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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.

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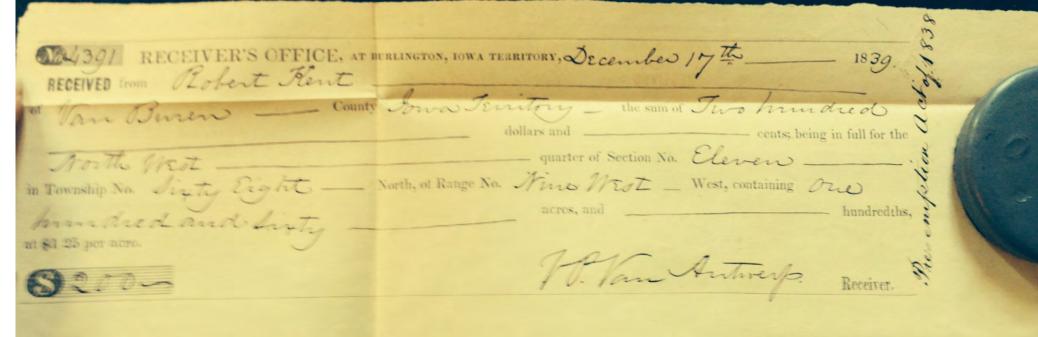
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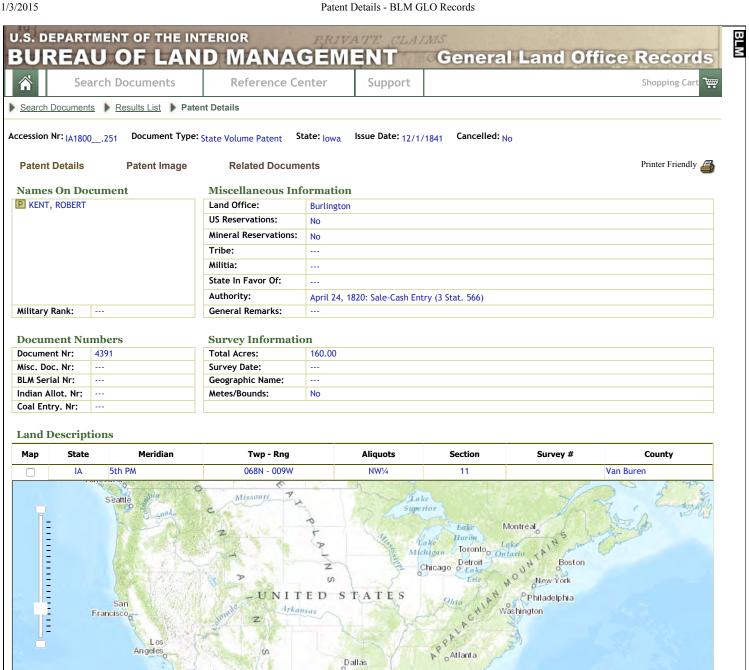
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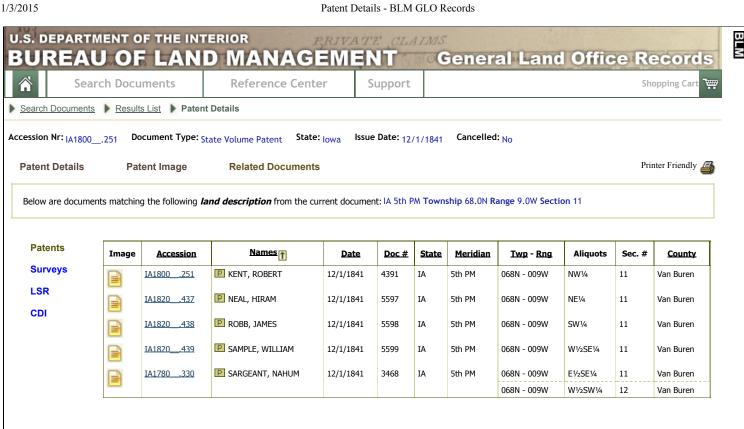
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