that there was certainly land for Atkinson's heirs. affiant States his mother is now very old and thinks she would Be entitled to a pension under the act of July 1838 But as it would Be a great deal of trouble to prepare his claim and could not prove the service conveniently if an examination of the Rools [sic: Rolls] might be of service information is therefore wanted on Behalf of affiants mother. affiants Uncle Philip Hall and William Hall are Both of this county and know as I understand many thing Relative this Service officers and ages of the children Sworn to and Subscribed this 23<sup>d</sup> Day of October 1839 Before me B. Hancock JP Justice of the peace [signed] Jos. Atkinson

State of Alabama }
Lawrence County } SS

On this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1845, personally appeared before me Joseph Sandlin a Justice of the peace in and for said County Elizabeth Atkinson, a resident citizen of said County, aged 82 years on the thirtieth day of May Eighteen hundred & forty five and after being duly sworn for that purpose on her oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July the 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, granting Pensions to certain widows, and also the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 3<sup>d</sup> day of March 1843, granting a Pension to certain widows for one year, and also the benefit of the act of Congress of the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1844, granting a Pension to certain widows for four years that she is the widow of a certain John Adkinson, who was a continental soldier of the United States in the war of the Revolution, in the continental North Carolina line, and served some number of years to her undoubted belief and in fact many things within her own knowledge touching his service and from his own narative and a chain of facts & surrouding circumstances he served as such in the said war and Long since the service of her said husband, and after their marriage there came two men to the residense of this Declarant and her said husband namely in Caswell County North Carolina and was making arrangements with her said husband, the said John Adkinson, to get his land claim from the state of State of North

Carolina the one of the names of said Gentlemen was named Leathers the other John Darby – that to her best belief her husband served under a col Little as to his captain, she is not now certain Capt. White she relies on the records of the Rolls in the war office of the united States, as to the particulars of his service, and also the Roll of North Carolina as to the dates periods particulars of service she prays that same may be considered as forming a Part of this her Declaration She belies her said husband served some period of three or five years or perhaps more her husband was the identical man in whose Right land was paid to said Leathers & Darby obtained land from North Carolina, and paid in West Tennessee some place west of the mountains, this Declarant was married to said John Atkinson in Caswell County state of North Carolina on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July seventeen hundred Eighty three, by John Womack a Justice of the peace she has the annexed Record and is 82 years old 30th may 1845 her maiden name was Hall She continued to be the wife of said Atkinson untill some portion of her children was grown, and they emigrated to Wayne County Kentucky, and there in the western part of said County in the otter creek neighborhood and on the 30th day of December 1810 her husband the said John Atkinson died she has remained the widow of the said John Atkinson ever since his death, she will state that many of the Relations of herself reside in Wayne County Kentucky, that she can prove by them her marriage or by some of them and some other of them, things or circumstances in confirmation of the fact and time, John Hall of Wayne County Kentucky a deceased pensioner of the united States was Declarants brother and William Hall, lately and probably now living is also her brother the widow of her Declarants brother Philip Hall also is most probably now living and the date of the marriage of some of Declarants children will give plausibility to the period of said marriage of Declarant, to the said John Atkinson the deceased continental soldier. She designs making this Declaration and sending it to Wayne County Kentucky and there to get her friends and acquaintances to get such evidence of her marriage to said soldier, and such evidence of the said soldiers identity with the service as she may be able to procure which she believes will in all probability be satisfactory. She has been emigrated from Wayne County Kentucky where she now lived upwards of Twenty-five years. She was not married her said husband prior to the period of his service, but was married to him before the 1st day of January 1794, but was married to him on the seventeenth day of July 1783 as above stated. She is vastly old and frail and unable to attend court, and has called on a Justice of the peace to attend to her case at home. She has no record of her husbands service by Relies on the Records of government and verbal Proof to sustain her claim

Elizabeth herXmark Atkinson

Sworn and subscribed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1845 before me Joseph Sandlin Justice of the peace

State of Allabama }
Lawrence County }
Orphans Court
November term 1845

the declaration of Jonathan O Norwood Administrator of Elizabeth Adtkinson – late of said County deceased Who was the Widow of John Atkinson deceased who states that said Elizabeth Atkinson his motherinlaw made a declaration claiming the benefit of the several acts of Congress made for the relief of widows of Revolutionary Soldiers. declarant states that he makes this as his original declaration and as an Amendment to the declaration made by said Elizabeth Adkinson before Joseph Sandlin Esq on the 7th day of May 1845. That is to say that said John Adkinson Served as a Continental Soldier of the North Carolina line in the Revolutionary War as Corporal in Captain Whites Company of the Sixth Regiment entered the Service on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Aprile 1776. for the Term of two and a half years and served till in June 1778. and served on till November 1778 as a private Makeing upwards of two years services as a Corporal, and six months as a private he States that with this his declaration and as an amendment to the declaration made by said Elizabeth Adkinson decd that is to say he has now the advantage of a certificate record of her said Husbands service at least of the two years and a half and that he makes the letter of William Hill marked A and dated the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 1845 at Raleigh N.C [see endnote]. together with the Certificates Marked B. and one other letter marked C. of the said William Hill which he makes a part of his declaration that the said Elizabeth lived with him for twenty five years preceeding her death and

that she frequently spoke of the services of her said husband and that he carried a wound received in the service to his grave and she frequently spoke of Lands that he was entitled to which he never received that there was some men came to her house in Person County North Carolina and obtained his discharges to get s'd Land for her and that she believes the Land to be in Middle Tennessee. Declamant further states that said Elizabeth Adkinson Died at his house on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 1845 that s'd Elizabeth moved from Wayne County Allab [sic] about 27 years past & that she has lived with Declarant twenty four years & until her Death which took place at the time before stated, he prays on behalf of himself & the other heirs the benefit of the Laws of Congress to which s'd widow was entitle and makes the s'd widows Declaration a part of his [two or three words illegible] the certificates and letters which he encloses a part as to who the land was granted

Norwood/ Administrator

## NOTES:

Archibald Lytle became Lt. Col. in the 6<sup>th</sup> N. C. Regiment on 26 Jan 1777. He was wounded at the Battle of Stono Ferry SC on 20 June 1779, was held prisoner from the surrender of Charleston on 12 May 1780 until exchanged 9 Feb 1782, and he afterwards served as Colonel until 30 Sept 1783.

Capt. Thomas White became First Lt. in the 6<sup>th</sup> NC Continental Regiment on 16 April 1776, was promoted to Captain on 20 Jan 1777, and retired 1 June 1778.

A document from the Secretary of State of North Carolina dated 13 Oct 1845 certified that a soldier named John Atkinson was a Corporal in Capt. White's Company of the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment, entered service on 24 April 1776 for two and one-half years, was a private in June 1778, and omitted in Nov. 1778, and that a land warrant for 228 acres was issued for his services. A letter dated 30 July 1840 to William Dabney states that the land warrant was drawn by Vinckler Jones by power of attorney of Westwood A. Jones, who had power of attorney from John Atkinson.

On 30 June 1845 in Wayne County KY William Hall, Sr., born in Maryland 7 Aug 1775, filed an affidavit that he moved to Caswell County NC at age three and remembered that John Atkinson "kept company" with his sister Elizabeth at the home of their father, Philip Hall, and that Atkinson "was then just from the United States service" and wore a "Lighthorse cap."

In a document signed on 22 Nov 1845 by Jonathan O. Norwood the surviving heirs of Elizabeth Atkinson are listed as follows: Mary Barsheen, Nancy Bridgefarmer, Joseph Adkinson, Lucretia Shoap, Celia Lane, Richard Adkinson, Elizabeth Jones, William Adkinson, and Priscilla Norwood.

A Treasury-Department document states that the heirs of Elizabeth Atkinson received her pension up to the date of her death, 19 July 1845.

The file includes a family record on blank pages at the end of an Old Testament, transcribed below.

A Record of John & Elizabeth Atkinsons famely John Atkinson Sn'r was born march 15<sup>th</sup> 1756
Elizabeth Atkinson was born may 30<sup>th</sup> ["1776" partly erased]
Nancy Atkinson was born may 12<sup>th</sup> 1784
Marey Atkinson was born January 19<sup>th</sup> 1786
Lucrecy Atkinson was born march 13<sup>th</sup> 1787
Joseph Atkinson was born may 19<sup>th</sup> 1788
Jesse[?] Atkinson was born november 20<sup>th</sup> 1789
Elizabeth Atkinson was born September 29<sup>th</sup> 1791
Richard Atkinson was born Apriel 29<sup>th</sup> 1793
William Atkinson was born november 16<sup>th</sup> 1795
John Atkinson Jun'r was born December 5<sup>th</sup> 1797
[?]anna Atkinson was born febuary 25<sup>th</sup> 1801
Philip Atkinson was born may 2<sup>th</sup> 1802

Priscilla Atkinson was born febuary 12th 1804

Sousey Atkinson was born march 30th 1806

Elizabeth Jones Deceasd August 26<sup>th</sup> 1817

Nancy Jones was born January the 16 1814

Elizabeth Jones was born december the 30 1815

Elizabeth Atkinson her Record of her age and the age of John Atkinson her husband, and also her

children Joseph Sandlin J.P.

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Marey Atkinson Sn'r was born July 19<sup>th</sup> 1732 [third digit unclear] the mother of John Atkinson

Lucinda Lane was Born novem

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Malinda Lane was born october the 1 1814

Elizabeth lane was Bornd Oct 26 1816

Nancy Lane was Bornd oct the 27 the 26 1818

John J Lane ws born november the 18 1820

I do certify that the above names on this page is the old Ladys grand Childrens ages &c/ Joseph Sandlin JP.