

KENT, BETTIE

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F. Kent. m. George M. Harrison. Issue:
Fannie and Kent. Crockett 14.

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KENT, FRANCES PEYTON BROWN

d. Maria Crockett Brown and Judge James Brown.
m. Col. Joseph F. Kent. Issue: Bettie, John,
Jane, Emma and Alexander. Crockett 14.

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KENT, JAMES RANDALL

s. Margaret McGavock Kent and Col. Joseph
Kent. Born 23 Oct. 1792. m. Mary Cloyd, d.
Major Gen. Gordon Cloyd and Elizabeth McGa-
vock Kent. Issue: Sarah James and Joseph
Gordon. Died 29 May, 1867. Buried in the
Kent Cemetery on the Buchanan Bottom Farm,
Montgomery County, Va. Note of birth and
death taken from tomb stone on 27 June, 1965.
JAB. and Margaret Gordon.

KENT, J
m. John Taylor Jr., s s. Elizabeth Campbell
Taylor and John Taylor. ~~xx~~ Pil. 15.

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Another card transcribed:

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Record of Col. Joseph Kent's
Family

Monday Nov. 7th 1768 Col Joseph Kent was born
Thursday Dec. 10th 1769 Margaret ^{McGarvey} Kent " "

Wednesday Dec. 28th 1788 Polly Kent^m was born

Monday April 22^d 1790 Jacob Kent " "
(Died 24 April 1858)

Saturday July 19th 1791 Jane Kent " "

Friday Oct. 23^d 1792 James Randal Kent " "

Monday June 26th 1794 Sally Kent ^{not} " "
unmarried

Thursday Jan 1st 1796 Robert Kent " "

Sunday June 28 1797 Cynthia Kent " "
m. John Garvey no children

Saturday April 12th 1800 Hugh McGarvey Kent " "

Monday May 2^d 1803 Joseph Karoloman Kent " "

Wednesday Jan. 2^d 1805 Nancy Kent " "

Sunday June 29th 1806 Gordon Cloyd Kent " "
D. 18 Sep. 1869

Thursday Dec 24th 1807 David Fenton Kent " "

Friday Oct. 6 1809 Margaret Eliza Kent " "
not memo

Friday March 1st 1811 Lucinda E Kent " "
not married

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June 28th 1797 was born Cynthia Kent

April 12th 1800 was born Hugh W. Kent

May 2nd 1802 was born Jos. K. Kent

January 2nd 1805 was born Nancy Kent

June 29th 1806 was born Gordon S. Kent

December 24th 1807 was born David H. Kent

October 6th 1809 was born Margaret E. Kent

March 1st 1811 was born Lucinda E. Kent

Mrs. Margaret Kent died Feb 17 1837

Colo Jos Kent died 20 Oct 1843

"Madison"

Shansville, Virginia

March 27, 1927.

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Harvie

Dear David,

Cousin Nannie sent me your letter, asking if I could help out any of your inquiries.

The description of "Chatham", overlooking the Poppehannock, the home of the Fitzhugh family is in the book entitled Historic Gardens of Virginia, page 203. It is signed by Ashton Fitzhugh Wilson. Something might be found by corresponding with him.

In the State Library there is an old book, Howe's History of Virginia, which gives on page 257 a list of Va. homes on the Potomac near Mt. Vernon. Among this list of names of the owners is that of Mr. Fitzhugh.

There is a family of Poagues living in Lexington Va. If you could get into correspondence with them they might be able to give you some Anderson-Fitzhugh-Douglass information. Cousin Nannie says Poague was a family name.

Little is known of Jacob Kent I of Edgshill, (husband of Mary Crockett). Cousin Joseph Gordon Kent of Bluefield wrote me the following: Jacob Kent and Mary Crockett were married in Bedford Co. April 1760. (Probably had to go that far to find a minister), He lived in the Roanoke Valley and owned much land there. Mary Crockett's father

2) was Col. Joseph Crockett, who settled in 1740,
(see Hardisty's Geographical and Historical Encyclopedia)
on the South Fork of Roanoke River. - without doubt
the first there. (Ask Daisy Brame if they have
any old Crockett land grants or other land papers.)
He settled at the place where Mr. George White
lives now. A part of the house is the Crockett
pioneer home - one of the oldest houses in the county.

Mary Crockett's mother was Jean De Vigne or
Jane Divinner of the Huguenot colony of New
Kent and Warwick Counties, Virginia. Cousin Joe
thinks the early Crocketts were Huguenots, but I
doubt that, for the name Crockett appears
elsewhere as Scotch-Irish and Scotch. (see ency-
clopedia). There are Crocketts in Scotland now.

Cousin Joe writes: "Jacob Kent as a young man
had some connection with Crockett's ferry
which was from Mulberry Point in Warwick Co.
to Isle of Wight Co. So it is possible that some
records or information as to the early people in
that locality may give some information of
Jacob Kent. Jacob Kent had much to do with
Thomas Madison, who was West Augusta Co.
financial agent. Jacob Kent was the pioneer
road maker, and supplied ammunition, food, &c

3) to the troops of the Shawnee Indian Expedition. So the Thomas Madison ~~of~~ papers may show some thing!

You remember the McGarrett Family states that John Kent eldest son of Jacob Kent married Miss Rachel Barnett, page 15-6. I recently heard of a book of the Northern Kents by L. Vernon Briggs. I quote my informant; "We have the very interesting Kent Book of the Northern branch, and it contains this John Kent and some of his descendants, but none of the Wythe Co. Kents — there are two coats of arms and crests shown — according to this book the Kent name is a most honorable one, and he traced back to 1295. They went to England with William of Normandy." (I rather doubt that, as the name of the Kent County in England appears before that. East Kentish men and West Kentish men appear soon after the settlement of the county of Kent by the Jutes under ~~H~~ Hengist and Horsa about 440 A.D.). Briggs says one of the Kent castles is intact at this time.

You will notice in the McGarrett Family page 15-4, that the wife of David Cloyd, Sr. was Margaret Campbell, killed by Indians. Page 16-5 -

4)

Joseph Cloyd son of David Cloyd Sr. married Mary Gordon. When you are studying Gordons keep an open eye for her. Her mother was a Miss Poague according to papers in the Pepper family.

In the State Library there is a book, Middle New River Settlements by David E. Johnston, in which you may read a very pleasing account of the military career of Col. Joseph Cloyd, and the also the Fincastle Declaration of Independence.

The McGarrick Family, page 156, gives three Crocketts as colonels in the Continental Army. Are your mother where the record of these three soldiers may be found? John Kent was a Revolutionary soldier and might have been with one of the Crocketts. Where could his service in the army be found?

Hoping this may be of some use to you,

I am very affectionately your cousin,

Nannie Kent Ellis

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Glade Spring, Va.
Feb - 18 - 27

My dear Miss Ellis,
I am sending
your letter to an uncle in
Marion asking him to write
you as he has a book about
the Kents.

My great-grand-father
married Rachel Barnett - but
his name was David - so John

was his father's name. My grand-
father was ^{John} Barnett Kent.

My aunt ^{Martha} has the old family
Bible so I must give you
any dates - but will write her
if the information sent from
Marion is not complete.

Kindly let me know.
Am glad to do anything I
can to help you. Sincerely yours -
Martha Pearl Kent

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From

The Virginia

Historical Society,

Richmond, VA

Ellis

Amherst:

March 16th

Dear dearest,

Please pardon
my not answering your letter
to "Aunt Lizzie" sooner. She
asked me to, at least three
weeks ago, when she was too
sick to write. Even now
she is not able to write more
than a fable line to Mar-
garet and that, just before
she + P. Dr. sailed for Cuba.

Mamie came to help nurse
dear Mother and has been

the greatest comfort. Mother
was taken sick, Feb 8th with
a deep cold and asthma.
Although she has not at any
time been ill, she has
suffered greatly from nervous-
ness when the asthmatic symptoms
came on. Dr. Suddidge
suggested it might be cardiac
asthma + that frightened me
+ I phoned for Mamie who in-
tended coming for a visit
any way. Mamie says Mother's
pulse is splendid + she has
been very reassuring. We hope
for the best in all cases when the

9:30 - How I wish I could write
more -

I love you very dearly, and
hope we may have the pleasure
of a visit from you - sometime,
this year. It would be lovely
to have you, Elva & "Parson" to
drive down to see us. If dear Mother
were well we could have more time
to enjoy you. Here's hoping she is
to be well as ever!

Love to each of you dear
Cousins,

Yours aff'ly
Eliza.

This is Eliza's ~~21~~ 21st birthday! Doesn't
"Tempus fugit."

Mother is much better today - sitting up in
her room reading an exciting novel -

Bluefield, W Va

Dec 21st 1926

Dear Cousin Fannie

Your letter went to California & came back here. I have been delayed in getting off. However, the delay may give me opportunity to see you. In my stay in W Va during the last 1 1/2 years I have gotten some information as to our early ancestors. I visited Miss Esther Crockett the year before her death and a few weeks ago I got some information that suggests research as to Jacob Kent who married Mary Crockett April-1760. in what is now Bedford Co., Jacob Kent lived in the Roanoke valley & owned much land there, among other Farthingay. Mary Crockett's mother was Jean DeVigne of the Augustine Colony in New Kent - & Henric Co Va. The early Crocketts were Augustines. One of the ancestors of Miss Esther Crockett married one of the Benjamin Harrison family, from the lower James River. A St Louis Harrison traced the Crocketts through North Carolina to the Roanoke Crocketts, identifying a Harrison Chair. Jacob Kent - as a young man had some connection with Crockett's ferry which was from Mulberry Point in Henric Co Lee Spaight Co. So, it is possible that some record or information as to the early people in that locality - may give some as to Jacob.

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Information may yet be found among those connected with the Crocketts & Barnetts, - Jacob K^o oldest John, son married Rachel Barnett. I saw Miss Ella Craig a few weeks ago & she promised to seek information as to Jacob Kent, & Mr Robert Crockett gave me the address of Mrs Daisy Braine 1620 N Grace St Richmond Va (nee Crockett). Some of Jacob Kents papers may yet be among old papers packed away by some of the Crocketts or Barnetts.

Jacob Kent had much to do with Thomas Madison ~~who~~ was the West Augusta financial agent. Jacob Kent was the pioneer road maker & supplied ammunition and food to the Shawnee Indian Expedition about 1756 & earlier. So the Thomas Madison papers may show something. Our relatives have certainly "slept" on the early history or, they were such conservative Presbyterians that they did not allow "such 'varieties'". I must now leave to others to add to what I have. As I will return to Calif after a few weeks. It is the early history that I have worked for. I would like to have the names of all descendants of Jacob Kent I & Mary Crockett. I think I gave Cousin Nannie ^{+ will in Bedford} Marys copy of the marriage Bond of Jacob Kent & Mary Crockett they lay in Bedford Co. (once Runenburg Co) 165 years. I have many letters account books & other things (sketches & imitations) of the early Melancths, Clays, Gordons. I would like you to see them. Come pay us a visit here in Bluefield. Charlotte has a home here. Please give me the address of cousin Maggie ^{Jopping} in New York. If you get any trace as to Jacob Kent please let me know of it. With love

Sincerely your Cousin Joseph Gordon Kent

weather becomes warmer.

Now to answer your question about the linen made at "Edgehill". Mother says she is positive that they were pieces of table linen woven there by the servants. She had some table cloths when she was a young housekeeper, very much like the two pieces you sent and which were given to her by "Grandma". They were made at "Edgehill", as she says - All of us were interested in seeing how careful dear Aunt Nannie was to preserve the old home-made linen. Doubtless she thought the future generations would love to have these as keepsakes. Mother has told Eliza & Elizabeth they may have them.

I have a linen towel that was woven by slaves in New England - at the home of Mrs. Marble. Do you recall our old lady neighbor some years ago? She gave it to me. We are always so glad to have news of you & the Rachel. Wish we could keep in closer communication, & I will try to send a line to you & Eliza when I can have encouraging news.

Margaret & Norborne are having a lovely trip. Must have reached Pinehurst today, 17th.

they have a jolly time togeth-
er living at the expense of the
State in the best hotels. His
work will take him later to
Avery County, a northern and
border County. He is hoping
to get on with the Virginia
Highway Commission when his
work in N.C. is finished. He
was given a temporary position
any way, & of course he must
be watching out for something
permanent.

I must write to Margaret &
Pecker tonight, & it is now

Pecker was with us from
the 7th to the 9th, and it made
us so happy to see him look-
ing well and like "Dear old
Pecker" again! He was at
King Mountain, N.C. from Jan-
20th to March 14th, locating a
road over that famous mt.
He is now doing similar
work in Burke County,
with headquarters at Morgan-
ton, which is only twenty-two
miles from Macon, where
we lived five years. He has
five men in his party and

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JOHN M. PAYNE
AMHERST, VIRGINIA

Your letter dearest Nannie reminds asking
questions about our Inkars reminds me that I am
the only person living who knows them -
When a child I spent a great deal of time at
Edgehill, so I can remember Aunt Jane (called) "Ginny"
Burdett well though I was between five & 6 yrs when she
died - She was very large & spent most of the time
sitting up on the bed - I remember seeing Leanna
her maid rubbing her limbs with a flesh brush
and her very fat & white they were - She would
have a large round hat box on small trunk put on
the bed in front of her, & she would unlock it, and
it seemed to contain an inexhaustible supply of
good things candy of various kinds, orange
figs & prunes in jars or boxes - almost every day she
would call the children who were there & treat them
she always kept fine apples & we thought she had the
best of every thing - she had beautiful eyes I remember
even when so old - though she was a good man's step
mother, no one would have known as they were devoted to each
other - she was married to grand man's father when she
was about 6 yrs old, & was really a mother to her own
during my childhood of her own -
You know she was Jane Kent the daughter of Jacob &
Mary Crockett Kent & was born at Edgehill, she first
married Major Quirk of the Continental Army & was
with Genae Rogers Clark at the capture of

Fort Vincennes & in all of his campaigns in that
Western Country which accomplished so much in saving
that Country for the United States - Major Sisk received
valuable Lands from the government and she rec'd
a pension, she told grandpa Kent that he could
have the Lands, if he would go out there & establish
his claims, but there were no paths & no means of
transportation & he dreaded the long & hazardous
journey so gave it up - Brown's Beach Island
in the Ohio river was included in it - My mother
remembered her great-grandmother the Mary Cricket, who had
until my mother was 9 yrs old, & taught her not only the
Practic Chitcheum, but the Longie & I have seen it and
it was long & different - She was fond of reading and I
have seen a number of her books in the Library at
Edgehill with long l's - she and Mrs Madson were
friends, & Mrs said she remembered Mrs Madson spending
several days and the ladies would exchange books
and papers - I have seen the Cabin near the
river on the old road & across the river from
Madison, where it was said Mrs M. died of
small pox & it was with difficulty they could
prevent her going to ruin - She lived I know until
after Miss Anne Peyton was grown for I've heard, how
she tried in vain to train her & how she embarrassed the elegant
old lady - she was the one who had the Million dups in the window
& her daughter kept up the custom - This is hardly worth sending
I wish you were here I would tell you easier than writing
I may write more later as I feel able - X X X
Grandpa died in 1848 aged 86 yrs. 1. month - & 6 days -



Cousin Lizzie Adams letter

Miss Nannie Ellis
Shawsville
Virginia

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Richmond, VA

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Ellis

like to come & see a gawdalous ~~old~~
old woman nearly 80 yrs old, You
know you are my double Rin,
I was so delighted with dear cousin
Pearl. I have heard all my life
of Vause Fort & how they fought
the Indians there. I am much interested
in Historical work & will be so glad
to help you any way I can - I
am getting so old that I write very
badly so I hope you will excuse
all imperfections. Give my love to
your household & to all at Tatchemay

I was much disappointed that
Annie & I did not get our trip
to Bedford, but I could not get off
the children's commitments came on
& we just could not manage it.

Believe me aff yr cousin E.C. Adams

Arubheim June 16th 1927

My dear cousin, I received your letter
~~letter~~ of June 9th & have been trying to find
some information for you about our ancestors
but I only have what you have from
the Mc Gavaock book & some traditions
I am deeply interested on the same
subject, first as to Jeanne de ~~de~~
Vigne. My mother spelt her name
as you did & I don't suppose ever
knew of the French name which which
was of course the right one, & I asked
Cousin Joe to look it up as he
had all the ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ & papers
& he found it was de Vigne -
since then I have heard she was
a French Countess, but it was only
hearsay. Your aunt Mary Lloyd told
me there were some chairs belonging to

to the Crocketts who were descended
from her, & I have heard that Miss
Sadie Earheart of Shicklesby, another
descendant, is the possessor of
a dress or gown of our celebrated
ancestors. I think you might find
something about ^{John} Crocketts &
our relatives. Suppose you go to
the Court house & look over the
Crockett, Kent, Mc Savock records
there & find out what you can.
also the Clayd & Taylor & be careful
to look for names. The pictures I have
are Silhouettes & not very satisfactory.
& I have 6 of them, they are my
mother's aunts & Coln Joseph Kent's
daughters Mrs Mary Mc Savock who
married his first cousin, my grandmother
Jeanne LeBigne Kent who married Maj
John Taylor, Mrs Moore, aunt Sallie
& aunt Eliza who both ^{un}married.

+ aunt Lucinda, who ^{was} never ^{was}
unmarried. There were 7 sisters but I
have only 6 pictures. Cousin Joe had
them photographed from old prints.
I prize them very much, my mother
could have told us a lot about them
all, but there has always been
so many missing links. She told
me once about the Lewis family
living at "the White house" & she
knew everybody down there where
you live. Aunt Edmondson, ^{is mistaken} about
my having the house name in
my great-grandfather's memorandum book
He was Sheriff & Treasurer of Montgomery
Co, for many years, & left this little
book & his family Bible for his
descendants. Why can't you drive up
& see me & we can talk it all over
& I would be so glad to see you
bring Annie or any of you that would

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