

From: George Kendall

We have a serious problem and would appreciate any help you can suggest or do.

Attached is a simple history of our life together and the problem when Verna left to help her daughter in Canada.

I was under the impression that when we were married, this would speed up the process of permanent residence and citizenship.

She could be kept out of the U.S. for a period of **10 years** because she overstayed her passport.

If our appeal is denied, I will have a choice of leaving my wife or leaving my country of 50 years (I will not leave my wife).

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**Editor's Note:** Hear the NPR program on George & Verna by going to:  
[http://thestory.org/archive/the\\_story\\_1094\\_George\\_Kendall\\_and\\_Verna\\_Brake\\_Kendall.mp3/view](http://thestory.org/archive/the_story_1094_George_Kendall_and_Verna_Brake_Kendall.mp3/view)

**Please forward this e-mail to anyone who you think can help George & Verna.**

August 20, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you to ask for your assistance in speeding up the process of my wife's application for a green card and permission to allow her to re-enter the United States. After a visit to her daughter to assist her with the delivery and care of her first child in Alberta, Canada in July, she was not allowed to re-enter the United States in August. I would like to provide you with some background on our relationship so that you can appreciate how much I need her to be allowed to return home.

I have known Verna Brake Kendall since 2003 when I ate frequently in the restaurant where she worked, Seaside Restaurant, in Trout River, a small town in Newfoundland, Canada, while vacationing there. My brother owns a home in Woody Point, Newfoundland, only a few miles from Trout River, and I purchased a small cabin in Woody Point in 2004. Verna and I were not formally introduced in a social setting until the summer of 2006. We remained in contact by phone through the fall and winter of 2006, and the spring of 2007.

During the summer of 2007 we spent time together on my 3 trips to Canada and we decided that she would come to North Carolina to see if she would like living there, and find out if we were compatible for a long-term relationship. We entered the United States in early November 2007. When Verna offered her passport at the border the border agent waved us through without stamping her passport. All went well during her time with me, including a short trip to Costa Rica to visit friends from January 25, 2008 to February 5, 2008. During this trip I proposed to her and we decided we would get married in April or May of 2008 in North Carolina and then go to Newfoundland to celebrate with her friends and family in the summer.

In late February and early March, 2008, however, I began having breathing problems, which led to a full physical exam and a diagnosis of serious blockages in my arteries. I had triple bypass surgery in April 2008 and our wedding plans were postponed. Verna stayed overnight in the hospital with me when I moved out of the intensive care unit. It was a slow recovery process between the medications and the physical therapy and Verna was my primary caregiver during all of this time. When I started feeling a little better in late July we decided to set our wedding date for August 16, 2008.

Soon after our wedding I developed hemorrhoid problems that have made it difficult for me to do any extensive exercise or work around the house. I needed five laser treatments with approximately three weeks between each treatment. Despite these medical problems I have tried to maintain my small furniture repair business. I graduated high school in 1958 in Newfoundland, Canada and move to the United States soon afterwards. I have fair woodworking skills, but my knowledge of computers and today's paperwork leave me totally lost. I had to ask my son to type this letter. In my attempts to secure the proper paperwork at the U.S. Embassy in Toronto I was told to get the forms off the Internet, which created additional problems for me because of my lack of computer skills.

Because of my worries about my health I was just happy to be able to get married, and I did not know the urgency of filing papers for a green card or social security. Since Verna has not worked since her arrival in North Carolina and she currently has no plans to begin working because most of her time has been spent taking care of me and the house. Her experience as a home care provider in Newfoundland was a great help to me because I could not raise my arm high enough to brush my teeth immediately following my release from the hospital. Her willingness to stick with me through the surgery and all of the subsequent medical issues is testament to her commitment to me for the rest of my life.

Verna is currently staying in Toronto with my sister and her husband, Cynthia and Roland Sparkes, but she is longing to return home to North Carolina, especially since we already had to spend our first anniversary apart.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help move this process along. I would deeply appreciate any help that you can provide Verna and me to be together again.

Sincerely,

George Kendall

These are addresses to send request for help with George and Verna Kendall's request to live together in the United States.

<p><b>Senator Kay Hagan</b>          701 Green Valley Road          Suite 201          Greensboro, NC 27408          1-877-852-9462</p>	<p>310 New Bern Avenue          Raleigh, NC 27601          (919) 856-4630 phone          (919) 856-4053 fax</p>	<p>521 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg          Washington, DC 20510          (202) 224-6342 phone          (202) 228-2563 fax</p>
<p><b>Senator Richard Burr</b>          2000 West First Street          Suite 508          Winston Salem, NC 27104          Phone: (800) 685-8916          Phone: (336) 631-5125          Fax: (336) 725-4493</p>	<p>217 Russell Senate Office Building          Washington, DC 20510          Phone: (202) 224-3154          Fax: (202) 228-2981</p>	
<p><b>Congressman Walter B. Jones</b>          1105-C Corporate Drive          Greenville, NC 27858          Phone: 252-931-1003          800-351-1697          Fax: 252-931-1002</p>	<p>2333 Rayburn House Office Building          Washington DC 20515          Phone: 202-225-3415          Fax: 202-225-3286</p>	
<p><b>NC Senator Marc Basnight</b>          16 W. Jones Street, Room 2007          Raleigh, NC 27601-2808  <a href="mailto:Marc.Basnight@ncleg.net">Marc.Basnight@ncleg.net</a>          (919) 733-6854</p>		
<p><b>President Barack Obama</b>          The White House          1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW          Washington, DC 20500</p>		
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<p><b>Governor Bev Perdue</b>          Office of the Governor          20301 Mail Service Center          Raleigh, NC 27699-0301          Phone: (919)733-4240          Fax: (919)733-2120</p>		

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

RECEIPT NUMBER WAC-10-002-12878		CASE TYPE I130 IMMIGRANT PETITION FOR RELATIVE, FIANCE (E), OR ORPHAN
RECEIPT DATE October 7, 2009	PRIORITY DATE October 1, 2009	PETITIONER KENDALL, GEORGE W.
NOTICE DATE February 25, 2010	PAGE 1 of 1	BENEFICIARY A087 801 764 BRAKE, VERNA L.
GEORGE W. KENDALL 1216 HARBOUR VIEW DRIVE KILL DEVIL HILLS NC 27948		Notice Type: Approval Notice Section: Husband or wife of U.S. Citizen, 201(b) INA

Courtesy Copy: Original sent to: BERGER, MICHAEL B

This courtesy notice is to advise you of action taken on this case. The official notice has been mailed to the attorney or representative indicated above. Any relevant documentation included in the notice was also mailed as part of the official notice.

The above petition has been approved. We have sent the original visa petition to the **Department of State National Visa Center (NVC), 32 Rochester Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801-2909**. NVC processes all approved immigrant visa petitions that need consular action. It also determines which consular post is the appropriate consulate to complete visa processing. NVC will then forward the approved petition to that consulate.

The NVC will contact the person for whom you are petitioning (beneficiary) concerning further immigrant visa processing steps.

If you have any questions about visa issuance, please contact the NVC directly. However, please allow at least 90 days before calling the NVC if your beneficiary has not received correspondence from the NVC. The telephone number of the NVC is **(603) 334-0700**.

The approval of this visa petition does not in itself grant any immigration status and does not guarantee that the alien beneficiary will subsequently be found to be eligible for a visa, for admission to the United States, or for an extension, change, or adjustment of status.

This courtesy copy may not be used in lieu of official notification to demonstrate the filing or processing action taken on this case.

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Please see the additional information on the back. You will be notified separately about any other cases you filed.

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