

Highlands Jan. 8 - 1892

Judge Souger

Dear Sir

We have not visited all this  
time because of lack of interest in the  
cause you have so much at heart.  
You will understand, when I say  
(at the risk of repeating what I wrote  
before) that we went thro' the war of  
185-6 in Kan. That Mr. Par. young-  
est bro.' body lies at the foot of the  
monument to Kan. Martyns at  
Olawatomie, that my husband  
was twice taken prisoner by armed  
men; that for months he was obliged  
to spend his time either in camp or  
on horseback watching & ready to  
fight the border ruffians, that he rec'd

neither the credit or the wages of a  
U. S. Soldier. Three times his Co. led  
by Capt. John Brown Jr. (Son of  
John Brown of Harper Ferry) responded  
to the urgent call from the people of  
Lawrence to help drive back the inva-  
sion; & with his handful of men in-  
cluding my husband & his brother  
hurried to the assistance of the threat-  
ened City. George W. Partridge laid down  
his life for freedom at the battle of Cow-  
pens & my husband doubtless escaped  
by being out on a scout at the time  
& knew nothing of the fight or his bro-  
ther's death till some days after.

At the time of the war Mr. Par. belonged  
to the Kan. Militia & was called out  
a great number of times, he was one  
of the number that followed I mounted  
into Mo. Was in a little skirmish  
on the line at the time of the Price raid  
Well many another man has ta-

ken his life in his hand & gone out  
to face danger & death. Perhaps you  
will tire of my long story, I was aw-  
ful that you should know there are  
are still more of the advance guard  
of Abolitionists left - & the fire of freedom  
still burns within their hearts.

We are not as young as we were then  
Looking from our standpoint  
it does not seem of any use to get the  
names of many of the poor white peo-  
ple here. We think they cannot be de-  
pended upon, & their names would only  
be an embarrassment. So we have not  
made much of an effort to get their  
names. I think there is more hope  
of help from the colored people, there  
are only four in our little place  
Mr. Par. had troubles so that he gets  
me to do nearly all his writing.  
I have marked the names of those  
who have <sup>not</sup> paid ~~the~~ ~~tax~~ we think

It will be useless to send papers to them

With earnest wishes  
for success in all your undertakings

Yours Truly

Wm H. E. J. Partridge