State of North Carolina Anson County: Declaration of James Holliman on this 2nd day of October 1833 personally appeared before me James Gordon one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County of Anson James Holliman a soldier of the Revolution who being very infirm and not able with convenience to travel to a Court of record and aged 83 years who being first 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I turned out as a volunteer under Captain Henry Finch to serve every call of our officers to keep under the Tories and other outliers in Johnson County [Johnston County] & the adjacent Counties. Served two months and was dismissed by Captain Finch, the month & year not recollected but thinks it was at the beginning of the war – Not long after I was drafted to serve a three months Tour a private in Captain Henry Finch's Company again marched to kingston [Kinston] on nuse [Neuse] River then across the River at Coxes ferry, then on towards Trent River, then on near Wilmington [Wilmington] after halting sometime we marched through Duplan [Duplin] County to Drowning Creek at the fair bluff then marched to Elizabeth town on Cape fair River [Cape Fear River] – then back to Smithfield in Johnson County where we first marched from served three months – got discharged & went home. In about twelve months was drafted for another three months tour and marched under Captain John Trent under Colonel Needham Bryan & marched across Tar River below Tarborough Town & through Green County & on near Edenton expecting to meet the British & Tories – and after Saying [staying] there a few weeks – marched up the Roanoke River to Halifax Town and was stationed there about two weeks, then through Nash County in pursuit of Tories and into Wake County. Served three months and was discharged by Captain Trent, the year not recollected – Some four or five months after this I with a number of others was called on by Colonel John Smith of Johnson County to guard a parcel [of] British prisoners above one hundred and thirty in number that was sent to Smithfield to be guarded till they could be exchanged. I served as guard two months &
was discharged – by order of Colonel Smith – he remembers being with General Greens Army in his route towards Wilmington but did not remain long with General Green [Nathanael Greene]. He also remembers of being mustered by Adjutant Childers while with General Greens Army the year not recollected. Not long after I was discharged from guarding the British prisoners, orders came for some 18 months men to be raised. I for one turned out a volunteer and when orders came to March I set my Serven [sic, servant?] in my place & I was discharged. I have no papers to prove what year but it was near the end of the war as well as recollected. Neither have I any papers nor do I no [know] of any person now living by whom I could prove my services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above
Test: S/ J. Gordon, JP    S/ James Holliman

Qt. 1. Where and in what year were you born
As. In Johnston County North Carolina May 25 1750
Qt. 2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it
As. Yes in a family Bible kept by my father of his children's ages
Qt. 3. Where were you living when called into service and where have you lived ever since the revolutionary war & where do you now live
As. I lived in Johnston County North Carolina when called into service and continued to live there until the year 1793. I moved to Lancaster District South Carolina & near the North Carolina line where I have lived ever since
Qt. 4. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom
Ans. A volunteer and drafted. I served two three-month tours a drafted soldier and two two-months tours a volunteer and sent my service in the eighteen months Tour.
Qt. 5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service
Ans. General Greene, Colonel Needham Bryan Adjutant Childers, Captain Henry Finch, Captain John Trent and Colonel Smith these were militia officers & lived in Johnson County at that time except General Greene and he was a Continental
Qt. 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.
As. I do not remember ever receiving a written discharge from my officers, but mostly think I did but what has become of it I do not know at this time.
Qt. 7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution – Jesse Lewellin & Joshua Walters
[Jesse Lewellin, a clergyman, and Joshua Walters gave the standard supporting affidavit.]
[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]