City of Washington – February 15th 1800 [? 1822?]
I hereby certify that the Honorable James Turner, now a Senator in the Congress of the United States from the State of North Carolina is the only surviving brother of Jacob Turner a Captain in the Revolutionary War, who was killed at the battle of Germantown.

Given under my hand

S/ Willis Alston

Washington 27th of December 1802
Sir

Captain Jacob Turner of the North Carolina [line] was killed in the battle at Germantown,
If the heirs of officers killed at that time, are entitled to land from the United States, you will please to be [words obliterated by a tear in paper] claim entered for his heirs.

I am with great respect

Sir

1 TURNER, James, (1766-1824)(father of Daniel Turner), a Senator from North Carolina; born in Southampton County, Va., December 20, 1766; moved to Warren County, N.C., in 1770; attended the common schools; engaged in planting; served as a private in a company of North Carolina Volunteers during the Revolutionary War; member, State house of commons 1797-1800; member, State senate 1801-1802; Governor of North Carolina 1802-1805; elected as a Democratic Republican to the United States Senate in 1805; reelected in 1811 and served from March 4, 1805, to November 21, 1816, when he resigned due to ill health; died on his plantation, ‘Bloomsbury,’ near Warrenton, Warren County, N.C., January 15, 1824; interment in Bloomsbury Cemetery. http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=T000423.

2 ALSTON, Willis,(1769 - 1837) (nephew of Nathaniel Macon), a Representative from North Carolina; born near Littleton, Halifax County, N.C., in 1769; completed preparatory studies and attended Princeton College; engaged in agricultural pursuits; member of the State house of commons 1790-1792; served in the State senate 1794-1796; elected as a Republican to the Sixth and to the seven succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1799-March 3, 1815); chairman, Committee on Revision and Unfinished Business (Thirteenth Congress); again a member of the State house of commons 1820-1824; elected to the Nineteenth and Twentieth Congresses and reelected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-first Congress (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1831); chairman, Committee on Elections (Twenty-first Congress); was not a candidate for reelection to the Twenty-second Congress; resumed agricultural pursuits; died in Halifax, N.C., April 10, 1837; interment in a private burying ground on his plantation home, “Butterwood,” near Littleton, Halifax County, N.C http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=A000167.
MACON, Nathaniel, (1757-1837)(uncle of Willis Alston and Micajah Thomas Hawkins, and great-grandfatherof Charles Henry Martin), a Representative and a Senator from North Carolina; born near Warrenton, Warren County, N.C., December 17, 1757; pursued classical studies and attended the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University); served in the Revolutionary War; elected to the State senate 1781, 1782, and 1784; moved to a plantation on the Roanoke River; elected in 1785 to the Continental Congress but declined to serve; elected to the Second and to the twelve succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1791, until December 13, 1815, when he resigned, having been elected Senator; Speaker of the House of Representatives (Seventh through Ninth Congresses); chairman, Committee on Revisal and Unfinished Business (Fifth Congress), Committee on Claims (Sixth Congress), Committee on Public Expenditures (Thirteenth Congress); elected as a Democratic Republican to the United States Senate on December 5, 1815, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Francis Locke; reelected in 1819 and 1825 and served from December 13, 1815, until his resignation on November 14, 1828; served as President pro tempore of the Senate during the Nineteenth Congress; chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations (Fifteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth Congresses), Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses (Seventeenth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for vice president of the United States in 1825; president of the State constitutional convention in 1835; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1836; died at ‘Buck Spring,’ near Macon, Warren County, N.C., June 29, 1837; interment at ‘Buck Spring.’ [link]

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3 Yr most obt. svt.
S/ Nath Macon

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