

[Notes on Alexander M. Kent military pension file from Michelle M. Roy, 2011.]

5. Alexander M. Kent, Civil War. He married Esther M. Frowe (b. Jan. 18, 1837) on November 5, 1867 in Ogle Co., Illinois. They were living in Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas in August 1884. Pension application was for severe heat stroke between Vicksburg and Jackson, Miss and then again near Huntsville, that has made it difficult to farm due to intolerance of having to work. Alexander Kent died at Wamego, Kansas on Jan. 4, 1912. Have not come across any children in these papers.

DECLARATION FOR ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION

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TO BE EXECUTED BEFORE A COURT OF RECORD OR SOME OFFICER THEREOF HAVING CUSTODY OF ITS SEAL.

State of Kansas }  
Shawnee County, } ss.

On this August day of August, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty, four personally appeared before me, Clerk of the District a court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid, A. M. Kent aged 47 years, a resident of the city of Topeka, county of Shawnee, State of Kansas, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical A. M. Kent who was ENROLLED on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 1864, in Company A of the 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Illinois Infantry commanded by Thomas J. Turner and was honorably DISCHARGED at Springfield Ill on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1864; that his personal description is as follows: Age, 47 years; height 6 feet 4 1/2 inches; complexion, Light; hair, Light; eyes, Blue.

That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the service and in the line of his duty at 50 miles of Jefferson City, in the State of Missouri, on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1861, he was disabled by a Sunstroke  
Here state name or nature of disease, or the location of wound or injury. If disabled by

and unfit for duty about one month; Was again  
dismiss, state fully its cause; if by wound or injury, the precise manner in which received.  
prostrated by Sunstroke just after the Surrender of  
Corinth Miss. on the march from Corinth Miss. to  
Memphis Tenn. about the month of June 1862; Was  
again prostrated between Vicksburg & Jackson Miss.  
about middle of July 1863 (again about June 1<sup>st</sup> 1864 near  
Monteville, Ala. I have not ever been able to endure Summer since  
That he was treated in hospitals as follows: while in the Army by Dr. McKim  
Here state the names or numbers, and the localities of all hospitals in which treated, and the dates  
Surgeon of 15<sup>th</sup> Regt Illinois Infantry  
of treatment.

That he has never been employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above Here state what  
the service was, whether prior or subsequent to that stated above, and the dates at which it began and ended.

That since leaving the service this applicant has resided in the State of Kansas and his occupation has been that of a Rail road Employee  
That prior to his entry into the service above named he was a man of good, sound, physical health, being when enrolled a Mechanic. That he is now wholly disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor by reason of his injuries, above described, received in the service of the United States; and he therefore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the invalid pension roll of the United States.

He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, ALLAN RUTHERFORD, of WASHINGTON D. C., his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim. That he has never received not applied for a Pension. That his Post Office Address is Topeka county of Shawnee State of Kansas.

Claimant's signature, A. M. Kent

ATTEST.

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Commissioners of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Esther M. Kent, a pensioner  
under certificate No. 738064, died June 23, 1919,

Yours respectfully,

*A. T. Millan*  
Cashier.

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January 8, 1912.

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Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have to report that Mr. Alexander M. Kent,  
pensioner under certificate No. 446423, died January 4.  
Will you please send me a blank application for his  
widow, to be used in making application for her pen-  
sion, and oblige

Yours very truly,

*A. T. McMILLAN*

Cashier.

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Department of the Interior

PENSION OFFICE,



No. 521467  
A M Kent  
A 15 Ill Vols

Sept 20 1884

SIR:

I have the honor to request that you will furnish from the records of the War Department a full report as to the service, disability and hospital treatment of A M Kent, who, it is claimed, enlisted May 24, 1861, and served as Corpl in Co. A, 15 Regt. Ill Vols; also in Co. \_\_\_\_\_,

and was discharged at Springfield Ill. June 14, 1864.

While serving in Co. A, 15 Regt. Ill Vols he was disabled by sunstroke 5 or 6 miles from Jefferson City Mo. Aug 1861 also \_\_\_\_\_

and was treated in hospitals of which the names, location, and dates of treatment are as follows: in Regimental Hospital

Very respectfully,

O P Clarke  
Acting 244 Commissioner  
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The Adjutant General, U. S. Army.

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# War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Jan 8, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Med. M. Kerst, a Corp. of Company A,  
 15 Regiment Ill Infy Volunteers, was enrolled on the  
 24 day of May, 1861, at Freeport Ill for 3 yrs,  
 and is reported: on Roll from Enrollmt to Aug 21/61: Present  
 Sept 4, Oct 61: a Sick of Present - Nov 1 Dec 61: Present  
 Jan 4, Feb 12 to Feb 28/63 So reported - March 4/63:  
 Absent on furlough to April 27/63, 20 days - May 4 June 63: Present  
 July 1 to Aug 63 to Feb 29/64 same report - March 4, April 64:  
 Absent sick in Convalescent Camp Cairo Ill April 29/64.  
 Rd Mustered out on Feb 16 0 Roll June 14 1864 at  
 Mrs. Springfield Ill home expired.

Certificate of furlough, and certificate of discharge  
 in 64, and certificate, No. Medical Certificate, see  
 Report of Corp. C. Kerst, see Co. Morning Report  
 given to June 65, see Co. Returns paper to  
 April 65, and file.

The records of this office furnish no evidence  
 of alleged desertion.

W.H.E.

*W. H. E.*

Assistant Adjutant General

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# Application for Reissue to Allow Additional Arrears and Increase of Pension.

STATE OF Kansas, COUNTY OF Sumner, ss.  
On this 2 day of Nov, A. D. 1889, personally appeared before me the

undersigned, duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid.

Alexander M. Kent aged 47 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, enrolled at the rate of four dollars per month, under Pension Certificate No. 446423 by reason of a disability from Intolerance of heat (here state the disability for which your pension was allowed).

result of sun stroke

identified in the service of the United States with a Corporal in Co. A of the 15 Regiment of Ills.

Volts. That he believes himself entitled to an increase of pension on account of his rate being unjustly low and disproportionate to the degree of his disability.

*He says that his first allowance was but \$1.00 a month which was increased to \$4.00 from March 27 1869, while his disability has been equivalent to total loss since his discharge from the army and much of the time it has been even more. Therefore he asks a re-rating and the allowance of at least a total rating from the date of his first allowance.*

That he appoints A. M. Legg, of Sumner County of Kan. his attorney to prosecute this claim: that his P. O. is Sumner State of Kan. Justice Office.

If claimant claim by X mark the persons who write (names must) sign here as witnesses before.

Alexander M. Kent  
(Claimant's Signature)

Also personally appeared Hiram F. Stoner residing at Popple Hill and J. W. Guffey residing at Popple Hill whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit; and who being duly sworn, say they were present and saw Alexander M. Kent the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant, and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Hiram F. Stoner  
J. W. Guffey  
(Two witnesses before)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, on the day first above written, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to applicant and witnesses before swearing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

A. M. Legg  
Official Attorney  
Notary Public  
Official Signature



## Atchison, Topeka &amp; Santa Fé Railroad Company.

Auditor's Office.

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE QUOTE  
No.Topeka, Kansas, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1889

Corporal Jas Tanner,  
Washington, D. C.

About a month since  
Mr L. J. Webb wrote you in regard to my pension  
case No 521467 and having heard nothing from  
it - since I wish to ask if there is any thing more in the  
way of evidence to complete the case. I wrote to my  
attorney Mr Allan Rutherford about that evidence of  
Dana, Howe, & others. In reply he told me he that kind  
of evidence would kill my claim. I turned that letter  
over to Mr Webb who said he would send it to you.

My case has been in progress now over four  
years and I am convinced that attorney Rutherford  
has not been doing good business for me. I think his  
letter in regard to that particular evidence proves the fact -  
Time goes right along - I am getting old with the rest  
and I am anxious to have the benefit of whatever may be  
due me. My case is for Stroke - the weather will soon  
get so warm that I shall be obliged to house up till next  
winter again and I need all the assistance from the  
Government - which is due. Please tell me what course  
to pursue with regard to attorney Rutherford. Can I under

obligation to pay him \$25.00 for the expenses  
in which he has attended to my business? Also please  
inform me what further if any evidence is required to  
complete my case. Rutledge told me two years ago he  
had all the evidence he needed. About one year ago  
he wrote for more evidence and I had to go nearly 100  
miles west & north of Chicago to get it. Please let me  
hear from you soon that I may know what to depend on

Respectfully Yours

Alexander M. Kent



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LAW OFFICE OF

ALLAN RUTHERFORD,

(LATE THIRD AUDITOR U. S. T.

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

Atlantic Building, 928 and 930

Practices before the Supreme Court of the United States, Claims, Claims Commissions, and the different Committees of Congress and all Departments of Government.



Washington, D. C.,

July 3<sup>d</sup>, 1889.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions

Washington D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> ulto, calling for affidavits of L. D. Dana, E. T. Howe and E. Rhodes, in original invalid pension claim No. 521,467 of Alex. M. Kent, late of Co. A, 15<sup>th</sup> Regt., Illinois Infy. Calo. To file herewith affidavits of said Dana and Rhodes & also an affidavit made by Dr. A. M. Dye. I have not now nor did I ever have the affidavit of E. T. Howe. As this evidence did not meet the requirements of your Bureau by showing when where and how the soldier incurred his stroke in the service and line of duty it was not deemed proper evidence to file hence it was withheld.

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Your most obedient,  
Alexander Kent

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text on lined paper, possibly a letter or application form.]*

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North Topeka Oct 30/08

Comes now before me a notary Public and testifies as follows. I was married in Ogle County Illinois Nov 5 1867 to Esther M. Brown who is my wife at this time. Have never had another wife either before or since the above date Nov 5. 1867.

Alexander M. Kent.

State of Kansas }  
County of Shawnee } ss

Personally appeared before me the undersigned this 31<sup>st</sup> day of Oct 1908 - and acknowledged the signing of the above affidavit -

Chas. J. Bridge

Notary Public

My Comm. expires topeka Kans  
Nov 18-1908

Original, 978,806.

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State of Kansas )  
Pottawatomie Co.) SS.

Harry L. Leach and James H. Evans of lawful age being duly sworn declare that they were well acquainted with Alexander M. Kent, late of Co. A, 15<sup>th</sup> Ill. Vol. Inf. That said Alexander M. Kent died at Wamego, Kansas on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 1912. That they were at his residence after his death and viewed his body. That one of them attended his funeral and the other sat up with the body the night before the burial.

And further affiants say not.

*James H. Evans*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 1912

*A. J. McMillan*

Notary Public.

*My Com Exp Sept 8 1915*

PENSION  
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Widow's Original 978,806.



The State of Kansas, )  
                                  ) ss.  
Pottawatomie County, )

Edward T. Frowe and Caroline Frowe, of Wamego, Kansas, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, declare and say that they have been well acquainted with Alexander M. Kent, formerly of Company A, 15th Illinois Infantry, and Esther M. Kent, his wife, since they were of marriageable age; that the said soldier and his wife were married November 5, 1867; that neither of them had ever been previously married; that they lived together as husband and wife until the death of said soldier, and were never divorced or separated.

And further affiants say not.

*Edward T. Frowe*  
*Caroline Frowe*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
23rd day of February, 1912.

*A. S. McMillan*  
Notary Public.

My Commission will expire September 8, 1915.



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The State of Kansas, )  
 Pottawatomie County, ) ss.

E. T. Frowe, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, declares and says that he is a brother of Mrs. Esther M. Kent; that he was present at her marriage to Alexander M. Kent, which occurred on November 5, 1867; that said marriage was performed by the Rev. S. F. Holt, at the home of our parents in Ogle County, Illinois; that both the said parties are at this time living, and have lived together continuously as man and wife; that his object in making this affidavit is to preserve the evidence of the said marriage, so that it could be used, if required at some future time, on account of the absence of the certificate of marriage; that the said Alexander M. Kent was a Corporal in Company A, 15th Regiment Illinois Infantry, and pensioner under Certificate No. 446,423.

And further affiant saith not.

E. T. Frowe

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of November, 1910.

James H. Evans  
 Notary Public.

My Commission will expire Aug. 20 - 1914





The State of Kansas, )  
 Pottawatomie County, ) ss.

Edward T. Frowe and Caroline Frowe, of Wamego, Kansas, both of lawful age, being first duly sworn, declare and say that they are well acquainted with Esther M. Kent, the widow of Alexander M. Kent, a former soldier in Company A, 15th Regiment Illinois Infantry. They further say that they were both present at the marriage of said Esther M. Kent to the said soldier, on November 5, 1867, which marriage occurred at the home of Mrs. Kent's parents, in Ogle County, Illinois, the service being performed by the Reverend S. F. Holt; also that said applicant and her husband lived continuously together as man and wife to the time of his death, never having been separated or divorced.

And further affiants say not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of January, A. D. 1912.

Edward T. Frowe  
Caroline Frowe  
A. J. McMillan  
 Notary Public.

My commission will expire Sept 8/1915.



The State of Kansas, )  
                                  ) ss.  
Pottawatomie County, )

Esther M. Kent, of Wamego, Kansas, being first duly sworn, declares and says that she is the widow of Alexander M. Kent, who was a Corporal and Sergeant in Company A, 15th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry; that she was married to the said soldier November 5, 1867; that she was born January 18, 1837; and that she is a pensioner under Certificate No. 738,064.

And further affiant saith not.

Esther M. Kent

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of  
September, 1916.

James H. Evans  
Notary Public.

My Commission will expire August 20, 1918.

Also personally appeared W. J. Stagg, residing at Toronto, Kansas  
W. D. Sibbitt, residing at Toronto, Kansas, persons whom I  
 certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw  
W. M. Reuk, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the  
 foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their  
 acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest  
 in the prosecution of this claim.

W. J. Stagg  
W. D. Sibbitt  
 (Signatures of Witnesses.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August,  
 A. D. 1864, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above decla-  
 ration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and  
 witnesses before swearing, including the words .....  
 .....erased, and  
 the words .....  
 added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution  
 of this claim.

[SEAL.]

M. C. Outwater  
 (Signature.)  
By M. C. Outwater  
 (Official character.)  
Deputy

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 Attorney and Counselor at Law,  
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 WASHINGTON, D. C.

of  
Co. 15<sup>th</sup> Ill. Inf. Reg't.  
Enlisted May 24<sup>th</sup> 1861.  
Discharged June 14<sup>th</sup> 1864.  
 Vols.

ORIGINAL.  
 CLAIM FOR PENSION  
 SEP-1 1884  
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The claimant's identity and loyalty must be proven by two witnesses, certified by the judicial officer to be respectable and credible, who are present and witness the signature of the declarant, and certify to his identity and loyalty under oath or affirmation.  
 Declarations and other papers should be as legible and clear in statement as possible.  
 Where any evidence is already on file in any Department of the Government, a definite description of and specific reference to it will render it available in any subsequent claim.  
 The POST OFFICE ADDRESS (naming street and number in all large cities) of the applicant, attorney, and witnesses, should be embodied in or accompany every application, and all evidence in each claim; and each change of residence of said parties, while communicating with the Pension Office or the pension agents, should be stated.  
 Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be recognized.  
 Testimony in support of allegations made in a declaration may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature are duly certified, and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.  
 Please give or send this blank to some one who may need it.