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**Notes after a cursory review of file by Michelle M. Roy, November 2015:**

- On 07 July 1851, James R. Kent stated at the city of Lynchburg, Montgomery County, Virginia that he was age 58 on that day. (Born about 1793)
- On 06 March 1855, James R. Kent stated at the city of Lynchburg, Montgomery County, Virginia that he was age 63 on that day. (Born about 1792)
- He testified that he volunteered at Wytheville, Virginia on September 1813 for a period of six months and he was legally discharged at Norfolk, Virginia on 11 March 1814.
- Lafayette W. Gray testified "person of veracity" and a resident of Lynchburg, Virginia.

# REQUEST FOR MILITARY RECORDS

1. DATE

15 Apr 2015

2. PULLTIME/STAFF INITIALS

100/W

3. NAME OF REQUESTER

Mary Ricci

ITEM NOS. 2, 5, 6, 7,  
8, AND 9 FOR  
STAFF USE ONLY

5. STACK AREA

7E-2

6. ROOM

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DEPARTMENT

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8. SHELF

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9. SEARCHER

JP

10. RECORD IDENTIFICATION (Check one only)

MILITARY SERVICE

PENSION

BOUNTY LAND

(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.)

11. NAME OF SOLDIER

James R Kent

12. NAME OF DEPENDENT (if applicable)

13. UNIT (CO, BN, or REGT.)

VA Militia, Cpt. Graham  
Co. Kentz

14. STATE SERVED FROM

Virginia

15. WAR, OR DATE OF SERVICE

War 1812

16. PENSION FILE NUMBERS

APPLICATION

CERTIFICATE

a. INVALID

b. WIDOW

c. MINOR

d. MOTHER

e. FATHER

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f. OTHER NUMBERS (C, XC, BLWT, etc.)

55-80-1673

17. RECEIVED

18. DATE

19. RETURNED

20. DATE

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

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Satisfactory evidence has been presented to me of Jas R. Kent's  
authority, in this case, to whom future communications may be  
addressed, at Washington D.C.

L. P. Adams

June 7th 1855

L. P. Adams

1601, Act. March 3/53 -  
March 12-53 -

James R. Kent - Private -  
Maj.

Capt. Samuel Graham -  
Va. Mil -

Ent - Sept 1813 -

Dis - March 11. 1814 -

War 1812 -

Proc. Warrant - 80 acres -

35002

Warrant 1673

issd June 2/53

Ch. J. Alfred Neff

June 8. 1855

Ad. 80 acres

the Clerk's Certificate

no 1601. Oct. 1855.

L. P. Beckinson Esq

Surveyor General

James R. Kent  
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bounty land  
warrant application  
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1812, Virginia  
Militia, 4th  
Regiment (with  
Captain Samuel  
Graham),  
Sergeant,  
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Bounty-Land  
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113.579 July 18/81

James R. Kent. C. G. S.  
Capt. Graham  
Va Mil.

Col. Koontz.

War 1812.

En. A. P. or May 1812.

Dis. Mar. 1814.

Account 3 Aud. Office  
pages. 30 March 1812

James R. Kent serv-  
ed in Capt. Graham  
Co. from 10<sup>th</sup> September  
1813 to 10 March 1814

Warrant

Warrant

Warrant - 35.002

Sept. 13/52

Col. Koontz

Blacksburg

Montgomery Co

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State of Virginia }  
City of Lynchburg } SS We the undersign  
ed Justices of the peace in and for the City  
of Lynchburg in the State of Virginia do certify  
to the Commissioners of Pensions that the  
following are our true usual and genuine  
signatures, Witness our hands this 1<sup>st</sup> of June  
1853

Wm. L. Griffith J.P.

Saml B. Thurman. J.P.

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State of Virginia }  
City of Lynchburg } *16* We the undersigned  
Justices of the Peace in and for the City

STATE OF VIRGINIA, }  
City of Lynchburg, } ss.

I, JAMES BENAGH, Clerk of the Court of Hustings for the city of Lynchburg, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that *William W. Spairch and Samuel B. Heerman* whose genuine signatures appears to the foregoing certificate, &c., is, and was at the time of signing the same, acting Justice of the Peace, in and for said city and State, and that all faith and credit is due, and should be given to all ~~his~~ <sup>their</sup> official acts. *and that they hold their office as Justices until the 1st day of April 1856* Given under my hand as Clerk, and the seal of the said Court, this *2* day of *June* 18*55*, and in the *79* year of the Commonwealth.



*J. Benagh*

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No 1601

Application of  
James R. Kent  
as returned for amt

The identity of the claimant  
in this case is established  
to my satisfaction by the  
affidavit of Mr Gray who  
is personally known to me

L. M. Lucas Com

June 7. 1855-

Presented by

J. P. Dickinson  
Washington  
N.C.

Sept 21 1855  
Sept 21 1855

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1601-  
Application of  
Jas. R. Kent  
Bounty Land  
Act March, 1855  
WAR, 1812

Presented by  
L W Gray  
Clerk

D. S. Montague, C.

Virginia Bounty Land Act.  
D. S. Montague Clerk of the county court of said county  
in the state aforesaid. do hereby certify that James Kent was  
whose genuine signature is attached to the within copy, who is  
now and was at the time of signing the same an acting Justice  
of the Peace in said county, duly elected and sworn to  
in official. His testimony whereof I have borne out at my  
hand and official seal as of my office this 9th day  
of March, 1855. in the 99th year of the Independence  
of the United States.

James R. Kent  
(unindexed) bounty  
land warrant  
application no.  
55-80-1673 (accepted),  
War of 1812, Virginia  
Militia, 4th Regiment  
(with Captain Samuel  
Graham), Sergeant,  
"Unindexed Bounty-  
Land Warrant Files,"  
Records Relating to  
Pension and Bounty-  
Land Claims  
1773-1942, Pension  
and bounty land  
application files based  
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WAR OF 1812



STATE OF VIRGINIA

Montgomery County

On this 6 day of March, 1855, before me Francis Henderson a Justice of the Peace, in and for the said County aforesaid, personally appeared James R. Kent, aged 63 years, and a resident of said County, who being duly sworn, declares he is the identical person who was a Soldier in the War of 1812, in the Company of Capt. James Graham that he volunteered at Wyckville Ga on or about the day of Sept 1818 for the term of six months, and continued in actual service for the period of six months, and was honorably discharged at Norfolk, about the 11 day of March 1814, and that for said service he has received an Eight acre Land Warrant under the act of Congress, the day of 1855, which warrant he has disposed of.

He makes this declaration in order to obtain the bounty land due him, under the act of Congress, passed the 2 day of March 1855, and he hereby constitutes and appoints Lafayette W. Gray, of Lynchburg, his attorney, to prosecute said claim.

James R. Kent

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written, and I am satisfied the said James R. Kent to be the identical person as represented above.

L. H. ...

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ACT OF MARCH 3, 1855.

(CIRCULAR F.)

PENSION OFFICE,

April 26<sup>th</sup> 1855.

SIR:

The application of *James R. Kent No. 1673* for bounty land under the act of March 3, 1855, is herewith returned for amendment.

It is necessary that the following affidavit of identity be executed and returned, properly verified, to this office, before further action can be had on said claim.

*L. M. Gray Esq*

Very respectfully,

L. P. WALDO,

Commissioner.

STATE OF *Virginia* }  
*County Lynchburg* } On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1855 before me  
*personally we appeared Lafayette W Gray a person of veracity*  
*and a resident of Lynchburg*, in the State of *Virginia*, upon his oath declared  
that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by *James R. Kent*  
in his presence; and that he believes from the appearance and statements of the applicant, that he is the  
identical person *he* represents himself to be. *and he does not think*  
*that any one was present except Mr Kent the Justice*  
*and himself*  
*Lafayette W Gray*

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written; and I certify that I know the affiants to be credible persons.

*Wm W Griffith J. P.*

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Blacksburg Va  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1857

To  
1812  
The Commissioners of Pensions  
Washington City

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Montgomery County, Va. 8<sup>th</sup> July 1851  
To the Com of Pensioners  
Washington City.  
Dear Sir

Enclosed is my claim for  
Bounty land. Hope you will send me the warrant  
immediately, as I will then have some oppor-  
tunity of making the location.

Respectfully  
Yours  
James R. Kent

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July 18/31

J. R. Kent.

Montgomery County 7<sup>th</sup> July 1851.  
The statement on the opposite side this sheet was brought  
and subscribed before me this day & year above written  
And I hereby certify that I believe & know the said James  
Barnett to be the identical man who served as aforesaid  
and that he is of the Age above stated.

D. D. Bennett J.

Virginia, Montgomery County to wit.

I Ricci D. Montague clerk of the County court of said  
County do hereby certify that David  
Barnett Gentleman, whose genuine signature  
is attached to the foregoing certificate is now &  
as at the time of signing the same, an acting  
Justice of the Peace in and for said County, duly  
empaneled & qualified according to law.

In Testimony whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand & affixed  
my seal of office this 7<sup>th</sup> day  
of July 1851. in the 7<sup>th</sup> City of  
of the Commonwealth  
R. D. Montague J.

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State of Virginia }  
Montgomery County } To wit.  
On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of ~~May~~ <sup>July</sup> One thousand Eight Hundred & Fifty  
one James R Kent personally appeared before me a Justice  
with in and for the County and State aforesaid. Aged Fifty  
Eight Years, a Resident of Montgomery County (now) in the  
State of Virginia, who being duly sworn according to Law  
declares that he is the identical James R Kent, who was a  
Soldier (or Orderly Sergeant) in the Company Commanded  
by Capt. Samuel Graham, in the fourth Regiment of Militia  
Commanded by Col. ~~Scott~~ <sup>Rooney</sup>. In the War with Great  
Britain declared by the United States, on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June  
1812. that he volunteered at ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Court House Virginia  
on or about the declaration of the war say April or May  
1812. for the term of six months, and was honorably dis-  
charged at Norfolk, Virginia, on the ~~day~~ <sup>day</sup> of ~~May~~ <sup>June</sup>  
1814. as will appear by the Muster Rolls of said Company  
having lost or ~~been~~ <sup>been</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> the ~~service~~ <sup>service</sup>.  
He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining  
the Bounty Land to which he may be entitled, under the Act  
Granting, bounty land to certain Officers and Soldiers, who have  
been engaged in the Military Service of the United States  
passed September 28<sup>th</sup> 1850

James R. Kent