

North Carolina Warren County  
Honoured and Dear Brother

I the unseen yet beloved the 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 agreeable  
to the souls of the godly, but yet I look for a more  
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 might once more travel and  
bring forth Sons and daughters for god, my brother  
I feel determined through grace to go on tho afflicted  
I bless the Lord not forsaken I yet feel in my soul  
to love Jesus my brother stirs up the brethren to  
come and visit him in our state, pray my brother  
write to me by brother Braine and you will oblige  
yours affectionate the unworthy brother in gospel  
Bonds — — — — — Thomas Gardner

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Elder Brother Bacus — — —