

North Carolina Warren County

Honoured and Dear Brother

Tho unseen yet beloved tho I am the unworthiest
of all that is meat to be called a minister of the
Gospel of Jesus Christ yet I am desirous to contract
an acquaintance with all the labourers in my Lord's
Vineyard, and as I have achance to write to my Elder
brother I hope you will Receive it at the hands of
brother Braine in which I inform you of the grate
Declination of Religion in our parts which is a grief
to the souls of the godly, but yet I look for a fare
better day than this. I mean the latter day glory
when all shall be taught of the Lord and grate
Shall be the peace of his people, my brother
Pray for us in North Carolina that the Lord
Would rain down Righteousness from heaven upon
us that his poor sion moint once more travil and
bring forth sons and daughters for god, my brother
I seal determined through grace to go on tho afflicted
I bless the Lord not forsaken I yet seal in my soul
to love Jesus my brother stir up the brethren to
Come and Visit us in our state, pray my brother
Write to me by brother Braine and you will oblige
your affectionate tho unworthy brother In gospel
Bonds — — — — — Thomas Gardner

February the 6th 1797

Elder Brother Bacus —