

History of the Jackson Brigade Corporation - the First 27 Years

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The Seed of an Idea is Planted!

In 1989 Linda Brake Meyers first visited West Virginia where she attended a Crislip reunion in Buckhannon with her cousin Jeanette Brake Guscott. At that time, about all Jeanette and Linda knew of their background was that their Crislip grandparents were buried at Walkersville and that their Brakes came from Lewis and Upshur Counties, eventually settling in Ashtabula County, Ohio. They both grew up knowing that they were related to Stonewall Jackson. Who would have thought that that one visit to West Virginia would lead Linda on what seems to be a never ending journey in search of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson. Shortly after returning home, Linda sent a query off to the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants (HCPD) newsletter and Nancy Jackson answered that query. Their search began, and a lasting friendship developed between distant cousins.¹

In the late 1980s, Nancy Ann Jackson and her brother Jacob Jay "Jake" Jackson, Jr. were researching their John Jackson, Jr. line. Nancy noticed Linda's query that she was looking for descendants of Colonel Edward Jackson. Since John Jackson, Jr. and Colonel Edward Jackson were brothers, the two researchers Linda and Nancy had common ground.

For many years in the early 1990s, Linda and her husband Lee would drive to Clarksburg, WV in the summer to stay with Nancy for a week or two. Nancy and Linda would pore over deeds, wills, birth, marriage, death, and court records in the courthouses and research in local libraries. While Nancy looked for information on her John Jackson, Jr. line and Linda on her Colonel Edward Jackson line, they discovered they were finding and gathering information on all eight of John and Elizabeth (Cummins) Jackson's children. Nancy had the idea, "Why not form an association for all the descendants of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson?"²

The Seed Sprouts - Origins of the Jackson Brigade Corporation

On August 17, 1991 at a reunion for descendants of Nancy's great-grandmother Julia Viola Hall, Nancy proposed during the business meeting that they form such an association. Here is what is written at the beginning of the Jackson Brigade Corporation's Constitution and Bylaws.

"On August 17, 1991, thirty-five descendants of Julia Viola Hall renewed family ties with fellowship and fun at a reunion held at Valley Falls, near Fairmont, West Virginia. Julia Viola Hall was a great-great granddaughter of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson. Linda Brake Meyers and Gary Wiener were special guests for the day.

"During the business meeting it was voted to begin a Jackson Association for descendants of John and Elizabeth (Cummins) Jackson. Those elected to head the organization were: Nancy Jackson, president, Timothy K. Jackson, secretary, and Mary Lois Jackson, treasurer. No vice-president was elected. Jacob J. Jackson, Jr. agreed to be editor of the newsletter. The constitution and bylaws were written by the officers and editor and filed with the state along with an incorporation application signed by these individuals. On March 24, 1992, the

¹ *Jackson Brigade Quarterly* Vol. 20 No. 4 August 2012, page 23

² Phone interview of Nancy Jackson by Dan Hyde on July 21, 2018

Jackson Brigade Corporation was made official in the State of West Virginia (see certificate facsimile). Our license has been renewed each year since 1992."³

Nancy was the driving force behind the effort to create the more formal organization with the expanded membership of all the descendants of John and Elizabeth. Some wanted to keep the reunion limited to Julia Viola Hall's descendants and be just an informal picnic every year. Nancy recruited her brother Jake to be the editor and his wife Mary Lois to be the treasurer. Her nephew Tim was elected the secretary. Linda Meyers attended the 1991 reunion and was very supportive. Gary Wiener was a non-relative who was active in the local historical society and offered to pay for the mailing of invites to known descendants of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson and the mailing of the first issue of the newsletter (free to recipients). His financial support was critical for the initial success of the organization.

Nancy contacted a Mr. Armstrong in Charleston, WV at the Cultural Center to ask for advice on forming a family association. He encouraged her to write a Constitution and Bylaws but also to incorporate as a non-profit in the State of West Virginia. Incorporating has several advantages but most importantly it protects the officers in case of a lawsuit. Nancy wrote the original Jackson Brigade Constitution and Bylaws using the HCPD Bylaws as a guide. After the 1991 Reunion, the officers and editor met at Tim Jackson's home once a month to discuss the document and make revisions. The "Constitution and Bylaws of the Jackson Brigade Corporation" were approved at the 1992 Reunion.⁴

Earlier Sprouts - The Jackson Family Association and Reunions (1922-1941)

Linda Meyers and Nancy Jackson, while researching their book on Colonel Edward Jackson, located the original minutes of the "Jackson Clan's" reunions. The first gathering was held at Jackson's Mill in 1922. The last recorded meeting was in 1941. We suspect the meetings ended due to the gasoline rationing during World War II. Neva Irene Harrison, daughter of Rella Jackson Rinehart, had the minutes and papers from her mother, who was a secretary of the early Jackson Reunions. She allowed Linda and Nancy to make copies of these minutes. John M. Jackson transcribed the 85 pages of minutes and notes and they can be found on the Jackson Brigade's website. They are very interesting reading and we highly recommend reading them!

It is interesting to note that Nancy's father, Jacob J. Jackson, was at one time president of this organization (The Jackson Family Association), and the minutes show that Nancy attended one of the reunions when she was two years old. So, it is only fitting that Nancy and other members of her family would be instrumental in forming our present Jackson Brigade Corporation.⁵

Nancy says she and Linda did not know of the earlier Jackson Family Association and reunions until after the Jackson Brigade Corporation had been formed in 1992. We now see that the Jackson Brigade picked up their preserve-Jackson-heritage torch and carried it.⁶

³ "Constitution and Bylaws of the Jackson Brigade Corporation," page 1

⁴ Phone interview of Nancy Jackson by Dan Hyde on July 21, 2018

⁵ *Jackson Brigade Quarterly* Vol. 6 No. 4 August 1998, Part 2, page 5

⁶ Phone interview of Nancy Jackson by Dan Hyde on July 21, 2018

The Purposes of the Jackson Brigade Corporation

In 1992 the original purposes of the Jackson Brigade Corporation were:⁷

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.
2. To publish a quarterly newsletter called the *Jackson Brigade Express Newsletter*.
3. To hold reunions on a periodic basis.
4. To receive gifts and bequests for the support of the Jackson Brigade Corporation.

Over the last 27 years, we have dropped the phrase "in the United States" and changed the name of the newsletter to the *Jackson Brigade Quarterly*. Amazingly, no other changes! Basically, we have the same stated purposes today as we did 27 years ago.

How we implement some of the purposes has expanded. For example, we expanded on how we exchange genealogical information beyond publishing it in the *Jackson Brigade Quarterly* newsletter to publishing it on the web.

In 1994 with the introduction of the World Wide Web, many individuals started utilizing computers for genealogy and family history research. John M. Jackson writes "[Before the Internet, I did] Lots and lots of correspondence! Of course, the Internet entered the picture and revolutionized family history research. I continue to be amazed at just how easy it has become to find obscure bits of information--things that when I started, would've taken weeks or months to obtain, if it could be obtained at all."⁸

In August 1997 in response to this revolution, the organization decided to create a Jackson Brigade website. This allowed the organization to reach a much wider audience (thousands of visits a year) than allowed by publishing the newsletter. The website did not replace the newsletter but complimented it.

In September 1997, Dan Hyde added an automated online query feature to the Jackson Brigade website. When a person submits an online query, an email message with the text of the query is automatically sent to Dan. He then filters out any junk queries and, by way of email, forwards good queries to the Jackson Brigade Board members. Therefore, many individuals who have submitted an online query will receive a high quality response from one of the Board members in a matter of hours. Such responsiveness has gained the organization a lot of respect and good will. The online query feature added the new role for the organization of helping the wider family history community.

In January 2018, to further strengthen family ties, we added a social media presence for the Jackson Brigade in the form of a Facebook Page and a Facebook Group. We hoped to encourage people to visit our Jackson Brigade website. Also, we wanted to create an online community of people interested in the family history of descendants of John Jackson and his wife Elizabeth Cummins with the hope they might join and be active in the organization. Since many Americans, especially the younger set, are on social media, it seemed to be the wave of the future.

Another technology-based change for the organization was DNA testing. Starting about 2010, individuals were contacting Jackson Brigade Board members and asking if any Jackson Brigade members had their DNA tested. In April 2011, we were approached by a Family Tree DNA's Jackson Surname Group Administrator: "If two distantly related descendants of John Jackson and Elizabeth Cummins would test, it would be a great help to those Jacksons still looking to find their connections." The Board members decided that Dan Hyde would

⁷ "Constitution and Bylaws of the Jackson Brigade Corporation" Article II. Purposes

⁸ John M. Jackson's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, July 1, 2018

investigate what needed to be done, the cost, the issues, and the benefits to the organization.

In October 2011, the Board approved the Jackson Brigade DNA Project with the following goals:

1. To establish a base of DNA knowledge for others to compare to.
2. To find cousins to whom we could reach out and invite to become members of Jackson Brigade.
3. To gather DNA evidence to aid in proving family connections of interest to the Jackson Brigade.

We have had several DNA testing successes! For more details, read the later section on the "Jackson Brigade DNA Project."

The original set of purposes for the Jackson Brigade Corporation has stood the test of time. We have expanded on how we implemented several of them, but the core purposes are the same.

Jackson Brigade Corporation's Activities

The Jackson Brigade Corporation has roles that are found in many volunteer organizations such as a president to plan and coordinate the organization, a treasurer to handle the finances, a secretary to deal with memberships and correspondence. However, as a modern genealogy and family history organization we have several special major activities. One is the publication of four issues a year of the *Jackson Brigade Quarterly*. Other activities are the maintenance of the Jackson Brigade website, maintenance of the Facebook Page and Group social media presence, the Jackson Brigade DNA Project effort, and a significant family history research effort.

Jackson Brigade Corporation's Newsletter⁹

As of August 2018, our newsletter will complete its twenty-sixth year. The first newsletter was mailed, free of charge, to known Jackson-Cummins descendants in March 1992. Jacob Jay Jackson, a descendant of both Col. Edward and John Jackson Jr., served as Editor of the publication, then titled *Jackson Brigade Express Newsletter*. The text was printed on a dot-matrix printer, photocopied, and stapled. The copy work was done at PDQ Print Shop in Clarksburg, WV.

In 1995, Linda B. Meyers, also a descendant of Col. Edward Jackson, assumed the role of editor, and that same year, the newsletter took on more of a magazine-style format, with advances in technology providing improved text and graphics. A regular, fixed publication schedule of August - November - February - May commenced with the August 1995 issue.

In 1999, John M. Jackson, of the Henry Jackson line, became responsible for having the newsletter printed in Little Rock, AR (University Printing) and mailed, and the following year succeeded Linda as Editor. Also in 2000, the publication's title was changed to *Jackson Brigade Quarterly*. Printing and distribution moved with John to Blacksburg, VA in early 2001, with the print work performed by A-1 Copies of Blacksburg.

Beginning with the November 2010 issue, Nancy A. Jackson, of both the Col. Edward and John Jackson Jr. lines, became Editor and also oversaw printing and distribution. Joyce Elbon Neeley and Phillip Elbon assisted Nancy. Nancy compiled material to be used in the *Quarterly*, and Joyce served as layout

⁹ "Jackson Brigade Editor's Report" by John M. Jackson in Vol. 23 No. 1 November 2014

coordinator. As an employee of PDQ Print Shop, Phillip took care of the printing. Nancy, Phillip and Joyce worked as a team on distribution.

In November 2013, John resumed as Editor, but printing and distribution continue to be done in Clarksburg by Nancy, Joyce and Phillip, with print work done at PDQ. After printing, Phillip and son Phillip Jr. place copies in envelopes for mailing. Joyce makes mailing labels and prepares them for printing. After receiving the copies from Phillip, Nancy checks the labels against the membership list provided by the secretary before taking the *Quarterly* to the post office.

An every-name index to the first 15 volumes of the *Quarterly* is available on the Jackson Brigade website (www.JacksonBrigade.com). Complete tables of contents, arranged both alphabetically and chronologically are also available and are up-to-date through volume 25.

Few changes are anticipated in the newsletter's format in the near future. In the August 2014 issue, we debuted a new department on landmarks named for family members, and a new department on Jackson family inventions may appear in the near future. In the last year, we published a special issue devoted to the topic of slavery.

This report ends with a plea: The editors have strived to bring new stories to our members, but most of what we publish has already been printed elsewhere. We would much rather publish new, never-before-seen (or rarely seen) material. Some members may be reluctant to share, mistakenly thinking that their stories are of no interest. What is considered ordinary today, however, will be considered history by later generations. In the August 2014 issue of the *Quarterly* are guidelines for submitting items for the newsletter's regular departments. While these guidelines are specific, the great majority of the newsletter's format is unstructured; we ask only that material have some family connection. Maybe you'd simply like to share some family stories. Dan Hyde's 2014 success in filling more than 70 pages with submissions of family stories from 15 different contributors in just a few months is proof that we have an untapped wealth of family lore. Please consider preserving your family's heritage by sharing it through the *Quarterly*.

Jackson Brigade Corporation's Website¹⁰

The technological marvel for sharing information called the World-Wide Web, or just "the Web," became popular in 1994. A few years later in early August 1997, Jackson Brigade member Dan Hyde agreed to create a website for the Jackson Brigade. After the initial construction of the website in August 1997, Dan actively solicited material from Jackson Brigade members and placed their material on the website. Over the last twenty-one years, many people, notably Nancy Ann Jackson and Linda Brake Meyers, have submitted large amounts of material for inclusion on the website. On August 1, 2012, the website had 1105 web pages and 1785 images for a total of 2794 files. Much more material has been added since the 2012 inventory. The Jackson Brigade's website is fairly popular. In July 2018 the website averages about 125 different visitors each day. Clearly the website is a valuable resource.

Dan added an automated on-line queries feature to the Jackson Brigade's website on September 6, 1997. On August 1, 2012, we had 618 on-line queries (not counting a lot of deleted "junk" queries). When a person submits an on-line query, an email message with the text of the query is automatically sent to Dan. He then filters out any junk queries and, by way of email, forwards good queries to the Jackson Brigade Board members. Therefore, many individuals who have submitted an on-line query will receive

¹⁰ Jackson Brigade Webmaster's Report" by Dan Hyde in Vol. 23 No. 1 November 2014; Webmaster's Report was updated in July, 2016 and again in July 2018

a high quality response from one of the Board members in a matter of hours. Such responsiveness has gained the organization a lot of respect and good will.

Beginning in 1997, the Jackson Brigade website had been maintained in Dan's faculty account at Bucknell University. Since Dan planned to retire in 2016, in 2013 he felt it was best to move the website's materials off the University's web server to a new home. With the impending move, Dan decided it was a good time to completely reorganize and modernize the website. With approval of the Jackson Brigade Board in April 2013, Dan moved a bulk of the website materials to a commercial website hosting service (Bluehost) and completely redesigned the website's organization-and-look using a modern web software system (WordPress). At the same time, we acquired a new Internet domain name: www.JacksonBrigade.com. This new Internet name is a lot easier to remember and better represents the Jackson Brigade organization. After a period of development and testing by Dan and other Jackson Brigade Board members, the new website was officially announced to the membership on June 6, 2013. From April 13, 2013 to July 2016 we had over 16,600 unique visitors to the new website.

The new website's administration software is much easier to learn and use. It allows any authorized person to add or alter content with minimal training. The old website organization required one to be an expert in HTML and other computer technologies to add or alter content. Jackson Brigade Board member Lee Jackson has been trained to aid Dan in administrating the new website.

It is hard to believe that it has been five years since we switched to the new website. In early 2016, we renewed our web-hosting contract for another three years with Bluehost.

In a major effort in 2016, John M. Jackson and Dan placed electronic versions (PDF format) of all of the issues of the *Jackson Brigade Quarterly* in a secure place on the website. We have uploaded all 103 issues that we have published. These are used to supply a printed copy when someone requests and pays for a back issue.

Until about 2005, Dan would print all the material on the website and place it in notebook binders once a year to maintain a hard copy so we would not lose the information in the event of a major disaster. In 2005, printing the whole website completely filled four four-inch binders! And took many hours to print! With many more pages being added everyday, Dan decided we needed a different approach. He no longer prints out the whole website. As a disaster plan, the whole website is backed up every night by the web hosting company Bluehost. And independently, website management software does a second backup of the whole website every night to a physically different location. Dan can restore the whole website by himself from this second backup without intervention of Bluehost. With the backup redundancy, Dan sleeps better at night.

The future of the Jackson Brigade website is bright. More material is submitted almost every day. Visit our Jackson Brigade website at: www.JacksonBrigade.com

Jackson Brigade DNA Project¹¹

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After the project’s approval, Board members identified two males with Jackson surnames who we were confident (by research and written documents) are descendants of John Jackson and Elizabeth Cummins. In November 2011, the two (Board members John M. Jackson and Robert Lee Jackson) took Y-DNA67 tests through the Family Tree DNA company.

In July 2012, Dan Hyde created the Jackson Brigade DNA Project web pages and announced the DNA Project to the world. See the web pages at the following: <http://www.jacksonbrigade.com/dna-project/>

John and Lee’s Y-DNA matched 66 markers out of the 67. This gives a 95% probability of a common ancestor in the last 8 generations. Since John descends from John and Elizabeth Jackson's son Henry and is 8 generations away; and Lee descends from John and Elizabeth Jackson's son John Jr. and is 6 generations away, this confirms both John and Lee’s paper trails that they are descendants of John Jackson. More importantly it establishes the Y-DNA for John Jackson and all his direct male descendants including Thomas Jonathan “Stonewall” Jackson. Now males with the proper conditions can test their Y-DNA to see if they are of this Jackson line and related to Stonewall.

From the tests, the Y-DNA haplogroup (ancient ancestry) for the John Jackson/Elizabeth Cummins line is a *very* common one (R1b1a2 or in the newer designation, R-M269). A large percentage of Western Europe's males are in this haplogroup! Because it a very common haplogroup, any prospective individual will need to test at least 67 markers.

In the two years 2012-2014, we had a dozen or so DNA-related inquiries where several resulted in minor successes and at least two new Jackson Brigade members.

One objective is to use DNA testing to aid in identifying the ancestors of John Jackson. We had hoped that Steven Jackson, author of *The Irish Ancestry of Stonewall Jackson*, Just Done Productions, 2008, would take a Y-DNA test. Steven claims in his book that John Jackson’s father was Thomas Jackson of Ballynarry Birches of Tartaraghmagh Parish, County Armagh, Ireland. Jane Hilder contacted Steven and he was very interested in taking the DNA test. Unfortunately, he passed away suddenly in May 2012. Jane has been in contact with Steven’s wife Leonora who relayed that Steven’s brother Clive or Clive’s son Adam may be willing to take the DNA test. We contacted Clive and he agreed to take a Y-DNA test but unfortunately, the results were negative.

The effort and money that went toward establishing our DNA baseline should continue to aid in proving family connections. We know a lot of folks want to believe they are related to Stonewall Jackson! Now they have a way to verify that!

In 2016, we identified two living direct male Jacksons of the Colonel Edward Jackson line (Franklin Earl Jackson) and the Samuel Jackson line (Lowell Wayne Jackson). Both Frank and Wayne agreed to take Y-DNA 67 marker tests. The results confirm both Frank and Wayne’s paper trails are correct and that they are descendants of John Jackson.

We are hopeful that we will be able to use DNA testing to break through the “Stonewall” of identifying John Jackson’s parents and where he lived in England.

Jackson Brigade Facebook Page and Facebook Group

To provide a social media presence to try to involve the younger generations, i.e., individuals younger than 60, a Jackson Brigade Facebook Page and a Jackson Brigade Facebook Group were developed in January 2018. We currently have 68 members in the Jackson Brigade Facebook Group. If you are interested in joining, visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/JacksonBrigadeGroup/members/>

It's too early to assess the impact to the organization from being on a social media platform such as Facebook.

Family History Research Efforts

Many Jackson Brigade members are active researchers in genealogy and Jackson family history. Their individual research results are written up as articles for the newsletter or items to be posted on the website.

The Jackson Brigade Reunions

From 1991 to 1997, the Jackson Brigade Reunions were annual picnics held in a pavilion in Clarksburg City Park in Nutter Fort, four miles outside of Clarksburg, or at Jackson's Mill 4-H camp. People were asked to bring a covered dish to share. There were games for the kids and fun activities for the adults. Nancy Jackson, as President, ran a Business Meeting where decisions on the organization's future were made, e.g., approval of the Bylaws and approval on the amount of membership fee. Also, the early reunions started the tradition of having a Memorial Service for descendants (and their spouses) who had died since the previous reunion.

Because of the initial mailing of invites to known descendants around the country, the 1992 Reunion started the tradition of attendees from all over the country. The 1992 Reunion had people from the states of Kansas, Indiana, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Tennessee, and West Virginia. The organization had a nation-wide focus from the start. When Jackson family researchers contacted a Jackson Brigade member, they were encouraged to attend the reunions. When several family history libraries around the country started to subscribe to our high quality newsletter, Jackson researchers wanted to attend the reunions to meet the articles' authors and visit the Jackson related historical sites. The Jackson Brigade website, introduced in August 1997, insured that our association is accessible to the growing number of researchers who use their computer for genealogical research. The reunions were the place where individual Jackson researchers could meet face-to-face for the first time. To accommodate the individuals who came a long distance, Nancy Jackson would run tours of Jackson-related historical sites typically on Sunday the day after the picnic.

The 1998 Reunion was a special two-day event which celebrated a defining event in our family's history: the Trans-Atlantic immigration in 1748 of our progenitors, John Jackson and Elizabeth Cummins. To plan this 250-year anniversary, Nancy Jackson, Linda Meyers and John M. Jackson worked on the details for three years. They asked the West Virginia Governor to proclaim it "Jackson Family Heritage Days." They received proclamations from Harrison, Lewis and Upshur Counties of

West Virginia. These can be viewed by visiting "Jackson Heritage Days part1" link on the website's home page.

The celebration included a Time Capsule Ceremony at Pringle Tree Park where John Jackson first settled in 1768, near Buckhannon, WV; a Banquet at Masonic Temple with speakers; the unveiling and dedication of SAR grave marker for John Jackson's gravesite at the Historic Jackson Cemetery in Clarksburg, WV.

In 1998 by a vote of the membership, the reunion was changed from being annual to biennial, i.e., every other year. Therefore, there was no 1999 reunion and the reunions were held on even years starting in 2000.

By agreement among the Board members, it was decided that every other reunion should be in the Jackson's Mill area and the alternating reunions be held in a location that would be interesting to the organization's membership. John C. Jackson agreed to hold the first of the "away from Jackson's Mill" reunions in North Plains, Oregon in 2000. Several of Henry Jackson's descendants traveled the Oregon Trail to settle in the Oregon Territories. In 2004, the Reunion was held in Parkersburg, WV where many of John George Jackson's descendants lived. In 2008 we traveled to Zanesville, Ohio where Colonel George Jackson lived. In 2012 the Reunion was in Lexington, Virginia, where General Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson lived and taught at Virginia Military Institute (VMI). In 2016 we held the Reunion in Marietta, Ohio, which is fourteen miles up the Ohio River from Parkersburg, WV.

Starting with the 2000 Reunion in Oregon, individuals would perform extensive research on the Reunion's area and background on the ancestors who lived there. This was done partly to sell the reunion's location to entice members to attend but also to provide information for the Reunion's program in the form of tours or talks. These searches revealed many interesting facts and family lore of our early ancestors. For example, David Edward Jackson, son of Colonel Edward Jackson and Mary Haddan, was one of the leaders of the FIRST wagon train to travel up the Platt River Trail in 1830. The Platt River Trail became part of what we now call the Oregon Trail. Some historians call this expedition THE OPENING OF THE OREGON TRAIL. This David E. Jackson was a famous fur trader and Jackson Hole, Wyoming is named after him. John C. Jackson, Co-chair of the 2000 Reunion, wrote a wonderful book about the fur trader in *David Jackson: Rocky Mountain Fur Trader*.

From 1998 and on, the reunions were much more than a picnic where one brought a covered dish to form new and renew family ties. Reunions were multi-day affairs with banquets, speakers, tours, and other components to educate participants on our Jackson heritage. The reunions still retained the traditions of a picnic, a Business Meeting, and a Memorial Service.

Note: For the Jackson Brigade Reunions from 1998 to 2018, the Jackson Brigade website contains extensive material including colored images of each reunion. See <http://www.jacksonbrigade.com/reunions/>

The Jackson Brigade Reunions

<u>Year</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Chair(s)</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Speaker/Activities/Theme</u>
2018	Jackson's Mill, West Virginia	Dan Hyde & Joy DeFazio & Nancy Jackson	71	Jackson Brigade Corporation history; tour on early Jackson families in Buckhannon, Hall, and Weston; Jacksons' involvement in formation of WV as State
2016	Marietta, Ohio	Dan Hyde & Winnetta Kennedy	67	Marietta and the Jackson family; Jackson Family Exhibits; Campus Martius & Ohio River Museums
2014	Jackson's Mill, West Virginia	Nancy Jackson		Jackson Pioneers' Homes: The Governor's Inn; Doug Bush house; Henry Jackson Cemetery; Bethany Church in Hall, Jacob Jay Jackson House
2012	Lexington, Virginia	John M. Jackson & Jane Hilder		Stonewall Jackson House; Lexington walking tour; Washington and Lee U; Lee Chapel; VMI; Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery
2010	Clarksburg, Weston, Beverly, WV	Nancy Jackson & Joyce Neeley & Joanne Post		Reception at Harrison Co. Historical Society; tour of Jackson sites of Clarksburg by David Houchin; tour of Beverly; tour of early settlements on Hacker's Creek by Joy Stalnaker
2008	Zanesville, Ohio	Jane Hilder & Dan Hyde	60	Focus on Col. George Jackson--his lands, his activities and his gravesite; sternwheeler ride on Muskingum River; tour of Zanesville
2006	Jackson's Mill, West Virginia	Nancy Jackson		Reception at Harrison Co. Historical Society; dedication of fencing in Clarksburg's Jackson Cemetery; Sunday tour
2004	Parkersburg, West Virginia	Ann Fissel & John M. Jackson	90	Parkersburg and Jackson Family; tour of Cisco; dedication of Judge James Monroe Jackson Water Fountain; sternwheeler trip on Ohio River; picnic on Blennerhassett Island
2002	Jackson's Mills, West Virginia	Nancy Jackson	39	Picnic Jubilee Pavilion and HCPD Library; Mary Todd Lincoln interpreter; Laura Jackson Arnold interpreter
2000	North Plains, Oregon	John C. Jackson & Donna Bandeen	25*	In conjunction with West Coast Annual Jackson Reunion; Oregon Trail & Jackson Oregon migration; tour of cemeteries and historic sites
1998	Clarksburg, West Virginia	Nancy Jackson & Linda Meyers	54	Jackson Heritage Days--250 year anniversary of Jackson arrival in American (1748); military marker for John Jackson's grave; buried time capsule at Pringle Tree Park
1997	Clarksburg City Park, Nutter Fort	Nancy Jackson		In conjunction with HCPD; HCPD Bus Tour
1996	Clarksburg City Park, Nutter Fort	Nancy Jackson	33	Cemetery fund established; silent auction of historic quilt
1995	Clarksburg City Park, Nutter Fort	Nancy Jackson		Laid wreath on John Jackson's grave
1994	Clarksburg City Park, Nutter Fort	Nancy Jackson		White elephant sale
1993	Jackson's Mill, WV	Nancy Jackson	53	Bus tour of Jackson historic sites in Lewis, Harrison and Upshur counties; Joy Gilchrist spoke on the "Pringle Tree Brothers"
1992	Norwood Park in Nutter Fort, WV	Nancy Jackson	50	Approved Bylaws; established dues at \$10/year
1991	Valley Falls, near Fairmont, WV	Nancy Jackson	35	Voted to begin a Jackson Association for descendants of John and Elizabeth (Cummins) Jackson

* 25 Jackson Brigade members; over 100 more West Coast family members attended the West Coast Annual Jackson Reunion.

Jackson Brigade Corporation's Key People

The success of any organization is based on the talents and skills of the people involved. The Jackson Brigade Corporation has been blessed with many very talented individuals. Some are expert family history researchers, others are published writers, and one is a computer science expert. Many possess leadership and organization skills. Over the last twenty-seven years, many people have been involved in running the organization. Here are a series of tables to tally the different roles people played.

Jackson Brigade Officers

<u>Years</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Member-at-large</u>
2018-2020	Dan Hyde	Lee Jackson	Don Jackson	Jane Hilder	Nancy Jackson
2016-2018	Dan Hyde	Lee Jackson	Winnetta Kennedy	Jane Hilder	Nancy Jackson
2014-2016	Dan Hyde	Lee Jackson	Linda Meyers	Jane Hilder	Nancy Jackson
2012-2014	Jane C. Hilder	Lee Jackson	Linda Meyers	Gayle Robey	Phill Ebon
2010-2012	Jane C. Hilder	Lee Jackson	Linda Meyers	Gayle Robey	Phill Ebon
2008-2010	Jane C. Hilder	Jennie C. Meade	Linda Meyers	Gayle Robey	Phill Ebon
2006-2008	Nancy Jackson	Jane C. Hilder	Linda Meyers	Ann Fissel	Katy Williams
2004-2006	Nancy Jackson	John C. Jackson	Linda Meyers	Ann Fissel	Katy Williams
2002-2004	Nancy Jackson	John C. Jackson	Linda Meyers	Ann Fissel	Katy Williams
2000-2002	Nancy Jackson	Linda Meyers	Mary Lois Jackson	Ann Fissel	John C. Jackson
1998-2000	Nancy Jackson	John M. Jackson	Mary Lois Jackson	Timothy K. Jackson	John C. Jackson
1996-1998	Nancy Jackson	John M. Jackson	Mary Lois Jackson	Timothy K. Jackson	Kenneth Colby
1994-1996	Nancy Jackson	Joanne Post	Mary Lois Jackson	Timothy K. Jackson	Daniel Jackson
1992-1994	Nancy Jackson	Joanne Post	Mary Lois Jackson	Timothy K. Jackson	----

Note: Starting August 2008, we created an additional officer on the Executive Board of **Immediate Past President**. This allowed Nancy Jackson to stay on the Executive Committee and be involved in all the communications and votes.

Editors of the *Jackson Brigade Quarterly* publication

<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Comments</u>
2013-present	John M. Jackson	Help from Phill Ebon in printing and mailing
2010-2013	Nancy Jackson	Help from Joyce Neely as Layout Editor and Phill Ebon as Distribution Editor
2005-2010	John M. Jackson	Linda B. Meyers listed as Editorial Staff
2000-2005	John M. Jackson	Linda B. Meyers & Jacob Jay Jackson, Jr. listed as Editorial Staff
1995-2000	Linda B. Meyer	Jacob Jay Jackson, Jr. & John M. Jackson listed as Editorial Staff
1994-1995	Jacob Jay Jackson, Jr.	Linda B. Meyers listed as Layout Editor
1992-1994	Jacob Jay Jackson, Jr.	Jake is brother to Nancy A. Jackson

Webmaster - Maintains the Jackson Brigade website at <http://www.jacksonbrigade.com/>
 1997 to present Dan Hyde Trained Lee Jackson to help

Agent - Interfaces with the State of West Virginia; renews the license for non-profit corporation.
 1992 to present Nancy Jackson

Branch Advocates - Initiated in 2006 to serve as advocates of their represented branch of the family of the eight Jackson lines and to assist the other officers in the work of the Jackson Brigade. Branch Advocates are expected to recruit members from their line, solicit articles on their line or organize a reunion in a historical area important to their line.

	<u>George</u>	<u>Edward</u>	<u>John Jr.</u>	<u>Elizabeth</u>	<u>Sophia</u>	<u>Mary Sara</u>	<u>Samuel</u>	<u>Henry</u>
2016-2018	---	Linda Meyers	Winnetta Kennedy	---	Mary Love Berryman	Ann Fissel	Juliann Lumpkin	---
2014-2016	---	Evan Rohrbough	Winnetta Kennedy	Jonathan Schafer	Mary Love Berryman	---	Juliann Lumpkin	---
2012-2014	---	Evan Rohrbough	Winnetta Kennedy	---	Mary Love Berryman	---	Pat Andrews	John M. Jackson
2010-2012	---	---	Winnetta Kennedy	---	Mary Love Berryman	---	Pat Andrews	John M. Jackson
2008-2010	---	---	Winnetta Kennedy	---	Mary Love Berryman	---	Pat Andrews	John C. Jackson
2006-2008	---	Thomas L. Marr	Winnetta Kennedy	---	Mary Love Berryman	---	Pat Andrews	John C. Jackson

Family History Researchers active on Jackson Brigade's Online Inquiry Service

Dan Hyde
 John M. Jackson
 Nancy Jackson
 Linda Meyers
 Mary Love Berryman

Publications by Jackson Brigade Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Year</u>
Dan Hyde	2018 Tour Booklet	2018
Dan Hyde	2014 Tour Booklet	2014
Dan Hyde	"Jackson Family Stories"	2014
Dan Hyde	"Jackson Family Histories 2008"	2008
John C. Jackson	"David E. Jackson"	2004
John C. Jackson	"Some Western Virginia Forty-Niners"	2004
John C. Jackson	"Burr Under the Saddle"	2004
John C. Jackson	"The Brief Career of 2nd Lieut. of Artillery Jacob Jackson"	2004
Linda B. Meyers	"They Walked the Streets of Fame: The Parkersburg Jacksons"	2004
John C. Jackson	"Jacksons on the Overland Trail"	2002
John C. Jackson	"By an Oregon Pioneer Fireside"	2002
John M. Jackson	"Roll of Honor: Jackson Veterans"	1998
Linda B. Meyers and Nancy A. Jackson	"Colonel Edward Jackson 1759-1828 Revolutionary Soldier"	1995

Speakers at Reunions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title of Presentation</u>	<u>Year</u>
Dan Hyde	"History of Jackson Brigade Corporation: the First 27 years"	2018
Dan Hyde	"Latest Results from the Jackson Brigade DNA Project"	2018
Hunter Lesser	"Lincoln's Odd Trick: Heros, Rascals & Rogues of WV Statehood"	2018
Dan Hyde	"Jackson Family Connections to Marietta, Ohio"	2016

Dan Hyde	"Using DNA Testing for Genealogy"	2016
Paula Lowther McGrew	"Getting Started: Genealogy Journeys"	2016
Bill Reynolds	General Rufus Putnam (Living History Portrayal)	2016
Dan Hyde	"Using DNA Testing for Genealogy"	2014
Dr. Mathew Lively	"Wounding of General Tomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson"	2014
Michael Ann Lynn	"Stonewall Jackson"	2012
Col. Keith Gibson	"Experiences of VMI during Civil War"	2012
Skip Koontz	Stonewall Jackson (Living History Portrayal)	2012
David Houchin	"Jacksons in Clarksburg"	2010
Jane Carlisle Hilder	"John S. Carlisle"	2010
Carmen Horn	Sarah "Sally" Zane McIntire (Living History Portrayal)	2008
Dan Hyde	"The Life of Colonel George Jackson"	2008
Susan Church	Anna Morrison Jackson (Living History Portrayal)	2006
Nancy Jackson	"The Parkersburg Jacksons"	2004
John M. Jackson	"Pribbles and Jacksons Closely Align"	2004
Chester Pribble	"Pribble Life in Cisco, WV"	2004
Bernard L. Allen	"Parkersburg Jacksons"	2004
George Moor	"General Stonewall Jackson"	2004
Ray Swick	"On the Blennerhassetts"	2004
Jeanne Carter	Laura Jackson Arnold (Living History Portrayal)	2002
Deloris Stinespring	Mary Todd Lincoln (Living History Portrayal)	2002
Nancy Jackson	"The Shaping of the Nation and Expansion of the Western Frontier by John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson and their Descendants"	1998
Joy Gilchrist	"The Pringle Tree Brothers"	1993

Accomplishments of the Jackson Brigade Corporation

For this and the next section, I will quote heavily from what our member submitted filling out the "History Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire" that I administered in June 2018 and phone interviews done in July 2018. The purpose of both instruments was to gather data for this document to be presented at the 2018 Jackson Brigade Reunion on August 4, 2018.

Here is a list of major accomplishments of the Jackson Brigade Corporation. The Jackson Brigade Corporation ...

1. Had the courage and foresight to establish the organization

A significant milestone was "Getting reorganized and reactivated in the early 1990s."¹²

A major accomplishment is "Just the fact that you exist!"¹³

2. Preserved Jackson family history

"I believe that the major accomplishment of the Jackson Brigade is to 'Keep History Alive for all of the Jacksons.'¹⁴

¹² Jane Hilder's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, July 1, 2018

¹³ Diana Killion Pulver's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, June 11, 2018

¹⁴ Marilyn Bride Levy's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, July 12, 2018

The major accomplishment of the Jackson Brigade is "preserving the history of the Jackson Family."¹⁵

We have worked to preserve Jackson family cemeteries such as the Historic Jackson Cemetery in Clarksburg, WV where John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson and other Jacksons are buried. "We should continue to preserve our Jackson Heritage and work to preserve landmarks important to Jackson family history."¹⁶

"We should be proud of our lineage. It contains many prominent people. The highlights were discussed in the booklets we wrote for "Jackson Heritage Days" in 1998."¹⁷ Links to the booklets can be found on the website's home page. See www.JacksonBrigade.com - Dan

We have encouraged the preservation of Jackson family artifacts such as Ulysses Jackson's rifle that is owned by member Bob Jackson of Hillsboro, Oregon. Ulysses, a son of Henry and Mary (Hyer) Jackson, came to the Oregon territory with an ox team arriving Oct. 7, 1848. Approximately 24 years of age, Ulysses carried this rifle on the trip west along the Oregon Trail in 1848.

3. Performed extensive research on the Jackson family

"I am grateful for all the research that people have done that I benefit from. ... I am an armchair genealogist, but I still feel connected and am deeply appreciative of the fact that others are willing to share their research unselfishly."¹⁸

Major accomplishments are "Helping members with their family history and research sources; providing workshops and excellent quest speakers."¹⁹

"I believe Nancy [Jackson] is both gifted and a gift to us all. Her skillset and energy levels are pretty amazing. I am grateful for Nancy's kindness to me. I am also appreciative of the input received from Dan, Jane, Linda, and John."²⁰

4. Connected descendants to share family history and adventures

A major accomplishment of the Jackson Brigade is "putting descendants in touch with each other to share family history and adventures."²¹

5. Aided descendants in understanding the hardships and lives of our pioneer ancestors

"I believe it is important to understand one's family history. It is also a way to honor those who went before us, and as we in the Jackson Brigade know, so many of the earliest of our ancestors were incredible men and women who survived on the frontier of Colonial America to raise their

¹⁵ Mary Love Berryman's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, June 30, 2018

¹⁶ Phone interview of Nancy Jackson by Dan Hyde on July 21, 2018

¹⁷ Phone interview of Nancy Jackson by Dan Hyde on July 21, 2018

¹⁸ Diana Killion Pulver's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, June 11, 2018

¹⁹ Patty Mace-Leonard's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, June, 2018

²⁰ Evan Rohrbough's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, June 25, 2018

²¹ Jane Hilder's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, July 1, 2018

families and make a future for themselves. We owe them a debt of gratitude, and remembering and learning more about them is a way to do that."²²

6. Published 103 Issues of our high quality *Jackson Brigade Quarterly* journal

"I look forward to reading the *Jackson Brigade Quarterly* to find out who is in the family and how far the family extends."²³

A major accomplishment is "Our quality quarterly--in my opinion there is none better family genealogical publication. Thanks John!"²⁴

A major accomplishment was publishing the newsletter. "When Linda [Meyers] took over as editor the Quarterly became more professional and when John M. [Jackson] became editor, he made it World Class!"²⁵

A major accomplishment was "Preserving so much of that history by publishing it in the Quarterly. ... Publishing a high quality Quarterly such that some libraries want to collect it."²⁶

"I think the Quarterly has also been a major accomplishment. Over the course of 26 years, we've compiled and published hundreds of pages of family lore and data and made it available in one place. I'm glad that we have copies going to a couple of major repositories so that they'll be preserved and of help to future generations."²⁷

7. Prepared and coordinated 18 Reunions, many are several days with valuable educational components

"The reunions that we have attended have been outstanding in the events and programs presented. ... I can't possibly imagine the time and resources that are required."²⁸

"I have always been impressed by the [reunions'] organization and the event planning. Speakers and presentations are generally high quality. Sometimes they are outstanding. For virtually no cost to the members, the venues range from good to excellent."²⁹

"Each reunion is a significant event. Each represents tons of hours of preparation. Each reunion is a satisfying means of bringing members together for several days."³⁰

"For me, the 1998 reunion, marking the 250th anniversary of our family in America, will always be the single most significant event. I also think the 2004 reunion was significant, in that it coincided with the rededication of the James Monroe Jackson bust at the Wood County, WV courthouse and the exhibition of artworks by Lily Irene Jackson. Really, all of the reunions since 1998 have been

²² John Chase's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, June 30, 2018

²³ Franklin Leep's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, July 2, 2018

²⁴ Linda Meyer's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, June 12, 2018

²⁵ Phone interview of Nancy Jackson by Dan Hyde on July 21, 2018

²⁶ Jane Hilder's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, July 1, 2018

²⁷ John M. Jackson's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, July 1, 2018

²⁸ Franklin Leep's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, July 2, 2018

²⁹ Evan Rohrbough's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, June 25, 2018

³⁰ Evan Rohrbough's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, June 25, 2018

milestones of sorts, in that many of them put our family and the association in the public eye with local press coverage and giving us contacts among local historians, historical societies, etc."³¹

8. Provided valuable resources for Jackson family researchers with our website

"Making it possible through the website for some descendants to trace their family history."³²

Diana Killion Pulver was attracted to become involved in the Jackson Brigade because "I was very impressed with the information available on the website."³³

"My step up for interest in family history was inspired by the vast treasure trove of information available on the internet. Early on, I observed Nancy Jackson was often in the center of my source options. The Jackson Brigade website quickly became a go-to source for me."³⁴

On the impact of the Jackson brigade Website, John M. Jackson writes "I don't think we'll ever know the true impact of the website on assisting family historians with their research. But I'm sure it's been the information gateway for many, many people just beginning to search for their Jackson and related ancestors."³⁵

9. Utilized DNA testing to confirm paper trails of four Jackson lines from John and Elizabeth (Cummins) Jackson

"Though its significance has yet to be truly felt, the DNA project will someday, I am certain, be of great benefit to our family's genealogists. Whether we'll have a major breakthrough in a month, a year, or a decade is hard to say, but it will happen one of these days, and when it does, it will have a significant impact on the scope of our research and what we know about our family."³⁶

10. Helped the wider family history community with an online query system for 21 years

Serving on the Board as a Branch Advocate for several years, Evan Rohrbough writes, "I like the discourse. The Jackson Brigade Corporation is welcoming and respectful of different viewpoints. Dan is a master in responding to queries. His responses are courteous, positive and helpful. Members should take pride in the Jackson Brigade Corporation's image as presented on our website and by the actions of those who maintain it."³⁷

"The online inquiry system is highly regarded in the family history community because of the fast turn around and high quality answers."³⁸

³¹ John M. Jackson's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, July 1, 2018

³² Jane Hilder's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, July 1, 2018

³³ Diana Killion Pulver's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, June 11, 2018

³⁴ Evan Rohrbough's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, June 25, 2018

³⁵ John M. Jackson's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, July 1, 2018

³⁶ John M. Jackson's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, July 1, 2018

³⁷ Evan Rohrbough's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, June 25, 2018

³⁸ Dan Hyde's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, July 4, 2018

11. Published more than a dozen books and booklets to disseminate Jackson family history

"A major accomplishment was the publishing by Nancy Jackson and Linda Meyers of *Colonel Edward Jackson 1759-1828 Revolutionary Soldier* in 1995. This has become the definitive book on the Jackson family. Other significant books were John C. Jackson's *David Jackson: Rocky Mountain Furtrader*," John M. Jackson's *Roll of Honor: Jackson Veterans*, Linda Meyers' *They Walked the Streets of Fame: The Parkersburg Jacksons* and Dan Hyde's *Jackson Family Histories 2008* and *Jackson Family Stories*."³⁹

12. Fenced in the Jackson burial grounds at the Historic Jackson Cemetery in Clarksburg

"The erection of fencing around John and Elizabeth's graves fulfills one of our association's most fundamental purposes and is something about which we can be proud. The two graves are something that is history shared by all of us, so their preservation is of such great importance and will become even more so as time goes on."⁴⁰

A major accomplishment was "The 1998 dedication of the new fencing around the Jackson burial plots in the Historic Jackson Cemetery in Clarksburg[,WV]. We have fought to preserve the cemetery."⁴¹

13. Maintained a database of all known descendants of John and Elizabeth Jackson

Around the year 2000, Linda Brake Meyers began compiling a computer-based working database of Jackson/Brake descendants. In 2012 the database had over 30,000 names. Even today, she continues to add names to the database. The database is a valuable resource when we receive a request for family information.⁴²

14. Was successful for twenty-seven years as a genealogical and family history organization

"The Jackson family history fascinates me - My Jackson Brigade Corporation interest, however, is more driven by my trust & faith in the organization's leadership group. The Board is really good! Casual members may not recognize just how skilled their leaders are!"⁴³

"My thanks to all the folks who work so hard to make the Jackson Brigade Corporation the success that it is. I enjoy being a member."

"Not many genealogical organizations have celebrated 27 years."⁴⁴

What the Jackson Brigade Corporation has meant to people

1. "I like hearing people's stories: their past, their contributions, their influence. And, add to that the fact that there is a family connection - that adds an extra "spice" to the story for me. Because I so

³⁹ Dan Hyde's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, July 4, 2018

⁴⁰ John M. Jackson's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, July 1, 2018

⁴¹ Phone interview of Nancy Jackson by Dan Hyde on July 21, 2018

⁴² *Jackson Brigade Quarterly*, Vol.20, No. 4 August 2012, page 23

⁴³ Evan Rohrbough's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, June 25, 2018

⁴⁴ Linda Meyer's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, June 12, 2018

appreciate the information that is available, I have influenced one of my cousins to also join the Brigade."⁴⁵

2. "I treasure my membership in the Jackson Brigade and all the new relatives and friends I have met during our reunions!"⁴⁶
3. "I'm very proud of the work in the research [on Jackson family history] and publishing the results. A lot of effort was due to Linda Meyers and John M. Jackson."⁴⁷
4. "Membership in the Brigade has meant a lot to me, introducing me to so many fine people whom I'm proud to number among my cousins--distant though our genetic relations may be. As editor, the Brigade has also provided me an outlet for my creative side, though I don't get to contribute as many of my original writings as I'd like."⁴⁸
5. "It has been rewarding to play a significant role in the Jackson Brigade's effort to preserve Jackson family history. It has been great to have the opportunity to work with several very talented family history researchers such as Nancy Jackson, Linda Meyers, John C. Jackson, and John M. Jackson, many whom I consider good friends. To be a part of a successful genealogy organization for over twenty years has been very rewarding. I have learned a lot! And enjoyed the stimulated interactions."⁴⁹
6. "The relationships I've made over the years are very special to me. Many of these family members are now gone. Bringing families together through research has been very satisfying."⁵⁰
7. "Although we come from many walks of life, we share the Jackson name and are proud of our heritage. ... You are a great bunch and I am glad to be a Jackson descendant!"⁵¹

⁴⁵ Diana Killion Pulver's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, June 11, 2018

⁴⁶ Patty Mace-Leonard's History of Jackson Brigade Corporation Questionnaire, June, 2018

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