

KENT PAPERS

1. ✓ Account book of purchase and sale of crops, stock etc. covering the period 1809 - 1830. with odd additions in a different hand to 1843.
Volume also includes a few copy letters and, loose in front, a list of acreages of numbered fields in Rigton manor with names of tenants.
[Long folio, calf binding. On cover JDR, IDR, and ISAAC DENISON BOOK, Rigton 1841]
2. ✓ Diary 1855 - 1893 [of a farmer] recording the weather, events on the farm, payments and receipts. In back, notes on prices of animals [1887 - 1893] and accounts of beasts sold [1886 - 1889] and memoranda of cartage of gravels etc. [1892 - 1895] Note by Isaac Denison on burials of the Brearcliff family [1779 - 1842]
[Long folio, parchment binding]
3. ✓ Book headed "ISAAC A. DENISON, DUNKESWICK, NOVEMBER 17TH 1880, MEMORANDUM BOOK," covering the period 1800-1886. In back, miscellaneous accounts [1884 - 1886] mostly for sale of eggs, sheep and pigs. Recipe for mange in dogs and record of tuppings and servings and a number of addresses.
[Large quarto, parchment binding. On front cover Diary 1880, Isaac a. Denison, Dunkeswick]
4. ✓ Accounts of the executors of Charles Patrick [of Timble](died 4 July 1877) September 1877 - 1883
 - a. ✓ Copy will of Charles Patrick dated 11 June 1875, probate 9 Aug 1877
 - b. ✓ Memorandum of payments July 1877 - January 1882, with memoranda of sums held and paid by Mrs Margaret Patrick in account of her husband's estate.
 - ✓ Receipts for land tax 1881 - 1884
 - ✓ Account for linseed oil, turpentine and paint bought by B.B.Kent, Menwith Hill 1882
 - ✓ Receipts for renewal of insurance policy no. 1537917 with the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance company in the name of Charles Patrick. 4 Jan. 1884
 - ✓ Receipted accounts for work to buildings etc. 1878 - 1880
 - Receipt for land tax 1879
 - Solicitor's account to the executors of Charles Patrick 1881 - 1882
5. ✓ Farm account book of Tatefield Hall 1942 - 1954 of B.W.J.Kent, Leeds 6
6. ✓ Disbursement book of Thomas Kent, late Overseer of the Township of Rigton 1826. In back, memoranda of receipts of interest paid 1837 - 1841; bills to Thomas Kent. [Quarto, paper cover]
 - a. ✓ Receipted account for walling, sand and flags 1836
Bill for unspecified goods n.d.
Bill for unspecified goods 1839
Bill for wood 1839
 - b. ✓ 20 November 1841 Letter from Josph Rigion to the Overseer of

Rigton in relation to a balance of 19d owing to the Townships of Bolton for relief given to J.Sowden Mawson

7. ✓ Act for enclosing part of the Forest of Knaresborough 1770
8. ✓ Small book of biblical texts. 19C. [Octavo, no cover]
 - a. ✓ Two volumes of observations of a religious nature. 19C [Octavo, no cover]
9. ✓ Sheets of biblical texts and religious observations
 - a. Notes of sermon [?]
10. ✓ Poster for a bazaar at the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Macartan, Monaghan. Sept. 1888
11. ✓ 13 Jan. 1777. Agreement by John Clark to convey to Thomas Fletcher a parcel of land late parts of the open district called the Forest of Knaresborough, containing 29 acres, 3 roods and 38 perches, allotted to John Clark by the Enclosure Commissioners. Consideration £330
12. ✓ 5 April 1786 Copy release by William Manby of Knaresborough, wine merchant, to John Kent of Haverah Park, yeoman, and Thomas Fletcher of Dunkeswick, yeoman, of a messuage with appurtenances, and the West Field, New Inclosure in Rigton, now in the occupation of John Theakstone, and also assignment of two parcels of land encroached from the common to Rigton called Lane Intacks, to hold the latter for the residue of the term of 99 years granted to William Manby by the Revd. Thomas Pollock and Susanna his wife. 1 July 1775. Consideration £600.10s
13. ✓ 27 August 1818. Copy agreement between Walter Fawkes, Esq. by John Smith, gent. his attorney and Benjamin Kent, to sell a messuage in Rigton with buildings and land pertaining to it, containing 136 acres, 1 rood, 8 perches, now in the occupation of Benjamin Kent as tenant of Walter Fawkes. Consideration £3,600
14. ✓ Summons to Thomas Kent, farmer, to appear as a juror at Wetherby Quarter Sessions 9 Jan 1827
15. Receipted bill for stone [1936]
16. ✓ Solicitor's account for expenses in preparing Mr Kent's will [1846]
17. ✓ Estreat from the Knaresborough Court Rolls, court held 19 Feb 1777. Admittance of John Fletcher of Dunkeswick, yeoman and John Kent of Pannal, yeoman to a parcel of land late part of the Forest of Knaresborough, containing 7 acres, 1 rood 39 perches of customary measure, on the surrender of John Clark of Pannal, gent.
- 18 Promissory note by [name missing] to Thomas Ellis for £400. 134 May 1811
- 19 List of French irregular verbs
- 20 Memorandum of payments of receipts [1832]

21. ✓ Memorandum of surrender by Richard Broadbelt of Hampsthwaite, cordwainer brother and heir of Bernard Broadbelt, who was the son and heir of Jane Broadbelt, widow, 20 Nov 1756, of an ancient building and 4 acres of land, meadow or pasture at Beckwith with Rossett in the Forest of Knareborough, formerly in the possession of Jane Broadbelt and now in the occupation of John Teal and of Richard Broadbelt, with messuages wastes, building and lands in Rossett, to the use of John Richardson of Knaresborough, apothecary. Consideration £200
22. ✓ Memorandum on the amendment of the Licensing Laws [late 19c. early 20c]
23. ✓ Volume containing prices of corn, butter, eggs, meat, hay, straw etc. at Wakefield, Leeds, Otley and Helmsley markets. 1905 - 1907 [Octavo, paper cover]
24. ✓ Book containing notes of work done to the land and building [at Tatefield Hall] 1930 - 1953 [Octavo]
25. ✓ Bank account book for B.B.Kent with the York City and County Banking Co. Ltd. [1897 - 1899]
 - a. Receipted account for solicitor's expenses connected with the administration of Mrs. Patrick's estate. 1897
 - b. Cheque book
26. ✓ Estreat from the Knaresborough Court Rolls, court held 19 April 1733. Admission of John Kent of Rigton to a messuage and 3½ acres of meadow and pasture called Shutt Closes, Sharp Close and Ash Bottoms and a barn at Beckwith with Rossett.
27. ✓ Leaflet requesting prayers for Joseph Brady, Daniel Curley, Michael Fagen and Thomas Caffrey executed at Kilmainhan Gaol, Dublin, for the murder of Thomas Henry Burke in the Phoenix Park, 6 May 1882
28. ✓ 29 July 1893. Agreement between James Kent of Menwith with Darley and John Houseman of Thornthwaite, Joseph Houseman of the same and Benjamin Houseman of the same, for the latter to lease Little New Close in Thornthwaite and Menwith, late in the occupation of Betty Houseman, for one year and thenceforth from year to year, determinable at 6 months notice, rent £17, with a penalty of £20 per acre for every acre now at grass broken up, and not more than two crops of grass to be cut without manuring of not less than 15 tons of good foldyard manure per acre, with a penalty of £5 for every ton of manure not spread
29. ✓ Draft will of Charles Johnson of Hole House farm in Pannal. [1906]
30. ✓ Draft will of Charles Holmes, farmer of North Rigton. [early 20c]
31. ✓ Notice of application for compulsory purchase of land at Great Timble by Leeds Corporation for Waterworks purposes. [1896]
32. Agreement by the Yorkshire Electricity Board to supply electricity to Tatefield Hall, 5 July 1959

33. ✓ Form of consent for pylons to be put across land at Tatefield Hall.
34. ✓ Account relating to the affairs of James Kent, decd. [1871 - 1895]
35. ✓ Application for payment under the estate of Mrs. Botterill of Parliament Street, Harrogate, grocer, [1893-1894] with an invoice from F. Botterill [1892]
36. ✓ Letter from John Kent in Wisconsin to B.B.Kent. [1903]
37. ✓ Letter from F.D.Keye, Marshall County, Minn. enclosing a draft for £200 against the stock of John Kent, 26 Nov. 1885
38. ✓ Letter from S.E.Fawcett, Accountant, of Otley concerning rent due to Mrs Kent for a cottage in Bay Horse Yard, Otley. 1902
39. ✓ Sketch of All Saints Church, York. Misc. papers

- 39. Rubbish.
40. ✓ 16 Feb. 1866. Certificate of transfer of £280. 16s. 4d. out of Chancery in the matter of John Neale and the N.E. Railway Co.
41. July 1797. Bill for fees on B. Kent's admission to land in forest of Knaresborough 7 under his father's will.
42. ✓ 21 Dec. 1814. Certificate of baptism of John Tidswell and Benjamin, sons of Benjamin and Dinah Kent at Rigton.
- 43 a) ✓ Probate copy of the will of Andrew Holmes of Thornthwaite, farmer, 21 Jan. 1886. Probate 9 Jan. 1886.
- b) ✓ 10 April 1886. Receipt by Sarah Jane Hardisty of a legacy of £5 and the sum of £15 as a gift from her sister, Elizabeth Jane sic Benson to make them equal in the share of the estate of Andrew Holmes, and a receipt by Elizabeth Ann Benson and Joseph Benson for the balance of the estate.
- 44 i) ✓ Jan. 1897 Letter from J.R. Kent to his brother Bramley B. Kent from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, apologising for not having written. Receipt for the money which was disturbed by the Cuban affair. Has intention to return in a year or so. Has got 80 acres in Wisconsin of Black oak timber and is building a shanty on it. There he will live in the spring and then go back to Minnesota. He will breed pigs and run them in the wood and top them off with corn. Request that his income should be sent to this place as soon as payments become due. He has a little left with which to buy lumber and nails. He is fencing and has a spring of water. He requests his brother not to forget to send a receipt with the payment. He has found an Indian arrow-head, and requests money as soon as possible.
- ii) ✓ 13 Nov. 1897. Apologising for not answering his letter. He had received the half-year's interest and mentions Bramley's money difficulties in regard to C. Kent. He himself is getting 10% for all his money, which is paid when due. He has been working hard on his place for a month husking corn. The pigs had done well, except the small ones who grew fat but did not grow. He should have been married this autumn. Metcalf of Argyle had been going east to hunt and wanted him to cook for the man he had ploughing. He was grubbing out some black oak that was in the way. It was very cold in Minnesota, but very warm here. Thinks it unlikely that he will get to England and does not wish to see the old place any more.
- iii) a) ✓ 10 Jan. 1898. He is well and has been grubbing up some oak trees so that he can break up some more land. There is not much snow and he is afraid it will be a backward spring. Requests that his money be sent as soon as possible. States that he loses about 4 months' interest every year on it.
- b) ✓ Receipts of the Yorkshire Insurance Co. for premiums paid 1 Oct. 1913.
- iv) ✓ 1 Jan. 1901. Apologising for not having written. He had received the money he thought in August. He had kept the dates that C. Kent 7 had failed to pay. He was very busy in the woods. Had sufficient snow to do good work with the logs.
- v) ✓ 17 Jan. 1902. He had received the interest and had quite a number of stock. Having a nice winter with little snow. Had not heard from Metcalf who had not answered a letter and had not had a letter from Ann for two years. He supposes Jim will be already in Africa and states that he does not know why C. Kent 7 does not send the money since he cannot be hard up.
- vi) ✓ 29 March 1902 7. He has not received the draft. He had received the photograph. He lost one of his best cows a week before; she got into a pond and could not get out.
- vii) ✓ July 1902 7. Letter from Augusta, Clare Co., Wisconsin. Has 155 head of cattle, 80 young calves and 6 milky cows, plenty of grass and water. Thinks it unlikely he will get over to see his brother. Money could be forwarded to Augusta, which is a town only 4 miles away.

- viii) ✓ 16. Jan. 1903. Letter regretting the death of poor Rose. A cold winter. Stock are doing well. He cannot come over. Going to do more fencing in the spring as he finds land fenced off in separate lots does better than ranging over all. Requests his interest so that it will arrive between the 18th and 20th February, as he will have to make a payment on wire and posts about the 23rd. He does not wish to take any money out of the Bank as it will break the interest.
- ix) ✓ [Feb. 1904]. Apologising for the delay in writing. Stock wintering well. Has been a pleasant winter. The cattle have been out every day browsing. Will be a little short of feed but thinks that 4 tons of straw will carry him through. It costs 3.50 dollars a ton processed. Has been in very good health. He ought to answer Ann's letter. Had heard Metcalf had sold out and gone down to his brother John's. He had not been up beyond St. Paul for 6 years, which is 100 miles from here. Buys in St. Paul and ships to Chicago. Had a big crop of corn last year and lots of fodder. Bought some more milch cows which made him a little short and had to calve on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Had bought a beautiful brood mare in the autumn. Money can be forwarded to Augusta.
- x) ✓ 11 Aug. [1904]. He had received the money and the draft. Is now well but has been sick. Has a lot of cattle to sell and they are worth very little. There is a great strike in Chicago. If he can sell them and make the money he is going to come on a visit with his wife for a month or so. Forward his income to the old address as soon as possible as he is going to Washington for a few weeks. Will write before he starts for England.
- xi) ✓ 1 Aug. [1905]. His crops are looking good. 20 acres of corn ears 18 to 20" long. His cattle at Augusta growing faster than they did last year and prices are a little higher. Will make the first shipment about the turn of the year. Is going to do some building right away to put up a new frame barn. Too small and inconvenient for the amount of crops growing. Land he bought for 1½ dollars an acre in Augusta has jumped up to 20 dollars an acre. They are putting a railway through the middle which will make bad work of it. Can forward the money to the last address but will write it at the head of this sheet. (Chippawa Falls, R.F.D. No. 6, Chippawa Co., Wisconsin). Would like to visit him but must put it off this autumn.
- xii) ✓ 13 Feb. 1906. Had a nice winter although quite a lot of snow at times. Stock are looking first-rate. Pork and beef have taken an upwards leap, and he hopes so as he has a lot to turn off. He has 9 sows in pig and has gone into pigs heavily. He has made more money out of pigs than other kinds of stock. Has sown quite a lot of oats and peas early in the spring. Very good crop of corn last year and had ears that weighed 6½ pounds. Money will come in useful to buy a feed-mill.
- xiii) ✓ [July 1906]. Has had good health. Can make more money out of pigs than anything else. Has had good prices ~~in~~ for the last three years and has a large hacking [?] house in Eau Claire, which is only 5 miles from his place. Has a big crop of corn. Doubts whether he can get over to see him. Send the money to the old address [Chippawa Falls].

- xiv) ✓ [Feb. 1907]. Has had a cold for 6 weeks, the influenza that is going through the county. Good winter but cold for Dikota [sic]. Stock doing well except a bull which has got kidney trouble. Has 16 pigs, 5 of them big ones. Sold 608 dollars worth of pork last summer and autumn. Has 4 brood sows. He cannot come as no-one can take care of his stock like he does. He has got to build some pig houses in the spring. Has got some steel roofing from Chicago to go over the shingles on his house which nearly caught fire from a spark from the chimney.
- xv) ✓ [July 1907]. Regrets his uncle's death, but had not received the letter informing him of the first death. Does not think he can get away. Has 138 pigs and will have some fat cattle. On his own almost always as men are scarce. Works from 4 in the morning until 10 at night. Has cultivated his corn on his own. Hopes that the papers can be forwarded for signing. Could not come unless he sold the great part of his stock. Is going to put up another silo in the autumn which will not cost more than 130 dollars.
- xvi) ✓ [Jan. 1908]. Has received Rodes's interest. Having a good winter, but would like a little snow so that he can get around better. The stock are well. Wants his back interest.
- xvii) ✓ 27 May 1908. Suggests the papers can be forwarded to a competent judge so he would not have to come away. They have had a lot of rain which has made the crops come on.
- xviii) ✓ July 23 [1908]. Has been working hard because of scarcity of men. Crops abundant. Have had 4 good years for farmers. Can make 7 per cent on money so hopes it will be sent as soon as possible. Land is the best security.
- xix) ✓ [August 1908]. Requests that he send the money as he can get 7 per cent in America as opposed to 3 or 4 in England. Has lost one of his full-blooded Durham heifers. Crops are good except oats.
- xx) ✓ [Oct. 1908]. Suggests he could send the interest through the bank and he would like it as soon as possible as he has a place for it at 5 per cent. Complains about the non-settlement of his bank interest. It is autumn and there is a lot of work. Has rheumatism in his right leg.
- xxi) ✓ [Feb. 1909]. Had received £800 but it was 18 dollars short of its value in gold. He requests Rodes's interest by 1st April. Having a good winter and stock are doing well. Does all the work except for one man and wages are high, but prices for farm produce are high also.
- xxii) ✓ 25 May [written June in error] [1909]. Wants to know when he can expect balance of his uncle's money and requests that it be sent in pounds as they charge too much. Is breaking up 20 acres of timber and when the trees are off will get a steam plough to break it up. Has too much work and works from half past 4 in the morning until 9 at night. Crops are good. The rain came at the right time.
- xxiii) ✓ [Nov. 1909]. He has been hoping to receive his interest. Has had letters opened by another John Kent in the vicinity so hopes they will be addressed with the "R". It is snowing. Has had the corn shredder and husker husking his corn and the engine set fire to his shredded corn with a spark and all hands had to put it out with the aid of the engine and water pump. A fourth of the best was lost with the fire and spoiled with water.
- xxiv) ✓ [Sept. 1909]. Has had a cold with the sudden change from heat to cold. Has had good crops although he had at one time thought it was going to be dried out. Has not heard from Kirby about the balance of the money left him by his uncle.

- xxv) ✓ [June 1911]. Has made his home here and is where he expects to die. The week before his two best milch cows were killed by lightning and ~~his horses~~ were not insured. Has them all insured now after the horse was stolen. The crops have been good and there has been plenty of rain.
- xxvi) ✓ [Aug. 1911]. Has received the interest. Excellent corn although he only has about 16 acres, all on new land. Seeded down 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres for hay in the spring with clover and timothy seed, which is fetching 15 to 16 dollars for 100 pounds of clover and timothy seed. He will begin cutting corn in 2 weeks' time and has some ploughing to do which he will begin in a few days. First part of the season very dry but there was sufficient rain later on, although the south of the state suffered. People bringing in all the hay they can and shipping it south.
- xxvii) ✓ [Nov. 1911]. Complains the interest is behind. Had to borrow 50 dollars to pay for hired help as all his other money was spent and his pigs and cattle are not ready for market.
- xxviii) ✓ [Feb. 1912]. The winter has been the coldest he has ever known, but the stock is pulling through and produce is fetching good prices. Crops are good apart from hay which was light. He had a man until a week ago and is now trying to do all the work alone. He has 5 horses, 7 milch cows, 8 young heifers and 9 big pigs, and he does not know how many hens, chickens and turkeys. The chicken houses are full and there are 60 or 70 roosting about the barns. Has been cutting down some timber and will break up the land and sow it with corn and beans. Would like the other interest sent on by about 1st April.
- xxix) ✓ 7 Aug. 1912. Having the best of crops he ever saw. Hay very heavy and grain is excellent. The hay is all up and the rye all stacked though the oats are still left. Potatoes are good; cattle are good. Has got about 20 acres of second-crop clover which he thinks he will cut for seed as dover is 20 dollars a hundred.
- xxx) ✓ 31 Oct. 1912. Complaining that the interest is behind.
- xxxi) ✓ 1 Feb. 1910. Had received the interest, with Kitty Kent's included with Mr. Rodes's. Has not received the balance of £500 from Kirby. If he is to have any use of it, he has to have it as it is worth 7% to him there. Has had a pleasant winter and the stock are doing well. It has been very warm although was very cold at the commencement for two or three weeks. Meat prices have been high but there is a revision now amongst the working class about eating meat. He lost a mare during the winter, worth 250 dollars. It got into a mud hole and sprained itself inside. She had been in foal and had to be shot. She weighed a little over a ton with the harness on. Clearing and breaking up more land all the time. Cleared about 14 acres last summer. Pulled up the stumps with a steam puller. Mixed black and white oak.
- xxxii) ✓ [Aug. 1913]. Complaining the interest is behind and hopes it can be straightened out as he does not want to have to put anyone in England to look after it. Crops are good as usual and wages are high, 2 dollars a day. Was not feeling very well for a few days, but now better. Regrets Will Metcalfe's death.
- xxxiii) ✓ 15 Sept. 1913. Is in the best hospital in Eau Claire and is getting the best of attention. Is very weak but was up for a short time on that day. Has cancer of the stomach which could not be taken out, but they say the operation will kill it. It had closed the passage to his rectum. Wants the interest because he has used almost all his money up as it is costing him 20 dollars a week and he has been there a month. The operating table costs 6 dollars and he still has to pay for the operation which will be 100 to 125 dollars. All his work has had to be hired out to 2 men working on the farm at 2 dollars a day. Hopes to go home in a week, but will need care. [Sacred Heart Hospital]
- xxxiv) ✓ 20 Oct. 1913. Has received 96 dollars interest on 6th October. His bill for the hospital and doctor was 225 dollars. Is doing well but is weak. Does not feel the effects of the cancer now. Tried to husk corn, which set him back a week or two, which is why he did not write as he felt too sick. He expects to die there.

- xxxv) 19 Dec. 1913. Is at the hospital after having undergone another operation. It is expensive remaining there and he hopes to go home in a few days. He dictated the letter as he lay in bed.
- 45) Letter to B.B. Kent from Kirby & Son, Solicitors, Harrogate, informing him that the wills of John Tidswell Kent and Benjamin Ellis Kent had been proved and the probate duties and fees were £184. 9. 3. and £307. 11. 8. respectively, which had been paid out of the £561 standing in their current account.
- 44b i) 27 Feb. 1897. At Eau Claire. Has been quite a snow-storm and is very cold now. On Sunday slipped on the ice going to the barn and dislocated his right shoulder and was laid up for over 3 weeks. Doctor charged 10 dollars to put it in again. Will have to work hard now to get back to Minnesota by 1st April. His brother may expect the arrow-head in a few days. He has two but he will send one at a time. Has shot quite a few deer.
- ii) ✓ /April 1897/ From Augusta. Got back to Augusta a week ago from the south where the harvest is finished, but here not quite through. Will begin threshing tomorrow. Crop is good and fair prices. Last autumn made nothing out of wheat. Likes the country to the south better than here. The water is all spring water but there is no wheat, only corn and sugar cane. Arranging to take a lot of pigs back this autumn as they are very cheap here. Metcalfe has about 40 to sell. If he goes over to England it will be in the last part of the winter or early spring, but doubt if he will be able to do so. An average of 5 feet of snow in Minnesota the year before. Threshing will be finished in 35 or 40 days. There are a lot of machines in the neighbourhood so will not make much with running the engine. Will want to get away from this cold place as soon as the work is over.
- iii) ✓ /March 1898/ Received the money. Had a very good winter. Cattle have been ranging all the time. Go to Argyle in about 2 weeks and stay the summer. Has worked hard clearing quite a patch of ground. Sold 2 steers to the butcher for 48 dollars each. Has got three arrow-heads which he will send on.
- iv) ✓ /12 June 1898. From Argyle. Came up from Wisconsin in the last part of March. Had a very good winter and everything is booming. The crops are splendid, but are never safe until they are threshed. Going into beef of which he has a few and horses of which he has a few in Alberta. Expects to come over in two or three years. There are thousands of acres of ranch land and plenty of water which springs out of the Rocky Mountains. Country no good for grain, only having 12 inches of rainfall.
- v) ✓ /Dec. 1898/ From Eau Claire. He has been to North-West Canada and has just returned. Will remain here for the rest of the winter or at least for 6 weeks. Received Rodes's interest. He has a lock-box at the Post Office and is well apart from a little cold. Weather is warm and the snow thawing.
- vi) ✓ /16 March 1899. From Argyle. Received the 74.25 dollars. Going to remain around Argyle this summer. Plenty of water and river running through close to where his house is, which is 18 x 24 with a single roof, but he will add to it. Will move his wife and child called Ben up there early next autumn. If he has a girl will call it after his mother and if a boy after his father, but none after himself. Metcalfe has sold a quarter and will sell the other as soon as he can. Will come and take up a ranch. Cattle do well there and never have to be housed in the winter. John Kent has another 60 acres of meadow on the riverside and can get coal for a dollar a ton or can pick it up off the ground yourself. The Government furnish logs for building purposes and for posts and rails for fencing 160 acres, but he expects to use wire for great part of the outside fences. Has a good chance to range 25 miles to the foot of the mountains. Killed 18 deer last autumn. Lots of sage hens. Rabbits are numerous and antelope on the mountain, of which he had seen a band of over a thousand. Quite a few prairie wolves and dogs and when they are put down will be a good country for sheep. Is staying with Metcalfe for a week or two. Cattle are high priced but has come there to buy them up and ship them for half rates.

- vii) ✓ 26 June 1899. From Argyle. Requests balance of the money. Very backward spring but the grain is looking better. Storms have been coming across constantly. Has some payments to make on some cattle that he wants to go to Canada as they are giving cheap rates.
- viii) ✓ 14 Aug. 1899. From Argyle. Expects money will be hard to get from C. Kent, but from Rodes will be all right. The crops are good and the harvest has just begun. He expects Metcalfe to sell out altogether this time and go west. If he does, J. Kent will come over on a visit. He will leave shortly after harvest.
- ix) ✓ 21 Oct. 1899. From Boyd, Chippewa Co., Wis. Had received the money. Got his stock to Canada safely and came back last night. Will remain here all winter. Bought 98 acres of timber. Will begin cutting it next week. Close to Yellow River, so will not have to be taken very far. Going to be 3 saw-mills on the river in 9 miles length and will be one within 3 miles of his timber. Just on the point of buying another two forties of mixed timber pine. Deer are abundant. After the timber is cut will make this into a stock farm. If the beasts tread the ground up the clover will grow. Needs every cent of the interest from C. Kent. Will get nothing for his lumber until June or July or later. Needs all the money he can get to pay the men. Price of lumber high and wants to cut all he can.
- x) ✓ /Feb. 1900/ From Eau Claire. He has been north of there putting in logs for about 50 miles north for his wife's father who has about 7 camps there. Has a lot of his own but will not do anything this year. Has been a pleasant winter and sufficient snow to make logging good.
- xi) ✓ 5 May 1900. From Argyle. Sympathizing with B.'s influenza. Got all the logs down the Yellow River in the autumn, which was difficult because of low water. Had been to Augusta two weeks ago. Will take a trip out west with Metcalfe for two or three weeks. He has not sold out yet. The lowest interest he is getting is 8% and he hopes they will put interest on the interest which is due. Started seeding on the 1st April which was dry and windy. Grass for stock scarce. A lot of building going on in town. The trees are growing all round the place.
- xii) ✓ 3 July 1900. From Argyle. Is feeling better. The crops are almost burned up from lack of rain although there was some a few days ago. Might get 5 bushels to the acre. A good many farmers ploughing their crops up. The hay crop is very light. Stayed and let Metcalfe go out west in his place. Metcalfe says there was plenty of grass and the stock was growing fat. Metcalfe saw antelope and deer, which kept on getting up in the long grass. The water was cold and delicious. He might get to England in two or three years. Since the crop was poor no use trying to sell land so Metcalfe will have to farm his land another year. Will stay there until the middle of August. Would like to go to Wisconsin for a month or two in the winter, but if he can will winter up in Canada. Wants to enlarge his house and put up some corrals. The lumber will have to ^{come} ~~be~~ 30 miles and will have to get it in Gal..... or Calgary, which is 60 miles.
- xiii) ✓ 7 Sept. From Argyle. Had very poor crops. Was stormed out ~~with~~ and only about 2 weeks threshing in the autumn. Wheat has never been more than 46 cents a bushel and has now dropped down to 40, barley 8 cents and oats 6. Will leave in a month. Does not expect to go to England in the autumn. Intends to spend the winter in Florida. Pork is a penny a pound dressed meat and beef the same. Requests balance of the money which he left. It is bad in the north-west. A great many have not got a single bushel.
- xiv) ✓ /Feb. 1905/ Did not visit him because when almost ready to start taken ill with inflammation of the lungs. So will see what he can do next autumn. Cattle prices have fallen. Sold and shipped 362 dollars worth of pigs to Chicago. Quite soft snow in the winter and not so cold, so the stock did not need much caring for. Bought 4 milch cows and a horse. Has a man and his family on the farm tending to the stock near Augusta. Thought he would move here and take care of himself this winter. Would like to make a trip to Duba. Is going to St. Paul about the middle of March to buy cattle for the ranch at Augusta. Is 5 miles from Eau Claire and 9 miles from Chippewa Falls, but the mail boat comes from Chippewa Falls.

- ✓46. ✓ Extract from the Knaresborough Forest Enclosure Award relating to the width and repair of ditches and the use of herbage and highways. [19thc.]
- ✓47. ✓ Valuation by John Moorhouse of the late Benjamin Kent's lands in Rigton. 7 July 1856.
- ✓48. ✓ [May 1912]. Letter from J. Kent that he had not received his draft.
- ✓49. a) [1893] Account for preparing the mortgage for C.R. Kent of a house and two fields in Hartwith for £300.
- b) ✓ 28 Aug. 1900. Solicitor's account to the executors of Charles Patrick.
- c) ✓ Copy of the will of Thomas Craven of Newsholme in Wressle, 23 Oct. 1805, proved 18 March 1811. (BY WILL JAMES CRAVEN OF NEWSHOLME 23 OCT 1805)
- d) ✓ 11 June 1875. Copy of will of Charles Patrick of Smiddy Hill, Grove Place, Bilton.
- e) ✓ 6 Dec. 1872. Agreement by Robert Steel and Frank Steel, both of Bilton, stonemasons, to Charles Patrick of Otley, gent., to buy two dwelling-houses at Smithy Hill, formerly part of Pasture Field in Bilton.
- ✓50. a) ✓ 10 Dec. 1907. Letter informing B.W.J. Kent of his election as a member of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.
- b) ✓ Ditto to Bramley B. Kent.
- c) ✓ Diplomas of the above Society.
- ✓51. ✓ Solicitor's account covering the period 12 Feb. 1908 to 22 Jan. 1912 in relation to the payment to Mr. Burley.
52. 19 Feb. [1908]. Letter from J.R. Kent complaining he had not received the money from Mr. Rhodes.
- ✓53. ✓ Probate copy of the will of Sarah Pickersgill of Beckwithshaw 14 April 1892, probate 19 Sept. 1892.
- ✓54. ✓ 19 July 1888. Account by Richard Kendrew, undertaker, of Harrogate to Miss Hudson for Mrs. Smith's funeral.
- ✓55. ✓ [March 1893]. Unexecuted agreement between William Turner of Otley, ironmonger, and Isabella Hudson of Harrogate that Isabella shall pay 1/- per annum to William in recognition of his permission to open 3 windows upon his property at Kirkgate in Otley.
- ✓56. ✓ Solicitor's bill to the administrators of the late John Hudson of Otley 1805 - 1806. 1875 - 1876
57. a) ✓ Valuation of the property and goods of the late John Hudson of Otley, Watchmaker, 19 June - 27 March 1875.
- b) ✓ Account by Eastview Terrace Building Club, Otley, to the executors of J. Hudson.
- ✓58. ✓ 20 May 1911. Receipted account by Jones and Willis, mediaeval art workers, of London to J.W.J. Kent for a stone pulpit with marble columns.
- ✓59. ✓ 30 Jan. 1904. Letter from Rhodes stating that he had sent a cheque for £800.
- ✓60. ✓ 24 May 1878. Request to Mrs. Smith for payment of money due from John Hudson, her late brother.
- ✓61. ✓ 23 Dec. 1903. Letter from E. de Main, Swinsty, to B.B. Kent requesting him to come as his father is ill and wishes to make his will.
- ✓62. ✓ 5 April 1904. Letter from C.W. Smorfitt to B.B. Kent enclosing his

formal notice to quit the house with meadow and pasture at Darley, the letter saying that he cannot make it pay, and that he was trying to work up a milk trade in Leeds.

63. ✓ [May 1904]. Letter from C.W. Smorfitt with notes of rent.

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64. ✓ Volume of post cards, mostly of sites on Hadrian's Wall.

65. ✓ Abstract of title 31 Oct. 1821 to 1 June 1850 of John Hudson's title to messuages in Otley contracted to be sold to Edmund Walker.

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66. Solicitor's account to John Bramdèy, 10 Sept. 1850 to 2 June 1851, relating to the purchase of land at Swinsty from the trustees of Sir C.H. Ibbetson for £950.

67. ✓ 7 March 1872. Assessment for relief of the poor in the township of Rigton.

68. ✓ Account book including details of purchase of antiques, 1946 to 1954.

69. 30 June 1897. Account for slating to B.B. Kent.

70. ✓ Miscellaneous accounts 1935 to 1937.

71. Two sketchbooks.

72. Misc docs. including newspaper cuttings, correspondence etc.

73. Misc notes, letters etc all relating to archaeology.