

Benjamin Kent (Private, Col. Timothy Taylor's Virginia Militia, 56th Regiment, Capt. George Marks' Co., War of 1812) bounty land warrant application no. 55-120-13906 (accepted), "Unindexed Bounty-Land Warrant Files," Records Relating to Pension and Bounty-Land Claims 1773-1942, Pension and bounty land application files based upon service prior to the Civil War, Record Group 15, Department of Veterans Affairs, National Archives Building, Washington, DC. Entire file digitized by Tina Hawthorne Zimmer, Feb. 2014.

Notes after a cursory review of file by Michelle M. Roy, June, 2015: (Please review file and confirm following notes, some of these files have been quickly reviewed in order to make available to the public.)

- On 23 November 1850 Ashford Kent was in Williams Co., Ohio and testified that he witnessed the same Benjamin Kent being honorably discharged and that he had served in the same regiment as Benjamin Kent. Ashford Kent signed with his signature.
- On 23 November 1850 Benjamin Kent appeared before a Justice of the he was aged sixty-eight years on that date (born about 1782).
- Benjamin Kent declared that he served as a private during the War of 1812 under Captain Edward McGrady in the 56th Regiment of the Virginia Militia. Benjamin stated he was drafted in about Aug. 1814 at Loudoun Co., Virginia and he was honorably discharged at Washington DC in about December 1814.
- This declaration was made in order to obtain any bounty land warrant due to him from his War of 1812 service.
- Benjamin Kent signed with his mark.
- On 09 April 1855 Benjamin Kent declared he was age 72 (born about 1783) and he was a resident of Pulaski, Williams, Ohio.
- Declared the first land warrant issued for 40 acres was transferred to Stephen Kent, then to E. Folsom[?].
- Albert M. Pratt, E. Langel[?] and Edward Foster, all residents of Bryan, William, Ohio testified on his behalf.
- Notation in file indicates Benjamin Kent's actual service was for three months and nineteen days.

Records at the Bureau of Land Management website:

- Document No. 23921 was issued to Benjamin Kent, under the September 28, 1850: ScripWarrant Act of 1850 (9 Stat. 520). Land warrant was assigned to Seymour Donielson and was for 43.44 acres located in Eaton Co., Michigan.
- Benjamin Kent, Senior received land warrant no. 31,332 for 120 acres. Land warrant was transferred to Jester Hedge.

REQUEST FOR MILITARY RECORDS				1. DATE	2. PULLTIME/STAFF INITIALS	
3. NAME OF REQUESTER Tina Zimmer			4. RESEARCHER CARD NO. 173303			
ITEM NOS. 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, AND 9 FOR STAFF USE ONLY	5. STACK AREA 7E2	6. ROW 7	7. COMPARTMENT 9	8. SHELF 7	9. SEARCHER JP	
10. RECORD IDENTIFICATION (Check one only)			(If Military Service or Bounty Land checked - complete items 11, 13, 14, and 15. If Pension is checked - complete items 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16.)			
<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY SERVICE			<input type="checkbox"/> PENSION		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOUNTY LAND	
11. NAME OF SOLDIER Benjamin Kent			12. NAME OF DEPENDENT (if applicable)			
13. UNIT (CO, BN, or REGT.) VA Militia Capt Edward McGady			14. STATE SERVED FROM Virginia		15. WAR, OR DATE OF SERVICE 1812	
16. PENSION FILE NUMBERS						
			APPLICATION		CERTIFICATE	
a. INVALID	Benjamin Kent (unindexed) bounty land warrant application no. 55-120-31334 (accepted), War of 1812, Virginia Militia, 56th Regiment, Captain Edward McGady's Co. commanded by Colonel Timothy Taylor, Private, Drafted at Loudoun Co., Virginia,					
b. WIDOW	"Unindexed Bounty-Land Warrant Files," Records Relating to Pension and Bounty-Land Claims 1773-1942, Pension and bounty					
c. MINOR	land application files based upon service prior to the Civil War, Record Group 15, Department of Veterans Affairs, National					
d. MOTHER	Archives Building, Washington, DC. Entire file digitized by Tina Hawthorne Zimmer in Feb. 2015					
e. FATHER						
f. OTHER NUMBERS (C, XC, BLWT, etc.)	55-120-31332					
17. RECEIVED		18. DATE		19. RETURNED		20. DATE

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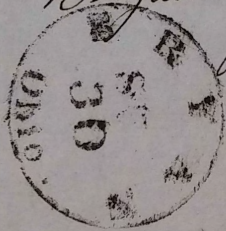
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Small

To the Comptroller of Provisions
Washington
D.C.

Bryant
Dec 10

Benjamin Kent
Additional



To the Commission of the
Department of the Interior
Washington City

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Benjamin Kent Sept 21, 1857
to the Commissioner of Pensions
Washington City.

Dear Sir

Yours of

the 13th ~~inst~~ as duly recd. & contents
noted & in reply will say that I have failed
in establishing proof as is further true shown
your set forth, when I was in service. Shall
therefore be under the necessity of accepting of
a land warrant for 40 acres. You will
therefore please forward the same for that amount
and highly oblige

Truly yours

Benjamin Kent

per E. Foster agent

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The State of Ohio }
William Kent } on this 23rd day of November AD 1830 personally
appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said
County Ashford Kent who being duly sworn according to
law declares that he saw the discharge of the said Benjamin
Kent within and forth as told in actual service in
the regiment and Company therein named that he served in
said Company during the time therein set forth and was
honorably discharged as therein stated as I verily believe.

Ashford Kent

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year
above written
William Hough J.P.

37237 - Dec. 18/50.

Benjamin Kent

56th Reg. Va. M. S. Inf.
Act. Sept 28/50

1812

Land



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The State of Ohio }
Milliam's County }
on this 23rd day of November A.D. 1830 per-
sonally appeared before a Justice of the Peace in and
for said County of Milliam's and State of Ohio Benjamin
Kent aged sixty eight years a resident of the County and
State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law
declares that he is the identical Benjamin Kent who was
private soldier in the Company commanded by Captain
Edward McGrady in the fifty sixth Regiment of the Virginia
United States Infantry commanded by Colonel Timothy Taylor
in the war with Great Britain declared by the United
States on the 18th day of June A.D. 1812 that he was
drafted at Loudoun County in the State of Virginia on or
about the first day of August A.D. 1814 to continue in
service during the war and continue in actual service
about five months and was honorably discharged at
the City of Washington on or about the 23rd day of December
A.D. 1814 as would appear by his original certificate of
discharge could the same now be found. and that he has
lost the same by placing it among old papers as he
never believes

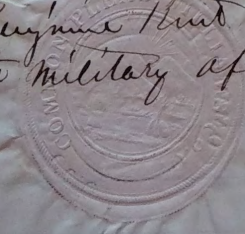
He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtain-
ing the Bounty lands to which he may be entitled under
the "Act granting bounty lands to certain officers and sol-
diers who have been engaged in the military service of the
United States" Passed Septemr 28th 1830

Wm. E. Foster

Benjamin Kent
ms. Kent
ms. Kent

sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above
written, and I hereby certify that I believe the said
Benjamin Kent to be the identical man who performed
the military aforesaid and to be of the age above stated

William Joseph [Signature]



STATE OF OHIO,

Williams County, ss.

William Staugh

+ Certificate

Peace

I John Paul

Clerk of the Court of Common

Pleas, in and for the county and State above mentioned, do hereby certify, that

William Staugh whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing Declaration

is, and was, at the time of signing the same a Justice of the

Peace in and for the county and State aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit; and that the aforesaid court, is a Court of Record, having general jurisdiction.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said

Court, at Bryan, this 3rd day of December

A. D. 1850.

John Paul Clerk.



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37237 Dec 18/50
66.878 Benjamin Kent Priv
Capt Edward McGrady
56 Reg. Virg Mil
Col Timothy Taylor.
dft^d Aug 1. 1814
wad 1812 dis Dec 23. 1814

3rd Auditor's Office
August 6th 1814
opened from August 1814
to 7th Dec 1814.
Adm^d - Walsalcher
40 Acres under 3^d and
Letter Aug 12th 1814
M.B.

WT 23,921
Oct 29/51

Claimant, Bryan
Ohio
Val He Page etc.

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State of Ohio
County of Williams

On this 9th day of April A.D. one thousand eight-hundred and fifty five personally appeared before me E. J. Evans a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Benjamin Kent, Senr, aged seventy two years a resident of Preuss in the County of Williams & State of Ohio who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical Benjamin Kent, Senr, who was a private soldier in the company commanded by Captain Edward McGrady in the 56th Regiment of Virginia Militia commanded by Timothy Taylor in the war with Great Britain declared by the United States on the Eighteenth day of June 1812 for the term of 4 months as he is certain but as appears from the rolls of said company as he is informed for the term of three months & fifteen days having been drafted into service in Loudoun County Va on or about the 15th of July A.D. 1814 and discharged at Washington D.C. about 4 months thereafter and actually continued in service for said period of 3 mos 19 days as appears from the rolls as he is informed but for four months as he believes. That he has heretofore made application for bounty land under the Act of September 28th 1850 and received a land warrant the No whereof he cannot now state nor has he any means of ascertaining said Number having transferred the same but Affiant says the said warrant

was for forty acres of land which he has since
legally disposed of and cannot now re-
turn - Affiant says further that he received
the affidavit warrant in the year 1851 or 1852
cannot now state which

He makes this declaration for the purposes
of obtaining the additional bounty land
to which he may be entitled under the
act approved the 3rd day of March 1837.
He also declares that he has never applied
for nor received under this nor any other
act of Congress any bounty Land Warrant
except the one above mentioned

Attest We Albert M. Pratt Elou Langel & Edward Foster
of Bryan Williams County Ohio
Benjamin Keul
On O. Stanger & Co. the
MARK

We Albert M. Pratt Elou Langel
and Edward Foster residents of Bryan
Williams County Ohio upon our oaths
declare that the foregoing declaration was
signed and acknowledged in our pres-
ence and that we are well acquainted
with the applicant and we believe from
said acquaintance from the appearance
and statements of the applicant that he
is the identical person he represent
himself to be

A. M. Pratt

E. Langel

E. Foster

I Edward Foster one of the above
affiants resident of Bryan Williams
Ohio upon my oath do state that I have
been acquainted with Benjamin Keul

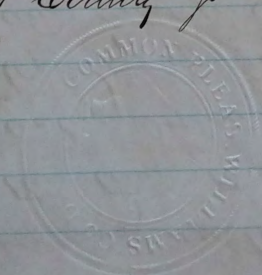
the aforesaid applicant for more than ^{three} years that I drafted his former application for County land under the act of Sep 28 1850 that I know he received a warrant for forty acres of land under that application that ^{in and through} said warrant was transferred by said applicant to one Stephen Kent by whom it was afterwards transferred to me this applicant and by me to a third person that I have no means of ascertaining the number of said warrant it having been located in the State of Iowa as I am informed that I know Benjamin Kent ^{who makes this application} to be the identical person to whom said warrant was issued further applicant saith not
E Foster

The foregoing ~~affidavits~~ declaration and affidavits were sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year above written and I certify that I know the affiants to be credible persons; that the claimant is the person he represents himself to be and that I have no interest in this claim E. D. Evans J.P. (S)

Subscribed by the said E. D. Evans J.P. and E. D. Evans

The State of Ohio }
Williams County }
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I William A. Stearns Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas within and for the County of Williams aforesaid do hereby certify that E. D. Evans J.P. before whom the affidavits aforesaid



forgoing instrument of writing was made was at
the time the same bears date and still is an
acting Justice of the Peace within and for said
County of Meigs duly Elected Commissioner
and qualified as such; that all his official
acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and
that he is authorized by the laws of the State
of Ohio to take the acknowledgment of deeds
administer oaths take Depositions &c.

And I further certify that I am well acquainted
with the hand writing of the said E. J. Evans Esq.
and believe his signature thereto to be genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed
my name and affixed the seal of said
Court at Bryan this 9th day of April A.D. 18

W. A. Stevens
Clerk

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66.878 ^{annexed} Act March 3/55
37.2372 April 3/55

Benjamin Kent. Serv.
Private.

Capt. Edward McGrady
Timothy Taylor.

Ent. July 15. 1814, 3 Va
333 Mil

120 ^{dis} Nov 2/55 Chestney
War 1812

Rec. warrant,

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Claimant
Bryant
Williams Co. Ohio

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No. 66,848

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ACT OF Mar. 3, 1853

Received _____, 18____

Benjamin Kent, Sr.

Prvt

Capt. Edward McGrady

Col. Timothy Taylor

Vir. Mil.

War, 1812

Warrant No. 31,332

For 120 acres.