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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 returned 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?

REQUEST FOR MILITARY RECORDS				1. DATE 26 Oct 2016	2. PULLTIME/STAFF INITIALS WHS 200
3. NAME OF REQUESTER M M Rog			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 Cross		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	

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BOUNTY LAND FILES

ACT OF 55-160 WT 85167

VETERAN John Kent

1847 GRADE Seaman

SERVICE QM Hunt, Cross & Montgomery
QM Dept.

CAN NO. 1369 BUNDLE NO. 28

State of California
County of Sacramento } 88

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 Hunt; 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 Hunt who was a Quartermaster 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 within him to serve as a Quartermaster for a term of six months in said war with Mexico - that he was directed to go and did go as such Quartermaster 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 he
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 Matamoros, 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^d 1855. He also declares
that he has not received or applied for Bounty
land for said Services heretofore under said act.

For a warrant therefor
Subscribed & sworn to before me in
this 11th 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 11th day
of March 1858. And we further declare that we
have no interest in this claim or the prosecution
thereof.

John Riley
James Bell
Subscribed & sworn to before me
on this 11th day of March 1858
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.



209,241
Military Bounty Land
Application
of
John Kent

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

J. W. Rogers
Agent

San Francisco
Dec 29/58.

Correspond with
Samuel Cross Esq
Sacramento City
John Kent



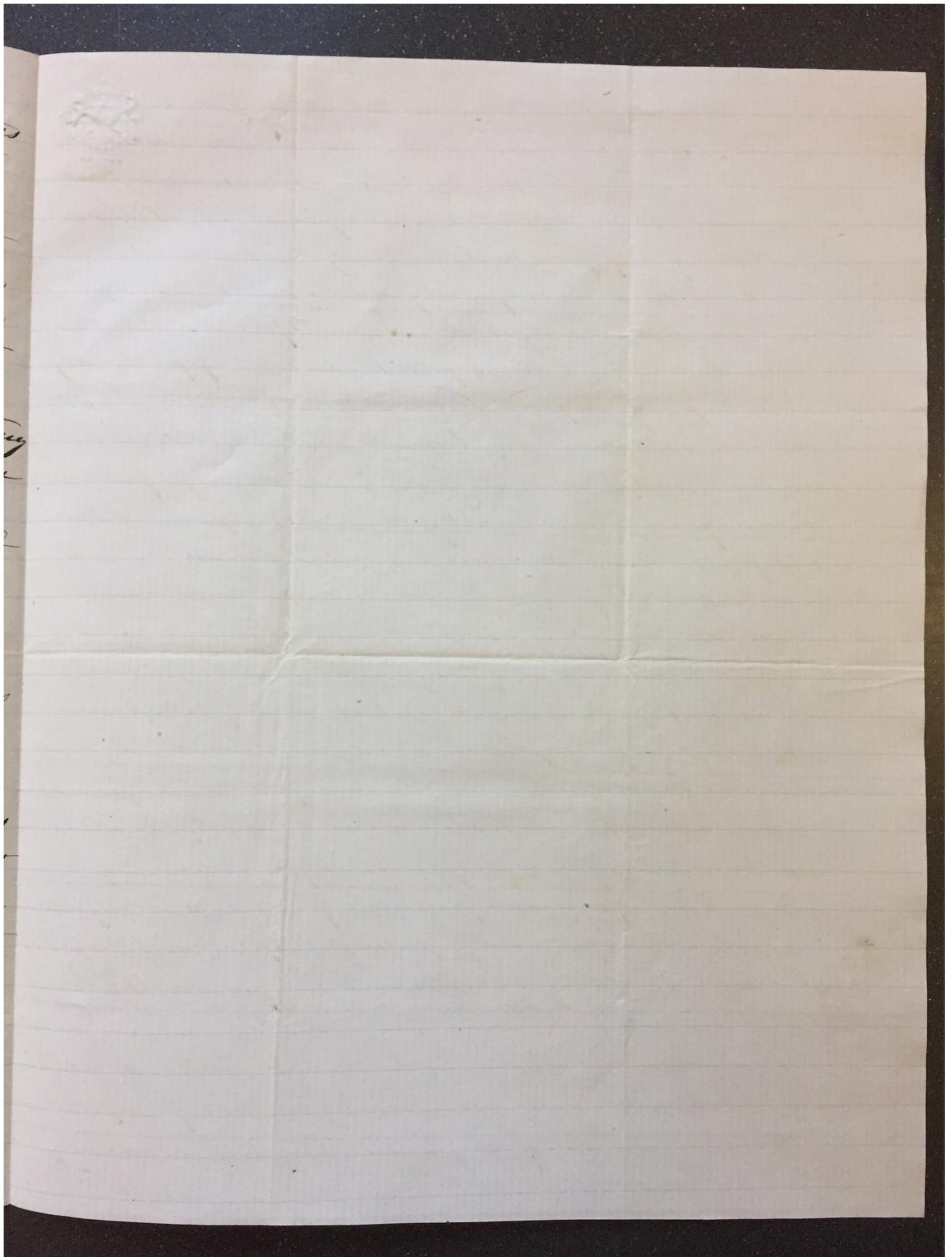
Sacramento, City Cal. May 24 1858

To the Hon. Commissioner of Pensions
Sir.

Yours of date April 14th 58 has been received, notifying me to return to your Office San No 85167 for 160 acres of land in the name of John Kent, under act of 1855, on the grounds that the Warrantee 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 851 by must therefore be previously issued. I have called on Mr. Stow and he 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 Suspicions 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, Servt
Samuel Cross



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Washington City, D.C.
April 17th 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 11th 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 Acogdochus, Texas, some time in the summer of 1848.

On the 21st 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 11th March previous and was discharged in 1848 by reason of expiration of the war. The last two declarations were made at Sacramento

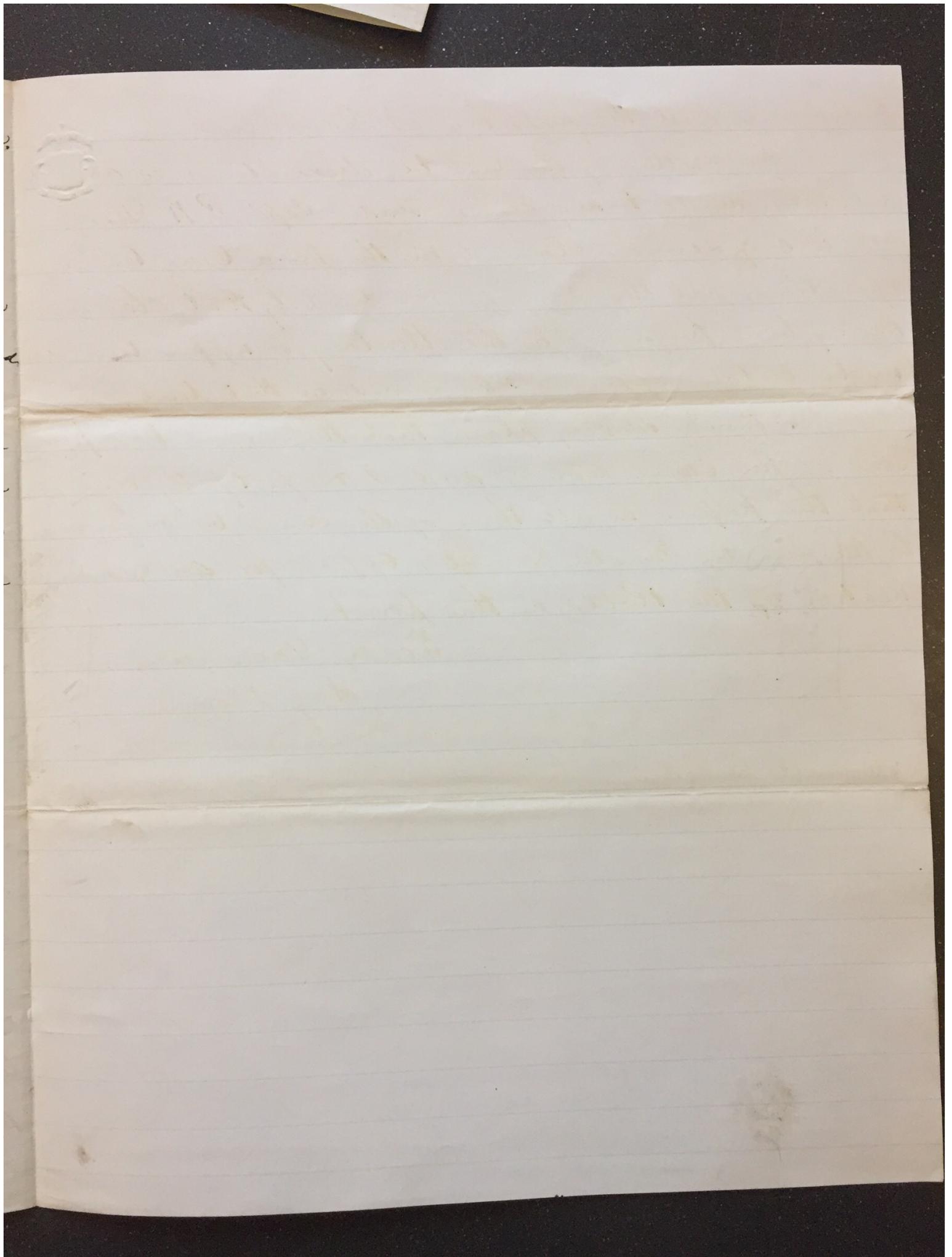
California, and the first one at Lawrenceburgh, Indiana.

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
Act 1855 - careated.

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Apr 1839

Dr Jent Rhy

G. J. Bowen
Present

State of

COUNTY, }
85.

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 thereto 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 hereto signed my name and affixed my official seal this day of

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Re-examined.
This should be mark'd 3^o application - see No. 289. 211.
Returned Jan'y 5/57
By Col.
Hunt, U. S. March 31/47. went to Anzas Island - not found there. By Capt Montgomery, at Monterey from May 16. to July 15 '47 as rec'd from Capt. Soule with pay due from 31 March '47 not on Soule's Transfer List. By Capt Brent. Monterey (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.

Mr. Hunt

Deceased was

with the service

289 211

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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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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day of

Re-examined,

This should be mark'd 3^e
application - see No. 289. 244.

Returned Jan. 5/59

By Col.

Hunt, U. S. March 31/47, sent
to Mazas Island - not found

there. By Capt. Montgomery, at
Monterey from May 16. to July 16
'47 - as rec^d. from Capt. Toulmin
with pay due from 31 March '47
not on Toulmin's Transfer List.

By Capt. Brent, Monterey (as
rec^d. from Capt. Montgomery) from
17 to 22 July '47 - By Capt. Sibley,
in the Field, Mexico (as rec^d).

WASHINGTON, D. C.

for Claimant,

TUCKER, & Sloger

RLAND WARRANT.

ch 3, 1855.

ND CLAIM.

COUNTY,)

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 185 day of

Re examined.
This should be mark'd 3^e application - see No. 289. 241.
Returned Jan. 5/59
By Col. Hunt, U. S. March 31/47. sent to Brazos Island - not found there. By Capt Montgomery, at Monterey from May 16. to July 18 '47 - as rec'd from Capt. Soule with pay due from 31 March '47 not on Soule's Transfer List. By Capt Brent, Monterey (as rec'd from Capt. Montgomery) from 17 to 22 July '47. By Capt Sibley, in the Field, Mexico (as rec'd from Capt. Brent) from 22 July to Oct. 31/47. + By Maj. Howard Buena Vista from Nov 1/47 to Feby. 29/48. not after

W. H. Sibley
Capt.

Call. S. O.
April 2/59

CHAS. C. TUCKER, Atty for Claimant,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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TY LAND CLAIM.
of March 3, 1855.
CLAIM FOR LAND WARRANT.

...before whom the foregoing affidavits were made, and who has hereunto 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
185
day of

J. G. O.
24 Aug '57

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

J. W. Belger
Agent

Forwarded by

CLAIM.

, 1855.

AND WARRANT.

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J. G. O.

W. B. Rogers
KERR, & 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) *Seaman in the war with Mexico*
under *Quartermaster Hunt*, served under *Captain*
Montgomery, *Major Libby*, *Major Coward*
that he (3) *Enlisted* at *New Orleans* in the State of
La on or about the *1* day of *April*
18 *47* for the term of *Six months* and was honorably discharged at
Monterey Mexico on or about the *1* 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
John Riley
(7)

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.

Henry M. Stow
Notary Public
(8)

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 Hunt

of
Glamster

Quartermaster Hunt

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John Kent transfer
in the Dr M Debt

Dr Mⁿ Hunt Crops - Montgomery
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Camp 1/29
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Signature

Sam I Crops

Sacramento - Cal
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Case 1311

April 14/59 Let to Agent recalling Warrant, carus
filed su 66103 for 160 act '53- PM
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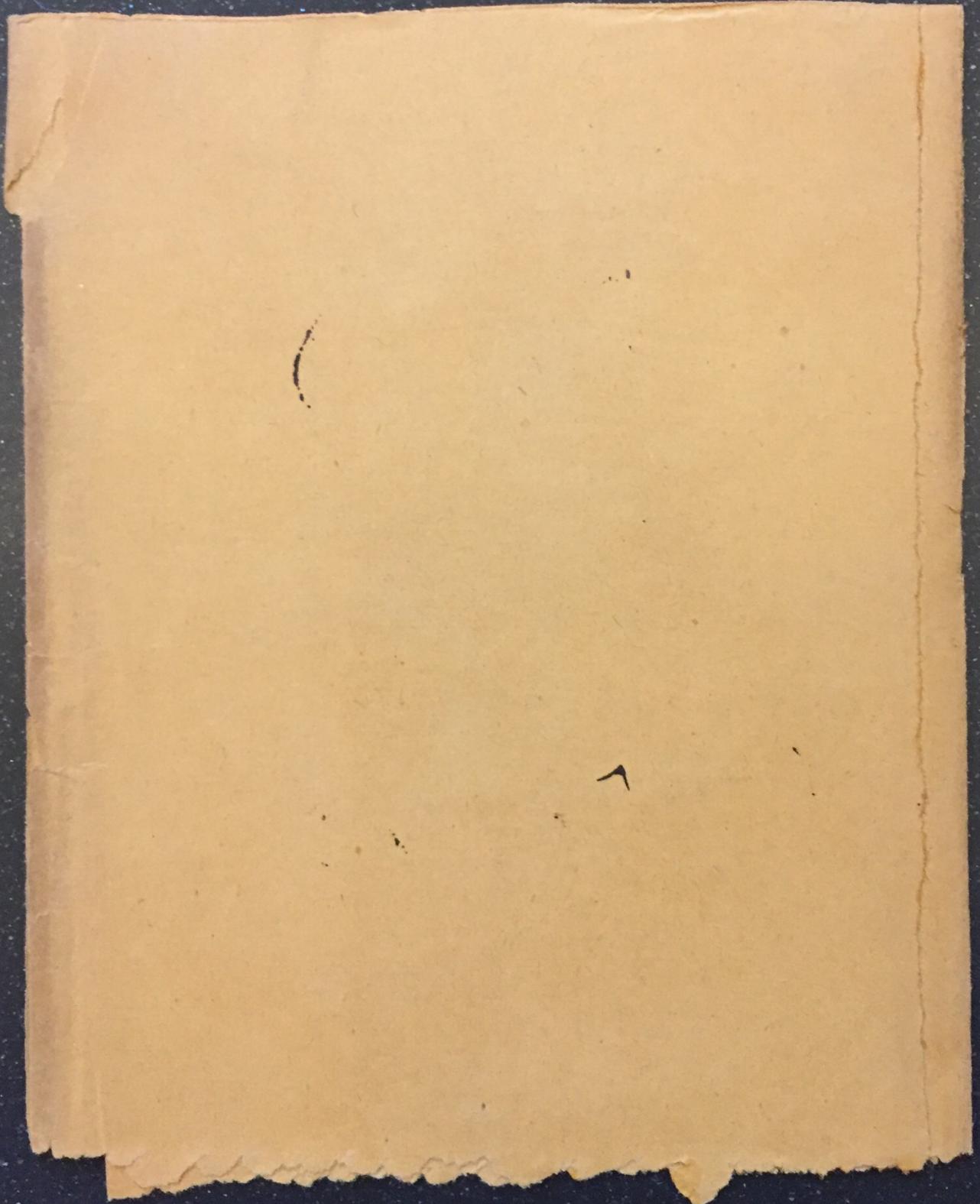
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Wagner



~~104~~ ⁹² Pension Office
March 5/59,

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

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Wm Robb
For Commr,

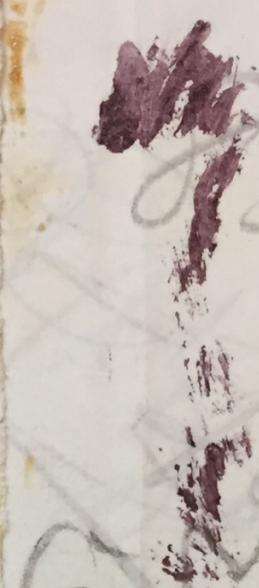
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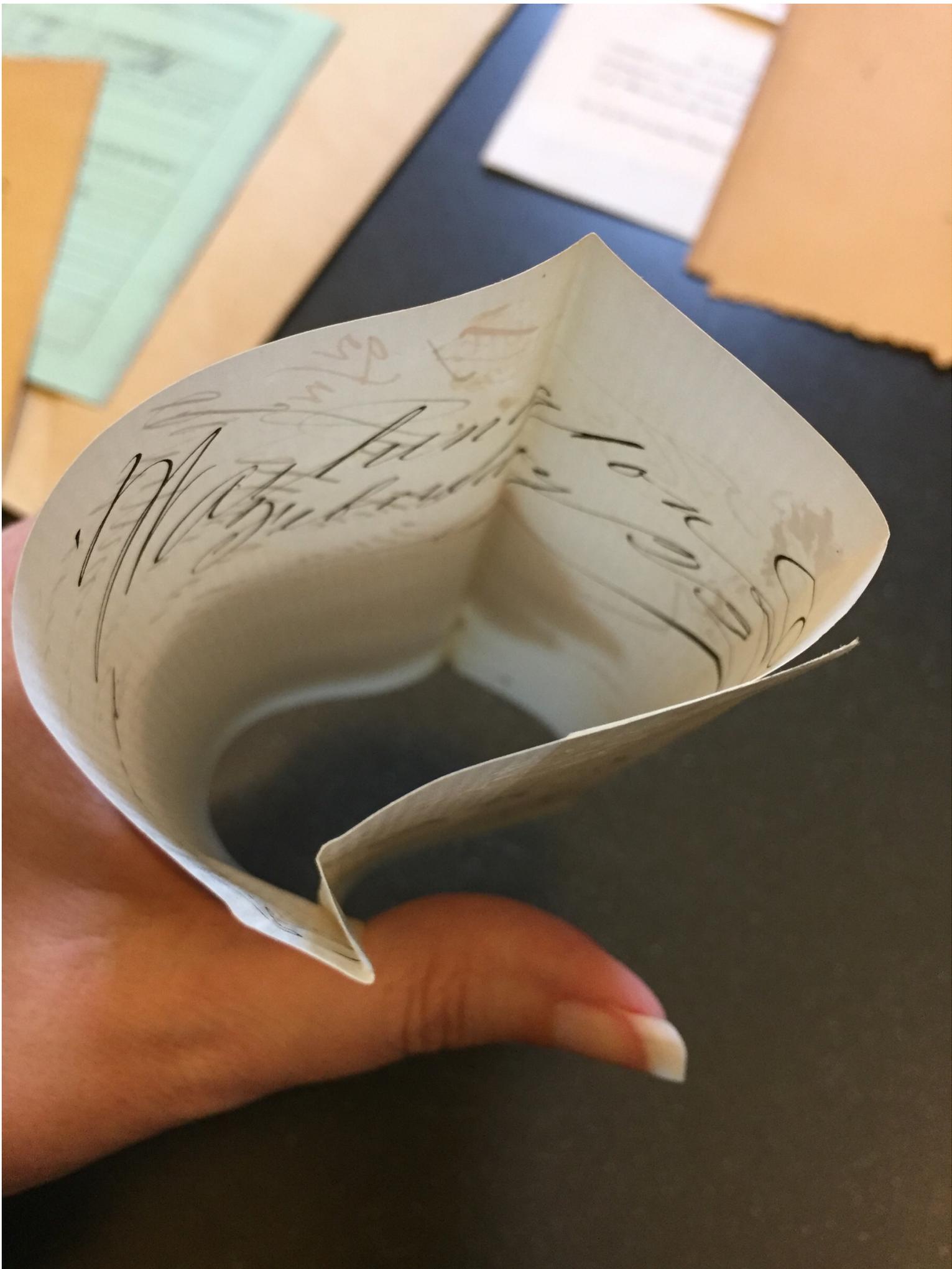
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To the Hon Commissioner of Pensions

Washington City

D.C.

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