

JAMES PAULMIER, RESIDENT AT 3 GRAVES STREET

James Paulmier is found on the 1876 map of Red Hook. He lived in the frame house at 3 Graves Street. We know significantly more about the long time resident of this house than about it's structural history, at this time.

The two main sources of information about Mr. Paulmier are Edmund Bassett's "Reminiscences of Red Hook" and newspaper articles, particularly the Red Hook Journal. Also, in the 1850 US Federal Census he is noted as living with his wife and 6 children aged 3-15. By the 1880 US Federal Census, he was living there with his wife Sophia and one son, George, a harness maker, age 26. It is noted that James' father was born in France and his mother was born in Ireland. Stephen H. Paulmier, son of James and Sophia, fought in the Civil War for the Union and died of a gunshot wound (The Cemetery Next Door, compiled by Sarah K. Hermans, Historic Red Hook).

Mr. Bassett comments that Mr. Paulmier, "who was a painter by trade but more interested in politics than painting. He was first elected constable and then justice of the peace..." (Bassett, p. 10).

There were multiple mentions of Mr. Paulmier in local newspapers.

They give an interesting account of his life over the years. All articles were posted on the Fultonhistory.com website.

Red Hook Journal, The Advertiser, April 18, 1868: "Mr. James Paulmier has been long and favorably known among us as one who thoroughly understands the art of painting, paper hanging, etc."

Red Hook Journal, Nov. 4, 1870" " The M.E. Church is receiving a new coat of paint at the hands of our village painter, James Paulmier."

Red Hook Journal, March 17, 1871- "James Paulmier, auctioneer, sold for Col. P.G. Fraleigh over \$5,000 worth of property in less than four hours,"

Red Hook Journal, March 9, 1877 notes that Mr. Paulmier was elected Justice of the Peace.

The Evening Register, Hudson, May 14, 1877: ".....Justice James Paulmier issued a warrant some time ago and placed it in the hands of officer F.G. Fraleigh, who arrested the party charged..."

The Red Hook Journal, March 18, 1881: James Paulmier, "an old and respected citizen of the village.. expired at his residence on Saturday last, after a brief illness, in the seventy-first year of life."

The Red Hook Journal, Nov. 9, 1898, announces sale of

house and lot of the late James Paulmier at auction to Mr. J.M. Pells for \$760."

Red Hook Journal, 1914, article by Charles Wilber in column Red Hook 57 Years ago: "....Mr. Paulmier was quite a politician and frequently made speeches during a campaign."

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