

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Kent S38113

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Halifax County [Virginia] September Term 1824

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1823 [sic] personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of Record of the County of Halifax aforesaid Alexander Kent aged 67 years, resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, that he Enlisted a private Soldier in the month of March 1777 in the company of Capt. Hughes Woodson, 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment Commanded by Col. Stephens [Edward Stevens] for three years in the Continental Establishment, and was discharged in Philadelphia in March 1780, which Discharge is mislaid, that he was Engaged in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] and the Capture of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed (to wit) 70 Acres of Land

S/ Alexander Kent<sup>1</sup>

That he is by Occupation a farmer and from age and Infirmity is unable to Labour, that his family consists of a Wife and two children, one a daughter and the other a son, both over 21 years of age.

Sworn to and delivered on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 1823 as above in Open Court -- and the Court doth certify the total amount in value of the property Exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule is \$140 and that from his necessitous circumstances he stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for support.

[Attested by Samuel Williams, Clerk of Superior Court]

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Virginia, Halifax County Sct.

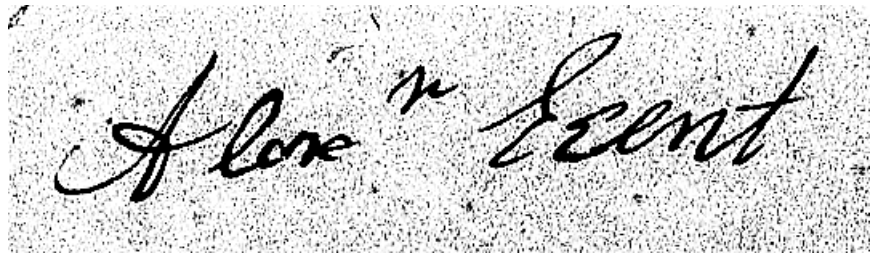
On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1825, personally appeared Alexander Kent in Open Court, it

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<sup>1</sup> the handwriting is identical to that of the document itself, consequently I believe it is not the actual signature of the veteran but rather an indication by the scribe that the original court document was signed by the veteran

being a Court of Record, resident in said County aged seventy years the 29<sup>th</sup> of July next, and being first duly sworn according to law, in pursuance of the Act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 – I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, (to wit) 70 Acres of land valued at \$140, my personal property being sold before the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818. And it is ordered to be certified in the Opinion of this Court, that the value of said property does not exceed \$140 and that the said Declaration & Schedule contain the truth.

S/ Alexr Kent

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexr Kent". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored, textured background.

[p. 3 Power of attorney dated May 20, 1853, given in Gilmore County, Ga., by Alexander Kent, Jr. to H. C. Spolding of DC to pursue the claims Alexander Kent, Sr.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 28, 1825 for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 2-page file

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