

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. Photocopied onsite in October 2016 at NARA by Michelle M. Roy.

NOTES FROM FILE. Please note that this was a quick cursory review of file, please refer to file to audit for more information. - Michelle M. Roy <michelle@gavinroy.com>.

- On 11 March 1858 John Kent was age 32 (born about 1826) and a resident of Sacramento City, Sacramento Co., California.
- On 21 June 1858, John Kent was age 33.
- He was part of the Quartermaster's Department at New Orleans and worked as a Teamster at Monterey, Mexico.
- There were two John Kent's that served with the Quartermaster and there was confusion between land warrants granted to each one. This John Kent was asked to return Land Warrant No. 85167 for 160 acres (under 1855 Act) but it had been assigned to the other John Kent.
- Had enlisted at New Orleans in April 1847.
- Discharged in summer of 1848.

May have gone to Lawrenceburg, Dearborn Co., Indiana?

<b>REQUEST FOR MILITARY RECORDS</b>				1. DATE 26 Oct 2016		2. PULLTIME/STAFF INITIALS WHS 200	
3. NAME OF REQUESTER M M Ruc				4. RESEARCHER CARD NO. 178584			
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 6	9. SEARCHER JH	
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 John Kent				12. NAME OF DEPENDENT (if applicable)			
13. UNIT (CO, BN, or REGT.) USQM, QM Hunt, -montgomery				14. STATE SERVED FROM Gross		15. WAR, OR DATE OF SERVICE US-Mexican	
16. PENSION FILE NUMBERS							
		APPLICATION			CERTIFICATE		
a. INVALID							
b. WIDOW							
c. MINOR							
d. MOTHER							
e. FATHER							
f. OTHER NUMBERS (C, XC, BLWT, etc.)		#55-160-85167					
17. RECEIVED		18. DATE		19. RETURNED		20. DATE	

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

NA FORM 14027 (10-12)

**DO NOT REMOVE FROM RECORDS**

<b>THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES</b>	
<b><u>BOUNTY LAND FILES</u></b>	
ACT OF	55-160 WT 85167
VETERAN	John Kent
1847	GRADE Teamster
SERVICE	Pr M <sup>2</sup> Hunt, Gross & Montgomery
	Q M Dept.
CAN NO.	1369
BUNDLE NO.	28



State of California  
County of Sacramento } ss

On this Eleventh day of March A.D. 1858 before me Samuel Cross a Notary Public in and for the County of Sacramento and State of California, duly commissioned and appointed, and having duly authenticated copies of my commission on file in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions at Washington City D. C., personally appeared John Kent; who, being by me duly sworn according to law, declares and says, that he is aged 32 Years, and now a resident of Sacramento City, County and State aforesaid - that he is the identical John Kent who was a Teamster in the Quartermaster's department, in the Division of the United States Troops, Commanded by General Z. Taylor in the late war between the United States and Mexico - That in April 1847 he was employed by Capt. Hunt of the Quartermaster's department at New Orleans, & engaged with him to serve as a Teamster for a term of six months in said war with Mexico - that he was directed to go and did go as such Teamster to Mexico in the train in charge of Col. Bliss, by whom, he, at the City of Camargo, was transferred to the Command of Col. Cross, and by him again transferred to the charge of Capt. Montgomery and by him again transferred to the charge of Major Howell at Buena Vista at which place he was honorably discharged. Affiant says that during said times he was in actual service for and during the aforesaid term of six months, for proof of which he herein refers to the



Rolls & reports of said officers on file  
Affiant says that after said service and  
during the aforesaid war with Mexico  
in the Spring of 1848 he was again hired  
at Monterey in Mexico, by Maj. Silbey, as  
a Teamster and served under him as such  
for a term of three months. Affiant says  
that he does not now recollect, nor has no  
means of ascertaining the precise dates of his  
said services and the given names of the officers  
by whom he was employed, & is therefore com-  
pelled to refer to the Rolls & reports of said officers.  
Affiant says positively that he did and performed  
the services above named and was in actual  
service more than fourteen days in said war  
and was honorably discharged therefrom some  
time in the Summer of 1848 at Mcgdoches, Texas.

He also makes this Declaration for the pur-  
pose of obtaining the Military Bounty land to  
which he may be entitled under the act of Con-  
gress approved March 3<sup>d</sup> 1855. He also declares  
that he has not received or applied for Bounty  
land for said services heretofore in pursuance of  
act. nor a warrant therefor.  
Subscribed & sworn to before me in  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1858 John Kent

Samuel Cross, Notary Public Sac Co Cal

We John Riley and James Bell  
residents of Sacramento City, County and State  
aforesaid, upon our oaths declare and say that  
the above and foregoing declaration was signed  
and acknowledged by John Kent in our presence  
and that we believe from the appearance  
and statements of the applicant that he  
is the identical person he represents himself



to be. Dated at Sacramento on this 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of March 1858. And we further declare that we  
have no interest in this claim or the prosecution  
thereof.

Subscribed & sworn to before me  
on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1858  
John Riley  
James Bell  
Samuel Cross Notary Public Sac, Co, Cal.

The above 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 personally to be credible  
persons, that the claimant is the person he represents  
himself to be, and that I have no interest in this  
claim or the prosecution thereof.

In Testimony whereof I thus  
my hand and official seal.  
Thereunto affixed at my  
office in Sacramento, City  
where I reside.

Samuel Cross  
Notary Public  
Sac, Co, Cal.





<sup>209,241</sup>  
Military Bounty Land  
Application  
of  
John Kent

John Kent. Farmer  
by Capt. Montgomery agt  
at Monterey from 1st May  
to 15 July 1847. and by  
Capt. Sibley agt. from  
22 July to 31 October 1847.

J. W. Rogers  
Agent

Wm. G.  
Dec 29/58.

Correspond with  
Samuel Cross Esq  
Sacramento City  
John Kent



Sacramento, City Cal. May 24<sup>th</sup> 1858

To the Hon. Commissioner of Pensions  
Sir.

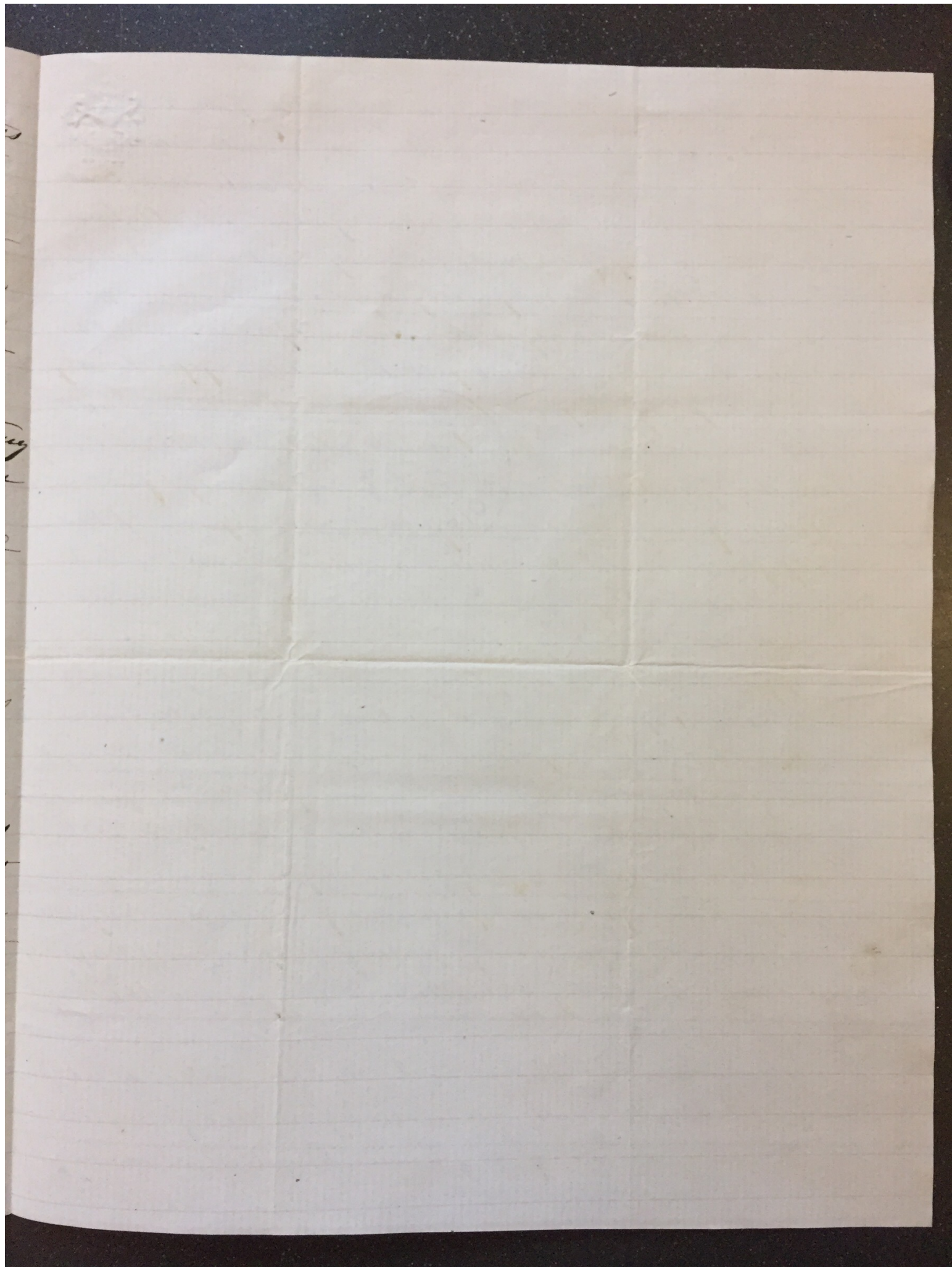
Yours of date April 14<sup>th</sup> 58 has been received, notifying me to return to your Office Land No 85167 for 160 acres of land in the name of John Kent, under act of 1855, on the grounds that the Warrentee had previously received a warrant for 160 acres &c. In reply permit me to say that upon receipt of the warrant I immediately delivered it to him and he has assigned it to other persons unknown to me, so that it has gone beyond my control & therefore I am unable to return it as requested. However, on receipt of your notice I immediately addressed a letter to John Kent, and advertised for return of the warrant. This morning I have received from Kent a reply, wherein he informs me that, Subsequently to the application made by me for him, he procured Mr. Henry M. Stow of this place to apply for another by Mr. Stow's agent in Washington City D.C. The application made by me was in March (I think) of 1858 - that made by Stow was in July 1858 upon which I presume the warrant alluded to in your communication was issued - while the application made by me for Kent was in March 1858 (I think)



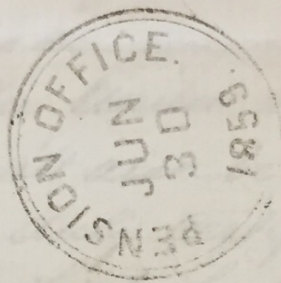
Warrant No 85167 must therefore be previously issued. I have called on Mr. Stow and the Corroborates this statement about Dates. But whether this Warrant be Anterior or Subsequent in date one thing appears to be very certain - that Mr. Kent has been guilty of such a wrong in the matter as requires investigation, and in order to reach him before he has an opportunity of escaping beyond the reach of Justice, I will at once inform the United States District Attorney of the facts. It will also be necessary to procure from your Office duly Certified Copies of his "Applications" to which he has sworn in both of which I presume he has made the usual declaration "that he has never before made an Application for Bounty Land". This would of course involve two offences & I feel that for the protection of the Government against attempted Frauds as well as for the protection of innocent purchasers of these Warrants who acquire interests thereby in Lands and also for my own professional protection against imputation from irresponsible persons seeking Ministerial Services, thereby creating Suspensions of Complicity I shall use every exertion in my power to bring this offender to Justice.

You will therefore, I trust, be so kind as to furnish me such facilities for this purpose as may be in your power. Very Respectfully  
Yours, Gent  
Samuel Cross











Washington City. D.C.  
April 17<sup>th</sup> 1859.

Sir,

In relation to the case of John Kent I have to state that I have examined all the papers and am satisfied there were two persons who served as teamsters in the Mexican war under that name.

In the declaration filed by me which was made Sept. 5. 1855, the claimant, claims service under Capt. P. R. George from March to July 1848, that he entered service at Puebla, Mexico, and was discharged at Vera Cruz. No other service was claimed.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> March 1858, the other John Kent, swears that he served under Dr. M. Hunt, Capt. Montgomery, Maj. Sibley & Maj. Howard, entered service at New Orleans, La. in April 1847, and was discharged at Acogdochos, Texas, some time in the summer of 1848.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> June 1858, the same man swears that he enlisted at New Orleans in April 1847, served under the same officers as named in his declaration of 11<sup>th</sup> March previous and was discharged in 1848 by reason of expiration of the war. The last two declarations were made at Sacramento



California, and the first one at Lawrenceburg, Indiana.

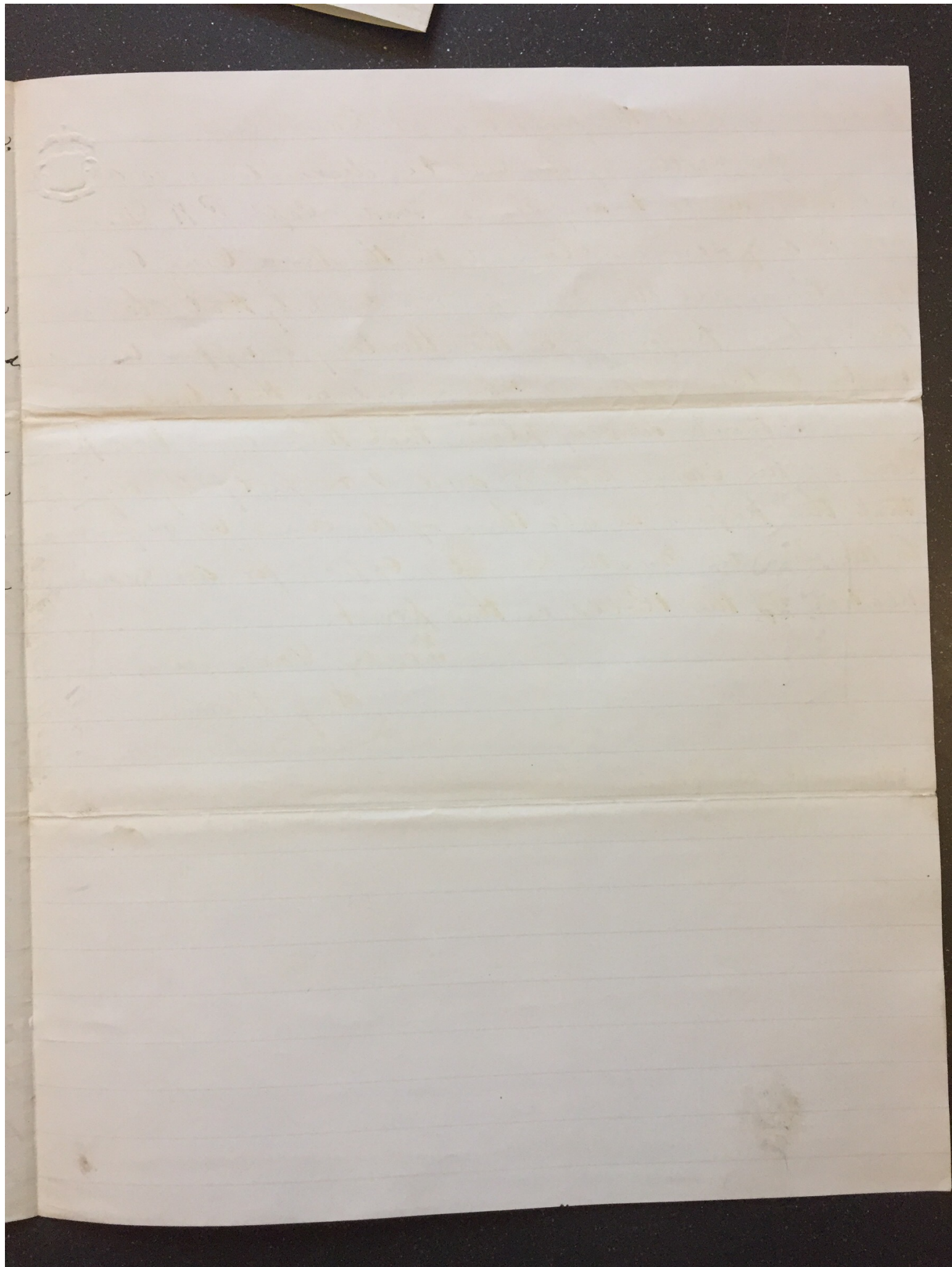
In neither of the last two declarations is any allusion made to any service under Capt. P. R. George nor is any service claimed on the Vera Cruz line of operations, all the service rendered by that claimant having been performed on the Monterey or upper line and under certain officers who served on that line.

I think it very plain that there were two persons of the same name and I respectfully request that the papers in all three of the cases be referred to the Quarter Master General's Office for an examination of the Rolls on this point.

Truly Yours,  
S. J. Bowen

Hon Geo. C. Whiting }  
Com. of Pensions }







Warrant No 66, 103, 160 Acus  
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Dr Jem Rhy

G. J. Bowen  
Present



State of

COUNTY, } ss.

I,

Clerk of the County Court in and for the

County and State above named, do hereby certify that

Esq., before whom the foregoing affidavits were made, and who has thereunto signed his name, was at the time of so doing a

in and for the County and State above named, duly commissioned and sworn, that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereto is genuine.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my official seal this  
day of

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*Re-examined.  
This should be mark'd 3<sup>o</sup>  
application - see No. 289. 241.  
Returned Jan. 5/59*

*By Col.  
Hunt, U. S. March 31/47. sent  
to Anzas Island - not found  
there. By Capt. Montgomery, at  
Monteury from May 16. to July 15  
'47 as rec'd from Capt. Toulmin  
with pay due from 31 March '47  
not on Toulmin's Transfer List.  
By Capt. Brent. Monteury (as  
rec'd from Capt. Montgomery) from  
17 to 22 July '47. By Capt. Sibley,  
in the Field, Mexico (as rec'd.*

BOUNTY LAND CLAIM.

Act of March 3, 1855.

ORIGINAL CLAIM FOR LAND WARRANT.

CHAS. C. TUCKER,  
Att'y for Claimant,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Under the Act of March 3, 1855, each of the surviving commissioned and non-commissioned Officers, Chaplains, Musicians, and Privates, whether of regulars, volunteers, rangers, militia, or teamsters, who were regularly mustered into the service of the United States, and every Officer, Seaman, Ordinary Seaman, Marine, Clerk and Landsman of the Navy in any of the wars in which this country has been engaged since 1790, and each of the survivors of the militia, volunteers, or State troops of any State or Territory, called into military service and regularly mustered therein, and whose services has been paid by the United States, are entitled to one hundred and sixty acres of land, provided the period of service amounted to fourteen days or more, or they shall have actually been engaged in battle.

Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, those who served at the invasion of Plattsburg, in September, 1814, at the attack on Lewistown, Delaware, in the war of 1812, or in the battle of Nickajack against the confederated Indians of the South, are entitled to the benefits of the Act; and Indians are entitled in the same manner and to the same extent as white men. If the person having been in service is dead, Bounty Land is due his widow or minor children. The second marriage of a widow is no bar to her claim if she is a widow at the time of her application. Those are considered minors who were so at the date of the act.

Correspondents forwarding me Claims unaccompanied by a letter, will please insert their names in the blank left for that purpose, below the Clerk's certificate.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my official seal this

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This should be mark'd 3<sup>e</sup>  
application - See No. 289. 244.

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there. By Capt. Montgomery, at  
Monterey from May 16. to July 16  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

for Claimant,

TUCKER, & Sibley

RLAND WARRANT.

ch 3, 1855.

ND CLAIM.



COUNTY, )

Clerk of the County Court in and for the

I, County and State above named, do hereby certify that

Esq., before whom the foregoing affidavits were made, and who has thereunto signed his name, was at the time of so doing a in and for the County and State above named, duly commissioned and sworn, that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereto is genuine.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my official seal this  
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from Capt. Brent) from 22 July  
to Oct. 31/47. + By Maj. Howard  
Buena Vista &c from Nov 1/47  
to Feby. 29/48. not after  
J. H. Sibley  
C. J. Sibley

Del. C. O.  
April 2/59

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Attys for Claimant,

CHAS. C. TUCKER, & S. S. Sibley

CLAIM FOR LAND WARRANT.

of March 3, 1855.

LAND CLAIM.



...; before whom the foregoing affidavits were made, and who has thereunto signed his name, was at the time of so doing a

in and for the County and State above named, duly commissioned and sworn, that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereto is genuine.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my official seal this

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2 M. G. O.  
24 Aug '57

John Kent. Lameter, at  
Monterey, by Capt. Mont-  
gomery, from 16. to 31<sup>st</sup>  
May '47. By Capt. George,  
for the Months of April,  
May, & 14 days in June.  
And afterwards

*J. W. Rogers*  
*Agm.*

Forwarded by

CLAIM.

, 1855.

AND WARRANT.

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CKER, & Rogers.

Claimant,

WASHINGTON, D. C.



Declaration to be made by a surviving Officer, Soldier, Seaman, Marine, Naval Clerk, Landsman, Teamster, or Chaplain, who has never received Bounty Land.

STATE OF *California*  
*Sacramento* COUNTY, } ss.

On this *twenty-first* day of *June* 185 *8* before me, a *Notary Public*  
in and for the County and State above named, personally appeared (1) *John Kent*  
aged *33* years, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical *John*  
*Kent* who was a (2) *Teamster in the war with Mexico*  
*under Quartermaster Hunt served under Captain*  
*Henderson, Major Riley, Major Howard*  
that he (3) *Enlisted* at *New Orleans* in the State of  
*La* on or about the day of *April*  
18 *47* for the term of *Six months* and was honorably discharged at  
*Monterey Mexico* on or about the day of  
18 *48* by reason of *Expiration of War* and (4)

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which he is entitled under the Act of March 3, 1855, never having received Bounty Land, or knowing that he is entitled except for the above service, and he hereby constitutes and appoints CHARLES C. TUCKER, of Washington, D. C., his attorney to prosecute his claim and procure the warrant. Hereby authorizing and empowering his said attorney to obtain from the proper authorities at Washington City, or elsewhere, certified copies of any Army or Navy records or documents in which his said service may be recorded, and to procure any and all other evidence that may be necessary to establish his claim as fully as he might or could do if personally present; and revoking and countermanding all other authority that may have been given for the above specified purpose.

*John Kent*  
(5)

Sworn to, subscribed, and acknowledged before me, the day and year first above named, and on the same day personally came before me *Hugh Cochran* and  
*John Riley* residents of *Sacramento County*  
to me known as credible witnesses, who being duly sworn according to law, declare that they are personally acquainted with *John Kent* who has made and subscribed the foregoing declaration, that they were present and saw him (6) *Sign his name* to said declaration, and that from the appearance of the applicant, and their acquaintance with him, they believe that he is the identical person he represents himself to be. That they are disinterested in the claim, and reside at the place above named.

*Hugh Cochran*  
(7) *John Riley*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, and I certify that I am not interested in the claim or concerned in its prosecution, and I further certify that I know the affiants to be credible witnesses, and the declarant is the person he represents himself to be.

(8) *Henry M. Stow*  
*Notary Public*

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Claimant's name.
2. Here specify the service as follows: "a \_\_\_\_\_ in the company commanded by Captain \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ regiment of \_\_\_\_\_," or "a \_\_\_\_\_ on board of the United States ship \_\_\_\_\_," or as the case may be.
3. Enlisted, volunteered, was drafted, or shipped.
4. Add, "that he has never before made application for Bounty Land," or "that he made an application for Bounty Land for said service, and his claim was rejected or suspended."
5. Claimant's signature.
6. "Sign his name," or "make his mark."
7. Witnesses' signatures.
8. Magistrate's signatures.



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John Kent transfer  
in the Dr M Dent

Dr M<sup>n</sup> Hunt Crops - Montgomery  
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Sam I Crops

Sacramento - Cal  
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Copied by B. B. B.

April 14/59 Let to Agent recalling Warrant, carcer  
filed in 66103 for 160 Act '53- PM  
" 19 Let to Com Gen Land Office withdrawing  
Carcer, in letter in above case —  
" Let to Agent — PM  
See letter of Agent within

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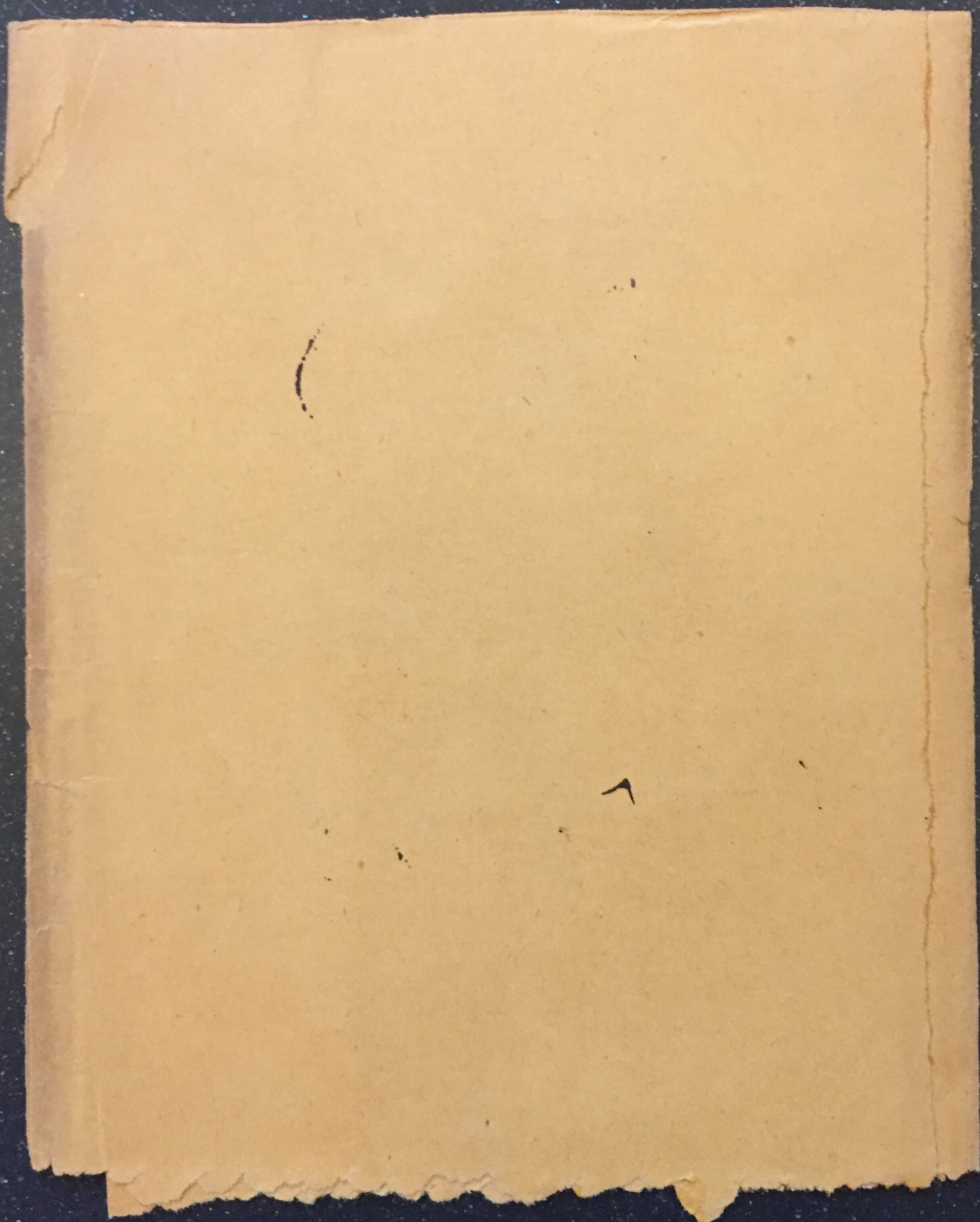


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Oct. 16/77

Wm. W. W.







~~10th~~ <sup>9<sup>th</sup></sup>/<sub>12</sub> Pension Office  
March 5/59,

Sir  
Please report if  
there was not two  
men by this name  
in the service.

~~10th~~ <sup>10<sup>th</sup></sup>/<sub>12</sub>  
Respy  
Wm Robb  
For Commr,

Sr M Genl

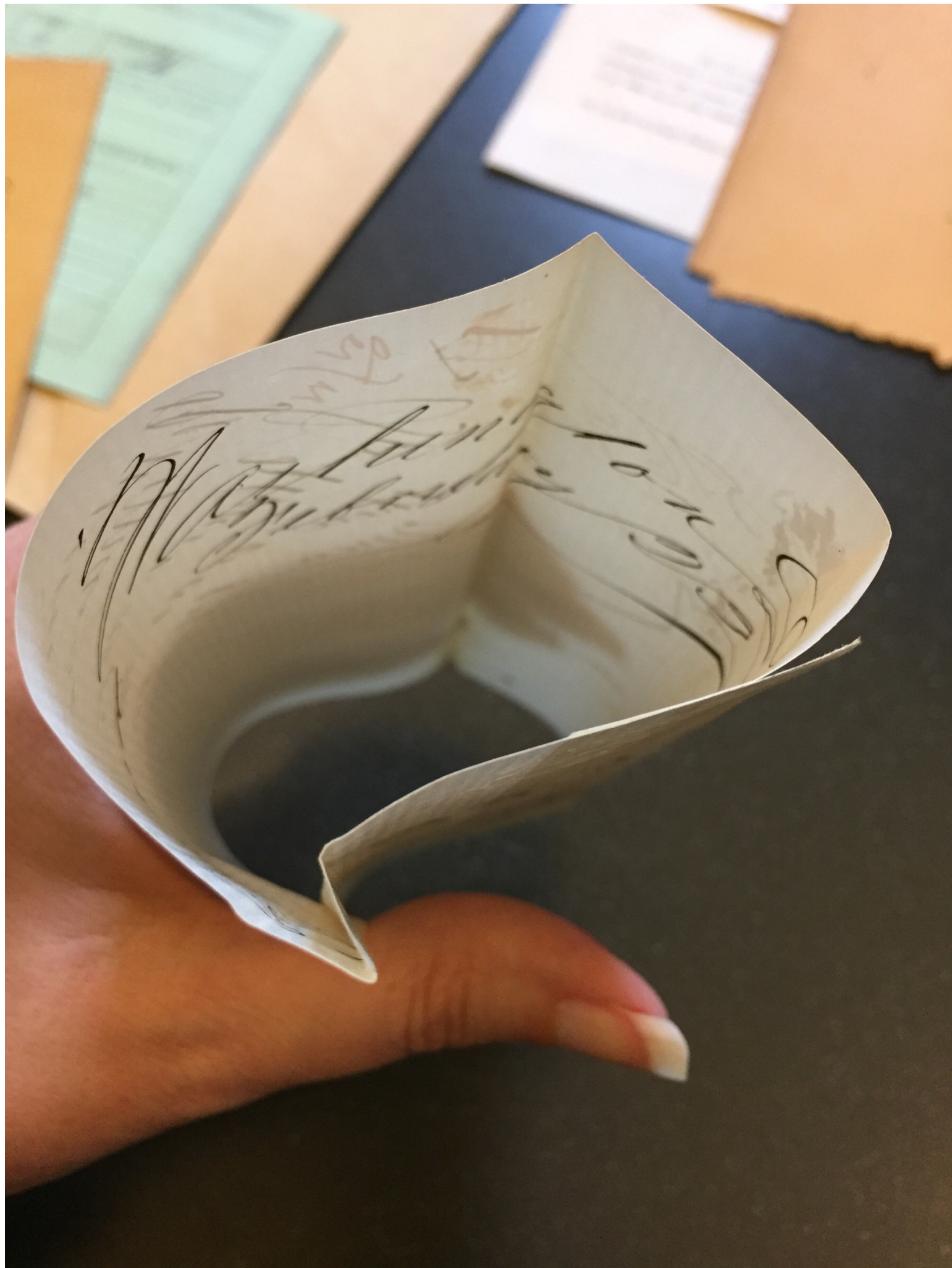


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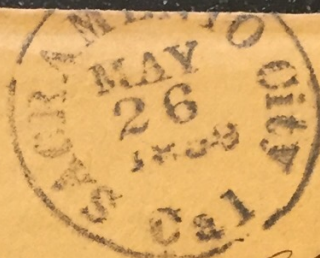






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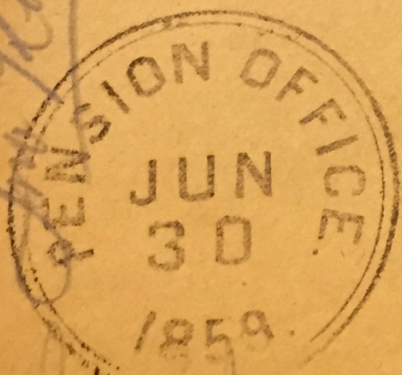
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