John McFerren Applicant –
I the undersigned John McFerrin [sic], being called on by W. G. Singleton for a Statement of my age & Revolutionary Services, give the following to wit – I am a native of Ireland and emigrated to the United States in the year 1772. In the year 1775 I settled in Greenbrier County and have been in that County ever since. I was forted at Donley's Fort [probably Fort Donnally] nine or ten years commencing in 1775. I then had my mother & sister living with me. I belonged to Captain McKay's Company – he however was not at Donley's Fort – but at another Fort the name of which I have now forgotten – the people of the settlement in which I lived including myself and family were compelled from a regard to our own safety to go into the Fort & live [lived?] there every Summer for nine or ten successive summers – and whilst thus forted we lived pretty much in common – we would turn out altogether and work each other's corn & potatoes "by turns" always detailing one or two of our own numbers to stand as sort of centinals [sentinels] and to give news of approaching danger from Indians this business of working and guarding was done by all the men at the forts by turns – Whenever those who were sent out as spies would return and report unfavorable news – we would leave our work and go in the Fort & remain there until the danger was [indecipherable word]1 – I was not a spy in any part of my services – nor was I ever out in pursuit of Indians during the time I was forted – in the winter we would disperse and go to our respective cabins. Donley's Fort was attacked only once while I was in it = & that lasted only one day –
# In February 1781 [last digit unclear, could be 1783], I was drafted for six months and marched from Greenbrier with several other companies commanded by Major Quirk [probably Thomas Quirk] – my Captain's name, James Armstrong, we was in Englishes Station [English's Station on Dix River SE of Crab Orchard] Kentucky, thence to Logan's Station and then to Harrod's Station at the latter place my time expired – and I returned home, was in service six months, and this is all the regular service I ever done, – I was not drafted or forced to any other service than the six months service last above mentioned – Squire Gillalan [probably Justice of the peace, George R. Gillilan] & D. W. Sleeth2 came to my house & wrote my declaration. I agreed to give Gellelan & Sleeth 2 1/3 y's [years] pay. In witness of which I hereunto subscribed my name January 23, 1835
S/ John McFerren , X his mark

Witness

1 [removed?]
2 David W. Sleeth S6111
John McFerren Virginia Rejected See Mr. Singleton's report (Enclosed)
Let 16 Mar: 35 Co: Clerk
Let to W. G. Singleton Aug. 22 1835

John McFerren
Applicant
Greenbrier County
Not Entitled – may
be to $20
Suspended case
Entered

Additional memo – this man alleges that he was six months in the Kentucky expedition & also
David Williams\(^4\) went & returned with him – Williams says that they were out 6 months in that
expedition – See Report in David Williams' case accompanying this

S/ W. G. S.

[Note: For a thorough examination of the fraud investigation conducted by W. G. Singleton, see
C. Leon Harris' transcription of [David W. Sleeth S6111].]

3 Leon Harris points out that Singleton often objected that by Virginia law drafts in the militia were limited to three
months each.
4 [David Williams R11572]