

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Kent W27875

Sarah Kent

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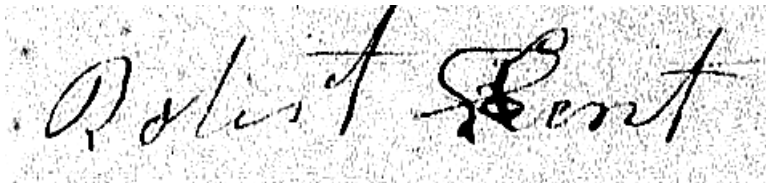
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State of Virginia Fluvanna County to wit

On the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Fluvanna County now sitting Robert Kent a resident of said County aged seventy-one 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he was born in the County of Albemarle now Fluvanna on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1762 having a record of his age kept by his father that he was living in the said County of Fluvanna in the year 1777 when he volunteered in a Company commanded by Captain Robert Allen for a Tour of six months. That the Company marched from Fluvanna to Staunton in the County of Augusta and joined a detachment of militia under the Command of Colonel Bowyer, that from Staunton the Troops marched to Fort McIntosh sixteen miles below Pittsburg on the Ohio River, that Colonel Bowyer's Regiment Colonel Campbell's Regiment & a detachment of troops from Pennsylvania under Colonel Broadhead [Daniel Brodhead] were stationed at Fort McIntosh under the command of General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh], & that I remained there in service until the expiration of the six months for which I had volunteered had expired, that I with other soldiers was then detailed under Captain Allen to bring in a parcel of broken down Horses to Conocscheague Creek [Conococheague Creek] near Stockdens Ferry [Stockton's ferry?] on the Potomac River; where the horses were sold & the Troops returned to Fluvanna (that in Captain Allen's Company) he further states that he was called into service from the said County of Fluvanna in a Company Commanded by Richard Napier and served in the County of Albemarle at the Barracks under Colonel Francis Taylor for one month, that he was again called in the Service from said County in a Company under Captain Leonard Thompson in the year 1779, that he marched down James River & crossed to Cabin Point, that he was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Holt Richardson [Holt Richeson] that he is Major's name was Cocke, that he served in this tour two months. That he was called out again in the summer of 1781 in a Company under Captain Richard Napier that he marched to York on the Gloucester side of the River and served in a Regiment under Colonel Jno Taylor [John Taylor] of Caroline [County] that he served until after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] & was discharged at York having served 4 months this time, that he served in the 4 tours which he performed during the revolutionary war 13 months, that he was living in the County of Fluvanna when called into service in every instance that the first Tour of 6 months he volunteered, that the 3 other tours he was drafted, that he never preserved any of his discharges from the service, that he embodies here with sending

affidavits of persons who were in service with him or knew of his Services in support of his claim, & that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Robert Kent



Fluvanna County to wit

This day Thomas Diggs [?]<sup>1</sup> and Mayantt Fenes [??]<sup>2</sup> came before me a justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid and both of them made oath that Robert Kent, the declarant above named, enlisted under Captain Robert Allen in the County of Albemarle now, Fluvanna for a six months Tour, in the Revolutionary war and that they have no hesitation in saying that he served the full Tour that Thomas Diggs & Mayantt Fenes are credible & their statement is entitled to credit

Given under my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1833

S/ Christopher H Shepherd, JP

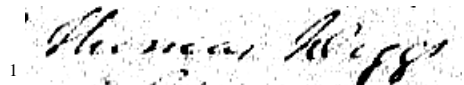
Fluvanna County to wit John Hanlip [?]<sup>3</sup> personally appeared before me one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in & for said County and made oath that he was in service with Robert Kent, the declarant, in the line of the revolution in the year 1779 in a company of militia from the County of Fluvanna under the command of Leonard Thompson, that they marched from said County to Richmond thence down James River crossed the River at Shirley, from thence to Cabin Point in the County of Surry remained at County Point 2 or 3 weeks from thence to Petersburg, where we were discharged having served 2 months. The Regiment was under the command of Colonel Holt Richardson the said Kent is now present & is the same man with whom I was in service.

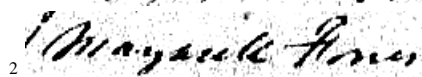
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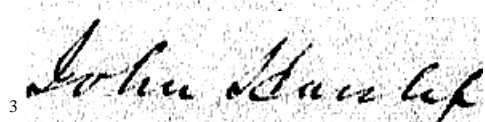
John Hanlip the affiant is a credible person & his certificate is entitled to credit

S/ George Stottman

Fluvanna County to wit. This day Elijah Humphrey<sup>4</sup> a credible person came before me a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath that he has a personal knowledge that Robert Kent named in the foregoing declaration was in service in the militia of Virginia in the year 1781, that he was in a company commanded by Captain Richard Napier in a Regiment a

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under the command of Colonel John Taylor, he believes he was called into service in July & served until after the surrender of Cornwallis. Given under my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1833

S/Christopher H Shepherd

[Robert Lilly, a clergyman, and Robert Kent Senior gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: On May 17, 1850 in Fluvanna County Virginia, Sarah Kent, 87, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act as the widow of Robert Kent. I could not find in this file her original application. There is on p 28 a document dated March 22, 1851 in which she describes herself as a pensioner under the 1848 act; that her husband died March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1848 and that she is still his widow. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 13: copy of a marriage bond dated September 19, 1782 issued in Fluvanna County Virginia to Robert Kent and Pleasant Cocke conditioned upon the marriage of Robert Kent Jr. to Sarah Cocke. Also, copy of a certificate from the clerk of court saying that Robert Kent Jr. and Sarah Cocke were married September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1782.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]