

Frank and Jesse James

Early in the Civil War the James family was openly sympathetic to the Confederacy, and so suffered greatly at the hands of the U forces. Frank (Alexander Franklin James), older brother to the more notorious Jesse James, had taken parole earlier in 1862 after he captured during the Battle of Wilson's Creek. To be caught breaking parole meant being hanged on the spot. However, when the provi al governor of Missouri ordered every man of military age to enroll in the state militia, subject to call for service, Frank and others sav as a violation of their parole conditions. Frank James joined the guerrilla band headed by the infamous William Quantrill, his you brother, Jesse, joined him later in 1864 and participated in their ruthless activities throughout the war. Amnesty and Oaths of Alleg seemed unlikely for such wanton killers at conflicts end. So, following Quantrill's death in Kentucky, Frank James disguised his ide and was granted a second pardon under the name Alex James, of the 3rd Missouri Confederate Cavalry. Following the war, wit brother Jesse and other former Quantrill guerrillas, he embarked on a life of crime that would become legend.

Wakefield ↓

Samuel's Depot
Mount Sterling, Ky., July 26th 1865.

I Alex James, Co. E. 3rd Mo Cav solemnly swear that I will not take up arms against the United States, or give information to the enemies thereof, until I am regularly exchanged as a prisoner of war, and that I will conduct myself as an honorable citizen.

Alex James.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of July 1865.

Robert H. Young
Capt 54th Ky Milita Inftry

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Samuel's Depot, Kentucky, July 26, 1865.

"I, Alex James, Company E, 3rd Missouri Cavalry solemnly swear that I will not take up arms against the United States, or give information to the enemies thereof until I am regularly exchanged as a prisoner of war, and that I will conduct myself as a honorable citizen. -

Alexander James."

On verso - "Alexander James is paroled until regularly exchanged by order of Brigadier General E.H. Hopson - J.H. Butler, Assistant Adjutant General."

With manuscript endorsement - "This man, A. James, is allowed to retain his horse, arms and equipment by order of Major General J.M. Palmer, Commanding the Department of Kentucky, Head Quarters 54th Kentucky, July 26, 1865."

- 1. Frank James - 1pg DS "Surrender & Parole," Samuel's Depot (Wakefield), Kentucky, July 26, 1865, boldly signed by Frank Jam (Alexander Franklin James) using part of his first name as an alias "Alex" in order to avoid being executed for breaking his previo parole, this being the earliest known alias to be used by either of the James brothers who later used aliases during their outlaw days

Quantrill had been mortally wounded on May 10, 1865, at Samuel's Depot, Kentucky when he and his men were ambushed b Capt. Edward Terrill's Federal Guerrillas, who were enlisted to capture and/or kill Quantrill and his men. Frank James managed escape the ambush, and although seriously wounded Quantrill managed to survive until June 6, 1865, when he died in the Milita Prison Hospital at Louisville, Kentucky. Until the day of his death he professed to be Capt. Clarke of the 4th Missouri Cavalry - the was of course no such regiment. Frank James was the last one of his command to see him alive.

It has been widely speculated as to why Quantrill went into Kentucky - his men were divided in November 1864, with some goin to Texas led by Lt. George Shepherd and others following Quantrill into Kentucky. Frank and Jesse James separated at the Whit River in Arkansas - with young Jesse (17 years old) going to Texas and Frank staying with Quantrill into Kentucky. It has bee claimed that Quantrill's plan was to take his raiders into Washington and assassinate President Lincoln! Jesse James also attempte to surrender upon his return from Texas at Lexington, Missouri in May of 1865 and was seriously wounded by local militia, thus h never formally surrendered and remained outside the law. A Unique and historically important manuscript being the onl "Quantrill Raider" Surrender/Parole known to exist, documenting the end of a violent era and the beginning of yet anothe Recently discovered and never before offered. (Accompanied by 2 of Frank James Quantrill Guerrilla's Reunion Ribbons and a Colt 4 Army revolver similar to the one he would have carried during the Civil War, all beautifully framed together.)35.000.