

Silas Kent military pension (1863), Civil War  
 "Widows' Pensions", Iowa Infantry - Regiment 19 -  
 Company H, WC15817, as viewed at Footnote  
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Widow's Certificate File Number WC 15817		
KENT	SILAS	
Soldier's Last Name	First Name	Middle Name or Initial
Co. H 19TH	IOWA	Infantry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Company and Regiment	State	Cavalry <input type="checkbox"/>
		Artillery <input type="checkbox"/>
NANCY, nee SINK		
Widow's name		
—		
Other Dependent: Father, Mother, Minor Child (Include number of and names of children under 16 if known)		

The following were found in this file:

- 1. Brief & Original Application
- 2. Proof of Service
- 3. Proof of Death
- 4. Proof of Marriage
- 5. Proof of Children
- 6. Dropped from the Rolls

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WAR OF 1861.

15817

Brief in the case of Nancy Kent, widow of  
Silas Kent, 1st Lieut in Co  
16, 19th Iowa Vol's  
Van Buren County, and State of Iowa,

Act of July 14, 1862.

Post Office address of Applicant, Pittsburg, Iowa,

Claim for widow's Pension.

Declaration and Identification in due Form.

PROOF EXHIBITED.

Carroll's Mustered in Aug 14, 1862,  
and killed in action at  
the Battle of Sterling Farm  
Sept 29, 1863.

Records of Madison Co Iowa show marriage  
of Silas Kent & Nancy K.  
July 10, Dec 31, 1848.

No children -  
No Power of Atty -

Admitted Feb 27th, 1864, to a Pension of \$ 17, per month, commencing  
September 29th, 1863

Wm. W. Adams  
Name and Residence of Agent

C. N. Talbot  
Examining Clerk.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

January 12<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 46,684, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that  
Silas Kent was enrolled on the 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of August, 1862, at Keosauque in Co. "H",  
19<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Iowa Volunteers, to  
serve 3 years, or during the war, and mustered into  
service as a Lieutenant on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August,  
1862, at Keosauque Iowa, in Co. "H", 19<sup>th</sup>  
Regiment of Iowa Volunteers, to serve 3  
years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. "H"  
of that Regiment, for the months of September and October,  
1863, he is reported "Killed in action at the battle  
of Sterling Farm Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 1863"

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Samuel Beck

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

(2.)

Memoranda

Name of applicant, Mrs Nancy Kent  
Address, Pittsburg Van Buren Co  
Iowa

MSB

The State of Ohio, Madison County, Es.

I certify that I this day solemnized the Marriage of Silas

Kent with Nancy A Link

Witness my hand, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, A. D. 1848

Israel Heath, J. P.

The State of Ohio, Madison County, Es.

I, B. P. Clark Probate Judge in and for said county, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Marriage Certificate of Silas

Kent with Nancy A Link

as taken from the Marriage Record now in this Court.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 30<sup>th</sup>

day of November, A. D. 1863

B. P. Clark, Jr. Probate Judge.

Carroll

No. 15,817

Iowa  
Nancy Kent

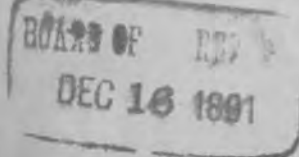
Widow of Silas Kent  
Rank 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant  
Company H  
Regiment 19<sup>th</sup> Iowa Vols.

Des Moines Agency.  
Rate per month, \$ 17  
Commencing September 29<sup>th</sup> 1863

Certificate dated March 11<sup>th</sup> 1864  
and sent to Pittsburg  
Iowa

Act 14th July, 1862.

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5/27/91 a.p. report  
returned to R. & T. Dir.  
Was Dept. for an  
add. report showing  
officer's name & how  
killed. JEP

Aug 10/91 City Adm.  
for evidence remaining  
old 3 Auditors for lat  
payments to Wadman

Nov-12/91 3 Auditors JH  
copy on evidence of elts  
Manning to Smith.  
said to be in files in lat  
Office JH

No. 40,659

15,817

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Nancy Kent  
Van Buren Co Iowa, Wid. of  
Silas Kent  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut Co H 19 Iowa Vols  
Killed at Morganza Co.,  
Sept 29 1863.

Pension Office,  
December 15, 1863.

Respectfully referred to the Adjutant  
General, for official evidence of service  
and death.

Joseph M. Barrett

Commissioner.

Received, Dec 12, 1863.

Claimant

Pittsburg

Iowa -

Attorney.

# Declaration for Re-Rating of an Invalid Pension.

TAKE NOTICE.—If this declaration is executed before a Justice of the Peace or a Notary Public, the certificate of the CLERK OF THE COURT, as to the official character and genuineness of the signature of such officer must be attached. Neglect to comply with this requirement will cause trouble and DELAY.

State of Kansas, County of Chase, SS:

ON THIS 26<sup>th</sup> day of February A. D. one thousand eight hundred and twelve

personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State

of Kansas, Nancy Smith aged 59 years a resident of

Cottonwood Falls County of Chase State of

Kansas, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the

United States, enrolled at the Des Moines Pension Agency at the rate of 17

dollars per month, Certificate No. 2; by reason of disability from being the widow

of Silas Kent Lieut. Col. who died in Service Etc.

Incurring in the Military service of the United States, while serving as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Captain

of Co. H. 19 Iowa Inf. Regt.

That he believes himself to be entitled to a re-rating, as the rate originally allowed him was too low and not commensurate with the extent of his disability, nor in proportion to the rate allowed to others for similar and equivalent disability.

was only \$17.00 per month as the widow of said Officer & was only rated as a Lieutenant's widow, whereas said Silas Kent, at the time of his death, was Captain of Co. H. 19 Iowa Inf. Regt., as his corrected muster will show in the Adjutant's Genl. Office Etc. & she now asks for correction & re-rating accordingly, from the time of said death to her re-marriage.

(Note.—State here with particularity what ratings the pensioner believes to be inadequate and unjust, the grounds on which he bases such belief, and what he claims with regard to such ratings.)

that he hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, S. E. Adler of Ottumwa Iowa

his true and lawful attorney, to prosecute his claim. His fee is to be Ten Dollars

His post office address is Cottonwood Falls, Chase Co. Kansas

B. J. Grover  
Alice Rossignol  
(Two witnesses who write sign here.)

Nancy Smith  
(Signature of Claimant.)  
Former widow of  
Silas Kent  
Capt. Co. H. 19 Iowa Inf. Regt.



Also personally appeared B. F. Grove residing at Cottonwood Falls  
Chase County, Kansas and Alice Romigh residing at  
Cottonwood Falls persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and

who being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Nancy Smith

the claimant sign his name (make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her that she is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

(If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who write sign here.)

Alice Romigh  
B. F. Grove  
(Signatures of Affiants)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, A. D. 1891

and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing declaration were fully made known and explained

to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words

erased, and the words

added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim, and am not concerned in its prosecution.

[L. S.]

Com. Ex  
Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1893  
W. S. Romigh  
(Official Signature)  
Notary Public  
(Official Character)  
Chase County, Kan.

I, Geo. M. Hayden, Clerk of the District Court, in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that W. S. Romigh, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was at the time of so doing A. Notary Public in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1891.

[L. S.]

Clerk of the District Court - Chase Co.

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE, or NOTARY, then CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character hereon, and not on a separate slip of paper.



INVALID.

Claim for Re-Rating.

Nancy Smith Applicant.  
for widows of Siles Kent  
Capt. H. 19 Reg't  
 Iowa Inf. Vols.

Pension Certificate No. (unknown)  
15-817  
Nancy Kent (Nancy Smith)  
Widow of Siles Kent  
Capt. Co. H. 19 Iowa Inf.

Filed. Off. 15, 817.



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(3-464.)  
*M. J. P.*  
DIVISION.

Department of the Interior, *R*

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *May 27*, 1891.

Respectfully *referred to the*  
*Records and Pension Division*  
*War Dept.* for an addition-  
al report showing the  
rank borne by the within  
named officer at the  
date of his death *Sept*  
*29, 1863*. It is accepted  
that the record has been  
amended to show him  
a Captain at said  
date.

*Adj. G. # 15817*

*Silas Kent*

*Co. H, 19th Iowa Vols.*

*Geo. B. Kamm*

Commissioner.

War Department,

RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION,

Washington, *May 29*, 1891.

Respectfully returned to

The Commissioner of Pensions,

With the information that  
under the provisions of the act  
approved June 3, 1884, Silas Kent  
is considered by this Depart-  
ment as commissioned to the  
grade of captain, Co. H, 19th Iowa  
Vols., to take effect from Aug.  
3, 1863, and is recognized as of  
that grade and organization  
until the date of his death.



BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

*F. C. Quin*  
Major and Surgeon, U. S. Army.

U. S. AUDITOR'S  
OFFICE  
AUG 12 1891

(3-399.)

THIRD ADDITIONAL OFFICE  
RECEIVED  
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DIVISION

# Department of the Interior,

## BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1891.

Hon. Third Auditor,  
U. S. Pension Agent,  
U. S. Treasury

Des Moines Iowa,  
Agency,

SIR:

Please furnish a report as to payment of Certificate No. 15,817  
of Nancy Kent, widow of Silas Kent  
who is alleged to have <sup>1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cer No. 19<sup>th</sup> Iowa vol. Inf.</sup> ~~remained~~ on the ~~not shown~~ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_. The information is desired for use in  
the claim of the ~~Said Nancy Kent for~~ ~~no~~ change of rank

Very respectfully,

Geo B Raum  
Commissioner.

### REPORT.

Payment made to include \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_, with \_\_\_\_\_  
increase. The payment was discontinued on the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_, because of the \_\_\_\_\_

U. S. Pension Agent.

\_\_\_\_\_, 189\_\_\_\_

NOTE.—If any change in amount of pension originally allowed, please so state.

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FORM 199 a.

# Treasury Department,

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THIRD AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

August 10th, 1891.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir: In reply to your letter of

10th inst., in case of

Nancy Kent

Certificate # 15,807

Fairfield, Iowa Agency,

Widow Roll,

the records of this Office show payments to have been made at

per month from 29 September 1868 to 29 November

1868, state of marriage.

Phy. Surveyed

John Herwick returned.

Respectfully yours,

*[Signature]*

Auditor.

[Ed. 3-14-'90-1,000.]

*[Signature]*

Case 8794

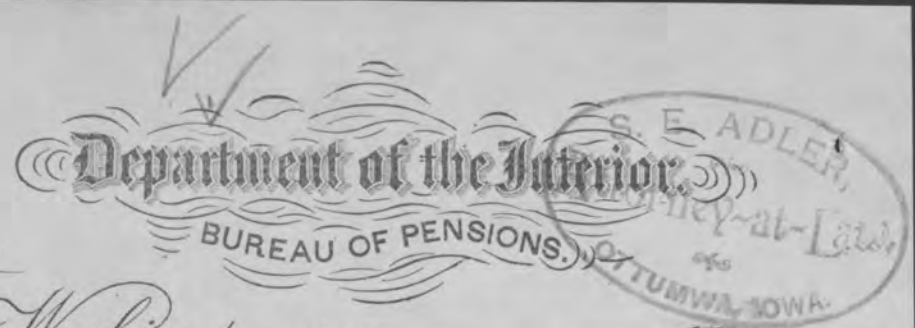
Western Div.

Certified Copy  
No. 13,817

Silas Kent

Co. He 19<sup>th</sup> Regt Iowa Inf

Address your reply to the COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS with return of this letter.



Washington, D.C. August 10, 1891

Sir

Referring to the above cited pension claim, in which an application has been recently filed to change the soldier's rank, evidence should be furnished showing the fact and date of the claimant's remarriage.

Upon receipt of said evidence the claim will receive prompt attention.

Very respectfully,  
Green Braun  
Commissioner.

S. E. Adler,

Ottumwa,



Iowa

Ottumwa Iowa Aug 15/91

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions

The certified copy of Re-Marriage of claimant to Rufus D. Smith is on file in the office of second Auditor U.S. Treasury cert No 135,616 with her application for difference of Pay re - to which you are sep. referred.  
Very respectfully S. E. Adler Chs. Atty.

Bureau of Pensions.

Examiner

Review this  
case to allow  
pension as widow  
of Captain. See  
A.G.'s report  
attached

W.P.

Writing last P. in  
and return

Nov 12/91  
Writing call on  
2 October for  
evidence of service  
J.H. J.H.

Treasury Department,

SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., *Nov. 17*, 1891.

RESPECTFULLY RETURNED TO THE HON. COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

The records of this office show that in the case of *Silas Keut*

late *1st Lieut*, Co. *H*, *19th* Regiment *Iowa* Volunteers, arrears of pay

to include *Sept. 29*, 1863, and ~~\$~~ Bounty, act of \_\_\_\_\_, 186 , was

allowed *Nancy Keut, widow* by Treasury Certificate No. *119142*

issued *Oct. 24*, 1864.

*Nancy Smith formerly Nancy Keut*, was

also allowed ~~\$~~ *20903* arrears as *widow of Silas Keut, late Capt.* Bounty, act of \_\_\_\_\_, 186 , by Treasury Certificate

No. *135616*, issued *Jan. 31*, 1891.

Both claims were allowed on satisfactory evidence of *relationship. A copy of Certificate of marriage on file shows that claimant was married to D.R. Smith, Nov. 29, 1868.*

*J. A. Patterson*  
Auditor.

PENS. CLAIM  
*Cent 15817*  
No. *7. a. b.* By *[Signature]*  
*28.*



West.  
J.J.C.

Department of the  
PENSION OFF

Washington, D. C., 11 11 1891

Carroll

16-9-8  
8-6-91

Sir:

*Certificate*  
A claim, No. 15817, has been filed in this Office  
by Nancy Kent<sup>Wife</sup> Smith, as widow  
of Silas Kent, who was a Captain  
in Co. H, 19<sup>th</sup> Regt, Iowa vol. Inf. Vols., and is alleged  
to have died in service, Sept. 29, 1863. Will you please to furnish  
WITH THE RETURN OF THIS CIRCULAR, a copy of such evidence as may be in your  
possession relative to the claimant's remanage to  
Smith, since to be on file in your Office in claim  
for change of rank from 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. to Captain and pay  
accordingly set forth by Certificate # 135616

Very respectfully,

Geo B Raum

Commissioner.

The SECOND AUDITOR,

Treasury Department.

(10472-20 M.)

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STATE OF IOWA, } SS.  
Van Buren County,

ON this 21st day of November A. D. 1863, personally appeared before me John A. Miller Clerk of the District Court in and for said County and State, Nancy Kent a resident of Pittsburg in the County of Van Buren and State of Iowa, aged thirty three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress approved July 14, 1862. That she is the widow of Silas Kent who was a Lieutenant in Company No. commanded by Captain J. H. Richmond (formerly) in the Nineteenth Regiment of Iowa Infantry Volunteers in the war of 1861, who entered the service of the United States on or about the 28th day of August 1862, and was killed in battle at or near Morgantown in the state of Louisiana, on the 29th day of September 1863. She further declares that she was married to the said Silas Kent ~~in~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> County of Madison State of Ohio on the 31st day of December A. D. 1848; that her husband, the aforesaid Silas Kent was killed ~~in~~ on the day above mentioned, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. She also declares that she has not, in any manner, been engaged in, or aided, or abetted the Rebellion in the United States.

That she had, at the date of her husband's death, ~~no~~ <sup>one</sup> children, ~~as follows~~ <sup>my maiden name was Nancy Smith</sup> which, with my marriage to Silas Kent, will appear from the proof annexed

Nancy Kent

Also, personally appeared Geo. C. Duffield and Benjamin Wilson residents of <sup>in</sup> the County of Van Buren and State of Iowa, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw the aforesaid Nancy Kent sign her name to the foregoing declaration; and they further swear that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim, and that she is still a widow and that said Silas Kent left no children at the time of his death

Geo. C. Duffield  
Benjamin Wilson  
John A. Miller

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 21st day of November A. D. 1863; and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Address,  
Nancy Kent  
Pittsburg  
Van Buren Co  
Iowa

Clerk District Court.

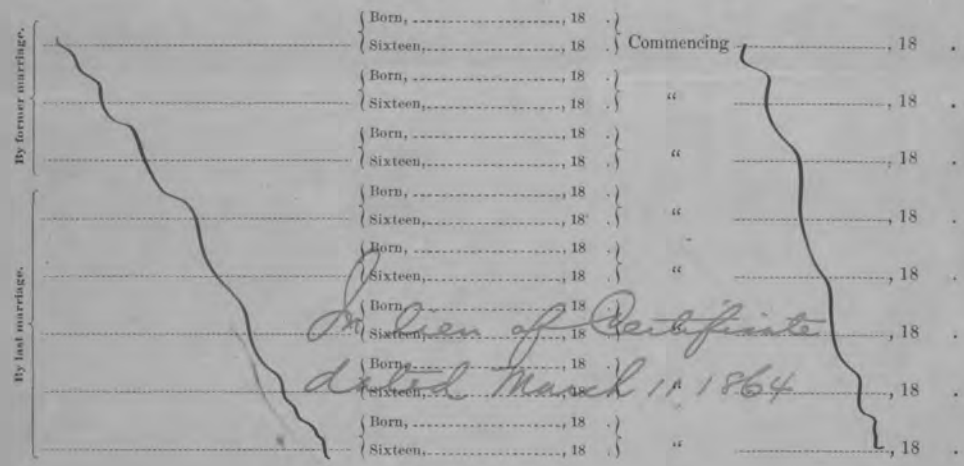


Restoration & reissue to correct rank, rate and date of commencement (3-128)

**WIDOW'S PENSION.**

15581  
9/22/21

Claimant Nancy Kent <sup>22</sup>/<sub>22</sub> Smith ✓ Soldier Silas Kent ✓  
 P. O. Bottomwood Falls ✓ Rank Captain ✓, Co. A ✓  
 County Chase, State Kansas ✓ Regiment 19<sup>th</sup> Iowa vol. Inf. ✓  
 Rate, \$ 20 per month, commencing September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1863, and ~~and~~  
 and two dollars a month additional for each child, as follows:



Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.  
 All pension to terminate November 29, 1868, date of widow's remarriage ✓

**RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:**

Name S. E. Adler ✓ Fee \$ 10 Agent \_\_\_\_\_ to pay.  
 P. O. Ottumwa, Iowa Articles filed \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_

**APPROVALS:**

Submitted for ad Dec. 15, 1891, J. B. Carroll, Examiner.  
 Approved for restoration to former rank and rate, date of commencement, and to terminate pension, and to deduct all payments,  
May 4, 1891, Legal Reviewer.  
E. N. Campbell, Reviewer.  
 Approved for \_\_\_\_\_ death resulted from \_\_\_\_\_ due to \_\_\_\_\_ which has been legally accepted, \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Reviewer.  
Medical Reviewer  
not necessary  
Medical Referee

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Enlisted <u>Aug 17, 1862</u>	Invalid application filed <u>Jan</u> , 18__
Mustered <u>as Capt Aug 3, 1863</u>	Invalid last paid to _____, 18__
Discharged <u>not</u> , 18__	Former marriage of soldier <u>no</u> , 18__
Died <u>Sept. 29, 1863</u>	Death of former wife _____, 18__
Declaration filed <u>March 5, 1891</u>	Claimant's marriage to soldier <u>Dec. 31, 1848</u> <u>as marriage Nov 29, 1868</u>

claimant writes no m.e.