

Robert Kent land case entry file no. 4391 (01 Dec. 1841), Iowa, Van Buren County, 160 acres, Fifth Prime Meridian, Township 068N, Range 009W, Section 11, Aliquots: NW¼, Burlington, Iowa Land Office, Under Authority April 24, 1820: Sale Cash Entry (3 Stat. 566), file retrieved from Records of the Bureau of Land Management, Record Group 49, National Archives Building, Washington, DC. Full file photographed by Michelle M. Roy, June 2014.

Cursory review of file, Feb. 2015:

- On 17 Dec. 1839, Robert Kent testified that he has resided on the land since Feb. 1837 for agriculture purposes and has continued to reside there since that time.
- As of 17 Dec. 1839, he had a wife and six children.
- He was able to sign his name.
- In the land entry file it refers to the Congress Act of June 22, 1838. Research on the internet concludes this was an act of congress to grant pre-emption rights to settlers of public lands.
- An Isaac DAVIS (it is unknown if he was of Des Moines Co., Iowa where declaration was taken or Van Buren Co., Iowa where David Kent held land) testified on behalf of Robert Kent, verifying his improvements on the land.
- Isaac DAVIS was referred to in declaration as a man of reputable character and entitled to credibility.

Further internet search found the following obituary originally posted on 26 June 2013 at Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com), online public tree titled "To My Ancestors," username: "HappyJackMom," connected to individual Robert Charles Kent (b 29 Dec. 1801, d 13 Oct. 1875), as follows:

Robert Kent was born near South Green River in Kentucky on the twenty-ninth of December in 1801. He moved with his father to Missouri in 1810. It was in those days a new country, and the war-whoop and war dance of the bloody savage was no uncommon thing to hear.

He lived in St. Charles and Warren Counties until the Fall of 1836, during which time he married and had a family of five children born to him.

Always having a desire to live on the frontier, he removed with his family to Van Buren County, Iowa, where he lived until 1853, and then left for the western part of Iowa in Pottawatamie County, where he settled with the calculation of spending the remainder of his days; but in the Fall of 1860, while our late war was raging, the settlers were harassed by bands of bushwackers, and he concluded to emigrate farther west.

The following Spring he crossed the plains with his family, landing in Solano County, California, where he remained until the Spring of 1864, when he removed to Douglas County, Oregon, and settled on a farm near Roseburg. Here he resided until he was called away from those near and dear to him by the will of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe.

Mr. Kent died at Roseburg on Wednesday, October the thirteenth, 1875, aged seventy-three years, nine months, and fourteen days. He leaves an aged wife and ten children and a large circle of friends to mourn his loss.

MANAGER: Michelle M. Roy  
 DATE: 05 June 2014  
 AGENCY OR ADDRESS: 099199

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**No 4391** RECEIVER'S OFFICE, AT BURLINGTON, IOWA TERRITORY, *December 17<sup>th</sup>* 1839.  
RECEIVED from *Robert Kent*  
of *Van Buren* County *Iowa Territory* the sum of *Two hundred*  
dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents; being in full for the  
*North West* quarter of Section No. *Eleven*  
in Township No. *Sixty Eight* North, of Range No. *Nine West* West, containing *one*  
*hundred and sixty* acres, and \_\_\_\_\_ hundredths,  
at \$1 25 per acre.  
**\$ 200**  
*J. P. Van Antwerp* Receiver.

*Pre-emption Act of 1838*



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I *Robert Kent* being desirous of locating the *South West* quarter of section number *Seven* in Township number *Sixty eight N.* of Range Number *Nine* West in the District of lands subject to sale at Burlington, in the Territory of Iowa, under an act of Congress of June 22d, 1838, entitled "An act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on the public lands," do solemnly *swear* that I am an actual settler on the said above described land sought to be entered by me; that I settled on the said land by a personal residence thereon, *in* the *Month* *day* of *February* 1838, and continued to reside on the said land *constantly from that date*

*17<sup>th</sup>* day of *December* 1839; that I am the head of a family having *a wife and six children* until the dependent on me; that I was a housekeeper, and in possession by personal residence on the said land, on the 22d day of February, 1838; and that I continued to reside thereon, from that date until the 22d day of June, 1838; and that I had, as a *housekeeper and resident* upon the said land, a dwelling house thereon, and that I lived in said house and made it my home, during the whole of the time above stated.

And further, that I entered upon the above described land, which I claim under the afore-said pre-emption act, in my own right, and exclusively for my own use and benefit, and that I have not, directly or indirectly, made any agreement or contract, in any way or manner, with any person or persons whatever, by which the title I might acquire from the Government of the United States, should inure to the use or benefit of any one except myself, or to convey or transfer the said land, or the title I may acquire to the same, to any other person or persons whatever, at any subsequent time.

I sworn to and subscribed before me, this *17* day of *December* Anno Domini, 1839

*Robert Kent*

*Benjamin Allen*

Notary Public.

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TERRITORY OF IOWA, DES MOINES COUNTY.

Personally appeared before the undersigned, A Notary Public

in and for said county Isaac Davis  
who being duly sworn

that Robert Kent  
is an actual Settler on the North West quarter of section number  
Eleven in township number Fifty eight North of Range num-  
ber Nine West, in the district of lands subject to sale at Burlington, in the  
Territory of Iowa; that said Robert Kent settled on the said land by a personal  
residence thereon in the month of February 1837 that  
he resided thereon on the 22d day of February, 1838, and continued to reside thereon until  
the 22d day of June, 1838; and that he has resided on the said quarter section of land from that  
date until the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1838; that said Robert Kent  
is the head of a family, having a wife and six children  
dependant upon him; that he had as a housekeeper and resident upon the said land during  
the whole of the time above stated, a dwelling house thereon, and lived in said house and  
made it his home; that said settlement was made for Agricultural purposes, that he  
(the witness) has no interest in said land, and that there is no other claim on said land

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this Seventeenth day of December 1838  
Isaac Davis

Burkart Hume  
Notary Public

We hereby certify that we believe the above named witness (Isaac Davis) to be a man of respectable character and entitled to credit.

A. Dodge Register  
Wm. L. ...  
Burkart Hume Notary Public

N: 4391.

Chief of Robert Hunt

Act of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1838.

N. W. 1/4 Sec 11, T. 6 S., R. 9 W.

G. L. W.

See Gov.'s Cert filed  
with entry No 57 - in  
relation to Notary Public.

By the President's proclama-  
tion of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1839 Township  
68 N. 9 W was to have been  
offered on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 1839, but  
by notice of 27<sup>th</sup> Sept  
the sale was postponed,  
to commence on 9 March

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Claim approved  
M. G. P.



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No. 4391. **LAND OFFICE, at** Burlington I. T., December 17<sup>th</sup> 1839.

**IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, That, in pursuance of Law,** Robert Kent

of Van Buren County, ~~State of Iowa~~ Territory of Iowa on this day purchased of the Register of this Office, the Lot or North West quarter of Section No. Eleven in Township No. Sixty eight, of Range No. Nine West containing One hundred and Sixty acres, at the rate of One dollar and Twenty five cents per acre, amounting to Two hundred dollars and cents, for which the said Robert Kent has made payment in full as required by law.

**Now therefore be it known, That, on presentation of this Certificate to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the said Robert Kent**

shall be entitled to receive a Patent for the lot above described.

"Pre-emption Act of 1838."

A. Dodge Register



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*4391* **LAND OFFICE** at *Burlington I. T. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>* 1839  
I *Robert Kent* of *Van Buren Co. I. T.*  
~~County~~, do hereby apply to Purchase the *North West quarter of*  
Section *Eleven* in Township *Sixty eight N.* of Range  
*Nine West* containing *One hundred and Sixty* Acres according  
to the returns of the Surveyor General, for which I have agreed with the Register to give at the rate of One Dollar and  
Twenty five Cents per acre.

*Robert Kent*  
Register of the Land Office at *Burlington I. T.*  
I *A. C. Dodge*  
do hereby certify, that the Lot above described contains *One hundred and Sixty* Acres,  
as mentioned above, and that the Price agreed upon is One Dollar and Twenty five Cents per acre.  
*"Pr. Act of 1838"*  
*A. C. Dodge* Register.

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**Names On Document**

KENT, ROBERT
Military Rank: ---

**Miscellaneous Information**

Land Office:	Burlington
US Reservations:	No
Mineral Reservations:	No
Tribe:	---
Militia:	---
State In Favor Of:	---
Authority:	April 24, 1820: Sale-Cash Entry (3 Stat. 566)
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**Survey Information**

Total Acres:	160.00
Survey Date:	---
Geographic Name:	---
Metes/Bounds:	No

**Land Descriptions**

Map	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Section	Survey #	County
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*Pre-emption*

CERTIFICATE  
No. *1291*

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

**WHEREAS** *Robert Kent of Van Buren County Iowa Territory*

has deposited in the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** of the United States, a Certificate of the **REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE** at *Washington* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *Robert Kent*

according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for

*the North west quarter of Section Eleven, in Township Sixty Eight, North of Range Nine west, in the district of lands subject to Sale at Washington Iowa Territory containing One Hundred and Sixty acres*

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the **SURVEYOR GENERAL**, which said tract has been purchased by the said *Robert Kent*

**NOW KNOW YE,** That the

**United States of America,** in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, **HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED,** and by these presents **DO GIVE AND GRANT,** unto the said *Robert Kent*

and to *his* heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *Robert Kent*

and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

**In Testimony Whereof,** *John Tyler*

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** have caused these Letters to be made **PATENT,** and the **SEAL** of the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** to be hereunto affixed.

**GIVEN** under my hand, at the **CITY OF WASHINGTON,** the *first* day of *December* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty one* and of the **INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the Sixty *sixth*.

**BY THE PRESIDENT:** *John Tyler*  
By *R. Tyler* Sec'y.  
*J. Williamson* RECORDER of the General Land Office.




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	<a href="#">IA1820__437</a>	 NEAL, HIRAM	12/1/1841	5597	IA	5th PM	068N - 009W	NE¼	11	Van Buren
	<a href="#">IA1820__438</a>	 ROBB, JAMES	12/1/1841	5598	IA	5th PM	068N - 009W	SW¼	11	Van Buren
	<a href="#">IA1820__439</a>	 SAMPLE, WILLIAM	12/1/1841	5599	IA	5th PM	068N - 009W	W½SE¼	11	Van Buren
	<a href="#">IA1780__330</a>	 SARGEANT, NAHUM	12/1/1841	3468	IA	5th PM	068N - 009W	E½SE¼	11	Van Buren
							068N - 009W	W½SW¼	12	Van Buren