

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Paris R7925

Polly Paris

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[Subscriber's note: I cannot find an application in this file. The first document in the file as copied on Fold3.com appears to be a letter dated August 22, 1846, from J. [?] Williams purporting to transmit to the Pension office the application of Polly Paris, the widow of James Paris, but the letter is largely illegible because the ink bleed through the paper obscuring the text. The file does contain a number of supporting affidavits from residents of Monroe County, Missouri in support of Polly's claim for a widow's pension. A summary of those affidavits is as follows:

1st: Nancey Benum of Monroe County, Missouri, says that she has been acquainted with Polly Paris for 60 years; that Polly and James Paris lived together as man and wife and were reputed in the neighborhood as man and wife and raised a large family of children; that James Paris died about 26 or seven years ago; that she recalls hearing James Paris talked of being in the Army at the time of "Harmons [?] defeat" and "...I have heard James Paris said that he was a soldier in the revolutionary war I recollect hearing James Paris said that in the Indian war he was in Captain Gainsis [?] Company and that he and his Captain killing of an Indian after a very hard fight...." This affidavit is dated August 20, 1846.

2nd Hiram Tompson [sic, Hiram Thompson?] of Monroe County, Missouri states that he is well acquainted with Polly Paris the widow of James Paris who died 26 or seven years ago; that they lived together as man and wife and raised a large family of children; and "...I have often heard James Paris talk of being in the Indian war and have heard him the said Paris speak of two close engagements that he was in whilst in the war..." This affidavit is dated August 20, 1846.

3rd William S Simms of Ralls County, Missouri and he is Ali parish the widow of James Paris some 29 or 30 years; he knew them as man and wife; he sold James Paris a few minutes after he died and was present at his burying; that he (James Paris) quote died suddenly as Close of [indecipherable word] Cholise [?]

4th Frances Warson, 74, of Ralls County, Missouri, states that James and Polly Paris lived together as man and wife and were reputed by all in the neighborhood as man and wife and raised a large family of children; that she was not at their wedding for they were married before she became acquainted with the family but that she has been often at her father's house in Rowan County North Carolina and often heard her parents speak of her as being married to James Paris and having moved to Kentucky it was in Kentucky that she first became acquainted with Polly and James Paris, Frances' husband James Warson being a nephew of Polly Paris he living with an elder sister; that James Paris died in Ralls County Missouri. This affidavit is dated August 11, 1846.]

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2-page letter from the War Department to P. Williams making reference to the application of Polly Paris in which she states that she is claiming that her husband James Paris served two tours of three months each in one of 12 months in the North Carolina Troops; the war department also required proof of the marriage of James and Polly Paris in Rowan County North Carolina]