

Genealogical Section

ATKINSON GENEALOGY

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Several Atkinsons came to America in the early colonial period. Luke Atkinson was a signer of the New Haven Compact and an early settler and leading citizen of New Haven, Connecticut. Theodore and Thomas Atkinson, who were brothers, came from Lancaster, England, in 1636, and settled in Boston. Thomas and John Atkinson, brothers, were born in Yorkshire, England, the sons of John Atkinson. These brothers emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1681, where they were among the founders of Bucks County. The family belonged to the Society of Friends. Other Atkinsons settled in New Jersey near Burlington. The head of this branch was William, who married Elizabeth Curtis. Descendants of this family moved westward, and Atkinsons are found in many western and southern states. The family whose lineage is traced below is thought to have descended from the Pennsylvania line. The record as given includes only the part for which proof has been found. This begins with Henry and Ann Atkinson, of old Craven County, North Carolina.

Chief sources for the information on this genealogy include William L. Saunders (ed.), *The Colonial Records of North Carolina*, IV (Raleigh, N. C., 1886); William Wade Hinshaw (comp.), *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy* (2 vols., Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1936), I; Columbia County, Georgia, Records; Chatham County, North Carolina, Court Records; Lucas County, Iowa, Deed Records; and family Bible records.

ATKINSON

- I. Henry Atkinson m. Ann——.
Was granted 130 acres of land in old Craven County, North Carolina, 5-21-1741 (*North Carolina Colonial Records*, IV, 594).
- II. Thomas Atkinson, son of Henry and Ann Atkinson, b. 9-18-1741; m. first to Ruth Cruze, dau. of John and Ann Cruze, d. 1-17-1779 (Hinshaw, *Quaker Genealogy*, I, 346).
Children of Thomas and Ruth (Cruze) Atkinson:
 1. John, b. 11-25-1766, N. C.; m. 1-17-1793 Mary Woody.
 2. Thomas, Jr., b. 8-30-1769, N. C., d. 4-3-1844, Orange Co., Ind.; m. 7-24-1795 Margaret Kennedy, b. 8-28-1762, d. 7-28-1833.

Children of Thomas, Jr., and Margaret (Kennedy) Atkinson:

- a. John, b. 10-9-1796, d. 8-14-1884; m. 2-3-1819 Milly Dawson, b. 12-29-1794, d. 4-8-1884.
- b. Robert, m. 1847 Margaret Truax.
- c. Arthur, m. Mary Jane Pinnich.
- d. Henry, m. Lydia Dixon.
- e. Thomas, m. 12-29-1836 Rachel Vance.
- f. Ruth.
- g. Mary Ann, b. 1-31-1805, d. 7-31-1848; m. John Ditto.
- h. Margaret, b. 8-28-1806; m. Nathaniel Vest.
- i. Hiram, d. single.
3. Mary, b. 4-5-1771; m. 1812 Hugh Woody.
4. Ann, b. 2-28-1773; m. 1799 —Lynch.
5. Robert, b. 2-17-1775; m. 1797 Hannah Dunn.

Thomas Atkinson, Sr., m. second, 9-5-1781, Ruth Harvey, b. 12-25-1755, dau. of Isaac and Martha Harvey (Columbia County, Georgia, Records).

Children of Thomas and Ruth (Harvey) Atkinson:

6. William, b. 7-18-1782, Orange Co., N. C.
7. Elizabeth, b. 9-29-1784, Orange Co., N. C.
8. Henry, b. 2-11-1786, d. 10-30-1800.
9. Martha, b. 6-10-1787.
10. Rachel, b. 10-12-1788.
11. Isaac, b. 2-7-1790, d. 6-27-1799.
12. Ruth, b. 5-25-1791.
13. Edith, b. 6-29-1793.
14. Nathan, b. 4-3-1795, d. 11-22-1800.
15. David, b. 8-21-1797.

- III. John Atkinson, son of Thomas and Ruth (Cruze) Atkinson, b. 11-25-1766, N. C., d. 1830, Chatham Co., N. C.; m. 1-17-1793 Mary Woody, b. 9-12-1772, dau. of James and Mary Woody, d. 12-1-1859 (Hinshaw, *Quaker Genealogy*, I, 346. Will of John Atkinson, 10-24-1829, probated May term, 1830, Chatham County, North Carolina, Court Records, Book B., 181-81).

Children of John and Mary (Woody) Atkinson.

1. James, b. 10-23-1793; m. 1-29-1817 Rachel Thomas.
2. Ruth, b. 11-20-1794; m. 2-10-1814 Solomon Stout.
3. Thomas, b. 8-28-1796.
4. Hugh, b. 2-27-1798; m. 11-12-1818 Hannah Barker.
5. Sarah, b. 2-26-1800; m. 12-11-1828 Nathaniel Newlin.
6. Robert, b. 4-3-1802; m. 1830 Mary Curl.
7. Charity, b. 9-20-1804.
8. John, b. 1-10-1807; m. 11-20-1830 Ann Vestal.
9. Mary, b. 2-8-1810.
10. Samuel, b. 5-9-1812; m. 10-15-1835 Rebecca Hornaday.
11. Elihu, b. 7-16-1815.

- IV. James Atkinson, son of John and Mary (Woody) Atkinson, b. 10-23-1793, Chatham Co., N. C.; m. 1-29-1817 Rachel Thomas, b. 6-19-1797, dau. of Lewis and Agnes Thomas of Orange Co.,

Ind. (Hinshaw, *Quaker Genealogy*, I, 346, 1068, 1071-72. Certificate of removal, and Records of Lick Creek Monthly Meeting, Orange County, Indiana. Lucas County, Iowa, Deed Record Book A, 33-34).

Children of James and Rachel (Thomas) Atkinson:

1. Joseph.
2. Maggie, m. ———Young.
3. William.
4. Sarah, m. ———Morris.
5. Lewis, b. 10-6-1830, Orange Co., Ind., d. 1-21-1882, Cuba, Ill.; m. 1-7-1856 Angaline McNew, b. 12-15-1839, d. 8-22-1890.
6. Rebecca, b. 1833, Orange Co., Ind.; m. ———Harpold.
7. James, b. 1834, Orange Co., Ind.
8. Stephen, b. 1836, Orange Co., Ind.; m. 9-26-1856 Mary McNew.

- V. Lewis Atkinson, son of James and Rachel (Thomas) Atkinson, b. 10-6-1830, d. 1-21-1882; m. 1-7-1856 Angaline McNew, b. 12-15-1839, d. 8-22-1890 (Hinshaw, *Quaker Genealogy*, I, 1071-72. Lucas County, Iowa, Deed Record Book D, 134. Bible records).

Children of Lewis and Angaline (McNew) Atkinson:

1. Lucinda, b. 10-7-1856, Chariton, Iowa, d. 3-15-1927, Cuba, Ill.
2. Thomas, b. 3-1-1858, Chariton, Iowa, d. 12-14-1922, Cuba, Ill.; m. Alice Winship, b. 11-23-1860, Colchester, Ill., d. 10-3-1935, Cuba, Ill.

Children of Thomas and Alice (Winship) Atkinson:

- a. William Franklin, m. Sarah Whitworth, Cuba, Ill.
- b. Clara Ann, m. 2-3-1901 Cyrus Bishop, Cuba, Ill.
- c. James Lewis, m. Mary Mordue, Cuba, Ill.
- d. Ethel Judith, m. Joseph Goett, Cuba, Ill.
- e. George Henry, b. 1896, d. 1903, Cuba, Ill.
- f. Jane Vanessa, b. 1898; m. 5-7-1915 Jake Vondelo, Cuba, Ill.

3. William Riley, b. 3-7-1860, Nodaway, Missouri, d. 7-17-1936, Cuba, Ill.
4. Mary E., b. 4-10-1861, Chariton, Iowa, d. 8-6-1863.
5. Lewis L., b. 4-10-1863, Chariton, Iowa, d. 9-10-1864.
6. Effie S., b. 8-10-1879, Cuba, Ill., d. 8-10-1879, Cuba, Ill.
7. Lilly, b. 7-13-1880, Cuba, Ill., d. 8-3-1880, Cuba, Ill.

- VI. William Riley Atkinson, son of Lewis and Angaline (McNew) Atkinson, b. 3-7-1860, d. 7-17-1936; m. 3-10-1881 Mary Elizabeth Zimmerman, b. 2-6-1863, Blyton, Ill., dau. of Cornelius and Charlotte Herriford Zimmerman.

Children of William Riley and Mary Elizabeth (Zimmerman) Atkinson:

1. William Franklin, b. 3-13-1882, Cuba, Ill., d. 10-4-1882, Cuba, Ill.
2. Lucinda E., b. 5-23-1884, Cuba, Ill.; m. 8-6-1906 Matthew Felix.

3. Florence Myrtle, b. 9-14-1886, Cuba, Ill.; m. 7-18-1918 Arthur Wilson Boswell, son of Cyrus Clinton Boswell and Virginia Elizabeth (Fox) Boswell.
4. Stephen Floyd, b. 9-26-1889, Cuba, Ill.
5. Cornelius Wesley, b. 9-26-1889, Cuba, Ill.; m. 5-20-1935 Grace MacJordan.
6. Mary Ula, b. 8-12-1898, Cuba, Ill.; m. 3-20-1916 Elmer Hageman.
7. Velma Mabel, b. 12-20-1900, Cuba, Ill., d. 7-4-1940, Cuba, Ill.; m. 10-13-1917 Ralph Wells.
Children of Ralph and Velma Mabel (Atkinson) Wells:
 - a. Florence Lou Wells, b. 5-4-1919, Cuba, Ill.; m. 12-6-1941 Kenneth Atkins.
 - b. Mary Ellen Wells, b. 1-18-1921, Cuba, Ill.
 - c. Felix Robert Wells, b. 3-31-1922, Cuba, Ill.

INQUIRY

I would appreciate information and authority on Thomas and John Atkinson, sons of John Atkinson, of Yorkshire, England. These two brothers emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1681 and were among the founders of Bucks County (see the preceding genealogy). We would like proof of the relationship between these two brothers and Henry Atkinson of old Craven County, North Carolina.

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