State of North Carolina County of Wayne

On this the 6th Day of October 1835 personally appeared before the Honorable John R. Donnell one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law now sitting -- James Forehand of the County of Wayne and State of North Carolina -- aged 89 years seven months who being 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 7th of June 1832 Viz.

That he was born in the County of Edgecombe in the State of North Carolina in the year 1745 -- that he has no record of his age whatever -- that when called into service he was living in the County of Wayne -- soon after the close of the Revolutionary War he removed to South Carolina where he lived for 20 years -- that since that time he has resided in the Counties of Duplin & Wayne in North Carolina -- that he enlisted as well as he recollects (for having no education he cannot be positive as to the date) in the Spring of 1776 under Captain Joseph Green in the County of Wayne -- & he was marched by Captain Green to New Bern where he remained for about three months -- thence he was removed to Wilmington where he remained for six months as well as he recollects -- that while there he was commanded a part of the time by General Caswell [Richard Caswell] -- he was in the battle at Moore's Creek [February 27, 1776] under the command of General Caswell -- Colonel Heritage, Major Allen, Captain Green and Captain Whitfield [probably Bryant Whitfield of Johnston County North Carolina] were also there -- that during the remainder of the 12 months for which he enlisted he was employed in different parts of the State in fighting the Tories -- that at the expiration of his term of service he received a discharge from the hands of Captain Green as well as he recollects -- that he kept it for many years -- but has now lost it -- and furthermore that he is known in his neighborhood by Colonel Ezekiel Slocumb and General Nicholson Washington who can testify as to my character for veracity and good behavior as a man

Answer to question 1st
I was born in Edgecombe County in the State of North Carolina in the year 1745

Answer to question 2nd
I have no record of my age

Answer to question 3th [sic]
I was living when called into service in Wayne County 20 years since that time I have lived in South Carolina and I now live in the County of Wayne in North Carolina

Answer to question 4th
I enlisted
Answer to question 5th
I recollect the names of General Caswell, Colonel Heritage, Major Allen, Captain Green and
Captain Whitfield –

Answer to question 6th
I did receive a discharge from Captain Green which is since lost –

Answer to question 7th
I am known in my neighborhood by Colonel Ezekiel Slocumb and General Nicholson
Washington who can testify to my character for veracity and to my services as a soldier of
according to their belief -- My sister Mrs. Henderson also knows that I was in the service --
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court on the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Forehand, X his mark

I Nancy Henderson residing in the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina do hereby
certify that out have been well acquainted with James Forehand from my infancy -- that I
remember to have seen him shoulder his knapsack and Start off for the purpose of going into the
service -- that he was gone a long time and that I believe him to have been a soldier in the
Revolution -- also that I believe him to be 90 years of age.

S/ N. Washington, Clk

S/ Nancy Henderson, X her mark

[Ezekiel Slocumb and Nicholson Washington gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Raleigh 13th November 1835
Dear Sir

Your letter of the 9th Instant was received this morning and I have carefully searched the
musterrolls of the name of James Forehand, and regret that it is not to be found they are -- I am
of opinion his services were all militia, as there was no Captain Green of the Continental line,
and General Caswell was a militia Officer.

Yours respectfully

S/ W. Hill

Genl. N. Washington

P.S. Be so good as to ask Mr. N. G. Bryan and Mr. Griswold to send the amount of my account
against Mr. Collier by someone coming to the Assembly and I will send them a receipt for the
same.

S/ W. H.