

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Amos Atkinson W5651

Edith Atkinson

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State of North Carolina, Johnston County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions August Sessions

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Amos Atkinson a resident of the County of Johnston & State of North Carolina aged Seventy Nine years, who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That [he] entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. 1<sup>st</sup> I entered the service as a drafted man in Johnston County under Captain Phillip Thomas about the year 1780 we were mustered at Smithfield marched thence to Greenville in Pitt County – joined the Pitt and Wayne Counties militia and were commanded by Major William Dennis [William Dennis] and thence we marched to Cross Creek and were then put under the command of General Lee-George Livingston,<sup>1</sup> remained some time and then marched to Coal's Mill in Richmond County of Big Pee Dee [Pedee River] to Coalston's ferry then to Guilford County N. C. where my term of service expired it lasted for three months. I was regularly discharged after I was marched from Guilford to my native County, Johnston, but have lost or mislaid the same and have no documentary evidence of this tour of service. There are two witnesses to wit Able Sasser [Abel Sasser <sup>2</sup> and Chapman Hailis [Chapman Hayless],<sup>3</sup> whose certificates are hereunto annexed can prove my service in this tour. I do not recollect the day and date of my discharge.

2<sup>nd</sup> I was again drafted in about one month after my return and was mustered at Johnston County Court house under the command of Jonathan Smith (our Captain) marched from thence to Granville County thence by Postridge [?] by Thos. Viveret's Mills through Edgecombe County to Greenville, thence to Kingston [sic, Kinston], thence to Coxe's ferry, thence up to Major Croom's thence to Johnston County: we were commanded by ~~General~~ Colonels Linton [William Thomas Linton], Colonel Setgraves [probably John Sitgreaves or Sitgraves] and Major Wood. I was in no engagement, I resided in Johnston County and was then discharged but have lost or mislaid the same. I served with no Continental regiments but save about 60 of the light infantry at our Camp on the Pee Dee in my first tour. I have no documentary evidence I can prove the tour of service by Chapman Hailes who was with me. I served three months in this tour of duty – but do not now recollect the day and date of my discharge.

3<sup>rd</sup> In about one month after my return I was again drafted in Johnston County for six months and was mustered at Johnston Court house under the command of Captain Needham Whitfield, thence we marched to Hillsborough, ~~there~~ and was placed under the command of John Herritage as Colonel, then marched across the Country to Cross Creek thence to Elizabeth took 26 British soldiers prisoners

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<sup>1</sup> Pure guess on my part, but I think the officer the veteran was mostly likely trying to name was Gen. John Alexander Lillington. No general officer named "Livingston" served in NC during the Revolution of whom I'm aware.

<sup>2</sup> [Abel Sasser \(Sassen\) S7450](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Chapman Hayles S2595](#)

and sent them to our Colonel who exchanged them; from thence to Kingston [Kinston] thence up to Johnston Court House and was there discharged. I had a written discharge but have lost or mislaid the same. I saw in this service no Continental troops. I have no documentary evidence. By can prove this time of service by Jesse Green – but can safely swear that I served at this time at least six months and do not recollect the day and date of my discharge but believe it was at the expiration of six months. Shortly after my return I volunteered for 12 months under in the company of Captain Needham Whitfield of Johnston County marched from thence to below the town of Newbern [New Bern] ~~at the forks of the Neuse [River]~~ and crossed [illegible word]<sup>4</sup> rivers and was stationed at the Rokey [Rocky?] point for three months then recrossed & marched through the Country to about Hillsborough, and on Roky [sic, Rocky] River in Chatham County thence into Guilford, then across the Country to Louisburg, thence to Tarborough [Tarboro] thence to Kingston [Kinston] and its neighborhood thence to Smithfield. I saw in the course of this service General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] in Guilford County and some of the regiments under his command I do not recollect the names of the officers. I was again discharged at Charleston Court house – but have lost or mislaid the same – have no documentary evidence – I know of no person now living who can prove this Service of 12 months – I do not recollect the time of my entering the service or my discharge – and I faithfully served the whole term of 12 months – as well as I recollect.

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Amos Atkinson, X his mark

We Josiah O. Watson and Jesse Green of residing in Johnston County hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Amos Atkinson who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be Seventy Nine years old that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

S/ J. O. Watson

S/ Jesse Green

I Chapman Hailes do certify that I am well acquainted with Amos Atkinson and served with him as a drafted man under Captains Philip Thomas and Jonathan Smith as stated in the first and second term of service as mentioned in this declaration.

Test: S/ Geo. W. Haywood

S/ Chapman Hailes, X his mark

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I Jesse Greene do certify that I am well acquainted with Amos Atkinson and served in company with him as a drafted man under Captain Needham Whitfield as Captain as stated in the third clause of this declaration.

S/ Jesse Green



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State of North Carolina, Johnston County

Personally appeared before me Josiah O. Watson acting Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Amos Atkinson who being duly Sworn Deposeth and Saith that by reason of old age, and a

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Consequent loss of memory he cannot Swear positively as to the precise length of his Service but according to the best of his recollection he Served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following Grades --

Drafted in 1780 Served three months as a private, under Major William Denniss -- & Captain Phillip Thomas – the Precise month not recollected but in the Same year – I was again drafted for three months – as a Private under Colonels Linton & Sitgraves & served that time, & in the latter part of the Same year or the first of 1781 I was again drafted hands Served six months – as a private under Colonel John Heritage and Needham Whitfield, Shortly after my return volunteered for 12 months, and Served Said time except a very few days, as a private under General with the heel & Captain Needham Whitfield – and he further State that I know of no living witnesses except Chapman Hayles & Jesse Greene who can prove the above Services -- & they Said they can only prove as the Certificates heretofore given in my declaration.

Sworn to before me 27<sup>th</sup> of February 1833

S/ J. O. Watson, JP

S/ Amos Atkinson, X his mark

[p 17: On December 29, 1843 in Johnston County North Carolina, Edith Atkinson, 74, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Amos Atkinson, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$77 33 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him in Johnston County in the month of May 1793; that they were married by Robert Gulley Esquire; that her husband died at the age of 82 on March 28, 1833; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 21: Copy of a marriage bond dated May 6, 1793 issued in Johnston County North Carolina to Amos Atkinson and Randol Moore conditioned upon the marriage of Amos Atkinson to Edith Moore.]

[p 14: On December 30, 1843 in Johnston County North Carolina, Blake Atkinson, 70, gave testimony that Amos Atkinson was his uncle; that he was well acquainted with his uncle and his wife Edith Atkinson; that his uncle Amos Atkinson died in March 1833. The affiant signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 16: On December 30, 1843 in Johnston County North Carolina, the clerk of court made finding that satisfactory evidence had been exhibited that Amos Atkinson a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$77 per annum for his service in the revolution died March 28, 1833 survived by Edith Atkinson, his widow who remains a widow.]

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Raleigh N. C. Comptroller's office

I William F. Collins Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby Certify that the name of Amos Atkinson appears of Record in this office as having received the following Certificates for military Service Viz. One Certificate issued 31 Janry 1782 for One pound Eight shillings (£1.8) issued by Cave [?] & Johnson see Book No. 1 page 22 Also one other Certificate for Amos Atkerson [sic] issued 2<sup>nd</sup> Feby 1782 by Bradford and Branch for Sixteen Pounds (£16) see Book No. 3 page 36. Also one other Certificate (Currency) of Twenty four hundred and Eighty pounds (£2480) depreciated (One Hundred and fifty for One) equal to Sixteen Pounds Ten Shillings and Eight pence (£16.10.8) I further Certify that from a return of Volunteers Enlisted out of Johnston County, that the name of Amos Atkinson appears among others who enlisted for 12 months, given under my hand and seal this fourth day of April 1845.

S/ Wm F. Collins, Comptr.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$77.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 23 months in the North Carolina service.]