

Society Conducts Grave Marker Unveiling Ceremony May 26 2019

The ceremony was for War of 1812 veteran, Sergeant John Atkins, buried in the Shackelford Chapel Church Cemetery on US Route 14 with an address of 2693 Plain View Lane, in Shackelfords, King & Queen County. President Stuart Butler, Color Guard Chairman, Charles Belfield and Past President, Mike Lyman participated. Below is the program and photos taken. About 45 people from the congregation of the church attended.



**GRAVE MARKER UNVEILING  
CEREMONY  
FOR  
SERGEANT JOHN ATKINS  
MAY 26, 2019  
SHACKELFORD CHAPEL  
CHURCH CEMETERY  
2693 Plain View Lane,  
Shackelfords, King & Queen  
County, VA 23156  
at 1 pm by the  
Society of the War of 1812  
in the Commonwealth of Virginia**

## Program

<b>Welcome:</b>	Stuart L Butler, President, War of 1812 Society in VA
<b>Invocation:</b>	Minister of the Shackelfords Chapel Church
<b>Forward and Presenting of Colors:</b> (please stand)	War of 1812 Color Guard: Charles Belfield Commander; Mike Lyman, Past President; Jim Russell, member
<b>Pledge of Allegiance:</b>	All
<b>Information Regards Church and Cemetery:</b>	Minister Shackelfords Chapel Church
<b>Identification of Descendants of Sergeant John Atkins:</b>	Stuart Butler
<b>Information about Sergeant John Atkins and his family:</b>	Mike Lyman & Stuart Butler
<b>Grave Marker Unveiling Ritual:</b>	Bulter & Lyman
<b>Unveiling of the Grave Marker:</b>	Stuart Butler & family member
<b>Musket Salute and Taps:</b>	Charles Belfield
<b>Presentation of Wreaths:</b>	War of 1812 Society Stuart Butler, President 1812 Society; Jean Ward, member Rappahannock Chapter, U.S. Daughters of 1812
<b>Benediction:</b>	Minister Shackelford Chapel Church
<b>Closing Remarks and group photos:</b>	Stuart L Butler
<b>Group photos:</b>	

As shown on the enclosed pension file from the National Archives and information from Stuart Butler's book, "Guide to Virginia Militia Units in the War of 1812" that John Atkins first served as a private in Captain James Jones company of the 9th VA Regiment of King and Queen County commanded by Lt Colonel William Boyd. This unit was at Camp Alexander's Field in Georgetown, DC on 6 August 1814. On this tour of duty he served until 26 September 1814 and it is expected his unit was at the battle against the British vessels descending the Potomac River from Alexandria on Belvoir Neck during the period 1-5 September 1814. Later as a sergeant he served in Lt William Newsome (Newsum)'s company in Middlesex County in December 1814.

WAR OF 1812.		
NUMBERS	SOLDIER	BOUNTY LAND
W. O. 6583	Atkins, John	15484 - 40 - 50
W. O. 5753	WIDOW Atkins, Nancy	49607 - 120 - 55
	SERVICE Pvt., Capt. James Jones' Co., Va. Mil.	
	Sgt., Lieut. William Newson's Co., Va. Mil.	
	Aug. 6, 1814	Sept. 26, 1814
	ENLISTED Dec. 2, 1814	DISCHARGED Dec. 10, 1814
RESIDENCE OF SOLDIER	1850, 1855, King and Queen Co., Va.	
RESIDENCE OF WIDOW	1871, Shackelford, King and Queen Co., Va.	
MAIDEN NAME OF WIDOW	Nancy Taylor	
MARRIAGE OF SOLDIER AND WIDOW	Dec. 19, 1812, King and Queen Co., Va.	
DEATH		
	REMARKS	

Having served the required 60 days he received in 1850 a bounty land warrant for 40 acres and in 1855 another one for 120 acres. His widow, Nancy Taylor for his service received two pensions, the last being for \$8.00 a month commencing in 1871.

The records indicate that John Atkins was born in 1784 and that he died on 14 May 1859 and that he married Nancy Taylor on 19 Dec 1812 in King and Queen County. She was born in 1786 and died on 1 December 1876. They had two sons, John, born 1 October 1813 who served in the CSA in Company D, 43rd Battalion, Mosby's Rangers. He was mortally wounded on 29 October 1864 in the fight near Uppersville in Fauquier County against the 8th Illinois Cavalry. He is buried in an unmarked grave.

A son Alonza was also in the CSA and died of Typhoid fever in the Chimborzo Hospital and is buried in the Hollywood cemetery in Richmond.



Above President Stuart Butler gives opening remarks



Above: The Minister of Church gives the invocation





Above Charles Belfield posts the Star Spangled Banner Flag that the veteran and other War of 1812 soldiers served under. Below Butler and Lyman read the unveiling ritual..A direct descendant Alexandria Atkins listens





Below Butler and the descendant unveil the War of 1812 grave marker





Above the unveiled gravestone is shown. On the reverse a son Alexander is listed as well as other children and family members.





Above: Jean Ward a member of the Rappahannock Chapter US Daughters of 1812 and Stuart Butler with sun in his eyes stand behind the wreaths they presented. Below Charles Belfield awaits to give the Musket Salute





Below Belfield and Lyman stand behind the gravestone and grave marker



Below: Direct descendants of veteran, Sergeant John Atkins gather for a group photo

