

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Claim for Minor Children for Bounty Land John Atkinson BL Reg. 338228-55 Rheraba Atkinson  
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State of North Carolina, County of Johnston, SS:

On this 14 day of July, A.D. 1896 personally appeared before me, Clerk Superior Court the same being a court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid, (1) Thomas H. Atkinson a resident of Selma, County of Johnston in the State of N. C., aged Sixty-two years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the bounty land provided by acts of Congress for minor children:

That \_\_\_ is the only legal guardian of (2) Thomas H. Atkinson legitimate child living of (3) John Atkinson, who was the identical (3) John Atkinson who served under the name of (3) John Atkinson as a (4) private & musician & Corporal in the Company commanded by Captain White and Van Noys, in the 6<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Continental Troops, commanded by \_\_\_ in the war of (5) Revolution, and that he (6) enlisted or volunteered at \_\_\_ on or about the 24 day of April 1776 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment and 26 day of May 1777 in the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment A. D. 1776, 1777 for the term of (7) unknown, and continued in actual service in said war for the term of (8) Record at Raleigh N. C., shows three years or more and whose services terminated, by reason of (9) unknown. He also served in Cavalry, but we can't find any record, but he said he did & furnished his own horse, at \_\_, A. D., \_\_\_ further states that the following is a full description of said soldier at the time of his enlistment, viz.: (10) He said he entered the service when in his sixteenth (16) year, further states that (11) John Atkinson, the said soldier, died at Home in Johnston County, in the state of N. C., on the 13 day of August A.D. 1847; that he left a widow surviving him, who (12) died the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1862; that the above named is now the only surviving legitimate child of said (13) John Atkinson, who was 13 years of age at the death of his father the third of March, 1855; and that said child was the issue of said soldier, the dates of their birth being as follows, viz.:

\_\_\_ of a soldier by (14) Pheraba Altman, born 1833, at (15) Johnston County further states that the father, said soldier, was married under the name of John Atkinson at Johnston County, state of N. C., on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1819, to (16) Pheraba Altman, and that prior to said marriage (17) the first wife had died; that he makes this declaration for the purpose of claiming the bounty land (or the additional bounty land) to which the said child may be entitled under the act approved March 3, 1855; and that he has heretofore made no application for (18) land warrant or bounty land. Has applied for pension due said soldier & widow, but has received, none and he hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, Seth Johnson, of Washington, D. C. true and lawful Attorney to prosecute this claim; and he further declares that the following had been the places of residence of the said soldier, his wife, the mother of said child and of the said child from the date of the soldiers discharge from the Army to the present time, viz.: (19) in Johnston County N. C.; that the residents of the said child is No. \_\_, \_\_\_ street, in the city (or town) of Selma County of Johnston, State of North Carolina, and that this affiant be post office address is Selma, Johnston Co., N. C.

S/ Thos. H. Atkinson

  
(Signature of Claimant.)

[Rejected on ground that claimant was not a minor on March 3, 1855, and has, therefore, no title.]  
Rejected Aug. 10, 1896