

The next two pages is an affidavit given by Mary Marinda (Christi) James. I attained this through Geneva Gibson Craycraft. The pages are hard to read so the next paragraphs is a copy of the affidavit.

The State of Texas //
County Of Houston //

AFFIDAVIT

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public is and for Houston County, Texas, personally appeared Mary M. James, of Houston County, Texas, known to me to be a reputable person over 21 years of age of sound mind and body who deposes and states that, My name is Mary M. James, widow of William Martin James, deceased. My husband passed away during the month of August 1947. My father was Joe Christi, he married Mary Louise Pate (my mother) and I was born not far from where I live now on January 3, 1867. I married Wm. M. James.

When I was about 10 years old a man calling himself Jesse Redmond came to our house and stayed. He was hunting a place to rest up and hide out for awhile. While with us a few weeks he helped us pick cotton and do other work about the place which was on the Neches river. I had many opportunities to get a good look at this man who wore long hair which was more or less wavy, he had blue eyes, fair complexion. I recollect then that he left a steel bullet proof jacket on the cotton wagon when my brother carried him to Lufkin, Texas. We found an identification card in the jacket naming him as Jesse James. My brother carried him to on to Lufkin and he sent a gallon of whiskey back by my brother for my father. I do not recall seeing him any more until the week of April 8th, 1948 at which time this same man came for a week's visit with my son and his wife. My son's name is Jesse Cole James. I would be willing to swear that this man going now by the name of, J. Frank Dalton, is the same man who we knew years ago as Jesse James alias Jesse Redmond.

Signed _____

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STATE OF TEXAS]

This is to certify that Dewitt Smith is and was on May 7th, 1948, Justice of Peace of Precinct No 3, and Exofficio Notary Public in and for Houston County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of office on this the 20th day of January A D 1950.

Royce Heard
Royce Heard, County Clerk
Houston County, Texas.