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**SURNAME SUMMARY**

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From files submitted to the Frankfort Public Library*

**KENT, J.V.**

J.V. KENT was State Representative from this district elected in 1932, served three terms until term ended in 1938. He was born in Sugar Creek Township, Clinton County, on January 28, 1887. He was the son of ADRIAN B. KENT and EMMA A. MAISH. They had four children: GEORGE A., JAMES V. ORA, and DAVID V.

GEORGE A. KENT married SARAH BOYLES. They are the parents of : ADRIAN KENT, HONORABLE JAMES V. KENT, WILLIAM KENT, BYRON KENT, MARTHA KENT (married JOHN FRAIZER), MARY ELLEN KENT (married MICHAEL WALTERS), EMMA KENT (married DAVID DOW), and MINERVA KENT (married WILLIAM JENKINS).

The ancestor of J.V. Kent was born in England and died in Rochester, Massachusetts around 1656. They were progressive people and great politicians. They were ancestors of Lucinda Starkweather, one of the famous Starkweather family of Massachusetts.

JAMES V. KENT married SYLVIA A. GOFF on August 3, 1911, daughter of J. CURT GOFF, a large land owner of Johnson Township. Mr. Goff owned about 1,100 acres of land East of Hillisburg and raised Belgian horses. James V. and Sylvia Kent lived on the old Goff homestead before retiring to Hillisburg.

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**ADDITIONS TO THE GENEALOGY DEPARTMENT  
FRANKFORT COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

*submitted by Helen Grove, Genealogist*

- 917 REC Reconstructed 1880 Directory of Kokomo Indiana
- 974.8 BUR Palatine Origins of some Pennsylvania Pioneers - Burgert
- 975.5 ALD Carroll/Grayson Marriages - Alderman
- 975.5 ARR Record of the Churches of Lacey Spring Circuit UB Church 1833-1890 (Virginia)
- 975.5 MAX Augusta Church, Augusta Co VA - Record of Baptisms 1740-1749 - Craig
- 975.5 WEI Burned County Data 1809-1848 - Weisiger
- 977.1 CEM Cemetery Records of Clinton Co Ohio

**NEW CD's**

- Guion Miller Roll - Eastern Cherokee Court of Claims 1906-09
- Irish Flax Growers - 1796
- Mortality Index United States 1850-1880
- North Carolina Wills 1665-1900
- Sims Family

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The higher you climb in your family tree, the more you'll realize that the tree's not really a tree. For as its banches divide again and again, more and more of them reconnect with one another, as well as with the branches of the family trees of everyone else on earth. The further you look into your own genealogy, then, the more you're struck by the fact that we're all related to Dante and Mozart, to Churchill and Hitler...and to one another. To me, that's the ultimate lesson of genealogy; a lesson not in snobbery and self-importance, but in the fact that we're all members of one large family. (Bruce Bawer)