

Estate of Abner Kent
deceased

Received for Record, the 13th day of June A. D. 1882 at Pellston Mich.
Chas. W. Ingraham Register of Deeds

No. 2127.

WILL.

In the matter of the estate of Abner Kent deceased.

I Abner Kent of Pellston Township Ottawa County and State of Michigan by occupation a farmer make this my last will. I give devise and bequeath my estate and property real and personal as follows: - 1st - I give to the heirs of Lucretia McTye fifty dollars and the net lease hold again James R. McTye. - 2nd - I give to the heirs of Eli Kent fifty dollars each. - 3rd - Carilla Cagle I give three hundred and eighty five and 7/10 dollars. - 4th - To Permelia Stilton I give four hundred dollars. - 5th - Hopeful Hackett I give four hundred and fifty dollars. - 6th - To Martin Kent I give three hundred dollars. - 7th - To Cornelia Anne Gamby I give three hundred and twenty dollars. 8th - Belinda A. McIne I give four hundred and fifty dollars. - 9th - If the money for my estate when sold should be more or less than the sums given to the within named persons what is more or less shall be equally divided among the said within named persons except the heirs of the said Lucretia McTye and Eli Kent. I appoint Mark Richards of Pellston Ottawa County and State of Michigan by occupation a farmer executor of this will.

In witness whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my will, at Pellston Ottawa County and State of Michigan this twentieth day of February one thousand eight hundred and seventy five.

Abner Kent A. Kent
The said Abner Kent at said Town of Pellston County of Ottawa and State of Michigan on said twentieth day of February one thousand eight hundred and seventy five signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for his last will, and we at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses.

John R. Salisbury C. Blainestonham William Shafer
I Abner Kent of Pellston Ottawa County Michigan and by occupation a farmer do make this my codicil by confirming my last will made on the 20th day of February one thousand eight hundred and seventy five as far as this codicil is consistent therewith, and do hereby charge Martin Kent with five hundred and 80 cents if being money he has had of me and is to be taken from his share of my estate. Also Carilla Hight having received twenty two and 1/2⁰⁰ said amount is to be deducted from the amount she was to receive from my estate. Also Hopeful Hackett having received twenty dollars said amount is to be deducted from the amount she was to receive from my estate. I appoint Mark Richards by occupation a farmer executor to this codicil.

In witness whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my codicil at Pellston Ottawa County and State of Michigan on this twentieth day of April 1882.

Abner Kent
The said Abner Kent at said Town of Pellston County of Ottawa and State of Michigan on said 27th day of April 1882 signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for his last codicil, and we at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses.

Christie C. Pika
Sidak O. Pika
Wanda M. Kent
Proved allowed and ordered recorded this fifteenth day of June A. D. 1882 and recorded by me.
Chas. C. Soule
Judge of Probate

State of Michigan, }
County of Ottawa, }

SS.

At a Session of the Probate Court, for the County of Ottawa, holden at the Probate Office, in the City of Grand Haven, on Friday the fifteenth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

In the Matter of the Estate of Abner Kent PRESENT, Charles C. Soule Judge of Probate.

This day having been assigned by the Court Deceased of Rumelia H. Willson Legate for hearing the petition of and or did to same praying amongst other things, for the Probate of the Instrument heretofore filed in his Court, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of said deceased. Now come the said petitioner.

And it appearing to the Court by due proof on file, that a copy of the order of this Court, touching the hearing of said petition, made on the nineteenth day of May last past, has been duly published as herein directed, whereby all parties interested in the premises, were duly notified of said hearing, and no person appearing to oppose the granting by the Court of the prayer in said petition contained

WHEREUPON, William Schaffer - Charles L. Pike on each of the subscribing witness to said instrument appeared in Court, and made oath that he saw the said Abner Kent in said County of Ottawa, sign, seal and heard him published and declare the said Instrument to be his last Will and Testament, and that codicil thereto and that they said William Schaffer and Charles L. Pike - Chris Blomstedham, John H. Salisbury, Clark A. Pike, Winda M. Kent subscribing witnesses, at the same time, attested the same, and subscribed their names as witnesses thereto, in the presence of each other, and of the said Testator and at his request, and that he was then, according to the discernment of said witnesses of same mind.

And it Further Appearing, That said Abner Kent last dwelt and had his residence in, and was an inhabitant of Parkton in said County, and there died.

And the evidence touching the premises being maturely considered and it satisfactorily appears to this Court that said instrument is duly proved, and ought to be allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.

It is Therefore Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, by this Court, that said Instrument be approved, allowed, established and have full force and effect, as the last Will and Testament of said deceased; and that the same be recorded as required by law.

And it is Further Ordered, That the execution of said Will be committed, and the administration of the Estate of said deceased be granted to said George A. Lullie as administrator with the will annexed.

ordered to give bond in the penal sum of Eighteen Hundred dollars, with sufficient sureties, as required by the Statute in such case made and provided; and upon the same being duly approved and filed, LETTERS TESTAMENTARY do issue in the premises.

Charles C. Soule Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
County of Ottawa, }

PROBATE COURT FOR SAID COUNTY.

Be it Remembered, That the annexed Instrument being the last Will and Testament of Abner Kent in said County, deceased, was duly proved, approved, allowed, and ordered to be recorded, as more fully appears by the decree of said Court, of which the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Probate Court, at the City of Grand Haven, in said County, this fifteenth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

Charles C. Soule Judge of Probate.

Exemplification of Record.—148.

State of Michigan, }
County of Ottawa, }

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR SAID COUNTY.

I, Charles C. Soule Judge of Probate for said County, and ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court for said County, do hereby certify, that I have compared the annexed and foregoing copy of the last will and testament and codicil thereto to a certificate of Probate thereof of Abner Kent late of Parkton in said County deceased

with the original Record thereof, now remaining in this office, and have found the same to be a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original record.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of this Court, at the City of Grand Haven, this fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

Charles C. Soule Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
County of Ottawa, }

PROBATE COURT FOR SAID COUNTY.

I, Charles C. Soule Judge of the Probate Court aforesaid, and Presiding Magistrate of said Court, do hereby certify that Charles C. Soule who signed the foregoing Certificate, is the solo President of the Probate Court for said County, and that the foregoing Exemplification of Record is authenticated in due form.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the Probate Court, at the City of Grand Haven, this fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

Charles C. Soule Judge of Probate.

Received for Record Dec 12 1865 at 7 o'clock minutes P.M.
Robert Scott and wife
Abner Kent
Michigan
Register

This Indenture, Made this Seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty five BETWEEN Robert Scott and wife of Altondale, Ottawa County Michigan of the first part, and Abner Kent of the second part

WITNESSETH, That the said part of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of \$1000 Dollars to them in hand paid by the said part of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, remised, released, aliened and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien and confirm unto the said part of the second part, his heirs and assigns, FOREVER,

all that certain piece or parcel of Land Situated in the aforesaid township of Altondale, Ottawa County Michigan, known and described as follows to wit: a half of the South East Quarter of Section twenty two (22) Town Seven (7) North, Range fourteen (14) West, containing according to Government Survey County acre, more or less.

Together with all and singular, the hereditaments and appurtenances therunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder, remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim and demand whatsoever, of the said part of the first part, either in LAW OR EQUITY, of, in and to the above bargained premises, with the said hereditaments and appurtenances TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises as above described, with the appurtenances, unto the said part of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns FOREVER. And the said part of the first part, for his heirs, executors and administrators, do so covenant, grant, bargain and agree to and with the said part of the second part his heirs and assigns, that at the time of the sealing and delivery of these presents, he is well seized of the premises above conveyed as of a good, sure, perfect, absolute and indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in the law, in Fee Simple; and that the said land and premises are free from all incumbrances whatsoever;

And that the above bargained premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said part of the second part, his heirs and assigns, against all and every person or persons lawfully claiming or to claim the whole or any part thereof, WARRANT AND DEFEND,

In Witness Whereof, The said part of the first part hereunto set their hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of
Robert Scott
Abner Kent
Robert Scott
Eve Scott

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
Ottawa County

On this Seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty five before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, personally came the abovesaid Robert Scott and Eve his wife

freely and voluntarily, and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed, and that the said Eve Scott wife of the said Robert Scott, having been duly sworn, she deplored and deplored the contents of the foregoing instrument without any fear or compulsion from her husband, and she is a single woman.

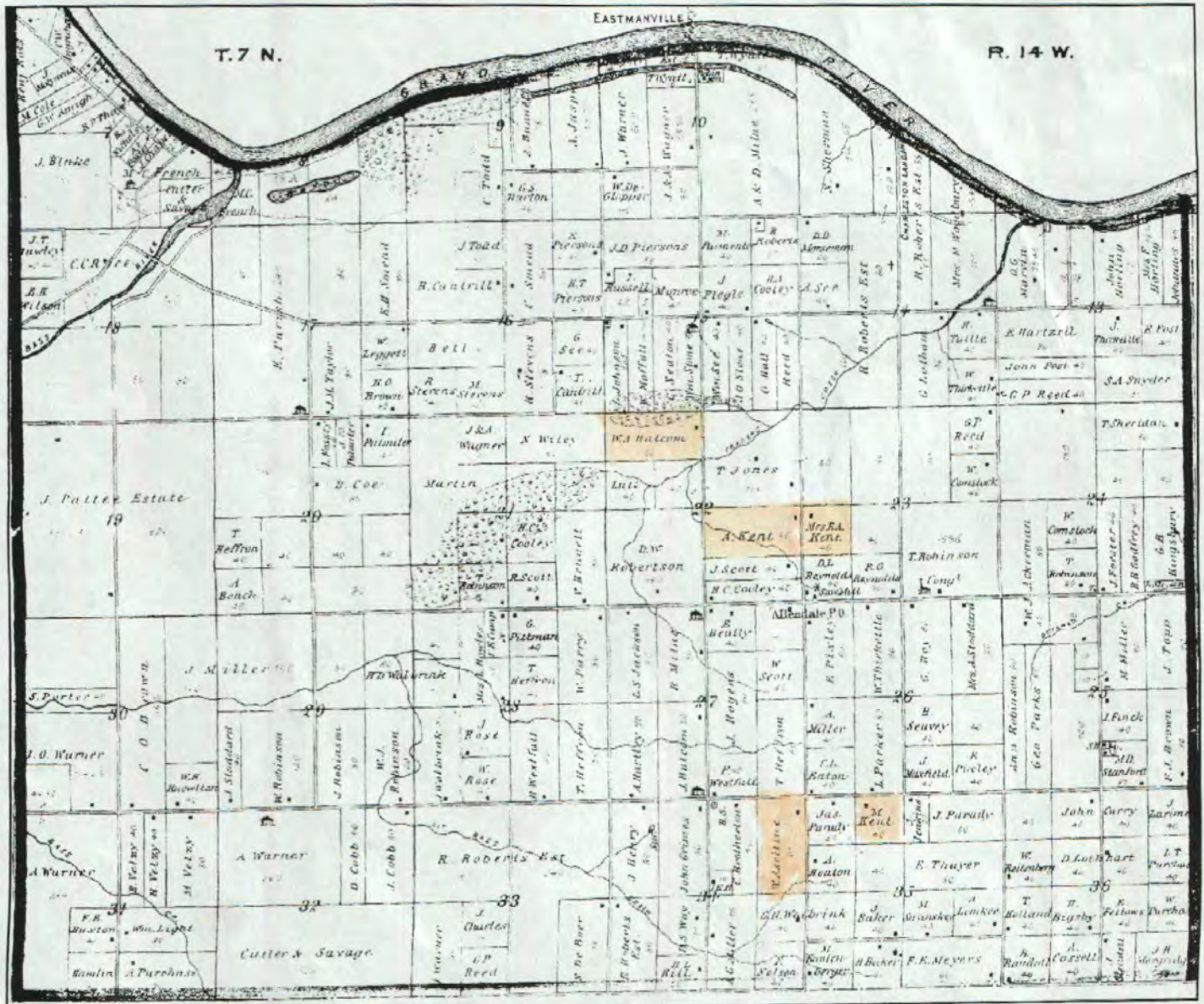
prominent military and political figures, and it is reasonable that a township would be named after them. The large monuments that mark their graves in the Eastmanville Cemetery may still be seen today. As for the naming of Allendale, which of these two explanations is correct is hard to tell now. Perhaps both were reasons at the time. The name Allendale was later spelled "Allendale."

Soon after the township was organized, town meetings were held; the first two were held at the home of Richard Roberts. At the first town meeting, held the first Monday in April 1849, elections were held. Persons elected were: Grosvenor Reed, Supervisor; James

Scott, Clerk; Robert Scott, Treasurer; Richard Roberts and Grosvenor Reed, Justice of Peace and Highway Commissioner; and Jeremy S. Streeter and Dr. Scheneck, Assessor.

Soon after this, the new township board organized the first school district. Alexander Milne was elected as the first school director, with Richard Roberts and Henry Reed as the other school board members. School District Number One was thus organized and included nearly all of the eastern half of the township. There were nine voters in the district.

During the summer of 1849 a school was built along the east side of the old Stagecoach Road, on what would



Allendale Township 1876—from *Illustrated Historical Atlas*.