

John M. Kent (unindexed) bounty land warrant application no. 55-160-85354 (accepted), Creek War of 1836, Alabama Militia, Volunteers Mounted Infantry, Commanded by Captain Benjamin Philpot under Colonel Joseph P. Frazier, Private, Res. at Lawrence Co., Alabama "Unindexed Bounty-Land Warrant 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>.

- At Lawrence Co., Alabama, James O. Parker was the guardian of the minor children of John M. Kent.

- Collective information states that John M. Kent died in Lawrence Co., Alabama on 24 March 1854 and his widow died on 26 January 1857.

- There were nine children born to the couple, seven had survived at time of filing dated 19 March 1857. Surviving children on 20 May 1857 were:

1. William Jesse Kent, born 29 September 1838

2. Mary Ann Kent, born 09 May 1842

3. Henry Jackson Kent, born 14 January 1844

4. Permily Jane Kent, born 06 December 1845

5. Matilda Elizabeth Kent, born 17 December 1847 [listed as 14 December 1847 on another page in file.]

6. John M. Kent, born 07 October 1849

7. Martha A. Kent, born 18 April 1852

Two children that died were 1) Sarah Ann Kent, died 11[?] January 1854; and, 2) Lydia A Kent, died 25 January 1857

- Multiple declarations given at Morgan Co., Alabama.

REQUEST FOR MILITARY RECORDS				1. DATE	2. PULLTIME/STAFF INITIALS	
3. NAME OF REQUESTER M.M. Ray			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 [Signature]	
10. RECORD IDENTIFICATION (Check one only)						
<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY SERVICE <input type="checkbox"/> PENSION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOUNTY LAND <small>(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.)</small>						
11. NAME OF SOLDIER John M. Kent			12. NAME OF DEPENDENT (if applicable)			
13. UNIT (CO, BN, or REGT.) AL Militia, Capt. Philpot			14. STATE SERVED FROM Alabama		15. WAR, OR DATE OF SERVICE 1836	
16. PENSION FILE NUMBERS						
			APPLICATION		CERTIFICATE	
a. INVALID						
b. WIDOW						
c. MINOR						
d. MOTHER						
e. FATHER						
f. OTHER NUMBERS (C, XC, BLWT, etc.)			55-160-85354			
17. RECEIVED		18. DATE		19. RETURNED		20. DATE

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BOUNTY LAND FILES

ACT OF 55-160 MP 85354

VETERAN John M Kent

1836 GRADE Pvt

SERVICE Capt Philpot
Alabama

CAN NO. 1370 BUNDLE NO. 54

(CIRCULAR C.)

PENSION OFFICE,

May 20, 1857.

SIR:

All applications by minors for bounty land under the act of March 3, 1855, must be supported by satisfactory proof of their being the lawful children of the soldiers on account of whose services their claim is made; of his death; of there being no widow surviving at the time of making their application; of their ages; and that they are the only surviving children of the deceased soldier who were under the age of twenty-one years on the 3d day of March, 1855.

General reputation among those acquainted with the family, without any question of their being the lawful children of the deceased soldier, will be received as evidence of their being such.

Witnesses to prove the death of the soldier must state their means of knowledge concerning it, and, as nearly as they can, the time and place of its occurrence.

If the deceased soldier left a widow who is alive, though married to another person, the minor children are not entitled during her lifetime. But if she, while married, so chooses, she may waive her right, and consent that the bounty land be granted to the minor children. This may be done by a writing to that effect, signed by her and properly attested, addressed to this office; and thereupon the land will be granted to the children.

If there is any public record of the births of the children, a certificate of the same, properly authenticated, must be furnished. If there be none such, but a private or family record, it must be forwarded to this office for inspection, with proof of its authenticity. It will be duly returned to the parties, if desired. But if no public or private record of the births exists or can be produced, that fact must be shown by proper affidavit, and then other evidence will be received. Witnesses to prove the ages must state particularly their means of knowledge concerning them, and how they now fix the same. To avoid mistake, the names and ages of *all* the surviving children of the deceased soldier should be shown by proper proof, so that this office may determine who of them are entitled to the land.

The application of *William J. Mary Ann, Elizabeth, Martha, John W., William J. & and Jane Kent*, as minor children of *John M. Kent*, deceased, is suspended for proof of

the facts indicated above,

according to the foregoing instructions, and a certified copy of your appointment as Guardian, Respectfully,

James O. Parker, Esq
Moulton
Vica.

GEO. C. WHITING,
Commissioner.

Decatur Ala

July 16th 58

Sir

The within requirements have
long since been complied with,
and nothing heard from the
Claim, is any further evidence
necessary? - Please let me
hear from you

Very Respectfully

C. M. Parker

Comm. of Pensions
Washington

D.C.

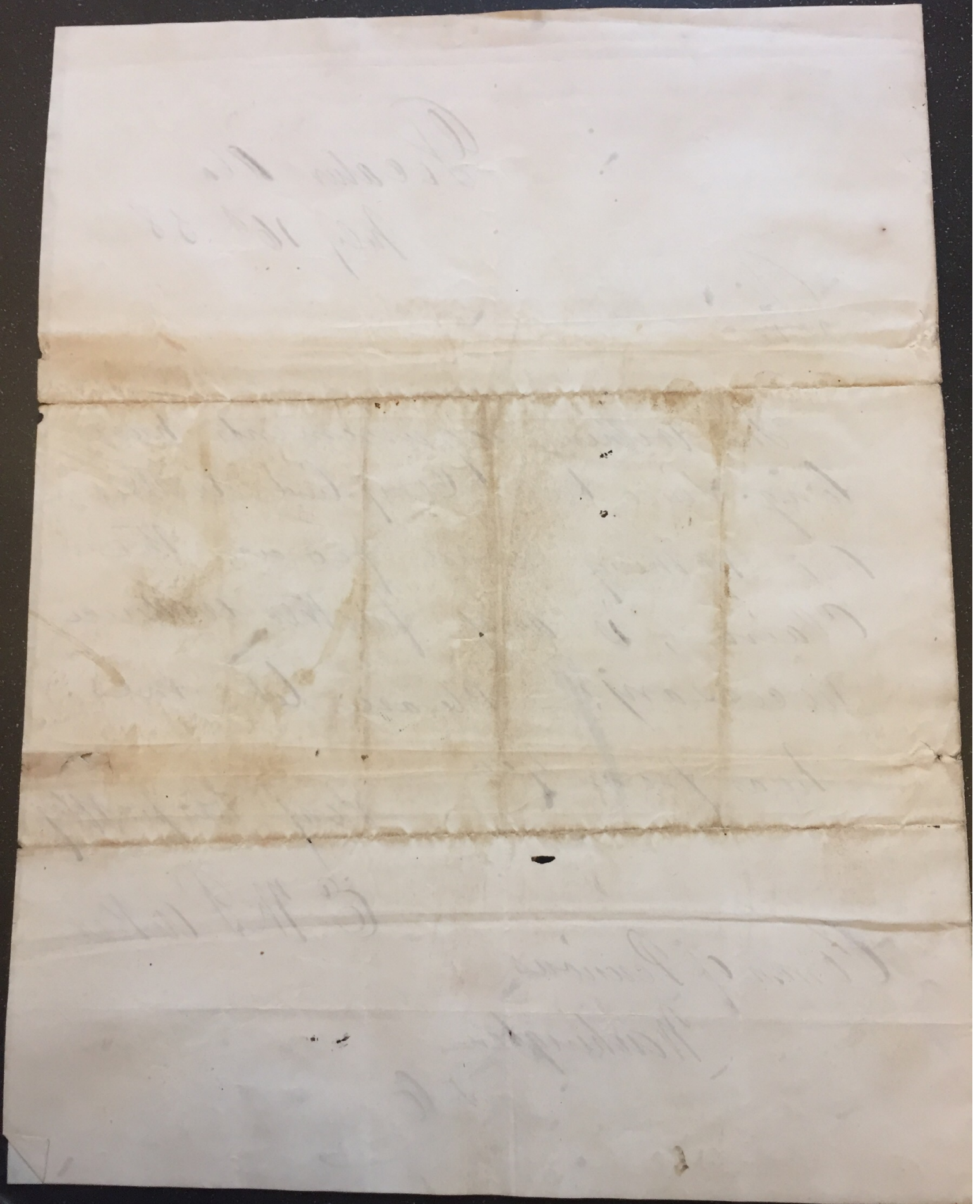


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State of Alabama ~~of~~ J. C. McDon
Lawrence County ~~of~~ J. C. McDon Judge
of the Probate Court for the County
and State aforesaid and by virtue
of my office also Clerk hereby
Certify that D. L. Denison whom
named is signed to the foregoing
declaration and acknowledgment
is and was at the time of signing
the same an acting Justice of
the Peace for the County of
Lawrence & State of Alabama
that the foregoing & qualified
porting to be his is genuine that
I do full faith and credit are due
all of his official acts -
I testimony of which I have herunto
set my hand and the seal of the said
Court at my office in the town
of Moulton on this the 19th day of
March 1857
J. C. McDon J. C.



State of Alabama

Lawrence County On this the 27th day of
March 1857 personally appeared before
me a Justice of the Peace for the County of
Lawrence and state of Alabama
James O Parker groom for William J
Kent Mary Ann Kent Elizabeth Kent
Martha Kent John W Kent William J
Kent and James Kent who after being
sworn in due form of law depose &
saith that the above named children are
the minor children and all the children of
John M Kent & that they are all the children
that he had & that all are now minors
that the said John M Kent was a private
soldier in the Creek service of 1856 was
in service thirteen days & was discharged for
that time that he entered service at some
place Alabama & was marched to Vernon
Alabama a distance of 180 miles then mus-
tered into the United States service by order
of the Governor of the state made upon the
completion of the said State of Alabama
that he was of the mounted infantry Commanded
by Benjamin Philpott Capt & Joseph P
Magier Colonel & was discharged at Bonaville

Alabama by Benjamin A. Phelps
On the 19th day of March 1854
that he was honorably discharged
that the said John M. Kent died
in the year 1853 leaving a widow
ow. that the said widow died in
the year 1857 and upon the 20 day of February
that the above named children are the
Children of the identical children
of the above named John M.
Kent above named and also set
forth in the said discharge that the
said John M. Kent never applied
for bounty land under any act of
Congress nor never obtained ^{one} by him
that his said widow never applied
for nor obtained land warrant under
any act of Congress, that the said
minor children did never themselves or
by any one else apply for any bounty
land warrant, that the object of this
application is to obtain the bounty
land to which the above named
minors are entitled under the act approv-
ed March the 3/53 and May 17/56
James A. ^{his} Walker
March

Mr M I McHenry and William Landus
residents of the County of Lawrence
& State of Alabama upon our oaths
declared that we are personally acqu-
ainted with James O Parker and believe
the above declaration which was
signed by him in our presence
to be correct that he is a credible
person & that the same was acknowledged
& sworn to by him in our presence

Wm. P. McHenry
William Landus

State of Alabama
Lawrence County On this 20th day
of March 1857 personally appeared
before me James O Parker who signed
the above declaration in my pres-
ence and made affidavit thereto
that he is a credible person & that
his statements aforesaid are just
& correct and that he is the identical person
he represents himself to be that the
affiants are credible persons & signed &
acknowledged the above affidavit in my pres-
ence that they are credible persons and
that I have no interest in this claim

D. S. Dinsmore J. P.

State of Alabama
Lawrence County
I C. McDonald
Judge
of the Probate Court for the County
and State aforesaid and by virtue
of my office also Clerk hereby
Certify that D L Denison whose
name is signed to the foregoing
declaration and acknowledgement
is and was at the time of signing
the same an acting Justice of
the Peace for the County of
Lawrence & State of Alabama
and is commissioned & qualified
that the foregoing signature pur-
porting to be his is genuine that
I will faith and credit be due
all of his official acts -
I testimony of which I have hereunto
set my hand and the seal of the said
Court at my office in the Town
of Moulton on this the 19th day of
March 1857

C. McDonald J. J.



State of Alabama
Lawrence County, I C. McDonald
Judge
of the Probate Court for the County
and state aforesaid and by virtue
of my office also Clerk hereby
Certify that D. L. Denison whose
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I will faith and credit are due
all of his official acts -
I testify of which I have hereunto
set my hand and the seal of the Court
at my office in the Town
of Moulton on this the 19th day
of March 1857
C. McDonald

Moulton Ala
Jan'y 17th 1859

Sir

In compliance with your letter of the 31st of March 1858 addressed to James O Parker requesting ^{him} to furnish additional proof as to the age and births of the minor children of John M Kent deceased I herewith enclose you the affidavit of James O Parker, properly certified to. I hope the application is freed from the defects that attended it and is now by the amendments perfectly satisfactory. The number of the application is "271446" and under act of Congress of March 3rd 1855

In your future
correspondence address me
at this place

Yrs Truly

Commissioner of Pensions
Washington

Edward W Parker
D. C. agent for Jas O Parker, Ind.

Dear Sir, 18th Nov 1877

I am pleased to hear from you and to hear that you are all well. I hope this letter finds you all the same. I have not much news to write at present. I am still in the same way as before. I have not much to write at present. I am still in the same way as before. I have not much to write at present. I am still in the same way as before.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, J. B. [Name]

Yours truly, J. B. [Name]

The State of Alabama 333
Lawrence County 333 On this the
13th day of January in the year 1859 before
me a Justice of the Peace for said County
personally came James O Parker guardian
for the minor children of John M Kent
deceased, who being duly sworn says
that the said John M Kent died leaving
no widow surviving him, and left the follow-
ing children, and only the following viz
William Jesse Kent who was born Septem-
ber the 29th 1838. Mary Ann Kent born May
the 9th 1842 Henry Jackson Kent born
January the 14th 1844 Permy Jane Kent
born December the 4th 1845 Matilda C Kent
born December the 14th 1847 John M Kent
born October the 7th 1849 Martha A Kent
born April the 18th 1852 all of whom
are now living. Sarah Ann Kent another
child died January the 11th 1854 Lydia A Kent
died January the 25th 1857 (The ages of the
last two can be seen now on file
in the family record at Washington) ma-
king in all nine children 7 living and
two dead. He makes this amended decla-
ration as guardian of the said minor
children and in order to obtain
the county land to which they may be
entitled to under the act of Congress
approved March 3rd 1855 as heirs
and children of the said John M Kent
Sworn to and subscribed - James O Parker Justice
before me January 13th 1859 John Williams.

The State of Alabama ss
Suzanne Court, ss Charles
Gibson Judge of the Court of Probate
of said county by virtue of my office do hereby
Certify that John Kitchens whose signature is
attached to the foregoing acknowledged
instrument that he is now and was then
an acting Justice of the Peace for said
County duly commissioned and qualified
that the foregoing signature purporting
to be his is genuine, that all of his
acts as such are entitled to full faith
and credit. I further certify that the
applicant James O Parker whose
name is signed to the foregoing
application is the guardian for the
children of the said John M Kent
deceased, duly appointed & qualified
by this Court as such. In testimony
whereof I have hereunto signed my
hand and affixed the seal of
the said Court at office in Maul
ton on this the 17th day of January
1859

Charles Gibson Judge C. P.

The names and ages of the children are correctly
stated in this paper, as appears by the record thereto
returned.

Feb 10/59

Athens. 25th Sep 1858

Dr Sir Henry H. Hightower wants me
to procure for him the forms and
instructions to enable him to prepare
papers for ~~his~~ milder pension send
them -- In another letter give me
the condition of an application for
county land filed in the name of Dr
M. Kent or Jas. O. Parker as his represen-
tative in some way.

Pension forms sent

write me in each case

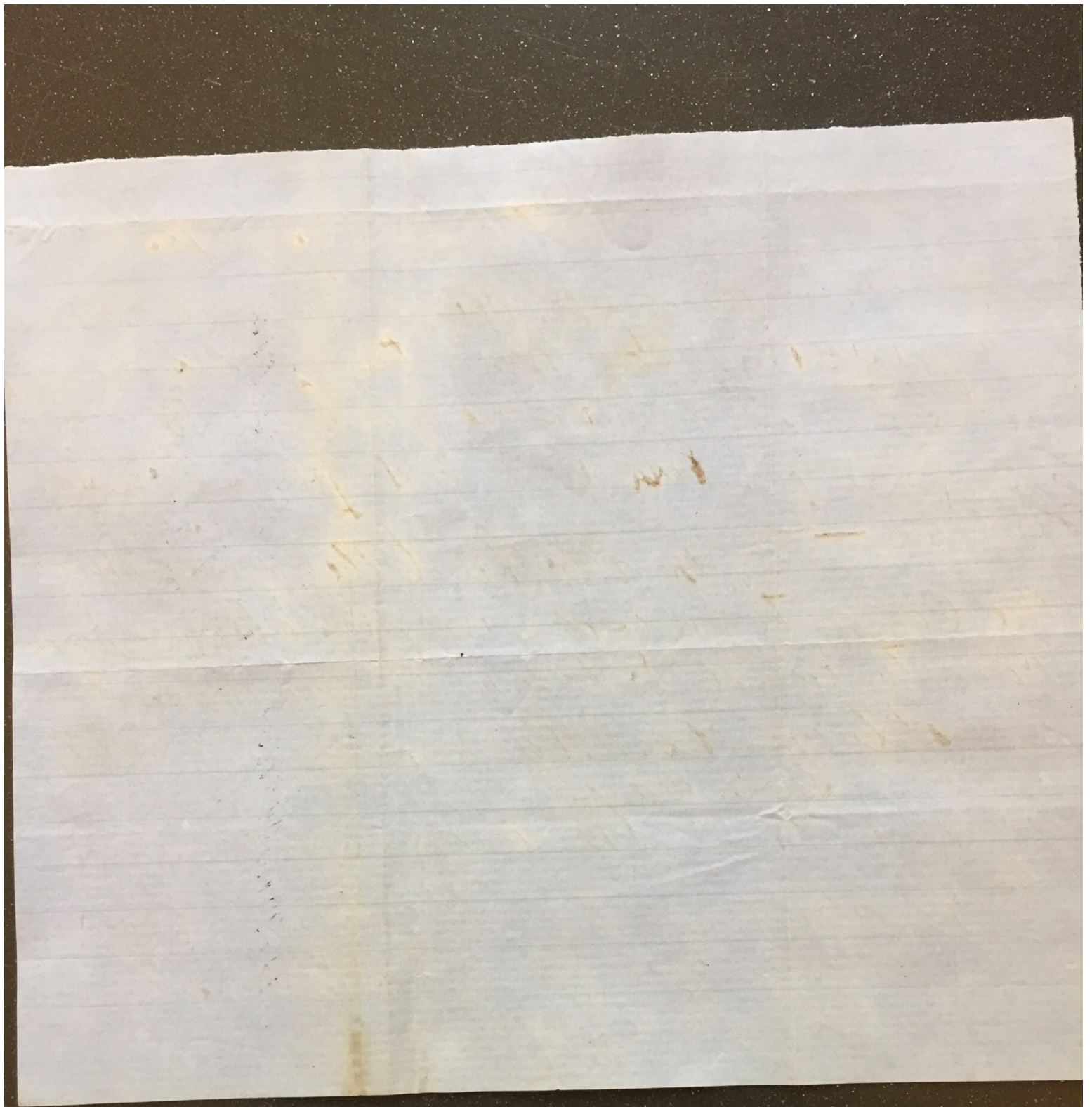
Geo. C. Whitings

Pension Office

Washington City, D.C.

M. J. P. C.

Geo. S. Houston



Address James O Parker
Moulton
Ala

State of Alabama } 55,
Morgan County } Personally appeared
Before me W. B. Sherrill a Justice of
the Peace in and for the County
and State aforesaid W. P. Barrett and
R. H. Parker of Morgan County Ala
and deposed and saith on oath that
on ~~restitution~~ a application made by
James O. Parker for the minor heirs of
of John M. Kent for bounty Land
saith that William, S. Mary Ann, Elizabeth,
Martha, John M. and Jane Kent is the
Lawful children of John M. Kent for
we have bin personally acquainted with
them from infancy and we also state
John M. Kent Died in Lawrence County
Alabama on the 24th day of March 1857
we also state the widow of John M. Kent
Departed this Life the 26th day of January 1857
William Jesse Kent was born ~~the~~ September
the 29th 1838; Mary Ann Kent was born
the 9th day of May 1842; Matilda Elizabeth
Kent was born December the 17th 1847
Martha A. Kent was born the 18th of April
1852; John M. Kent was born October the 7th
1849; Permely Jane Kent was ^{born} December
the 6th 1845; Henry Jackson Kent was
born ~~January~~ the 14th 1844; and they are
the only surviving children of the Decand
Soldier and they are all under the age of
twenty ^{one} years and we also state on oath
the above is a true statement of the births
of the above children and the Death of
their Parents

Sworn to subscribed before me this 2^d
day of October 1857

W. B. Sherrill, J. Peas }
W. P. Garrett
R. H. Parker

I certify that I am well acquainted with the affiants
and know them to be credible persons and I have
no interest in this claim give under my and
seal this the 2^d day of October 1857

W. B. Sherrill, J. Peas

The State of Alabama } J. W. Campbell Judge of
Morgan County } the Court of Probate of said
County (& by virtue of said Office also clerk of said
Court) do hereby certify that W. B. Sherrill whose name
appears to the foregoing affidavit and Certificate is
now and was at the date of the same an acting
Justice of the Peace in and for said County duly
Commissioned and qualified and that the
foregoing signature purporting to be his is
genuine —

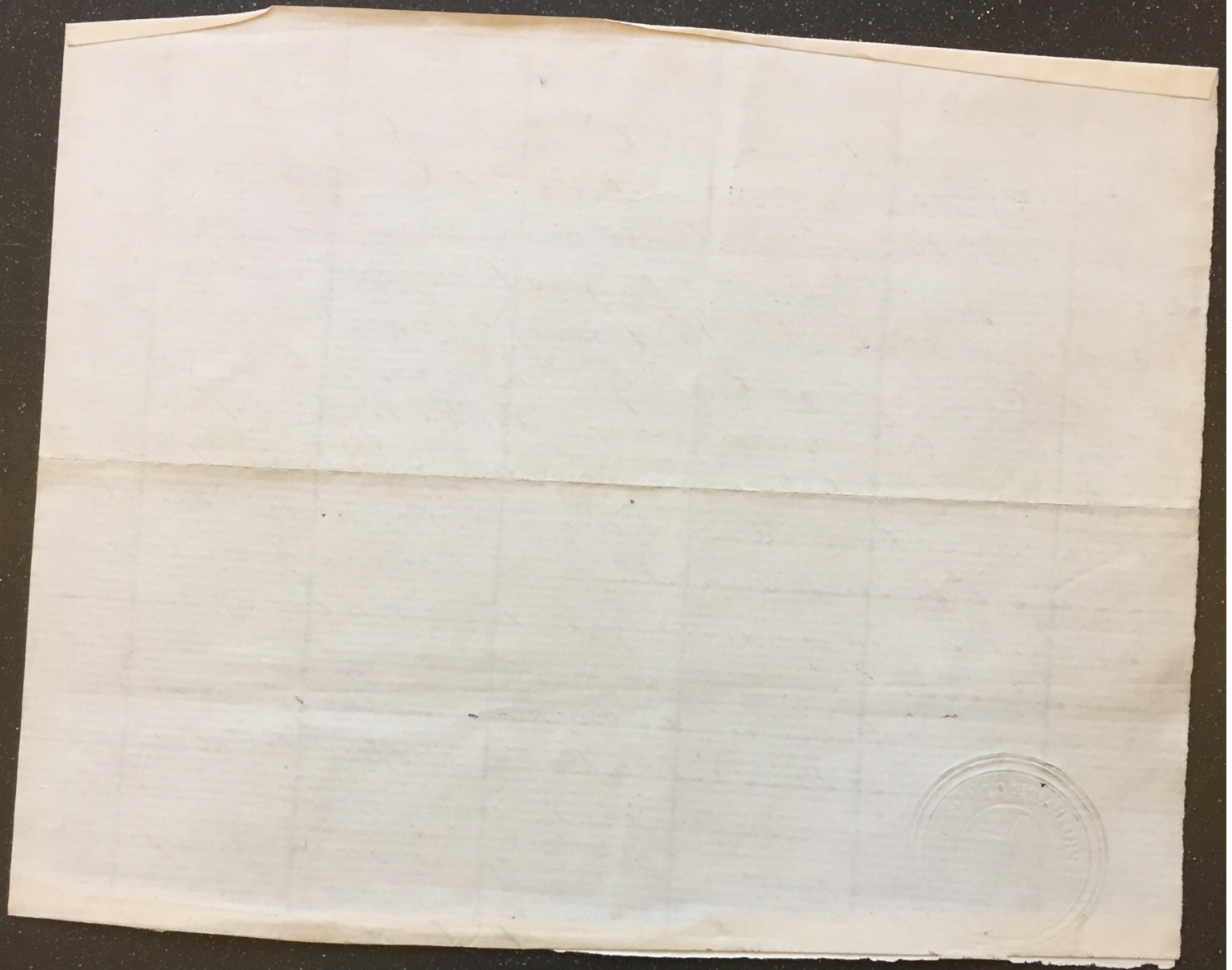
In testimony of which I have hereto set
my name and affixed the seal of said
Court at my Office in Somerville this
3^d November 1857

J. W. Campbell Judge C

The State of Alabama, (I, Christopher C. Durin Judge
Lawrence County, 53.) of the Probate Court of said County,
and also Clerk of said Court, and so declare by the Law
Creating it, Certify, that James C. Parker, was on the
5th day of December 1857, duly appointed by the Pro-
bate Court of said County, Guardian of John B. Kent,
William J. Kent, Mary Ann Kent, Elizabeth Kent,
Martha Kent, Jackson Kent and Jane Kent, Minor
Children of John M. Kent deceased, and that he still con-
tinues to be such Guardian, that he has given bonds
as such and is in all things authorized to act as Guardian
as aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the official seal
of said Probate Court, at Office in the Town
of Moulton the 15th day of March A. D. 1858.
and the 82nd year of American Independence.





County land,
son of James
and under
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Commissioner of Pensions
Washington
D. C.



Mar 3/55

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William J. Mary Ann - Eliza Alth
Martha, John W., William J.
Jane Kent minors of

John M. Kent, Jr

Capt Philpot

Col. J. P. Francis

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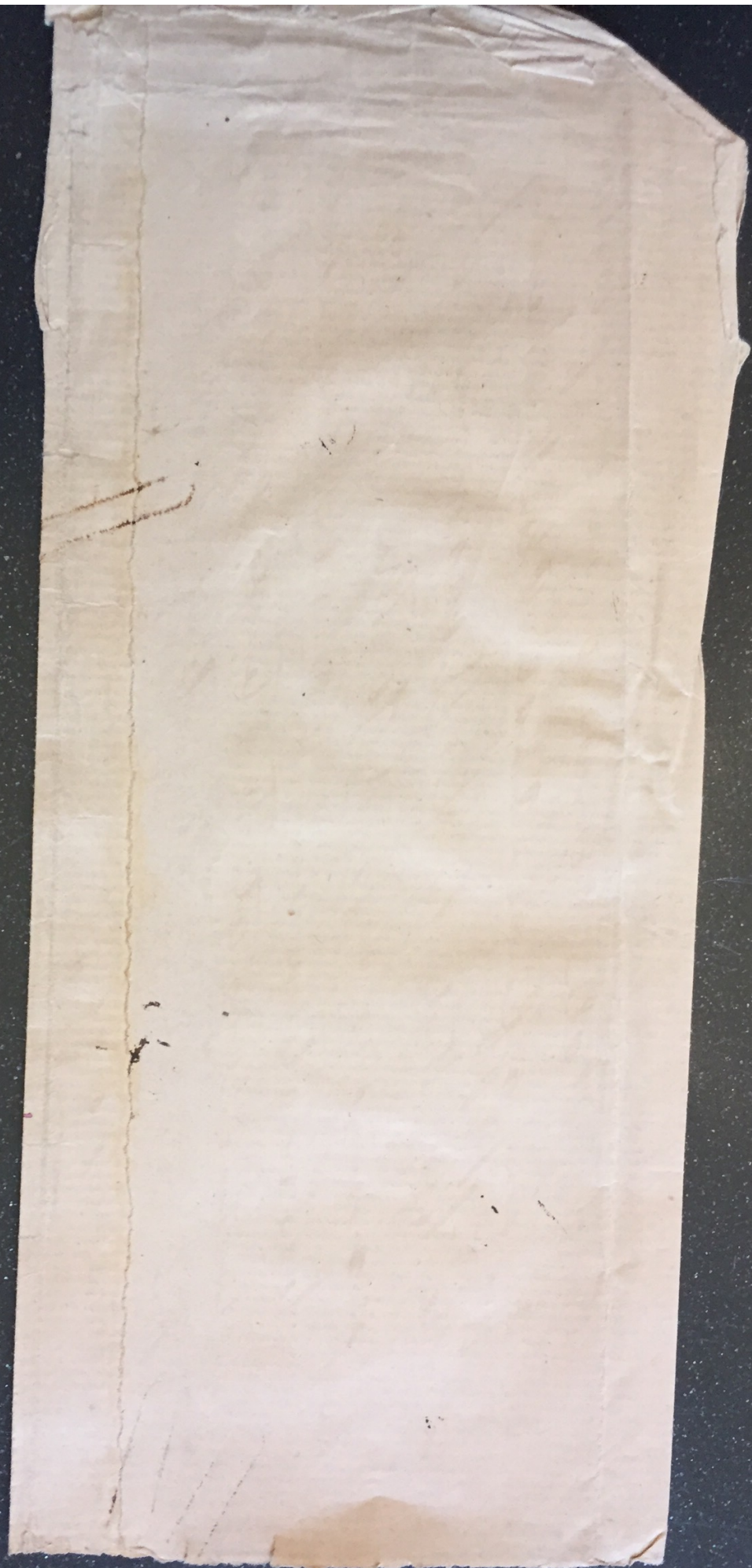
Went to C. W. Parker

Mar 27/57
Mar Creek

John M. Kent, mustered in & out of
Philpot's Co. 14. Mich 1836-380. Miles
travel.

James C. Parker, Auditor
2^d Auditor of Dutton
Apr. 27. 1857

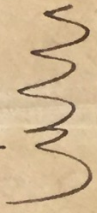
John A. Parker
Ala. Mo



John M. Hunt
Ala. W. M. A.
Madison

Additional Evidence

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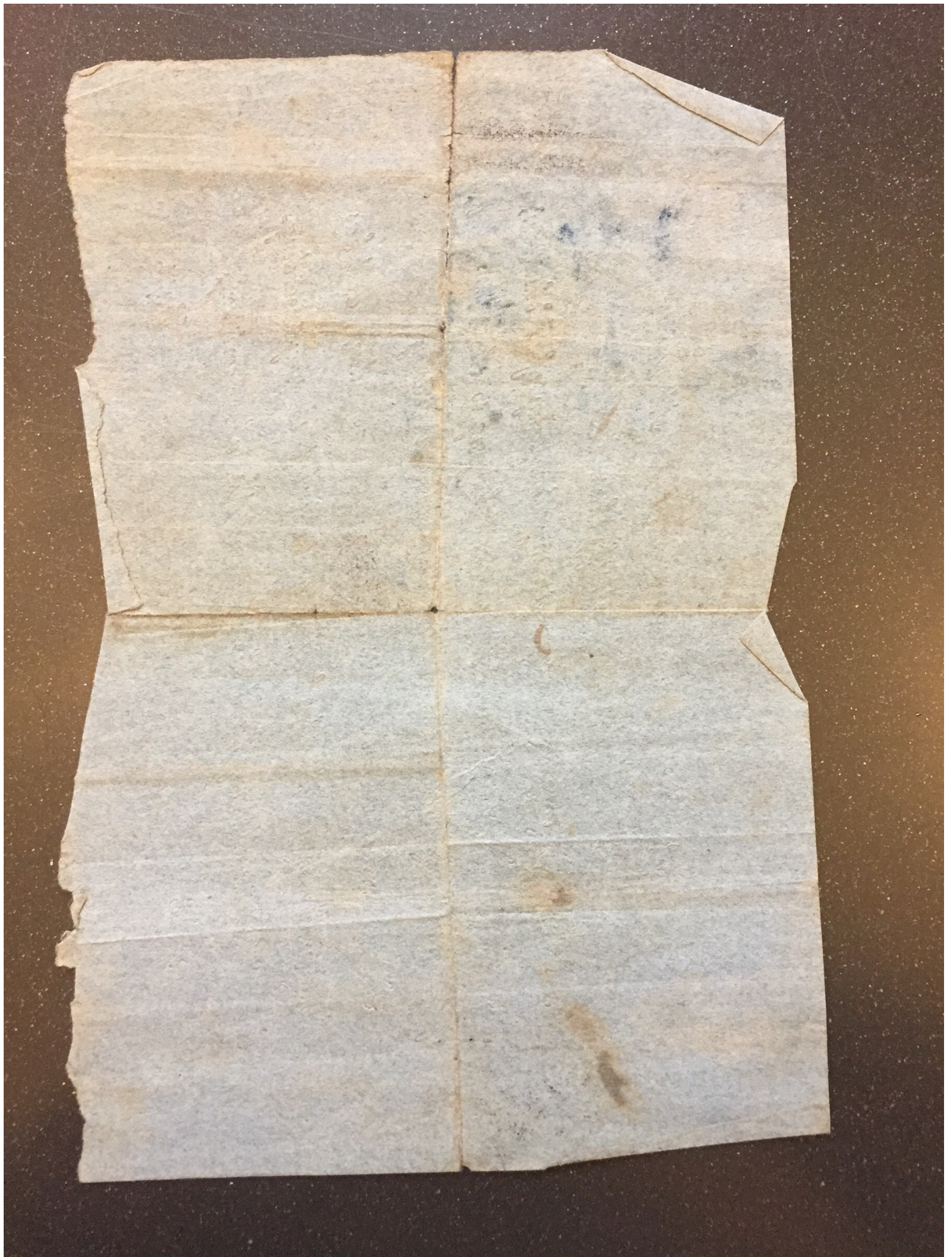


Somerville, 19 March, 1836.



I do hereby certify that *Israel Hunt*
a *private* in my Company of Volunteers,
of Mounted Infantry, belonging to the Regiment
of observation upon the Creek Indians, commanded by *Joseph P.*
Major has served in that capacity *thirteen* days, and has
this day been honorably discharged, and entitled to pay according-
ly. Given under my hand the day and date above written.

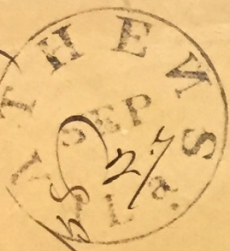
D. S. Phelps Capt.



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John M. North, Aug

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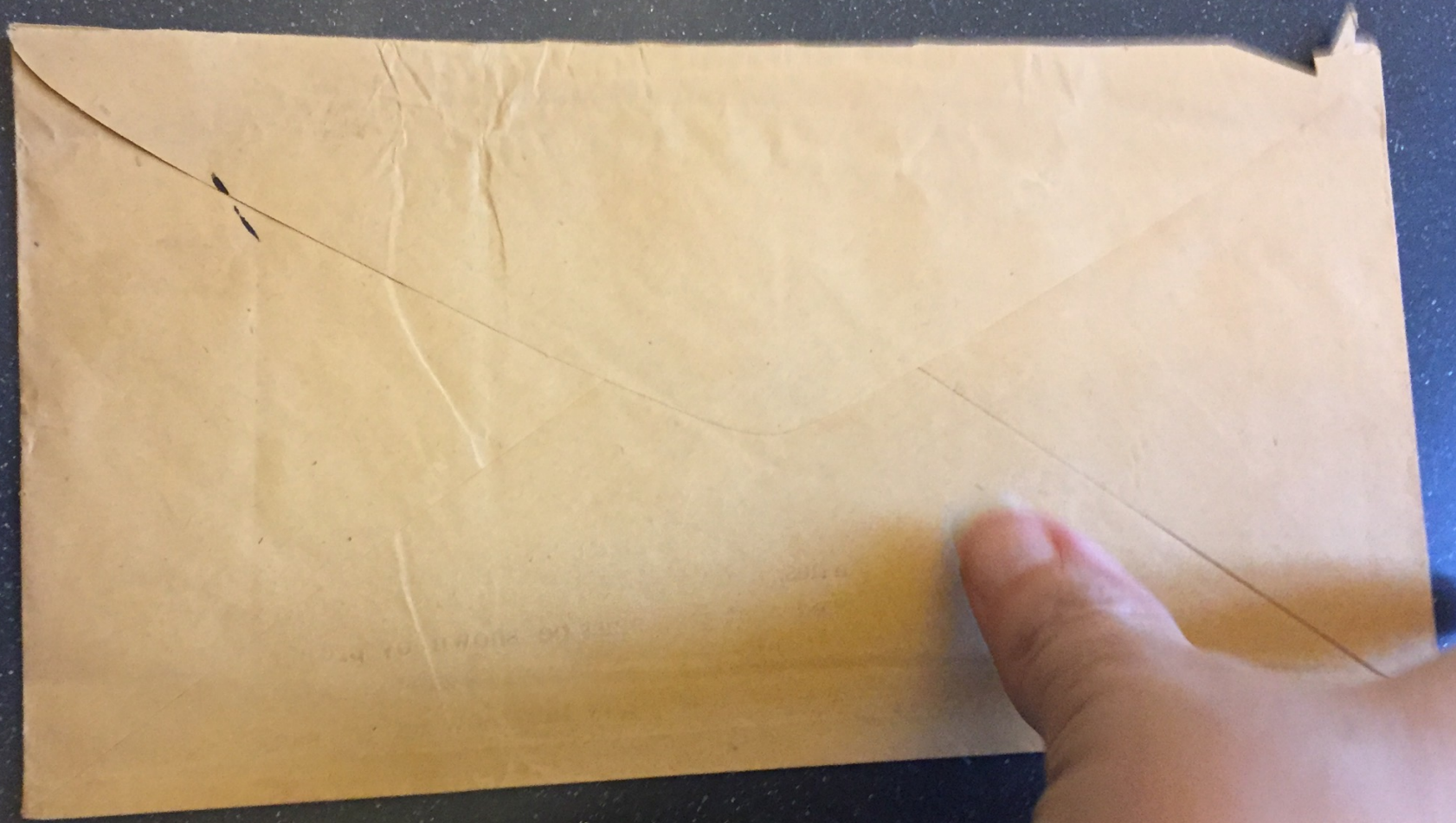


The Secretary of the
Attention

Carroll

G. S. Houston
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Wm. C. Whiting
Pension Office
Washington City
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John M. Kent decd

Mar. 11/73

Mr

George. C. Whiting

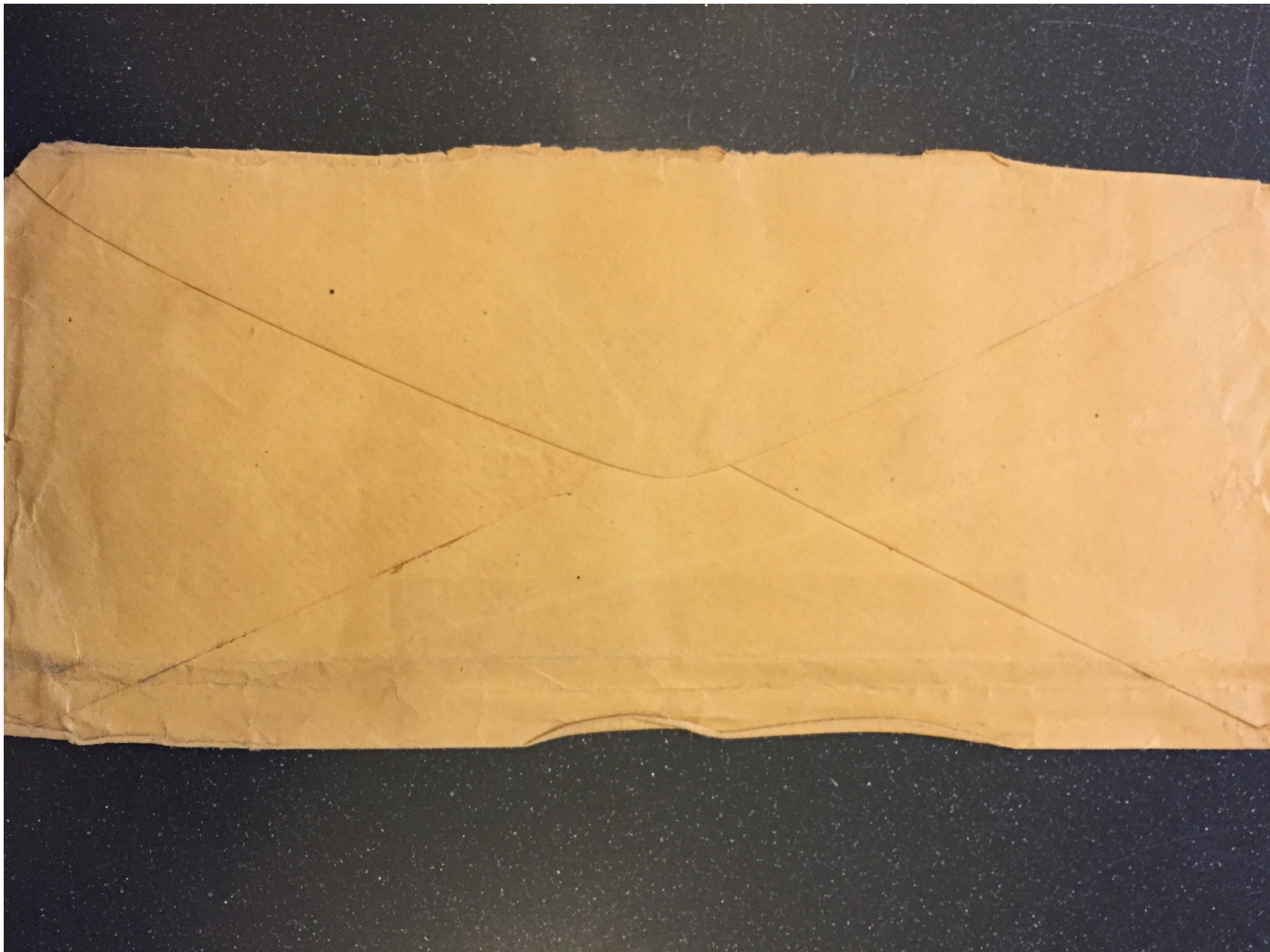
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Mar 29th



For Agent

James Parke



John M. Kent, dnd

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William J. - Mary Ann

Henry J. - Permelia J.

Matilda E. - John M. and
Martha A. Kerst

John M. Kerst, dec'd
Pirate
minor children

Capt Philpot

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