

### **Pension Application for Jacob Kent**

R.5873 (Widow: Huldah)

Letter in folder dated August 21, 1929, written to the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington D.C.

The above claim was submitted to the United States Government in the year 1853, by Elias Kent of Natchez, Mississippi, for services rendered by his father, Jacob Kent, during the war of the Revolution, according to a letter received from you, which stated the above claim was not allowed as the law did not provide for children inheriting pensions, I presume the claim was automatically rejected and no investigation made.

Jacob Kent was blind the latter years of his life and he and his wife Huldah, were dependent on some of their children for support and it seems strange that neither he nor his wife made claim for this pension during their lifetime.

Elias Kent was one of ten children and a rolling stone and out of touch with his family for a great many years, so I am wondering if it were possible that Jacob Kent or his wife Huldah applied for a pension and received same, which fact was unknown to Elias Kent when he submitted the above claim.

Jacob Kent and his wife lived in Vermont after the War of the Revolution, residing at different times in the towns of Bradford-Topsham-and Sutton. Both Jacob and his wife Huldah died in Sutton, Jacob in the year 1832, according to my information and Huldah about 1840.

Would it be possible for you to tell from your records whether or not Jacob Kent or his wife ever applied for a pension during their lifetime? The only means that I have of identifying the Jacob Kent that I am interested in is that his wife's name was Huldah and that he resided after the Revolution in the Towns of Bradford-Topsham and Sutton, in the State of Vermont.

Thanking you in advance for any trouble this may put you to, I remain,

Yours very truly. F. K. Dohrman

Elias J. Kent died in Natchez, Miss., the latter part of September 1865.

The State of Mississippi

Adams County SS.

In the Probate Court thereof:

This is to certify that on this twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three, Elis J. Kent, sometimes known as Elias Kent appeared in open court, his Honor, Jude Reuben Bullock presiding, and being sworn by me according to law in open court, he deposeth and said that he is the eighth child of Jacob Kent, deceased, of the State of Vermont and Huldah Kent also deceased, of the State of Vermont.

This his said parents had ten children in all and that there snow survive of their said children namely, Polly McQuilis, Betsy Lealy, and said affidavit Elias J. Kent.

That he the said affiant is now fifty seven years old and resides in this count. That his said father Jacob Kent enlisted in the army of the revolution under General Montgomery in the day of [blank] in the year [blank] at [blank] in New York in Captain Lamb's company of heavy artillery. That the said Jacob Kent was at the storming of Quebec, and was by the side of Captain Lamb, when Lamb was taken prisoner, that only four the said Jacob Kent's company remained alive after the storming of Quebec, of which Jacob was one.

That the said Jacob served in the revolutionary army for a period of five years or longer. That at the request of General Montgomery he remained in the service after his time for his discharge. That he entered the city of Quebec by siege of General Montgomery and was discharged at [blank] on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year [blank] That his said father's discharge has been lost or destroyed, and that said affiant has it not & cannot find it.

That the said Jacob Kent married Huldah Norris at Newbury in the State of Vermont on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year of our Lord 1780.

That the said Jacob was blind for many years before his death—his blindness in his opinion of this physicians being caused by the severe service he saw and induced it whilst in the line of his duty in the revolutionary army that the said Jacob died at Sutton Vermont, on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1832—

That his said mother the widow of the said Jacob namely Huldah Kent was never married again after the death of her husband. The said Jacob and that she died at Sutton Vermont on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year A.D. 1840.

That neither the said Jacob, nor the said Huldah—the affiants said Parents ever received any pension or bounty land from the United States under any of the laws in such cases applicable, and that they never applied for any pension during their lives.

That the said affiant cannot produce any proof in support of the allegations he has herein made under oath of the said Jacob's services in the war of the revolution by reason of the length of time that has elapsed, and of the loss of every paper or document paper or document pertaining to such services that the facts to which he has deposed above are made from memory.

He the said affiant distinctly remembering them, for they were often recited in his hearing by his said father Jacob—that he refers to the rolls of the revolutionary Army for full proof—of his said father's services—the main points of which are here recited, that he is prepared fi necessary to [?] other proof besides his own statement of the marriage of his parents aforesaid and the dates and places of their death respectively.

That he claims for himself, the said affiant, and his sisters above named the pension that may be found to be due his said mother Huldah Kent, dec'd widow of the said Jacob Hunt, his father under the act of Congress of July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 in Virtue of her said husband, the said Jacob's services, and the hereby appoints N.B. Saneathen of Washington, D.B. to be his attorney to prosecute to a conclusion this the claim of the children of the said Jacob & Huldah Kent for pension due the said widow, hereby conformity all that he can legally do in the premises and I do certify that the said

affiant has this day hereunto subscribed his name in my presence and in open court.  
Signed Elias J. Kent alias Elias Kent.

And this is to certify that the above declaration was taken down by me in open court, in the presence and hearing of his honor Judge Reuben Bullock proceeding in testimony of which his honor hereto affixes his signature, this day in my presence. R. Bullock. [?]

And I do also hereto affix my hand and the seal of the Court this said twenty ninth day of October A.D. 1853. Richd A. Inge. [Chm?]