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Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Edwin Kent VAS1045 Transcribed by Will Graves

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[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

The Deposition of John Lowry of Lancaster County [Virginia] the said Lowry deposeth and saith that Edwin Kent a midshipman in the Virginia State Navy during the revolution that he served during the war in the said Navy to the knowledge of the said John Lowry and further this deponent saith not.

S/ John Lowry

[Acknowledged in Lancaster County Virginia January 2, 1832]

The Deposition of Mrs. Sally Finley of the County of Lancaster State of Virginia taken the 7th day of March 1838.

This deponent after being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that she is in her eighty ninth year of her age. That she well recollects that Mid: Edwin Kent of said County was in the service at least 4 or 5 years during the Revolutionary War. That after the said Kent returned home after the close of the war – he married a Miss Mima Chilton who had several daughters at the time of his marriage and by the said marriage the said Kent left three sons viz. Jesse Kent, Ludowick and Joel Kent; – The said Jesse intermarried with Frances Brook he died about 1815 leaving two children viz. Beverly Kent and Edward Kent both of whom are now of Lancaster County. Ludowick & Joel Kent brothers of the said Jesse died intestate without issue.

This deponent further saith that the said Ed Kent who was in the War of the Revolution was her uncle – and further this deponent saith not.

As witness my hand and seal this 7th day of March 1838

S/ Benjamin Waddy, Clerk

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 13th day of April 1784, in the name of Edwin Kent, as a Midshipman for £4.0.9, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Thomas Pollard and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 12th day of March 1838.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

The Governor of Virginia

Your petitioners Beverly and Edward Kent grown children and heirs at law of Midshipman Edwin Kent of the Virginia State Navy during the War of the Revolution respectfully sheweth

That their ancestor entered the service at an early period of the revolution and remained in said service long enough to be entitled to the proportion of Bounty Land usually allowed a Midshipman in the Navy of the State and that they have never received any bounty in land on account of the military services nor do they believe that he ever did in his lifetime.

Your petitioners respectfully asked that you will grant the bounty land to them as the legitimate heirs and representatives of the said Ed Kent for three years service as a Midshipman in the Virginia State Navy

And your petitioners shall ever pray

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