

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Joshua Kent VAS1047

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

To his Excellency the Governor of Virginia

The Memorial of Charles Kent of the County of North. [sic] humbly represents that he is the only child of John Kent, who was the brother to Joshua Kent of said County. That said Joshua was a Seaman in the Navy during the Revolutionary War as your memorialist is informed enlisted in the Navy for three years which time he served honorably, discharged under whom he [indecipherable word]. Your memorialist has not been able to ascertain but has been informed he served the first part of [indecipherable word] on board of the Ship *Tempest* Captain Callender [Eleazer Callender] & was probably on board of the *Tempest* [under] Captain Saunders [Celey Saunders] part of the time. Your memorialist hopes from the documentary evidence [indecipherable word or words] supported by that of a living witness that his case may be allowed. The said Joshua died without issue & left John his only brother, who also died with no other issue than your memorialist. Given under my hand this 13th October 18?? [Last 2 digits indecipherable]

S/ Charles Kent, X his mark

Upon the Petition of the heirs of Joshua Kent a Seaman in the State Navy, for bounty land

No proof of this claim has been offered by the Petitioner but he has spoken in his petition of the testimony of a living witness.

Joshua Kent's name is on a [indecipherable word] of men of the *Tempest* in December 1779 (see Papers of the *Tempest* – Volume first Navy Papers)

He was in the *Dragon* – September 10th 1778 (see Navy Journal – page 470)

His name is on the Army register. [Indecipherable word or words] – April 18th 1784 £56.15.11 the last [indecipherable word] pay: the certification for [the balance of this document is basically illegible as posted online. If anyone has a transcript of this document which they are willing to share with us for posting in this database, it would be greatly appreciated.]

[This is the report given by John H Smith, Commissioner to Governor Tazewell of Virginia.]