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Welcome to our seventh year! Our newsletter this issue provides a review of Jackson Family Heritage Days--the two-day celebration of our family's 250th year in America--and the eighth annual Jackson Brigade reunion. We hope that this review will serve as a memento for those who attended the events and as an accurate, though inadequate, description for those who were unable to be there. (You really missed something! Hope to see you next time!) It should be noted, however, that this record does not constitute the reunion's official minutes, which were recorded by the secretary and will be available at a later date.

Enclosed with this issue, you will find a ballot. At issue is whether we will hold future reunions annually or biennially. Please take a moment to complete the ballot and let your wishes be known. While you're at it, let us know if you have any other thoughts or suggestions for the association.

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Jackson Family Heritage Days

by John M. Jackson

The idea of a special commemoration honoring our family's 250 years in America was first broached in 1993 and was approved by the Association's board of directors in 1995. During the next three years, plans for the reunion slowly coalesced and steadily gained momentum. The pace became especially frenzied for Nancy Jackson, who coordinated all the activities, and for Linda Meyers, who produced all of the printed materials and assisted with many other details.

Their hard work certainly paid off, for the reunion was a truly memorable event and a fitting tribute to our ancestors. Although a local newspaper saw our gathering as a "reunion of strangers," our group was bonded by the shared acknowledgement of the debt we owe to our ancestors. Besides, many of us already knew each other--if not through face-to-face contact, then through our correspondence.

The reunion's activities seem to have rekindled our commitment to preserving our family's legacy and showed the potential that our association has in achieving that goal. Let us hope that the enthusiasm engendered by Jackson Family Heritage Days will not be fleeting but will instead be sustained permanently and will serve as a springboard to more such activities.

FRIDAY,
AUGUST 14

Our reunion started as out-of-towners began arriving at their hotels. Nancy Jackson conducted a tour of the area that afternoon. Later that evening, she hosted a pre-reunion reception at her Clarksburg home. Thirty-nine people attended the reception and registered for the reunion early. Like those who would register on Saturday, each received a hefty reunion packet, which included a special reunion edition newsletter; a booklet containing copies of the Harrison, Lewis, and Upshur County proclamations; a copy of Governor Underwood's proclamation; commemorative pens and stickers; Stonewall Jackson bookmark; notepad; a West Virginia tourism packet; Stonewall Jackson birthplace postcard; a newsclipping about the reunion; and a questionnaire to be completed for the time capsule. In addition, each guest received a color-coded nametag, listing his/her line of descent.

Guests enjoyed a vegetable platter and dip, spinach balls, crackers, cake, miniature cream puffs, and punch. No doubt John and Elizabeth would have been proud of our healthy displays of appetite! Throughout Nancy's home were displayed items for Saturday's silent auction. Also on display were the framed proclamations, a collection of family-related books, and family photos. We all enjoyed ourselves immensely. The reception was scheduled to end at 8 o'clock but actually ran until after 10, and probably would have continued longer, if not for the rest needed in anticipation of Saturday's events.



Ann Fissel and Linda Meyers at Nancy Jackson's pre-reunion reception.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

It seemed only fitting that this special reunion be held on ancestral grounds, and so we gathered at Jackson's Mill. A set-up team, consisting of Dan Hyde, Mary Lois Jackson, Jacob Jackson, Linda Meyers, Nancy Jackson, and John Jackson, arrived at the Jubilee Pavilion around 8:30--on what was to be a hot and steamy day--to begin preparing for the days events.

Guests began arriving soon thereafter, starting with Wade and Almeda Kiser and their grandson, Johnny. During the next couple a steady stream of cousins arrived, registered with Linda Meyers, and mingled.

At 10:30, our president, Nancy A. Jackson, opened the business meeting. Timothy Jackson, secretary, read the minutes of the 1997 reunion. Following the reading of the minutes, Nancy pointed out that the Association had voted for the fiscal year to end June 30, although the membership year continues to begin August 1. She asked for a motion to correct the discrepancy in the minutes. Motion was made by Jeanne Smiley and seconded by Kenneth Colby.

Mary Lois Jackson then delivered the treasurer's report as follows:

Balance, June 30, 1997	\$ 672.04
Deposits, June 30, 1997 - June 30, 1998	1690.56
Withdrawals, June 30, 1997 - June 30, 1998	1349.01
Balance, June 30, 1998	1013.59
Cemetery Fund, August 3, 1998	133.00

Following the treasurer's report, Nancy noted that the treasury had been audited for the second time, and the books were found to be in order. She announced that the treasury usually begins the year with about a \$600 balance and that donations are always welcome. She explained the need for a cemetery fund to preserve the gravesites of descendants, especially in regard to the condition of Clarksburg's Jackson Cemetery. A multi-million dollar master plan has been developed by the Stonewall Jackson Civic Club to restore the cemetery as an historic site.



Nancy and Tim Jackson call the roll.

Our attention was called to the silent auction items. Of special interest among them was a quilt, believed to be about 100 years old and made by Olive Brake Dix (1830-1914) or her daughter Elizabeth Brake Dix (1862-1961) in West Virginia and sent to the Dix family in Utah. The quilt had been donated a few years ago by Margot Rowland and was kept until this special occasion.

Nancy introduced Michael Kellar, a descendant of Laura Jackson Arnold, sister of "Stonewall." Mr. Kellar had brought and displayed several pictures of Laura and the Arnold home, where he was born.

Ted Jackson, a descendant of Henry Jackson, shared with us the Summer 1998

issue of *Goldenseal* magazine, which contained a cover story about Neva "Toby" Jackson, the first Miss West Virginia (1923) and a Henry Jackson descendant. (Copies of this issue may still be available. Write *Goldenseal*, The Cultural Center, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, WV 25305-0300.)

Nancy then introduced Brent, Katie, and Sarah Jackson and Kenneth Matthew Colby, our committee of young members who are assuming responsibility for unearthing the time capsule in 2048. Nancy announced that election of officers would be held in 1999, and that we need a nominating committee. Dan Hyde has volunteered to chair the by-laws revision committee.

Nancy encouraged members to fill out five-generation charts for publication in the newsletter. The John Jackson, Jr. genealogy, slated for publication this year, has not been completed, she reported.

Our on-line members were asked to share their e-mail addresses, as the association often makes announcements via a group mailing list. Nancy also mentioned that the association was now accessible in cyberspace via its own website (<http://www.eg.bucknell.edu/~hyde/jackson/>), created and skillfully maintained by Dan Hyde.

The members of the association's board of directors were recognized for their efforts, as were the signers of the 1992 articles of incorporation. Charter members, Nancy noted, were recognized with a certificate which could be found in their reunion packets.

A roll call was taken to determine which states were represented at the reunion. The count, unfortunately, is not entirely accurate, as some folks had not yet arrived.

Alaska - 2	Louisiana - 2	Oregon - 2	Texas - 3
Arkansas - 1	Maryland - 6	Pennsylvania - 6	Virginia - 13
Florida - 5	Michigan - 2	South Carolina - 2	Washington - 5
Illinois - 1	Ohio - 3	Tennessee - 3	West Virginia - 13

A second roll call was taken according to line of descent. Some guests were counted twice, as they descend from separate lines. We had representatives from six of the eight lines, as follows:

George - 1	John Jr. - 16	Sophia - 0	Samuel - 5
Edward - 30	Elizabeth - 0	Mary Sarah - 3	Henry - 23

Following the roll call, Nancy called for old business. With no old business, she proceeded to new business. Linda Meyers was recognized. Before turning to business, Linda reminded members that the newsletter welcomes all information on family members, including current events such as births, deaths, and graduations, as they are tomorrow's history. Linda then made the motion that the Jackson Brigade reunions be held biennially instead of annually, in hope that attendance would increase. Kenneth Colby seconded the motion. The issue will be decided by mail vote in the upcoming months.

Gifts were presented to some of our special guests: Alfred Dumas (oldest - 93 years); John and Carol Thilenius (farthest traveled - Juneau, Alaska); Wade and Almeda Kiser (longest married - 53 years); and Kathryn Fissel (youngest - 9 months).

After the gifts were distributed, a memorial service was held to honor family members who had passed away during the previous year. Mary Lois Jackson conducted the ceremony, assisted by Eleanor Cowgill and Katie & Sarah Jackson. Remembered were: Iva Enoch Knapp and Florence Gale Eddy Stone (Henry line); Andrew Hall, Perry Mick, Thelma White, Daisy Margaret Carpenter, Rella Reeder Hughes, Phyllis Singleton, A. K. Bush, M.D., Levon Hayes, and Rose Harris Kiser (Edward line); Floe Swisher Taylor and Frances E. Taylor (John Jr. line); Betty Joan Jackson Parucha (Edward and

John Jr. lines). The recent passing of Edwin L. Hedden, husband of Florence Johnston Hedden (Henry Jackson line) was observed by Nancy that evening at the banquet.



Mary Lois Jackson conducts the memorial service, assisted by Sarah and Katie Jackson and Eleanor Cowgill.

At noon, we enjoyed a meal of hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, watermelon, cantaloupe, tea, lemonade, coffee and cookies, catered by the Jackson's Mill food service staff. Then we packed our things and drove to the Pringle Tree in Upshur County for the time capsule ceremony.



Joy Gilchrist entertains us with the story of the Pringle Brothers.

Our caravan arrived at the Pringle Tree shortly before 2 p.m. After the invocation by Tim Jackson, Nancy introduced Joy Gilchrist, executive director of Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, a very active local genealogical association. Joy presented a lively, informative talk entitled "They Started It All," relating the story of John and Samuel Pringle, who led the first settlers--John Jackson with his sons George and Edward among them--into the area.

Joy also gave us a brief history of Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, which has just moved for the third time, settling into the former Horner School, and celebrated its 16th annual gathering in August. Joy invited us to drop by the library for a brief look, although they were closed for the day. Nancy presented Joy with a certificate of appreciation for her work in preserving the history and genealogy of central West Virginia.

We then dedicated the time capsule, reading the litany which charges our young members with the responsibility of opening the time capsule in 2048. Tim Jackson gave the benediction, closing the ceremony. Reporters from WBOY-TV and the Clarksburg *Exponent-Telegram* covered the picnic and time capsule ceremony. We received a front-page article and nearly 3 1/2 minutes of airtime!

At 6 p.m., we gathered at the Clarksburg Masonic Lodge and enjoyed a catered meal of tossed salad, baked steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, pie, coffee and tea. In keeping with the reunion's patriotic themes, Linda Meyers had decorated the room in a red, white and blue motif.

Kenneth Colby gave a special talk on the Sons of the American Revolution, reminding us of the great sacrifice that our ancestors made in their fight for freedom and how the SAR works to perpetuate their legacy.

Special certificates of appreciation were then presented. Honored were:

Gary Wiener - For support with the initial publication of the Jackson Brigade Express Newsletter.

Dr. Dan Hyde - For preparing and monitoring the Jackson Brigade website.

Jacob J. Jackson - For initiating the Jackson Brigade Express Newsletter.

John M. Jackson - For preparing the Roll of Honor booklet and for assistance as a member of the editorial staff of the Jackson Brigade Association.

Linda B. Meyers - For services as editor of the Jackson Brigade Express Newsletter.



Dan Hyde chats with Julia and Stephen Brown at the banquet.

Awards were also presented for literary excellence:

Dr. Jacob C. Bass (whereabouts unknown) - Doctoral dissertation on John Jay Jackson Jr.

Dr. Stephen W. Brown - Doctoral dissertation on John George Jackson, which was also the basis for his book, *Voice of the New West : John George Jackson, His Life and Times*.

Dorothy Davis (not present) - Book entitled *John George Jackson*.

Robert Halpert (not present) - Historical novel about "Stonewall," entitled *The Other Side of the River*.

John C. Jackson - Book entitled *Shadow on the Tetons : David E. Jackson and the Claiming of the American West*.

Dr. Nancy Ann Jackson and Linda Brake Meyers - Book entitled *Colonel Edward Jackson, 1759-1828, Revolutionary Soldier : History and Genealogy of the Son of Immigrants John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson. His Wives and Families of Mary Haddan and Elizabeth W. Brake, Grandparents of General Stonewall Jackson*.

Dr. James Robertson (not present) - For his books and articles on Stonewall Jackson, including his latest book which is in its fifth printing and has sold 50,000 copies and won 6 awards.

Carol Thilenius - For reprinting, with additions, L. E. Wilkes' book entitled *By An Oregon Pioneer Fireside*.

Linda Meyers surprised Nancy with a special award. Nancy was recognized for "initiating the organization of the Jackson Brigade Association, Inc. and serving as the association's president since its inception; reviving, after a 50-year hiatus, the tradition of an annual Jackson family reunion; and planning and organizing the special 250th anniversary celebration of the immigration of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson." Nancy received a well-deserved standing ovation.

After the awards, Nancy delivered the following talk on the role of the Jackson family in shaping the frontier:



Kenneth Colby shares with us the vision of the Sons of the American Revolution.

THE SHAPING OF THE NATION AND EXPANSION OF THE WESTERN FRONTIER BY JOHN AND ELIZABETH CUMMINS JACKSON AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

By Nancy A. Jackson Ph.D.

During the declared Jackson Heritage Days, August 15th and 16th, 1998, the Jackson Brigade Association is celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the immigration to America of John and Elizabeth (Cummins) Jackson. I feel certain as they crossed the ocean with trepidation of the new world they never dreamt of the legacy they would leave in shaping this nation and forging of the Western Frontier. Nor could they have known the heights of achievement some of their descendants would realize as they took part in the growth and expansion of our nation. It matters not whether John and Elizabeth were transported to the colonies as felons or came of their own free will. Their influence and the achievements of some of their descendants played a prominent role in the molding of this country and the expansion of our west and the formation of the State of West Virginia.

After leaving Cecil County, Maryland, where legend has it they were married, John and Elizabeth settled for a short period on Goose Creek, Loudoun County, Virginia. They then migrated to the South Branch of the Potomac in present-day Hardy County, West Virginia. In 1768, John along with his sons George and Edward went with the Pringle brothers and a few other early pioneer families to the present day Upshur County area. John made a tomahawk claim to the land on which the sycamore tree stood, which had been a home for the historical Pringle brothers during their desertion from the Army. As one of the pioneer families in Western Virginia, the Jackson family was destined to go down in history. In the move of the family to the Pringle Tree area, the window of western expansion was opened.

I am sure there were many times they wondered if they would survive the Indian raids on the South Branch of the Potomac and in the Buckhannon and Hacker's Creek settlements. But survive they did, as did their eight children.

All four of their sons, George, Edward, John Jr., Samuel and Henry, were surveyors, with Henry being the most famous surveyor. As surveyors they were in a position to obtain large land holdings. Henry and John Jr. primarily acquired their largest land holdings in what is now Upshur County, West Virginia. George moved to the Clarksburg, Harrison County, West Virginia area, while Edward settled in what is now the Lewis County area. Some of Henry's descendants went to Ritchie and Wood County, (West) Virginia with some later traveling over the Oregon trail to settle the Far West. Samuel, with his wife Barbara Reger, settled in Indiana near Terre Haute. All of these Jacksons acquired large land holdings. Indeed, I would consider them land barons. And they were millers. John Sr., George, Edward and John Jr. built and operated grist mills as did some of Henry's descendants out in Oregon.. In the early days, the gristmills were the places where men gathered and discussed politics, among other things. George, Edward and John Jr. were among these men, and are all known to have played important roles in the local governments and militia, and their sons were a prominent influence in the development of the Western Frontier.

George Jackson and his descendants probably were the most prominent figures in the political arena. The Harrison County Court Minutes reveal that Colonel George Jackson was a scout on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. He worked with other men to form Harrison County, this meeting being held at his house at Bush's Old Fort near Buckhannon. In his move to Clarksburg, George built an economic and political power base that his son, John George, would expand for many years to come. George attended the Virginia State Convention debating the ratification of the United States Constitution. In 1785, he won a seat in the Virginia Assembly as a member of the House of Delegates from Harrison County. In 1793, George was elected to the US House of Representatives and in 1795 he was elected to Congress. George served in Congress from 1795-1797 and 1799-1803.

John George Jackson, son of George, in 1798, took a seat in the House of Delegates in the Virginia General Assembly. In 1803, he took a seat in Congress that his father had held.

John George, through his marriages, made powerful political alliances. He first married Mary Payne, who was a sister to Dolly Madison. Through this relationship, he developed and maintained a strong friendship with President James Madison as well as President Jefferson. After Mary's death, he married Sophia Meigs, daughter of the powerful Governor Return Meigs of Ohio.

John George was a frontier industrialist besides being a lawyer, judge and legislator. He erected a salt works near Clarksburg. In the opposite direction, he erected an iron furnace, carding mill and tanneries about one mile from his home in Clarksburg. He also undertook construction of locks and dams on the West Fork of the Monongahela River. He has been worthy of having a book published on his life by Dorothy Davis and a doctoral dissertation by Stephen Brown which also resulted in a book about John George's life.

Prior to his marriage to Mary Payne, John George fathered a child with Francis Triplett from Parkersburg, with whom it was claimed he was betrothed. It is from this line that the famous Parkersburg, West Virginia Jackson branch descends. This illegitimate son became known as General John Jay Jackson. He married Emma Beeson, daughter of Jacob Beeson. It was the story of this son that started me on the

road to thinking about the large Jackson land holdings and their political base or what I would term the Jackson dynasty. General John Jay Jackson was a powerful and influential man. He displayed this power while speaking against secession in the Virginia Assembly. During his speech, some members were booing him and shouting for him to sit down. John Jay stood tall, pounded the table and shouted: "I am a Jackson. No one tells a Jackson to sit down." His line produced many lawyers, judges and even a state governor.

General John Jay Jackson's son, John Jay Jr., became known as the Iron Judge and devoted his life to political activity. Both John Jay Sr. and John Jay Jr. served in the Virginia House of Delegates. Stephen Bass' doctoral dissertation is on the political life of John Jay Jackson Jr. Another son of General John Jay, Jacob Beeson Jackson, became Governor of West Virginia. So, it was John George Jackson, grandson of John and Elizabeth who first brought the Jackson family to national prominence.

Edward, son of John and Elizabeth, was a member of the first Randolph County court, held 1787. He was appointed High Sheriff of Randolph County. In 1803, he represented Harrison County for one term in the Virginia Legislature. He shared a partnership of the Clarksburg saltworks with his nephew, John George. He was married twice and was the father of 15 children. At Jackson's Mill, in Lewis County, he established a small town, with a gristmill, a sawmill and post office. However, Edward is probably best known for laying out the town of Weston, (West) Virginia and as the grandfather of General Stonewall Jackson.

George Edward, oldest son of Edward, migrated to Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, where he became a minor industrialist and demonstrated leadership in the development of a sawmill, a skill no doubt learned from his father at Jackson's Mill. He also made small improvements in lead mining. He was the first Jackson descendant of John and Elizabeth Jackson to take part in the fur trade, but it was his brother David who earned national recognition for his participation in the fur trading business.

David Jackson was amongst the famous fur traders of our country, one being Jedediah Smith. In 1828, he entered into a fur trading partnership with Smith and Sublette, and based his operation in the Grand Tetons in Wyoming. His popularity in the area would lead to the naming of Jackson Hole and Jackson Lake, Wyoming. David also helped to open the Santa Fe Trail. The life of David Jackson is well documented in John C. Jackson's book titled *Shadow on the Tetons : David E. Jackson and the Claiming of the American West*. The author of this book is a descendant of Henry, son of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson.

Little needs to be said about Edward's grandson, Stonewall Jackson. Much has been and continues to be written about him. A recent book by James Robertson has sold over 50,000 copies and is in the process of a fifth printing. In the end of careful study of the Civil War, one has to come to the conclusion that Stonewall was an outstanding military strategist whose techniques are still taught today.

Much more could be told about the descendants of Col. Edward Jackson, but a definitive book by myself and Linda Meyers on this line can be gleaned for more information. Of special interest in the book is the rarely known story of his grandson, George E. White, *The Cattle King* of California. Also, the confirmed report of Cummins Jackson as a counterfeiter. Perhaps, his trip to the west was more a means of escaping the "Feds." Cummins Jackson primarily raised Stonewall.

John Jackson Jr., son of John and Elizabeth, operated a gristmill in Buckhannon, where he was the first postmaster. In 1821, he died along the Mississippi River while trading slaves for his nephew John George Jackson. His son, Jacob Jay Jackson, was active in local politics in Lewis County. John Jr.'s granddaughter, Mary Jane Ireland, married D.D.T. Farnsworth, who was the second Governor of West Virginia for just six days.

Some of the children and descendants of Henry, son of John and Elizabeth, traveled the Oregon Trail as the Western Frontier was expanding. His son, Edward, was killed by the Indians on the trail.

Information of the descendants of Samuel, son of John and Elizabeth, can be found in the Vigo County, Indiana history books. Much is still to be learned about this line, although I know of three descendants who have done considerable research.

I have concentrated on the sons and their descendants. However, John and Elizabeth had three daughters: Elizabeth who married Abraham Brake whom I know little about. Sophia Jackson who married Josiah / Joseph Davis and resided at the mouth of Turkey Run where the Pringle Tree home of John and Elizabeth was located. Another daughter, Mary Sarah, married Philip Reger, first sheriff of Lewis County. Mary Sarah died shortly after the birth of a daughter.

The powerful influence of this Jackson family in the settling of Western Virginia and forging of the Western Frontier needs much more research. The rise and fall of the Jackson dynasty is a story waiting to be told. I am sure, as John and Elizabeth Jackson crossed the ocean in 1748 or 1749, they never visualized the impact they and their descendants would have on our great nation. Wouldn't it be wonderful to compile a Who's Who of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Jackson?

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After Nancy's speech, special guest Patty Looman treated us to some traditional tunes on her hammer dulcimer, while explaining the instrument's history. Among the pieces Patty played were "The Washington-Lee March," "The West Virginia Waltz," and "Golden Slippers." Patty's music was delightful and provided the evening with a true taste of "those West Virginia hills." Several of us were disappointed that she hadn't brought any of her tapes for sale.

The results of the silent auction were then given, as follows:

Item	Winning Bid	Item	Winning Bid
Stonewall Jackson portrait	Jeanne Smiley	Smoked salmon	Nancy Jackson
Abraham Lincoln portrait	Aomie Sage	Elma Claire Tanzey doll	Kenneth Colby
Doll	Dallas Post	<i>May I Quote You, Stonewall Jackson?</i>	Carola Bell
Automatic camera	Kenneth M. Colby	Donna Bandeen quilt hanging	Donna Bandeen
<i>Shadow on the Tetons</i>	John M. Jackson	Florence Hedden watercolor	Florence Hedden
Doll	Marie Fissel	Dix family quilt	Marian Jackson
Stonewall Jackson Video	Chuck Cowgill		

After some brief announcements by Nancy, Roy Michell, a descendant of Henry Jackson, gave the benediction, closing the day's activities.

SUNDAY, AUGUST

Descendants and other guests gathered at Clarksburg's historic Jackson Cemetery on East Pike Street to unveil a special SAR marker on the grave of our ancestor, John Jackson. The marker had been provided by the Dan River Chapter (Danville, Virginia) of the Sons of the American Revolution, and set by Kovach Memorials. President Nancy Jackson opened the ceremony at two o'clock on a very hot afternoon by introducing Raymond G. Musgrave, Vice-President of the West Virginia State Sons of the American Revolution, Point Pleasant Chapter. Mr. Musgrave led the West Virginia State SAR Color Guard in the presentation of colors. Roger Morgan, president of the George Rogers Clark Chapter (Clarksburg), WVSSAR, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Roy Michell gave the invocation.

Nancy introduced other special guests, including representatives from the local DAR, SAR, UDC, Stonewall Jackson Civic Club, Harrison County Historical Society, and Harrison County Genealogical Society. Mr. Ryan, who developed the master plan for restoring the cemetery, was also introduced. Nancy then gave a brief history of the cemetery and introduced Dollie Bassel, president of the Clarksburg Stonewall Jackson Civic Club:



The West Virginia State SAR Color Guard at Jackson Cemetery.

Today, we are surrounded by land once owned by the Jackson family. As descendants of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson and guests, we are honored to be on this hallowed ground where many of the pioneer families of Clarksburg are buried. Many of them lie in unmarked, unknown graves. This ground was once the orchard of George Jackson, oldest son of John and Elizabeth. In 1808, George deeded the property to his son, John George Jackson, and his descendants eventually deeded it to the City of Clarksburg.

Heirs of John George deeded part of the land to the Catholic diocese. Once, there stood a lovely Catholic church on that

part of the land, and at one time there was a bandstand. When the playground was constructed, graves were moved from that section, and it is said that some were placed in a common grave.

During the Civil War, soldiers camped here. Some were buried here. They tore down the fence for firewood, and their horses grazed among the tombstones. As you can see, vandalism and desecration continue today.

Several years ago, Dollie Bassel, as chairman of the Heritage Committee of the Stonewall Jackson Civic Club, spearheaded an effort to preserve and restore Historic Jackson cemetery, where many representatives of early pioneer families are buried. These families made many sacrifices in order for the town of Clarksburg to exist. So today, we are grateful that the Stonewall Jackson Civic Club--in conjunction with the City of Clarksburg--upon the completion of the master plan, will move forward in their goal to preserve and restore this hallowed ground where our pioneer ancestors lie.

Dollie Bassel and Percy Ashcraft, as president of the Jackson Brigade Association, I pledge my utmost service to helping obtain your goal and I hope those here today and others will also give their moral and financial support. Dollie, I am pleased that you are able to speak to us today about the vision which the Stonewall Jackson Civic Club and the City of Clarksburg has for the preservation and restoration of this very historic cemetery.

Mrs. Bassel thanked Nancy and delivered the following speech, entitled "A Past to Remember":

It is an honor for me and the representatives of the Stonewall Jackson Civic Club of Clarksburg to be here today... I would like to correct one thing that she said: I did not 'spearhead' the project to restore the Jackson cemetery. You have within your hands a brochure that the Civic Club offers you today which will tell you of the existence from the beginning and what has happened so far with the Clarksburg Heritage Committee. At this time, I would like for the members of the Stonewall Jackson Civic Club to stand... These are all members of the Clarksburg Heritage Committee, and we received a challenge from Jack Sandy Anderson, our good friend and another member of the historic society, to take on this project...

One person alone cannot achieve anything. If the Clarksburg Stonewall Jackson Civic Club is to know success in this project, we must not only have the help of everybody that I have introduced to you today, but everybody in this county who is interested in historic preservation.

If we had been here in 1801, standing at the grave of John Jackson in Clarksburg, Harrison County, we would be standing in a beautiful orchard. And those of us born here would be Virginians and not West Virginians as we are today. As Nancy has given you some history of this area, you know the spirits of those who are here interred and what they have meant to all of us. We all know that the divisions of the Civil War can never be healed. Families were divided, as were the states. As I stand here before you, I have a feeling that I can almost hear the Biblical words of God speaking to Moses: "Remove your shoes; you are standing on holy ground."

I, too, have received the inheritance and the care and perpetuation of an historic cemetery in this area. The ground it is laid on was a part of the estate of the Honorable Senator John S. Carlile, and I know what the care and perpetuation of a cemetery means. That's why our organization is taking this so seriously, and we want you to know... what we have done so far. It doesn't look like we've achieved much, does it, looking at the cemetery? There has even been vandalism that has taken place right here--since we began this project--and we know that it won't be finished tomorrow. Please read the brochure; please acknowledge, with us, the gratitude that we feel toward every organization that is a part of this project. If any of you would like to be a part of this, we want you. We welcome you. Please let us know.

At the end of your brochure--the very last paragraph--gives you an idea of the future plans that we hope to pursue. These include a study of the potential of this project for city, county and national recognition as an historic site. ...[W]ith the surveying and with Mr. Ryan's master plan, we hope to have some confines of this cemetery that can be attractively fenced in wrought-iron, which we believe was the original fencing of this cemetery. We also dreamed of a central memorial because we feel that not only the people in this cemetery should be commemorated, but that our native son and most famous man, "Stonewall" Jackson, should also be honored here because this is his family's native ground. We want to pursue educational programs; this, with the help of local educational groups.

In this brochure, you will not find some information that I want to give you today. When we first began this project, we had no idea what to do and what was entailed in the restoration of an historic cemetery. We contacted Frederick Armstrong, who is the director of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History, who has been of invaluable assistance to us--has given us information on what we can and we cannot do to restore ancient ground. We are following his directives. We also recently found a copy of a calendar that was printed in 1915, with pictures on it of Stonewall Jackson, this cemetery, the bronze plaque that is on the site of his birth in Clarksburg, and a casting of a beautiful monument, a memorial to Stonewall Jackson. Mr. Armstrong is now very interested in this research and the last I talked with him, is pursuing it as deeply as he possibly can.

We thought you would be interested in knowing this. We also want you to know, and I want to reiterate: We want you to help us. We need your support. This is your project as much as it is ours.

Following Mrs. Bassel's speech, Nancy delivered a short speech on John Jackson's military service:

HONORING JOHN AND ELIZABETH JACKSON

Proclamations were issued by the Governor of West Virginia; Harrison County, Lewis County and Upshur County, declaring August 15 and 16 Jackson Heritage Days. It is very fitting that the descendants and friends of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson have gathered here today to pay homage to this pioneer couple and celebrate the 250th anniversary of their immigration. And it is a pleasure to bring closure to Jackson Heritage Days at their final resting place.



John Jackson's SAR marker . Photo courtesy of Dan Hyde.

In 1768, John Jackson and two of his sons, George Jackson--one-time owner of the land on which we stand--and Edward--grandfather of General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson--migrated to the Buckhannon area. John claimed the Pringle Tree area and became owner of most of the land on which

the town of Buckhannon was built. He returned to the South Branch of the Potomac, in present-day Hardy County, West Virginia, to bring the rest of his family through the wilderness to the newly formed Buckhannon settlement.

It was a hard life and many died, but John, Elizabeth and their eight children survived the numerous Indian raids and pestilence which took so many young lives. It is claimed Elizabeth could shoot as well as any man. Legend states she shot her last Indian right here in Clarksburg, while protecting her family.

Today, we are not here to speak of their survival of that harsh life, but instead, we gather to pay tribute to their contributions during the Revolutionary War, which brought this great nation into independence from British rule.

Little is recorded about their Revolutionary War service as both died before war pensions were granted. So very few primary records of their life during this period have been found. It is said Elizabeth helped to protect the fort and we know from the records in Augusta County, Virginia, that John was a Private in the militia. Monongalia County records credit John with supplying diets for the army. In his *History of Randolph County*, Hu Maxwell mentions a Captain John Jackson in the militia in 1787. It is unclear if this "Captain Jackson" is John Sr. or his son, John Jr. It should be noted that history relates that John and Elizabeth moved to Clarksburg in 1784, residing near their son George. John would have been 68 at the time of their move and 71 in 1787, rather old for strenuous military service. On the other hand, John Jr. remained in the Upshur County area, which was then Randolph County, as did his brother Edward. Edward was active in the militia at this time and it makes sense that John Jr. would have been also. Nevertheless, John and Elizabeth are recognized as patriots of this great war for our independence and their descendants are eligible to join the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution in their honor.

During these Jackson Heritage Days, descendants and friends have gathered to pay homage to both John and Elizabeth. However, today we are specifically here to unveil a Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) marker honoring John Jackson Sr. As we unveil this marker, we are left with unanswered questions concerning his exact role as a Revolutionary soldier. Perhaps someday these questions will be answered by

future researchers from yet-to-be-revealed evidence which may be found in the basement or attic of some courthouse or in an unknown descendant's private collection.

Whatever the case may be, may we never forget the sacrifices this early pioneer couple made so that we might live today. During the ceremony, and as you travel home, I would like for you to reflect on this quote printed in your program:

*Like the wind crying and listening to the universe
Time carries away the names and deeds
of conquerors and commoners alike.
And all that we were - all that remains is in the memories
of those who cared we came this way for a brief moment.*

Author unknown

The beautiful marker honoring John Jackson has been donated by the Dan River chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Danville, Virginia. Kenneth Colby, a descendant of Henry Jackson--youngest child of John and Elizabeth--is president of that chapter. Therefore it is only fitting that Kenneth should lead the unveiling service.

Kenneth's son, Kenneth Matthew Colby, then placed a wreath at the grave of John and Elizabeth; he was joined by Brent, Katie, and Sarah Jackson in unveiling the SAR Revolutionary War marker.

Mr. Musgrave introduced the members of the color guard, expressed thanks, and invited us to attend Battle Days at Point Pleasant in October. Timothy Jackson offered a closing prayer, then Mr. Musgrave led the assembly in reciting the American Creed: "We, descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, who by their sacrifices, established our faith in the principles of liberty, and our constitutional republic solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe." The colors were then retired, thus ending the ceremony.

Jackson Family Heritage Days concluded at the Stealey-Goff-Vance House, 123 West Main Street, with a reception sponsored by the Harrison County Historical Society and the Stonewall Jackson Civic Club. The house, which was built around 1807, is the home of the Harrison County Historical Society and is full of fascinating artifacts. Guests enjoyed tours of the home and punch and cookies in the cool shade of the backyard. Our



Wrapping up the reunion at the Stealey-Goff-Vance House.

group began to break up around 4:30, bringing to an end a thoroughly enjoyable weekend. With all of the activities, it is difficult to believe how smoothly it all went--a testimony to all of the hard work that went into the reunion beforehand. Jackson Family Heritage Days has certainly "upped the ante" for our future reunions. Looking forward to seeing you next time!

Guests - Jackson Family Heritage Days, 1998

Gary Alderman
Janette Alderman
Patricia Marecek Andrews
Donna Bandeen
Carola Bell
Julian Bell
Carlos Bell
Julia Dawn Brown
Stephen W. Brown
Marjorie H. Carmichael
Jim Carpenter
Kathy Colby
Kenneth Colby
Kenneth Matthew Colby
Eleanor R. Cowgill
Glen W. Cowgill, Jr.
Cherry Duff
Alfred Dumas
Ann Fissel
Dan Fissel
Kathryn Fissel
Lauren Fissel
Patrick S. Gowers
Florence A. Hedden
Tresa Hutter
Daniel C. Hyde
Edward Jackson Ireland
Kathryn Ireland
Norma Ireland

Bill Jackson
Brent Jackson
Daniel Jackson
Jacob J. Jackson
John C. Jackson
John M. Jackson
Katie Jackson
Lois Jackson
Marian Jackson
Mary Jackson
Mary L. Jackson
Nancy Ann Jackson
Pamela Jackson
Rodney Jackson
Sarah Jackson
Theodore L. Jackson
Timothy Jackson
Michael Kellar
Kim Kilgore
Betty Dix Kirley
Almeda Kiser
Johnny Kiser
Wade Kiser
Patty Looman
Edith McCormack
Suzy McQuilkin
Fern Jackson Marecek
Glenda M. Meads
Linda B. Meyers

Ann L. Michell
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Dallas Post
Joann Post
Dena Dix Robinson
Larry Rowland
Margot Rowland
Anna Sage
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Roger Sage
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Jordan Stonestreet
Michael Stonestreet
Rhonda Stonestreet
Gale Hutter Taylor
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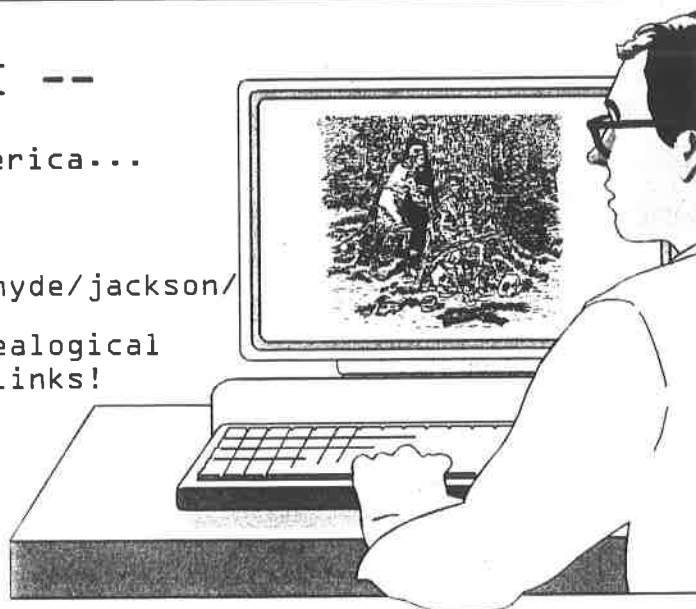
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Greetings and Farewells...

Karson Perry Colwell III



Born to Karson P. Colwell Jr. and Sharon Lynn Cowgill on October 6, 1998. 9 pounds, 0 ounces; 20 inches. Karson is the newest Jackson-Cummins descendant, being descended through both the Edward and John Jr. lines. (Edward Jackson lineage: Karson P. III, Sharon Lynn Colwell, Glen W. "Bill," Eleanor Ruth Cowgill, Annie Grace Jackson, Julia Viola Stalnaker, William Dexter, Margaret "Peggy" Hall, Edward, John Jackson.) Congratulations!

Thomas Whaley Jackson



Born June 30, 1998. Son of Michael Jackson and Christine Sobzlak Jackson, Thomas is the newest ninth-generation Jackson descended from the Samuel line. (Thomas Whaley, Michael, David Ray, Whaley W., Thomas Hadden, Henry Clay, Joel, Samuel, John Jackson). Welcome, Thomas!

Daisy M. Carpenter



Daisy Margaret Carpenter, 80, of Rt. 1, Weston, died at 4:50 a.m. Sunday, May 10, 1998, at United Hospital Center, Clarksburg, following a brief illness.

She was born May 7, 1918, in Lewis County, a daughter of the late Doy Wyant and Edna Ellen Canifield Wyant.

Her husband, Stark DeWitt Carpenter, whom she married Dec. 26, 1936, preceded her in death on Sept. 6, 1989. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Stephen (Judith) Casey, Rt. 2, Jane Lew, Mrs. Karen Carson, Weston and Mrs. Joey (Cindy) Cronin, Manassas, VA.; one son, Richard D. Carpenter, Rt. 1 Weston; one sister, Madeline Hinkle, Jane Lew; two brothers, Wilson Wyant, Arlington, Va., and Basil Wyant, Weston; seven grandchildren, Stephen D. Casey, French Creek, Patrick V. Casey, Jane Lew, Rhonda Casey, Fairmont, Richard Todd Carpenter and Scott Alan Carpenter, both of Rt 1, Weston, and Kelly and Carrie Cronin, both of Manassas, and six great-grandchildren. Burial in Broad Run Cem., Jane Lew. (Stark DeWitt, Stark Arnold, Edward J., Elizabeth "Eliza" Carpenter, Edward, John Jackson.)

Thelma Lorena Hall



Thelma Lorena Hall, daughter of Richard Cummings Dexter Hall and Celia Frances Burr, died February 5, 1998 and was buried in Bedford, Virginia. Thelma was born November 21, 1907, in Lewis County, West Virginia. She married Magnus Claborn White in Oakland, Maryland, on August 20, 1927, and was the mother of one son, Darrel Eugene. (Thelma Lorena, Richard C., William Dexter, Margaret "Peggy" Hall, Edward, John Jackson).

Edwin L. Hedden



A memorial service will be held July 9 for Edwin L. Hedden of Eugene, who died July 2 of congestive heart failure. he was 77.

Hedden was born Nov. 26, 1920, in Corral, Idaho, to Clarence and Clara Kimmel Hedden. In 1925, he moved with his family to Gresham, where he graduated from high school in 1939.

In 1941, he enlisted in the Army Air corps, graduating as a pilot in 1943 and as a flight engineer in 1945 with B-29 crew No. 2480. he attained the rank of lieutenant colonel in the 9416th Air Force Reserve Squadron. He married Florence Johnston in Portland on Nov. 8, 1943.

Before enlisting in the service, Hedden worked as a bookkeeper for a Gresham bakery. After his discharge, he moved to Eugene, where he worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad, Sears Roebuck & Co. and as the facilities coordinator for the University of Oregon Athletic Department. He retired in 1982.

His interests included carpentry, bicycling and golfing. He and his wife liked to travel and they enjoyed many elderhostel programs in the United States and Internationally. He also enjoyed camping with his family and visiting with family and friends.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Gary of Los Altos, Calif.; a daughter, Susan Hedden of Jackson, Wyo.; a brother, Kenneth of Boring; and two grandchildren.

Thursday's service will be at 1:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Eugene. Musgrove Family Mortuary in Eugene is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to charity of choice. (Florence Hedden, Oliver Samuel, Ellen Loretta Johnston, John H. B., Henry, John Jackson.)

Elvin Jackson



Elvin Russell Jackson was born 6 June 1900 in Caldwell, Scottsbluff Co., NE, the oldest son of Joel and Rosa Russell Jackson by Joel's second marriage. (His first wife had died and he had a surviving son, Gale Clifford Jackson of this marriage). Joel was a rancher and farmer and moved to Arizona in 1919 to escape the Nebraska winters. Eventually settling in Chino Valley, Arizona, Joel and Rosa raised their three children there. Elvin and his older sister Esther attended Lamson Business College in Phoenix. Elvin married Rivers Copeland in Phoenix on 8 Oct 1927. They had two sons, James and Robert. Elvin was skilled as a business man and some of his many achievements were being Vice-President of Arizona Mine Supply Corporation, a founder of Yavapai Savings and Loan, promoter of the Zane Grey scenic highway across mid-Arizona, and developer of Jackson Acres Subdivision on Iron Springs Road. His church meant much to him and he was an elder for over 50 years at the Church of Christ on Mountain View of which he was a founding member. After his wife died early in 1963, he married her widowed sister, Joyce M Copeland Boyd on 26 Dec 1963 and raised her three children. He was an avid Kiwanian and held the longest record of perfect attendance known in the Prescott chapter. Elvin died on 30 May 1996, just short of his 96th birthday, lucid and gracious to the end.

Elvin was son of Joel, son of Samuel, son of Henry, son of Samuel, son of our progenitor, John Jackson. He was quite interested in all his family tree. (Prepared by Lester LeMay, nephew.)



The George S. & Nancy [Gilliland/Gilleland] Lemon Reunion was a great success this year with some new "cousins" who until May 17th had been only a voice on the other end of our telephone or Internet connection. This reunion meets on the Sunday of the weekend before the Memorial Day weekend (next year: May 16, 1999). Our fall work-party will be Saturday, October 9, 1998, with rain-date the following weekend Saturday, October 16th.

A few dedicated descendants first met on a cold Sunday in 1993 with the hopes of saving two of our early cemeteries in Ritchie County, West Virginia. These were the burial places of some of our early ancestors who came from Virginia and Pennsylvania to help settle the frontier. Finally, our aims are being accomplished. Stones have been reset and preserved at one cemetery. A fence has been erected around the other cemetery to protect the few remaining stones from the farm owner's livestock. The task seemed impossible when we began... and now the progress is beginning to show.

Remember, if we can do this - you can do this. Many early burial grounds are disappearing every year with the movement we call "progress." Tomorrow is too late.

The Lemon family is closely associated with the Henry Jackson Jr. family of Ritchie Co., WV. Besides the reunion, they also publish a quarterly newsletter. For more information, write: Lemon Tree Press, P.O. Box 522, Marietta, OH, 45750-0522. This small group has shown the difference that a little work and money can make in preserving our family's burial sites. The Jackson Brigade is also interested in cemetery preservation; donations to our cemetery fund are always welcome.

VETERANS HISTORICAL PROJECT: AN UPDATE

As of October 1, we have sold 33 copies of *Roll of Honor*, and all profits have been delivered to the association. Copies of the book are still available for purchase. The price, until further notice, continues to be \$16.95, which includes postage. Make checks payable to John M. Jackson and mail to John at 9002 Penrose Lane, Little Rock, AR 72205.

Unfortunately, as we expected, the book contains some errors; a few of these have already been brought to our attention. We will be publishing revisions in the newsletter. Also, probably beginning with the next issue, we will publish some war-time diaries and reminiscences written by our family's veterans.

Revisions to Roll of Honor:

- p.41: **Edwin Carrel Douglass** was a Sergeant, not Sergeant First Class; he was discharged from the 9th MAW, not the 9th Div. Helen Waterman, Edwin's sister, noticed the error.
- p.42: "**Raymond Heckenboatom**" should read "**Raymond Hickemboatom**." Thanks to Mark F. Leep, who spotted the mistake.
- p.56: **Lavern Marteney** married **Norma Jean Orem** 7 November 1935. Mr. Marteney is buried in Cairo Cemetery, Pratt Co., Kansas. Correction supplied by Mrs. Marteney.
- p.71: Mark F. Leep supplies some clarification and additional information for his sketch, which should read as follows:

Mark F. LEEP:

Henry Jackson line. Son of **Oral Franklin Leep** and **Joyce Fye**. b. 1 April 1959. m. **Marsha Robey**.

Health care administrator, Bon Secours Richmond Health System, Inc., Richmond, Virginia. B.A., 1981; M.A., 1983, Marshall University. M.B.A., 1993; J.D., 1993, University of Richmond.

Captain, U. S. Marine Corps (1986-1993). Stationed at Quantico Virginia, and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Served as Headquarters & Service Platoon Commander; Supply and Fiscal Officer, and parachutist for 2d Force Reconnaissance Company (Rein), 2d Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Intelligence Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic.

Florence Hedden shared the following information on her husband, whose name we are proud to add to our list:

Edwin L. HEDDEN:

Henry Jackson line (by marriage). b. 26 November 1920, Corral, ID; d. 2 July 1998. m. **Florence Ann Johnston** (daughter of **Oliver Samuel Johnston** and **Talkie Margaret McKnight**), Portland, OR, 8 November 1943.

Employed by Southern Pacific Railroad and Sears Roebuck & Company. Facilities coordinator, University of Oregon Athletic Department. Retired 1982.

Enlisted in U. S. Army Air Corps, 1941. Graduated as pilot in 1943, and as flight engineer in 1945, with B-29 crew No.2480. Attained rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 9416th Air Force Reserve Squadron.

Constitution and by-laws of the Jackson Brigade Association Inc.

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1. Any person, whether related to the family or not, upon subscribing to its purposes and paying annual dues, shall be a member of the Jackson Brigade Corporation. This membership shall include all persons of a household living at the same mailing address.
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1. To research, preserve and exchange genealogical information about the family in the United States who are descendants of John and Elizabeth (Cummins) Jackson; and to strengthen family ties.

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