

# **Chronological Listing of Historical Items about the Jackson Brigade Corporation**

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**for**

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This document contains selected items of historic significance from the Jackson Brigade's newsletter that tell parts of the story of the Jackson Brigade Corporation's history. The items are presented in chronological order with the issue's volume, number, and date listed at the start of the item.

Originally, the name of the newsletter was the *Jackson Brigade Express Newsletter*. Later in July 2000 by vote of the membership, the name was changed to the *Jackson Brigade Quarterly*.

**Vol. 1 No. 1 March 1992, page 1** - First issue of *Jackson Brigade Express Newsletter*

Greetings:

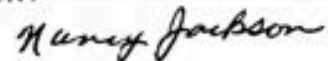
A reunion was held 17 Aug. 1991 comprised of 35 descendants of Julia Viola Hall, who was my grandmother and great great granddaughter of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson. Linda Meyers and Gary Weiner were special guests. The group voted to begin a Jackson Assoc. for descendants of John and Elizabeth (Cummins) Jackson. Elected officers have been busy with organizational matters. The association is to be known as the Jackson Brigade. Through donations and a small auction demonstration, we have approximately \$100.00 for the newsletter and the 1992 reunion. We would welcome further donations. At the 1992 reunion, we will vote on the constitution and by-laws. Membership dues will be established at that time.

Linda Meyers and I, located the original minutes of the "Jackson Clan" who held their 1st annual reunion at Jackson Mill in 1921. The last recorded meeting seems to be 1941. Perhaps the war brought about the disbandment of this Jackson tradition.

This summer I attended the rededication of the "Stonewall" Jackson monument in Lexington, Va. It was a wonderful experience meeting Jackson descendants. The majority attending the dedication were direct descendants of "Stonewall" Jackson.

The Stonewall Jackson Civic Club of Clarksburg, W.Va. plans to renovate the Jackson cemetery in Clarksburg where John and Elizabeth (Cummins) Jackson are buried along with other Jackson family members. You will find a letter regarding this project in the newsletter.

I along with Linda Meyers and my brother Jacob expect to publish a book on the descendants of Edward Jackson, s/o John and Elizabeth (Cummins) Jackson within the next two years. My brother and I are also working on the John Jackson Jr. line. However, we are gathering genealogical and historical information on all descendants of John and Elizabeth (Cummins) Jackson.



Nancy Jackson,

President

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The 1992 Jackson Reunion will be Saturday August 15 10:00 A.M. to 4 P.M. at Norwood Park, in Nutter Fort Rt. 20 south towards Buckhannon, aprox. three miles from Clarksburg. Bring a covered dish and join us. It would be helpful but not necessary to notify us if you are coming. Jackson Mills is about 17 miles away and the Jackson cemetery in Clarksburg is about four miles. If you need more information, we will respond if you send a self addressed envelope. You may also call Nancy Jackson (304) 623-4609.

**Vol. 1 No. 2 August 1992, page 1**

The Jackson Brigade was incorporated after the first newsletter. We will no longer be able to send out free copies. The Board of Directors have decided on a \$10.00 charge for membership, newsletters, and queries. I am enclosing a membership form for your convenience. I do hope that you will join and help us grow.

Many thanks are to go to Gary Weiner for printing three hundred copies of our first newsletters.

**Vol. 1 No. 3 November 1992, page 1**

Greetings!

This is the third newsletter since we incorporated in March 1992. We sent out 300 newsletters for each of the first two newsletters. Forty-two individuals have sent in membership dues, which entitles them to four newsletters per year. We need your help in expanding our membership. Also, we need articles from our membership. We will also accept queries from our members which will be published free in the newsletter. The viability of the Jackson Brigade Corp. depends upon each of us. Thanks four your support.

John C. Jackson, who has submitted an article on David Jackson, fur trader and son of Edward Jackson, will soon have his book published on David Jackson. We had hoped to have a flyer on the book for this newsletter. Maybe next time.

Jackson Hole and Jackson Lake Wyoming were named for David Jackson. In September, Elmer Jackson and his wife Doris went to Jackson Hole, Wy. to present a picture of David.

The charter reunion was held August 1992 on a cool and rainy day. We had fifty persons attending. They came from Kansas, Indiana, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Tennessee and West Virginia. We were a small but mighty group.

Nancy Jackson,  
President

**Vol. 1 No. 3 November 1992, pages 10-14**

Contains the original version of the "Constitution and By-Laws of the Jackson Brigade Corporation."  
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**Vol. 2 No. 1 August 1993, pages 5-7**

Contains a membership roster for 1992-1993, designating the individuals as "Charter Members."

**Vol. 2 No. 2 November 1993, page 7**

**Jackson Reunion - August 1993**

Approx. fifty three persons attended the reunion at the historic Jackson Mill 4 H Campsite. In the next issue, I will try and publish a list of persons who attended. They came from Calif., OH, VA, WV, NY and GA. I met a lot of blue eyed cousins. Each year the reunion gets better.

**Vol. 2 No. 3 March 1994, page 2**

**JACKSON REUNION HELD**

A Jackson reunion (descendents of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson) was held on Saturday, August 7, 1993 at Jackson Mill. A business meeting of the Jackson Brigade started the day at 10:00. This was presided by Jackson Brigade Association President Nancy Jackson and ended at 10:45. Nancy Jackson encouraged everyone visit around Jackson Mill, the home of Edward Jackson, grandfather to Stonewall Jackson who grew up there with his Uncle Cummins Jackson. At 12:00 everyone sat down to a delicious covered dish lunch where the fellowship was rewarding. At 1:30 a memorial service was held honoring those recently deceased Jackson relatives. This was followed by a reading by Nancy Jackson giving tribute to Ethel Swisher of Buckhannon who died this past Spring. Speaker Joy Gilchrist from the Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendents Association then entertained the gathering as she related the story of the Pringle brothers who settled the area in Upshur County Harrison County (W)V later owned by John Jackson.

The program resumed with gifts awarded to the following attendees in the following categories: Furthest traveled, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Weaver from California; Oldest person present was Eleanor Cowgill; Married the least amount of time were Aomie and Roger Sage and longest couple married was Mr. and Mrs. Walter Neely who had been married 66 years. The youngest child present was Jordan Michael Stonestreet who was born April 26, 1993. Everyone sang happy birthday to those who had birthdays in August i.e. Roger Sage, Rella Haymond, Richard Cowgill and Nancy Jackson. Ruth Jackson Earich won the guessing game on how much candy was in a jar.

After an entertaining trivia game hosted by Jacob Jay "Jake" Jackson, the program ended at 2:45. The rest of the day was spent visiting with relatives and sites around Jackson Mill and in games for the children. The weather was beautiful and everyone seemed to have a good time. And for some, the weekend activities carried into Sunday when Nancy Jackson and Joy Gilchrist hosted a bus tour of historical landmarks in Lewis, Harrison and Upshur Counties WV. The tour included Jackson historical landmarks along with early pioneer historical sites. The tour included a stop at the famous Pringle Tree site where John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson settled. The tour lasted from 1:00 to 5:45.

1994 Jackson Reunion

The 1994 Jackson Reunion will be Saturday Aug. 6, 1994 9 A.M. to 4 PM at the park in Nutterfort Rt 20 south towards Buckhannon, approx. three miles from Clarksburg. Park is located beside the Nutterfort Fire Station. We will be in the middle pavilion next to the miniture golf. Bring a covered dish and join us for noon lunch. White elephant sale to raise money for the associatin. Jackson Mills is about 17 miles south and the Jackson Cemetery in Clarksburg is about four miles. If you need more information, send a self addressed envelope. You may also call Nancy Jackson (304) 632-4609.

1995 JACKSON FAMILY REUNION



Date: Saturday, August 19, 1995

Time: 9 A.M.

Place: Clarksburg, WV City Park  
Nutterfort , Rt. 20 S.

Location: Maple Shelter, first shelter to the  
right, via front entrance.

Bring: covered dish for noon lunch.

WREATH WILL BE PLACED AT JOHN JACKSON SR'S GRAVE

The Dan River Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will place a wreath on John Jackson's grave, at the Jackson Cemetery on Pike St., in Clarksburg, WV, at 6 p.m. Kenneth Colby, a member of the chapter located in Dansville, VA, was instrumental in arranging for this honor. More information on this event will be in the June issue of the newsletter.

## **JOHN JACKSON SR'S GRAVE DECORATED**

### **Wreath-laying Ceremony Honors John Jackson Sr., Descendants**

by Gail Marsh

"Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram", Sunday, August 20, 1995

During the local Jackson family reunion festivities, Saturday, a time was set aside for a wreath laying at the grave of John Jackson, Sr., in the historic Jackson Cemetery on East Pike Street.

"We do this to honor the memory of John Jackson, Sr., and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson who were the progenitors of various historical figures who helped to shape the state of West Virginia," said Nancy Jackson of Clarksburg, president of the Jackson Brigade Association.

The 6 p.m. ceremony began with the presentation of colors and arms by the 119th Engineers color guard. After the pledge of allegiance, Ms. Jackson gave a short talk on the life of John Jackson Sr.

Ms. Jackson explained that John Jackson was a private in the Augusta County Militia during the Revolutionary War, providing food for some of the soldiers.

"We are gathered on the site where John George Jackson, grandson of John Jackson Sr., had an orchard and where Mary Payne, mother of John George Jackson's wife and mother of Dolly Madison lies, along with other family members," she said. "With honor we remember the Revolutionary War service of John Jackson Sr."

Kenneth Colby, a descendant of John Jackson, Sr., and the historian of the Sons of the Revolution, Danville, Va., Chapter, laid the wreath, along with his son Kenneth Matthew, a member of the Children of the Revolution, Charles Lynch chapter.

John Jackson, Sr. was born in 1717 in Ireland and came to America in 1748. In 1755, he married Elizabeth Cummins in Maryland and they migrated to Virginia and settled on the South Branch of the Potomac. In 1768 the Jackson family moved to a site near Buckhannon where they reared their children during a time of the Indian wars.

John and Elizabeth later moved to what is now Clarksburg where he died in 1801.

Among the descendants of John and Elizabeth Jackson are their sons George and Col. Edward Jackson who both served in the Virginia legislature, as did George's son, John George Jackson. Col. Jackson was responsible for the founding of Jackson's Mil.

The most notable descendant of the Jackson line is Gen. Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson, whose father and sister are buried at the East Pike cemetery.

## **VETERANS HISTORICAL PROJECT**

**A Committee has been formed to gather profiles on as many of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson who have served in our country's armed forces. These profiles will be compiled in a booklet for the 1998 celebration of 250th anniversary of the immigration of our progenitors, John and Elizabeth.**

**John M. Jackson is chairman of this project. We need your help. Please send information to: John M. Jackson, 9002 Penrose Lane, Little Rock, AS 72205**



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*The Board of Directors voted to have the reunion each year on the third Saturday of August providing a shelter is available. Reservations for the shelter cannot be made until March 1, 1996.*

**Vol. 4 No. 3 May 1996, page 9**

## 1996 JACKSON FAMILY REUNION



**Date:** Saturday, August 17, 1996  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Clarksburg, WV City Park  
Nutterfort, Rt. 20 S.  
**Location:** Maple Shelter, first shelter to  
the right via front entrance.  
**Bring:** Dish to pass for noon lunch  
**Enjoy:** Good time and great family  
fellowship

**Vol. 5 No. 1 November 1996, pages 1-2**

### Jackson Reunion and Future Plans

Thirty three members and friends of the Jackson Brigade Association gathered for our annual reunion on 17 Aug. 1996. The slate of newly elected officers can be found in the back of this newsletter. I am happy to serve you for another two years as president.

In 1998 we will be celebrating the 250 anniversary of the arrival in America of John and Elizabeth (Cummins) Jackson. It was decided to accept John M. Jackson's idea of requesting the Governor to declare a Proclamation Day to honor John and Elizabeth Jackson in 1998.

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### CEMETERY FUND

At the 1996 Jackson Reunion a "cemetery fund" was established to help maintain the graves sites of our immigrant ancestors John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson and other family members. If you would like to contribute to this fund you can do so by sending a check to: Jackson Brigade Association, c/o Nancy Ann Jackson, 507 Haymond

Hwy., Clarksburg, WV 26301.

A cemetery fund was started. In the future, our association would like to take responsibility in helping to maintain grave sites of relatives. For example, the historic Jackson Cemetery in Clarksburg is in need of tombstone repairs\replacement and perhaps fencing. Col. Edward Jackson's tombstone at Jackson's Mill has long disappeared.

The Veteran's Project is in progress for completion in 1998. We need your help in identifying descendants of John and Elizabeth Jackson who were veterans. You may send short sketches of the individual's military experiences for our consideration for inclusion in the published project or in the newsletter. John M. Jackson, your new vice president, is chairman of this project.

Also, we would like to compile an all member directory consisting of a five generation chart from each member. I am attaching another copy of the chart that we would like you to submit if you have not done so. Place yourself as #1 on the chart. Consider submitting a chart for each family member.

#### **Plans for 1997 Reunion**

The 1997 Jackson Brigade Association Reunion will be held the Third Saturday in August in conjunction with the Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendants (HCPD) Reunion. In the morning we will have our own meeting\program at Jackson's Mill. The executive board will explore the possibility of having lunch at Jackson's Mill dining room or catered by Jackson's Mill or HCPD instead of a covered dish lunch.

Straud Jackson Davis, a descendant of Col. Edward Jackson, has volunteered to help plan a program which will include music from some of the relatives. In the afternoon, optional historical bus tour of the region will be available for purchase of a ticket. We will have activities for those who choose not to take the HCPD bus tour. In the evening, members of our association may purchase a ticket for the HCPD Banquet which is usually held at the Jackson's Mill Dining Room. The dinner will be followed by a program which always includes outstanding talent.

I am enclosing a HCPD brochure about the group. Most of the members are all related. Linda Meyers and I are lifetime members of HCPD. I also have a two year term on the Executive Board. It is a well organized group which is "moving mountains" in terms of their purpose. I am sure you will enjoy joining in on their activities while maintaining our identity as the Jackson Brigade Association. We will plan a similar arrangement each year if it works out for both parties.



## THE FIRST JACKSON FAMILY REUNION

*On Saturday, September 9, 1922, the first reunion was held at Jackson's Mill 4H Camp for the descendants of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson. It was at this time that the Jackson Association was formed. Nancy Jackson and Linda Meyers found the minutes and newspaper articles of these reunions in the papers of Rella Rinehart. Her daughter loaned them to Nancy and Linda to be copied and preserved. Following is a newspaper clipping of the first reunion. It was probably originally published in the "Weston Democrat" or "Weston Independent".*

### JACKSON FAMILY HOLDS REUNION

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Weston Attorney Records  
Meeting of Well Known  
State Family Last Saturday

by Edward A. Brannon

On Saturday, September 9th, at least 100 members of "the Jackson Clan" assembled in the beautiful grove on the grounds of the State Four-H Camp, near the home of Byron S. Jackson, to renew friendships and revive memories and recount exploits of some of the departed ones through whose veins have coursed the Jackson blood.

At noon a bountiful picnic dinner was served, and it was much enjoyed by the members of the Jackson families from the counties of Taylor, Barbour, Harrison, Upshur, Lewis, Wood, and Randolph.

In the afternoon Stark A. White reminded those assembled that no previous reunion of the Jackson family had ever been held and stated that the primary purpose of the meeting was to decide upon the advisability of forming an association of those of Jackson lineage. Following the interesting address of Mr. White, delivered in his usual forceful and inspiring manner, informal talks were made by Taney Harrison and Miss Mary Jackson of Clarksburg, Dr. C. E. White of Buckhannon, and Edward A. Brannon, Col. Jackson Arnold and A. Perry White (now in his 84th year).

The day was a perfect one and the location of the grove so near the historic Jackson Mill, where the great military genius, Stonewall Jackson, spent his boyhood and young manhood, naturally caused the speakers to devote their remarks chiefly to incidents in the life of this famous Virginian. Mr. A. P. White had known Stonewall Jackson, his cousin, well, and he and Mr. Asbury Davis, who was with General Jackson's army in the war between the States recounted interesting facts gained from this close personal touch with the great commander; and Mr. White told of exploits of the remarkable woman,

Elizabeth Cummins Jackson, from who Stonewall Jackson and other of the same blood had undoubtedly inherited the indomitable will and the energy, perseverance and courage which made them notable. Mr. Harrison and Mr. Brannon gave succinct narratives of the life of General Jackson, of his military record in the war with Mexico and the war between the States, eulogized him as a man of integrity and ability, on whose name there was no stain, and cited exploits in his campaign--achieved by vigilance, sagacity, celerity and secrecy of movement and faultless tactical skill on the field of battle--that exhibited true military instinct and the highest military art.

### Name Officers

At the reunion an organization was formed by the selection of Stark A. White as president, Edward A. Brannon as Vice-President, Miss Grace Arnold, of Buckhannon, as recording secretary, Taney Harrison, of Clarksburg, as corresponding secretary and historian, W. E. Carpenter as treasurer, and an advisory committee composed of Newton Brake, of Upshur county, Miss Mary Jackson of Harrison county, A. P. White and Edward Jackson, of Lewis county, and D. H. Hill Arnold, of Randolph county.

From Harrison county there were Taney Harrison and family and Miss Jackson: from Upshur county, Dr. and Mrs. C. E. White, Miss Grace Arnold, Mrs. William S. O'Brien<sup>i</sup> and daughter and Newton Brake, the only living first cousin of Stonewall Jackson,<sup>ii</sup> and from the state of Indiana, Mrs. Burden.<sup>iii</sup>

At the reunion to be held on the same grounds next year it will be determined whether the association shall be maintained and if so, whether the reunions shall be held annually or biennially; and at the next reunion it is hoped that people of the Jackson blood from various sections of this state and from other states will be in attendance.<sup>iv</sup>

<sup>i</sup> Emma J. White, d/o Alexander Perry White.

<sup>ii</sup> Newton Brake was possibly the only living "full-blooded" first cousin of Stonewall Jackson at this time.

<sup>iii</sup> Mary Carpenter Burden, the daughter of Eliza Jackson and Nicholas Carpenter. Mary half- first cousin to Stonewall Jackson - through the second marriage of their grandfather Col. Edward Jackson.

<sup>iv</sup> With the exception of Edward Brannon and Miss Mary Jackson, most of the other people mentioned in this article are from the Col. Edward Jackson line.



*J. Ken Fleckler, Secretary of State of the State of West Virginia, hereby certify that*

by the provisions of Chapter 31, Article 1, Sections 27 and 28 of the West Virginia Code, the Articles of Incorporation of

JACKSON BRIGADE CORPORATION

conform to law and are filed in my office. I therefore declare the organization to be a Corporation for the purposes set forth in its Articles, with the right of perpetual existence, and I issue this

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

to which I have attached a duplicate original of the Articles of Incorporation.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia, on this*

Twenty-Fourth day of March 1992

*Ken Fleckler*



## JACKSON FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Clarksburg, W. VA

### Officers

Stark A. White, President  
Weston, WV  
Edward A. Brannon, Vice President  
Weston, WV  
Miss Grace D. Arnold, Secretary  
Buckhannon, W.VA  
William E. Carpenter, Treasurer  
Weston, W.VA Route No. 1  
Taney Harrison, Historian,  
Clarksburg, W. VA.

### Executive Committee

A.P. White, Camden, W.VA  
Edward T. Jackson, Jane Lew, W.VA  
Isaac Newton Brake, Buckhannon, W.VA  
Miss Mary Jackson, Clarksburg, W. VA  
Miss Dotia White, Industrial, W.VA  
D. H. Hill Arnold, Elkins W. VA.  
Charles S. Jackson, 114 Roland Ave.  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Kinsman:

The second reunion of the numerous descendants of the early pioneers, John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson, and of their sons, George, Edward, Samuel, John and Henry, and daughters, Sophia Davis, Elizabeth Brake and Mary Reger, will be held September 1st, 1923, at the old Jackson's Mill near Weston, Lewis County, West Virginia.

Many of our kinsmen have distinguished themselves in positions of great responsibility and honor, while the rank and file have by their energy and aggressiveness assumed leadership wherever they have gone.

Several thousand descendants of these sturdy pioneers will doubtless attend this great gathering, coming from far and near, to meet their kinsmen, to review family history and tradition, and to exchange reminiscences. An interesting program will be arranged by the Executive Committee in which each person present will be given an opportunity to take part.

It is hoped that you and the members of your immediate family can attend. Kindly return the enclosed card. I will gladly mail copies of this announcement and other data to all our Jackson relatives whose names and addresses you may furnish.

Sincerely Yours,

Taney Harrison

Historian and Corresponding Secretary

## THE SECOND ANNUAL JACKSON REUNION

The second annual reunion of the relatives and friends of Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall) Jackson was held at Jackson's Mill, West Virginia, September 1, 1923.

With good roads and ideal skies the morning gave promise of a day auspicious in the history of this remarkable family. Quite early in the morning automobiles began to pour in, some of which bore evidences of a long tramp across country; occupants scrambled out to meet old acquaintances and make new ones. Some were seen to gaze about and gradually take in the beauty of this historic spot. It was perhaps the chance of a lifetime to see the old mill and stroll about the sacred grounds, the haunts of the boyhood days of perhaps the greatest military genius the world has ever seen. The whole setting, the day, the gathering clansmen, the consciousness that in the veins flows the blood of the noble Stonewall, made the heart to swell with pardonable pride.

Evidently each one was to be repaid for his pilgrimage. We say pilgrimage - Yes, for this spot in the Mecca, the Shrine of all those who recognize in Stonewall Jackson the consummation of their ideals of Christian greatness.



**A gathering of the Jackson Clan at the cemetery at Jackson's Mill. This picture is from the collection of Rella Rinehart who was, at one time, the secretary of the Jackson Association.**

At the approach of noon Stark A. White, president of the association, in his usual striking tones, delivered a short address announcing the purpose of the gathering and outlining the day's program. At this juncture, however, a bounteous repast was spread from well-filled baskets of good things that only the female descendants of Elizabeth Cummins Jackson know how to prepare. Fried chicken, pie and cake were in evidence everywhere and of fragments there were left - possibly twelve baskets. Under this stimulus it seemed everybody tried to get acquainted with everybody else. Having indulged thus to the entire satisfaction of everybody, the hosts repaired to the pavilion to proceed with the literal part of the program. Addresses were made by the following persons: Senator Geo. E. White, Weston, Hon. D. H. Hill Arnold, Elkins, Master Geo. E. White, Weston, Senator Gohen Arnold, Buckhannon, Miss Mary Jackson, Clarksburg, Mr. A. P. White, Camden, J. G. Jackson, Lost Creek, Isaac Newton Brake, Buckhannon, Charles H. Harrison, Parkersburg and Taney Harrison, Clarksburg.

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## Jackson Brigade Association Minutes

August 1996 Reunion Meeting

The Jackson Brigade Association held their annual reunion meeting at Clarksburg's Nutterfort Park on Saturday, August 17th, 1996. These are the minutes of that meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Jackson at 11:00 am. The minutes from the 1995 reunion meeting were read by Secretary Tim Jackson and the minutes were accepted as read.

The treasurer's report was presented by treasurer, Mary Jackson. The current status of the Jackson Brigade bank account was presented. Deposits and withdrawals from this account were presented. A motion was presented to have the treasurer's report to coincide with the fiscal report and, the motion was seconded by Rodney Jackson.

President Nancy Jackson explained that there were seventy-four (74) paid members over the past year and one honorary member. She said that the Jackson Genealogy books are now available at the cost of \$ 55.00 each for those who were interested. She explained that the 1998 reunion should be given special emphasis since it is the 250th anniversary of the arrival of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson to America. She suggested a special registry be developed for the occasion. John Jackson is working on this. She also said a five-generation chart could be prepared and asked that everyone send in their family tree-line to make up the chart.

### Other items presented by President Jackson

- \* The Hackers Creek society recently presented a Jackson Coat of Arms, given by Bob McWhorter. This may allow the Jackson ancestry to be traced to Ireland if it is authentic.
- \* Silent auction will be held for a valuable quilt given by Margo Rollins. This quilt was made in 1850 to 1870 timeframe. In 1998 this quilt will be auctioned off.
- \* Back issues of the newsletter are for sale at \$2.50 each and the "Five-Generation" issue is on sale for \$5.00.

John Jackson suggested that in honor of the 250th anniversary of the arrival of our ancestors, John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson, that the Governor of W. Va. be asked to make this a proclamation day. President Jackson said this would be pursued.

### **New Business was presented by President Jackson:**

- \* President Jackson stated that Kenneth Colby had presented a proposed ballet. Eleanor Cowgill motioned that the ballet be presented. This was seconded by Jake Jackson. President Jackson asked if there were any nominations for officers from the floor. With no response being given, Eleanor Cowgill motioned that the discussion of the officers be closed. This was seconded by Rodney Jackson.



- \* President Jackson suggested that a cemetery fund be started to provide for the upkeep of key historical Jackson descendent cemeteries. Rodney Jackson motioned that a cemetery fund be started and this was seconded by Colleen Minardi. President Jackson said that the money for this fund would come from donations and a priority list would need to be developed to see which cemeteries should be given the higher attention.
- \* President Jackson suggested the idea of combining the Jackson Reunion with the Hacker's Creek Reunion. The big advantage she said was that organized tours could be more readily available.

President Jackson suggested that the meeting be adjourned if there was no further business. Jake Jackson motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Bill Jackson seconded the motion so the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 am.

Other Non Business Items:

After the business meeting each attendee introduced themselves and gave a brief background.

Following the introductions a memorial service was conducted by Mary Jackson with the help of her granddaughters Katie and Sarah Jackson. This was in honor of those Jackson family members who had deceased over the last year.

Following the memorial service, everyone began eating at approx. 12:00 noon. After eating prizes were presented as follows:

Oldest person -	Mrs. Dean at age 83
Married the most years -	Wade Kiser at 51 years
Married the least years -	Aomia Sage at 5 years
Youngest Child -	Anna Sage -7
Guessing candy in candy jar -	Almeda Kiser who won guessing 430 (actual of 409)
Traveling the farthest -	Mrs. Merta Jackson Beene

Total attendance was given at 33.

Timothy Jackson, secretary

Read, corrected & approved August 16, 1997

**250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**The Immigration of John & Elizabeth Cummins Jackson**  
 1748-1998

Plans are underway for a two-day event celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the immigration of our progenitors, John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson. This celebration will take place in **August of 1998** in WV. We hope to have confirmed plans made by the next issue of the newsletter.



**Hope you plan to come!**

The Jackson Brigade's website was started in August, 1997 by Dan Hyde. It was well received and several individuals wrote letters on how they appreciated the new website.

## KIND WORDS - OUR WEB SITE

Greetings!

For what it's worth from a stranger. The Jackson Brigade site as a whole is excellent. Data is easy to find. Information is arranged in a reasonable and tractable manner.

I have looked for something like this on the Jackson Family for some time and while there are other sites, I think yours is right at the top in excellence.



Roy Edelman

Hello Dan,

I just scrolled through the Jackson Brigade Association web site regarding the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Immigration of John and Elizabeth (Cummins) Jackson. I commend you and your associates on the fine work you are doing to preserve the history and heritage of John Jackson and his descendants...

Chester Hugh Pribble

**Kudos to Dan Hyde for the great job!**



Visit our web-site: <http://www.eg.bucknell.edu/~hyde/jackson/>

250th Anniversary  
The Immigration of John & Elizabeth Cummins Jackson  
1748/49-1998

Plans are underway for a two-day event celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the immigration of our progenitors, John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson. This celebration will take place this summer on August 15th and 16th.

A request has been sent to Governor Underwood asking that he proclaim this weekend "Jackson Family Heritage Days".

Reservations have been confirmed for a catered lunch at Jackson's Mill Saturday noon; banquet Saturday night at the Masonic Temple in Clarksburg.

We have received the Revolutionary Soldier grave marker for John Jackson's grave.

Plans are forming for the Time Capsule celebration. We need items to put in the capsule - any ideas???

John M. Jackson is progressing well on the Veteran's booklet. This is your last chance to send in any veteran information.

Work on the five-generation chart will begin shortly.

PREPAID RESERVATIONS for:

Saturday catered picnic lunch, adults \$8.00; children \$4.50  
Saturday evening banquet, adults \$12.00; children \$6.00.

This is a BIG event and it VERY important that we have an idea how many will be coming ahead of time. So please get out those calendars and mark August 15th and 16th. Ask for time off work and send in those reservations. This will be a wonderful time to meet new family members and renew old ties and learn about your family history. You'll have a great time!

YOUR HERITAGE AWAITS YOU!

For the "Jackson Heritage Days," we produced two booklets as issue Vol. 6 No. 4. They can be found on the Jackson Brigade website on the home page.

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THE FIRST JACKSON REUNIONS

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It is interesting to note that Nancy's father, Jacob J. Jackson, was at one time president of this organization and these notes show that Nancy attended one of them 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 corporation.



Dear Cousins,

Our reunion this year celebrates the defining event in our family's history: the Trans-Atlantic immigration of our progenitors, John Jackson and Elizabeth Cummins. I doubt that John and Elizabeth could have imagined that their descendants would be gathering to honor them so many years later. Still, these humble immigrants must have recognized their place in history, as the changes that they and other pioneers wrought upon America's Trans-Appalachian frontier were evident within their own lifetimes.

As important to our history as John and Elizabeth are, it is unfortunate that many family historians have chosen to ignore our more-recent history. Many people seem to feel that our family's history resides in the distant past; it is this misconception that the family historian must confront and dispel. Our history is a living thing. It includes not only the great events of the past, but also the minutiae that comprise our everyday lives in the present. I therefore call upon our members to take an active role in preserving our family's history. Record an oral history interview with an older relative. Take out those old photos and identify them. Share stories and experiences with other family members.

There has never been a better time to take an interest in our family's history. Our reunions and newsletters have provided a useful forum for sharing information and rekindling a sense of family. (On a personal level, the association has given me the opportunity to meet some truly wonderful people whom I feel privileged to regard as cousins.) Our website and group mailing list have insured that our association is accessible to the growing number of researchers who use their computer for genealogical research. (Many of our members were first introduced to one another via computer and will be meeting face-to-face for the first time at the reunion!)

For one interested in our family's history, these are exciting developments. I would like to see our association sponsor even more activities to preserve our unique history, however. I would like to see us working with local communities to preserve our cemeteries and landmarks. I would like to see us encouraging our children, through the use of essay competitions, to study our past. And I would like to see us develop a Jackson family archival collection that will be available to all future researchers. Without more involvement in our association, however, these are but pipe dreams.

Currently, the Jackson Brigade remains viable only through the work of a handful of people, whose efforts can not be sustained indefinitely. I urge each of you to become more active in the association. Help to spread the word about our little group; you will find that as our membership grows, so will our accomplishments and relevance. Contributions to the newsletter are always welcome, as are suggestions for improvement. Of course, we are always looking for volunteers to assist with data entry and special projects. This is *your* association; it can be no stronger than the effort that we all expend in maintaining it.

It is my hope that, even as we celebrate the past during this special reunion, we may consider the future and the possibility that the greatest chapters in our family's history have yet to be written.

*John M. Jackson, Vice-President*

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This issue of the Jackson Brigade Newsletter provides a twelve-page recap of the Jackson Family Heritage Days--the two-day celebration of our family's 250th year in America--and the eighth annual Jackson Brigade reunion. This issue is available on the home page of our website.

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# THE VOTES ARE IN!

In the November 1998 issue of *Jackson Brigade Express Newsletter*, we asked you to vote on the frequency of our reunions. The question was whether to continue to meet on an annual basis or to hold the reunions biennially. The membership has voted 10 to 2 in favor of meeting biennially. Therefore, the next Jackson Brigade reunion will be held in the year 2000. We are looking for new places to hold the reunion. If you would like to help coordinate a reunion, please contact Nancy Jackson.

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## Y2K Dues Increase

Your Board is preparing for Y2K along with everyone else. Actually, we have known for sometime that we would eventually have to have a dues increase. Thanks to the generous donations of our members we have been able to keep our dues at a minimum. However, due to the escalating costs of printing and paper we now find it necessary to increase our yearly dues to \$15.00 beginning August 2000, in order to provide you with the same quality newsletter you have enjoyed in the past. We appreciate your support and welcome your stories, pictures and genealogy.

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## The Oregon Trail - Reunion 2000

### A Change of Scenery



Each year, our West Coast relatives, primarily Henry Jackson's descendants, gather in August for their reunion. They have graciously agreed to host our Jackson Brigade reunion in conjunction with their annual affair, at North Plains, Oregon the first Sunday in August 2000. North Plains is a small town with a population of about 1500 and is near Hillsboro, where many of the Jacksons who traveled the Oregon Trail as pioneers settled. Tours are being arranged for Saturday to pertinent cemeteries and places where the Jacksons settled. North Plains is near Beaverton, Oregon and only 1½ hours from the beach. This will be a great opportunity for a family vacation.

More information concerning motel/hotel accommodations in the Hillsboro/Beaverton area will be in the March issue of the newsletter. So, when those vacation schedules come around at work, don't forget to put in for the first weekend in August and start planning your West Coast vacation now.



## *The Jackson Cemetery Memorial Foundation*



On Tuesday evening, Oct. 26, 1999 The Clarksburg Stonewall Jackson Civic Club's program will be "Footsteps to the Future". This program will be the presentation of the plans of the recently established organization that has been approved for incorporation by the State to be The Jackson Cemetery Memorial Foundation. Joining the officers and members of the Civic Club will be members of the City Council to assist with the introduction of this Community Service program.

The Foundation has applied for federal tax free status and upon receipt of that status, a major fund raising drive will officially begin to raise funds for this multi-million dollar project. Plans are being made for a visitor's center at the Historic Jackson Cemetery in Clarksburg. There also will be an interpretative history display. I am secretary of the Foundation and chairman of a committee responsible for compiling a cemetery book, which will include the history of the cemetery and biographical sketches of individuals buried there. This project was spearheaded by The Clarksburg Stonewall Jackson Civic Club of which I am also a member. The City Manager and his staff are active in this project as well.

As President of the Jackson Brigade, I will propose to the Board of Directors that a major portion of our Cemetery Fund be given to the Foundation providing they will put a wrought iron fence around the Jackson plots (Jonathan Jackson and John George Jackson, John and Elizabeth Jackson). I will also be encouraging that the stones within the Jackson plots be restored - primarily this would be the Duncan stones and Mary Payne Jackson's stone. After discussing this with Dollie Bassel, President of the Foundation, I feel she will also support this restoration. I would like to see the descendants of John and Elizabeth Jackson raise enough money to carry out restoration of the Jackson portion of the cemetery.

In May, there will be a program to commemorate the death of Stonewall Jackson. This program will be held at the cemetery. This is a great opportunity for the descendants of John and Elizabeth (Cummins) Jackson to become involved in restoration of the cemetery. I am asking you to continue to send contributions to the Jackson Brigade Cemetery Fund or send pledges to The Jackson Cemetery Memorial Foundation, stipulating that the money be used for a wrought iron fence to enclose the Jackson plots and/or restoration of the stones within the Jackson plots. If pledges are made to The Jackson Cemetery Memorial Foundation, they may be sent to the Jackson Brigade Inc. for the time being and I will see that the pledges are routed to the Foundation.

Nancy Jackson, President



## 👉 *THE VOTES ARE IN!!!* 👈

Here we are in the midst of another election year, and the campaigns are heating up! The Jackson Brigade recently held its own elections, and the results are in. Eighty-one ballots were mailed with the May issue of *Jackson Brigade Express Newsletter*. We received thirty-eight responses—a turnout of 47 percent. We asked you to vote on three different issues: the proposed increase in dues, the slate of officers for 2000-2002, and the proposed amendments to the corporation's bylaws. Below are the voting results:

### **Proposed increase in dues from \$10 per year to \$15 per year:**

The vote was unanimously (36 to 0) in favor of increasing the dues. The increase, which will ease the pressure on our treasury, will commence with the 2000-2001 membership year, as noted on the enclosed membership renewal form.

### **Slate of officers for 2000-2002:**

The slate of officers, as submitted by the nominating committee, was approved by a vote of 36 to 1. The officers for 2000-2002 will be: Nancy Jackson, President; Linda Meyers, Vice-President; Ann Fissel, Secretary; Mary Lois Jackson, Treasurer; and John C. Jackson, Member-at-Large. These officers will assume their duties at the end of the general business meeting during the August 2000 reunion.

### **Proposed amendments to corporation's bylaws:**

- A: Dropping "in the United States" from Article II, Section 1. Passed 37 to 0.
- B: Changing publication name from *Express Newsletter* to *Quarterly*. Passed 36 to 1.
- C: Clarifying distinction between "membership" and "member." Passed 36 to 0 (1 abstention).
- D: Adding the appointed office of webmaster. Passed 37 to 0.
- E: Adding the office of immediate past president to the Executive Committee. Passed 36 to 1.
- F: Changing the office of Publications Editor to an appointed position. Passed 37 to 0.
- G: Allowing elections by mail. Passed 37 to 0.
- H: Allowing the Executive Board to use e-mail as a means of communication. Passed 37 to 0.
- I: Giving responsibility for meeting programs to the Program Committee. Passed 37 to 0.
- J: Including provisions for research records in the event of dissolution. Passed 37 to 0.
- K: Changing method of voting on amendments to the constitution and bylaws. Passed 37 to 0.

*Jackson Brigade members who attended the 2000 reunion in North Plains, Oregon.*

Lee and Linda Meyers  
Nancy Jackson  
Roy and Ann Michell  
John C. and Marian Jackson  
Dan Hyde, Mary Jane and Scotty Hyde  
(with Mary Jane's sister, Jan Tucker)  
Robert W. Jackson  
David Miller and daughter Alice

Carol and John Thilenius  
Florence Hedden  
Gary Hedden and wife  
Marcia Staunton and son  
Laura McGoldrick  
Mary Ellen McFadden  
Edna and Wallace Birchell  
Virginia Walters

## Minutes of the 1998 Business Meeting, Jackson Brigade, Inc.

The Jackson Brigade held their 1998 annual reunion at the Jacksons Mill Conference Center and Picnic facility in Lewis County on Saturday, August 15th, 1998. These are the minutes of the meeting:

The Meeting was called to order by President Nancy Jackson at 10:30 AM. The minutes of the 1997 reunion meeting were read by secretary Tim Jackson and approved.

Prior to the reading of the treasurer's report, President Nancy Jackson asked for motion that the Fiscal year end on June 30th of each year. Gene Smiley motioned for this to take place and the motion was seconded by Kenneth Colby.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mary Jackson. Balance as of June 30, 1998 was given as \$ 1013.59 and she stated \$ 1349.01 in withdrawals were made during past year.

President Jackson stated that the Treasury records would be filed for auditing. She said the treasury accounts had already been audited for previous years.

President Nancy Jackson stated that donations would be appreciated for the cemetery fund. She stated the Jackson cemetery, (Jackson Park in Clarksburg) was in bad shape. Local vandalism had taken its toll on some of the tombstones. She said there is a master plan to renovate the cemetery by the Clarksburg Civic Club. Nancy Jackson stated that the ceremony planned for the next day would hopefully be attended by the mayor and other dignitaries from Clarksburg (this may help in their seeing the condition of things which will help promote more attention to be given to the current problem of disrepair).

President N. Jackson stated the silent auction had begun and would end at the banquet planned later that evening. She explained the procedure for the silent auction. She displayed a quilt donated by the Dix family and she read some history about the quilt and family tree. She stated the minimum bid for the quilt would be started at \$275.00.

Mr. Mike Kelly, a direct descendent of Laura Jackson (Stonewall's sister ) was introduced and it was mentioned he had brought pictures of the old Jackson homeplace if anyone was interested in seeing these.

President Nancy Jackson stated each household would get a booklet and governor proclamation in a clear tube.

President Jackson stated that lunch for the day would be catered but meal tickets would be needed. She stated that anyone not staying to eat could join again at the Pringle Tree for the governor's proclamation ceremony which was to start at 2:30 PM that afternoon. She gave directions of how to get to the Pringle Tree for the ceremony. She reminded people who were planning to attend to pick up their programs before they leave Jackson's Mill.

Ted Jackson asked to speak so the microphone was passed to him. He mentioned that Ms. West Virginia of 1923 was Riva Jackson. She worked in Philippi as editor of the newspaper and she won the contest in Atlantic City.

President Nancy Jackson explained the order for the banquet to be held at the Masonic Temple in Clarksburg later that evening. She gave directions to the building describing it as being across from the Clarksburg Library. She said the banquet started at 6:00PM and to plan to get there early.

President N. Jackson stated that tomorrow, Sunday, August 16th, at the Jackson Park Cemetery in Clarksburg, a ceremony would be held to set a marker. This was being organized by Kenneth Colby and Ken would talk about this in more detail at the tonight's banquet.

President Jackson introduced those who would be participating in the Pringle Tree ceremony later in afternoon. They are: Brent Jackson who would be given responsibility to chair the committee to open the time capsule 50 years later, Katie Jackson, Sarah Jackson and Matthew Colby, all charter members.

Ms. Jackson stated that at last year's meeting, it was decided to postpone the election of officers so the election would be held next year. A nominating committee will be assembled for this task. She stated that the Association's constitution and by-laws would need to be revised and that Dan Hyde has volunteered to chair the committee to accomplish this. He would like to get others who are On-Line (Internet) to help with this. She also mentioned that anyone who had an internet address to give their E-mail address to her for future correspondence and these addresses could be posted for others to use and access.

President N. Jackson stated that the Five Generation charts will be published in the newsletter. She reminded everyone of the newsletter and its availability and the need for some to keep their dues current so they can receive the newsletter.

Work is being done on the John Jackson line. Much information is already on the computer but more is still needed. She stated it would be helpful for someone to start working on the Henry line some of which has been published in past newsletter. She stated that John Jackson has been working some on this.

Ms. Jackson stated that a Web site had been developed over the past year by Dr. Dan Hyde and she then introduced Dan Hyde to the group.

She then introduced the current officers: Nancy Jackson, President; John Jackson, VP; Mary Jackson, Treasurer; Tim Jackson, Secretary; Kenneth Colby, Member at Large.

President Nancy Jackson then introduced those who had signed the articles of Corporation and these were asked to stand : Tim Jackson, Jake Jackson, Mary Jackson and Nancy Jackson. She stated that Charter members are listed for those who are interested.

A roll call was taken first according to those attending by State order, then a roll call by family lineage was taken.

President Jackson asked for any Old Business and there was none given. She then asked for New Business and none was introduced.

Linda Meyers (editor of the newsletter) got up and spoke. She requested that any relevant news (graduations, births, deaths) to be sent to her so she could include in the newsletter.

Linda Meyers introduced a motion to poll the membership via mail for having a biennial rather than an annual meeting. The motion was seconded by Kenneth Colby.

The meeting then moved to the Gift Giving by various categories as follows: Oldest person, Alfred James Dumas who was 93 and from the Edward Line; Longest distance driven - Carol Thilenius from Juneau, Alaska; Married the longest - Wade and Elmita Kiser from VA who have been married 53 years; and Youngest infant - Kathryn Fissel who was 9 months old and from the state of Washington.

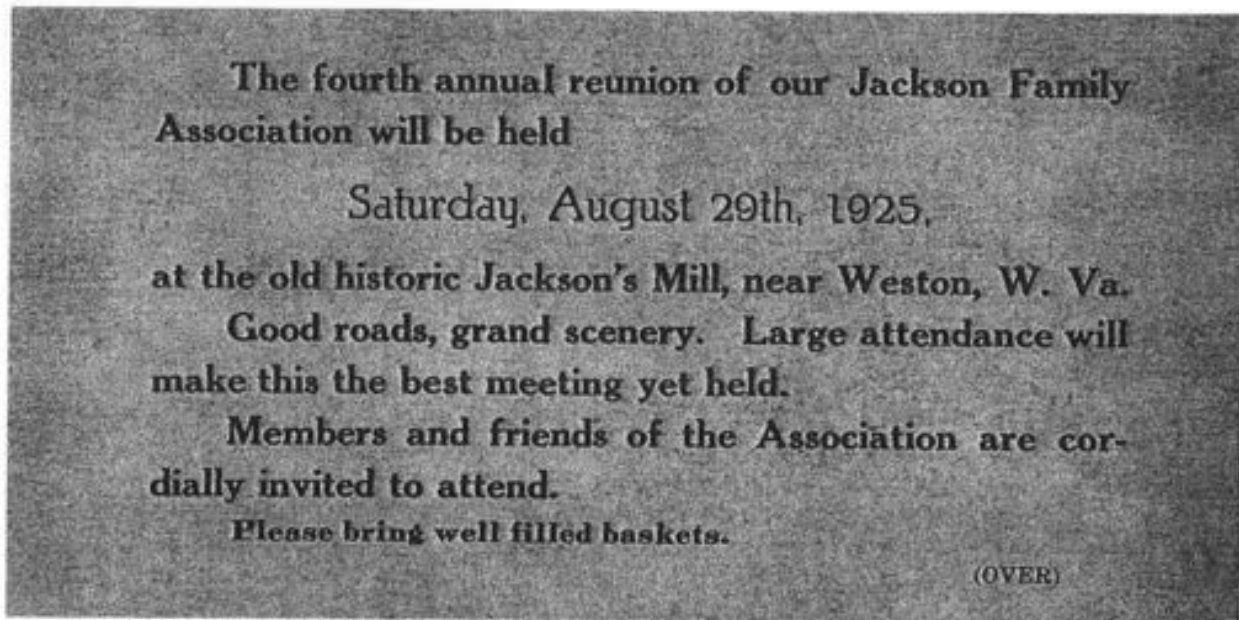
The final event for the 1998 meeting was a memorial service which was presided by Mary Jackson with the help of her granddaughters Katie and Sarah Jackson (Clarksburg).

The meeting was concluded at approximately 11:36 AM.

NOTE: A count of 54 was taken of those attending the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by : Tim Jackson,  
Jackson Brigade Secretary





Postcard invitation to the fourth annual reunion of the original Jackson Association, 1925. The note at the bottom shows that, then as now, good food was an important part of the family reunion. Copy courtesy of Ted Jackson, Richmond, Va.

## **JACKSON BRIGADE REUNION 2002**

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2002**

Laura Jackson interpreter at Jubilee Pavilion, Jackson's Mill – 10:30

Potluck Picnic at Jubilee Pavilion, Jackson's Mill – Noon  
Meat (ham and turkey) for the picnic will be provided by the association and prepared by Mary Lois Jackson. Please bring other items for the potluck.

Banquet at Hacker Creek Pioneer Descendants Library, Horner – 6:30  
Entertainment at the banquet will include a Mary Todd Lincoln interpreter and a trumpet solo by Scott Hyde.

If you have any questions or need additional directions, please contact Nancy A. Jackson (DerryIR@aol.com or 507 Haymond Highway, Clarksburg, WV 26301).

## Minutes for the Jackson Brigade, Inc. August 3, 2002 Jubilee Pavilion, Jackson Mill 4-H Camp

The business meeting of the Jackson Brigade, Inc. was called to order by Nancy Jackson. Dan Hyde motioned the minutes that appeared in the Brigade be accepted for the 2000 meeting. Mary Lois Jackson made the second, and the minutes were approved.

Mary Lois Jackson gave the following treasurer's report:

June 30, 2001 \$2303.18

June 30 2002 \$2855.59

Cemetery Fund \$721.59

The treasurer's report will be submitted for audit. Dora Ashton was thanked for all of her service of auditing the books. Mary Lois was presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a thank-you gift basket for her 10 years of service as treasurer.

Nancy gave a report on the Jackson Cemetery in Clarksburg, WV. A foundation was formed in 1992 with a multi-million dollar master plan. The plan is still in limbo.

The Jackson Brigade Board has formed a committee to formulate guidelines for cemetery funds. Dan Hyde is chair and Roy Michell a member. The committee is currently seeking additional members. Possible projects include putting a fence around plots in Jackson Cemetery, fencing at the Henry Jackson Cemetery (Hall, WV) and obtaining a headstone for Col. Edward Jackson.

John M. Jackson reported that the slate of nominees was presented in May and accepted in July. The new board members are: Nancy A. Jackson -President, John C. Jackson-V.P., Linda Meyers - treasurer, Ann Fissel-secretary, Katy Williams- member at large. Appointed positions: John M. Jackson -Editor, Dan Hyde -web master.

Dan Hyde reported the Jackson Brigade web site was started five years ago and continues to grow. 324 pages available for viewing as of Jan 2, 2002 with links to Brake, Reger and Hall families.

John M. Jackson gave a Brigade Quarterly update. The Quarterly has now been published for ten years. In 1998 a book of Veterans was published earning the Association approximately \$200.00. John C. Jackson's book, "Jacksons on the Overland Trail" is available today. A 10-year index to the Quarterly will be available in Nov. 2002. Also available are order forms for past issues. New information is always welcome for future issues.

Nancy requested photos of past reunions to be given to Ann Fissel to begin a scrapbook. A drive for new membership is needed. An informational flyer will be available to send to past and prospective members.

The reunion dinner is to be held tonight at Hacker's Creek library. Directions were given by Nancy. Sotty Hyde will be playing several trumpet selections and a living history presentation on Mary Todd Lincoln will be given.

The 2004 reunion will be held in Parkersburg, WV. Colleen Minardi agreed to help John M. Jackson and Ann Fissel with arrangements. A suggestion was made to also ask Helen Waterman for assistance.

Nancy Jackson declared the meeting adjourned

Ann Fissel  
Secretary



## Jackson Brigade Board Minutes August 2, 2002

A Board Meeting of Jackson Brigade, Inc. was held at the home of Nancy A. Jackson on August 2, 2002. The reunion minutes printed in the Quarterly were approved for the August 2000 reunion.

Mary Lois Jackson gave a treasurer's report:

Balance as of June 30, 2001 - \$2303.78

Balance as of June 30, 2002 - \$2855.49

Cemetery Fund as of July 29, 2002 - \$721.59

The books were audited by Dora Ashton. Funds will be withdrawn and a certified check will be sent to Linda Meyers, the newly elected treasurer. Linda is to decide about the checking/savings account. Linda is to arrange for an auditor in Illinois.

Status of the preservation of the historic Jackson Cemetery in Clarksburg, WV was discussed. A suggestion was made to see if private citizens could put a fence around the plots that would comply with prior deeds. It was decided to measure the area to be fenced and get an estimate of cost and approach City Hall. Also discussed was the need of headstones for Col. Edward and Elizabeth Brake Jackson. Nancy Jackson will contact the Jackson Mill Cemetery trustees to see if we could assist them in obtaining a Revolutionary War marker for Col. Edward Jackson's grave. Dan Hyde and Roy Michell agreed to serve on a committee to develop guidelines for the utilization of our cemetery funds. Dan Hyde agreed to chair the committee. A suggestion was made to document local history of Jackson cemeteries.

An original 1866 book "Life and Campaigns of Lieut. Gen. Thomas Jackson" was given to the Association. Nancy Jackson currently holds the original charters and minutes.

In the fall of 1998 the hole was dug for the Jackson Brigade time capsule. No marker was placed to avoid vandalism. The diagram of the placement is to be taken to the county commissioner's office. The addition of Scott Daniel Hyde and Kathryn L. Fissel were voted to be participants in opening the capsule in 2048.

It was decided to sell the remaining books "By An Oregon Pioneer Fireside" for \$12.75 at the reunion August 3, 2002.

A motion was made by John M. Jackson to send complimentary past issues of the Brigade to five libraries. The libraries chosen were: LDS, Allen County, Hackers Creek (partial since they already have some issues), Waldemore and WVU. Mary Lois Jackson made the 2nd and the motion carried. Balch Library in Leesburg, Loudin Co., Va will be considered for receiving copies as well, after Roy Michell determines their interest.

The need to maintain a membership roster of the Brigade by the secretary was mentioned. The membership renewals will now be sent to Linda Meyers. Past issues requests will be sent to Nancy.

The 2004 reunion plans were discussed. A rough budget of \$300.00 was a target figure. A motion was made by Dan Hyde that the 2004 Jackson Brigade, Inc. reunion to be held in Parkersburg WV. Mary Lois Jackson made the 2nd and the motion carried.

A need to increase membership was discussed. One suggestion was to send past members a letter. Another possibility is to ask current members to pass the word to relatives. Lois made a motion to ask board members to send letters to known relatives seeking membership. No second



was made so the motion was lost. A new motion was proposed that a one-page flyer with the history of the association be made and sent to encourage membership. Ann Fissel and Linda Meyers are to prepare a flyer, assuming Linda is willing to assist Ann.

The final reunion schedule for Aug 3, 2002 as follows:

9:30-10:30 registration (John and Lek Jackson)

10:30 Historical presentation on Laura Jackson Arnold by Jeanne Carter

Memorial Service to be held before lunch

Roy Michell to say prayer

Lunch

Conversation and looking at the genealogy materials people bring and swimming, etc.

Banquet at 6:30 PM at Hacker's Creek Library followed by Deloris Stinespring as Mary Todd Lincoln

John M. Jackson made a motion to sell John C. Jackson's book "Jacksons of the Overland Trail" for \$8.25. Dan Hyde made the second, and the motion carried.

John M. Jackson reported that the 10-year index to the Brigade is almost complete. It was decided to sell it at cost and possibly offer options to sell it loose-leaf or bound. It will also be available on our website for printing out and a form for those wishing to order a hard copy.

A suggestion was made to have the secretary print and save the e-mails the board members send to one another.

The meeting was adjourned.

In attendance were: Nancy A. Jackson, John M. Jackson, Dan Hyde, Lois Jackson, Ann Fissel (Board members) and in addition Jacob Jackson, Roy and Ann Michell, members.

Ann Fissel  
Secretary



## *Jackson Brigade Reunion Attendees, 2002*

*Ted L. Jackson*

*Tom Gilliam*

*Paulette & Joe Waterman*

*Diane Carper Williams*

*Frederick J. Williams*

*John M. & Tuanchit D. Jackson*

*Kathryn Ireland*

*Janice Allbright, Hunter Tiger Hickman &*

*Megan Adams*

*Jane Carlisle Hilder*

*Tom and Carla Sayre*

*Roy and Ann Michell*

*Tim, Pam, Brent, Katie & Sarah Jackson*

*Michael Kellar*

*Jennifer Sayre*

*Bernadette Sayre*

*Dan, Mary Jane & Scott Hyde*

*Dan, Ann, Lauren & Kathryn Fissel*

*Francesca Sayre*

*Colleen, Daniel & Dominic Minardi*

*Nancy Ann Jackson*

*Jake & Mary Lois Jackson*

*Dora Ashton*



## ***CALLING ALL COOKS!!!***

**(and spouses and children of cooks, and other people who eat )**

Jackson Brigade secretary Ann Fissel is compiling a small cookbook to be distributed during the 2004 reunion. In addition to favorite recipes, Ann is looking for related anecdotes and photos to accompany them. For example, if you have a recipe handed down from your mother, you might also include memories of dinners in your childhood home and a photo of your family. If you have items to contribute, please contact Ann Fissel (RR 2, Box 335A, Cairo, WV 26337 / [fissel@ruralnet.org](mailto:fissel@ruralnet.org)).

Dear Members,

The past two years have been the easiest ones as president of the Jackson Brigade Inc. Why? Because of the fantastic dedicated board members that do their job well and keep in touch with each other online. Below are some of the current activities of our board members. **I give each of them a big thanks!**

**Nancy**

**Linda B. Meyers, our Treasurer,** is in the final stages of compiling this wonderful genealogy and history of the Parkersburg (WVa) Jacksons. It will include descendents of General William Lowther Jackson and General John Jay Jackson. I concur with John M. Jackson's remarks:

"Linda has definitely done an excellent job of compiling all this various information and sketches in a very short order. This will be *the* source book for information on the 'Parkersburg Jacksons' for many years to come."

I really think that sums it up. John M. and I are spending this weekend proofing the manuscript and with Linda's patience in formatting etc. I am expecting it to be published this spring if we can find a printer that can do it quickly.

**Now for John C. Jackson, our Vice-President;** This past several weeks I have been reading drafts of manuscripts sent from John C., author of several books including one about our David Jackson (of Jackson Hole, Wyoming fame), son of Col. Edward Jackson. One manuscript is on "Some Western Virginia Forty-Niners;" another one is on "Burr Under the Saddle." The latter is about the involvement of some of the Jacksons in the Aaron Burr trial. Another manuscript he sent me was: "The Brief Career of 2nd Lieutenant of Artillery Jacob Jackson." The latter was a son of George Jackson and gave testimony at the Burr trial. John C. was able to track down the testimony online. Our family's history is coming alive!

**Dan Hyde, our Web Master,** is busy teaching at Bucknell University and continues to do a fantastic job with our website and will be proposing a slate of officers for our election this year.

**John M. Jackson, our Editor,** is doing a great job as editor of the Quarterly but he really needs help with stories. If you have any or know anyone that does, be sure to submit them for consideration. Send them to John at <jojacks2@vt.edu>.

**Ann Fissel, our Secretary,** and John M. Jackson, our Editor, have been very busy coordinating plans for our August reunion. I predict that this reunion along with the 1998 reunion will go down in history as the best. They are going all out to make it a good reunion. For more information on our Reunion 2004 visit the below link: <<http://www.eg.bucknell.edu/~hyde/jackson/reunion2004.html>>.

I appreciate **Katy Williams, our Member at Large.** She always responds quickly in spite of a lot of family tragedies this past several years. She is busy researching her Davis and Bush lines among others and is very active on the HCPD list.



# Impressions of Jackson Brigade Reunion 2004

## Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia

by Dan Hyde

More than 90 individuals attended the Jackson Reunion in Parkersburg, West Virginia from Friday August 6 to Sunday August 8, 2004. We had a grand time with beautiful weather, lots of yummy food, a great program and much mingling.



**Friday, August 6:** On Friday, there was a pre-reunion gathering at **Ann and Dan Fissel's** home in Cairo, West Virginia.

After registration and a noon lunch, a group of more than fifty people departed caravan-style for a trip to the nearby community of Cisco. The first stop on the tour was Pribble Cemetery, the remotely located burial place of three of Henry Jackson's children, Henry J., Elizabeth P. and Amanda M. Jackson, and many of their descendants. **John M. Jackson** spoke to the group about those who were buried there and how the Pribbles and Jacksons were closely aligned, the two Jackson sisters having married two Pribble brothers, Hugh and Daniel. **Chester Pribble** then spoke about the Pribble family and pioneer life in the area. John pointed out the marker that had just been set the day before by **Rick Gibbs** and **Charles Marshall** for Confederate Veteran Henry J. Pribble and thanked Charles and his son **Rick Marshall** for the work they had done in cleaning and mowing the cemetery.

Backtracking back toward Cairo, the group then stopped at the original Henry J. Jackson home, now



The Jackson Brigade reunion group at the Henry / Ulysses / Morella Jackson farm on Friday, August 6. The idea of a group photo seemed simple enough, but the family's independent spirit was much in evidence during the posing process, and getting this group to stand still long enough for a good photo proved to be quite a challenge. We'll do better next time! (courtesy of Linda B. Meyers)

owned by **Gene and Karen Jackson**, on WV state route 47 near Cisco. Gene and Karen opened the house to the group and had a display of family photos and papers on the dining room table.

Next, the tour stopped at the home of Henry L. "Cisco" Jackson, for whom the small community of Cisco is named. Today, the house is home to **Steve and Betty Curfman**, who have an art studio there. John told the group about Cisco, his daughter Jane, and a little about the area's history and geology. Near here was the only natural asphalt mine in the U. S. and a lot of early oil development. Mrs. Curfman provided refreshments and a tour through the home. Afterward, several people bought pieces of Mr. Curfman's art.

Proceeding back toward Cairo, the caravan stopped at a Hughes River crossing near the site of the Hugh Pribble Jr. farm, where Chester Pribble reminisced about his family, rural life, and learning to swim there in the river.

The group continued on the Cairo-Cisco Road to the Marshall home, which had been opened for our visit by **Charles and Laveda Marshall**. Charles gave a tour through the house and refreshments were provided. The afternoon was moving quickly along, so it was decided to bring the tour to a close. While a few people stayed to visit the Marshall Cemetery, most returned to Cairo and took some time to explore the town including the historic Marshall Hardware (founded by Jackson descendant R. C. Marshall) on their own before returning to the Fissels' for supper.

The **Hyde family** consisting of Dan, his wife Mary Jane and 14-year-old Scott arrived later in the afternoon and missed the Cairo-Cisco tour. Scott and Dan walked the North Bend Trail that runs in back of Ann and Dan's home to the village of Cairo (maybe an eighth of a mile).

In the evening, after the touring group returned from cemetery-hopping, Ann treated us to a supper of North Carolina-style pulled pork barbecue sandwiches and fixin's. Ann smoked the pork herself. We had beautiful weather and a very pleasant time chatting with others.

Around 8 PM, a bunch of us left to go to our motels in Parkersburg.

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**Saturday, August 7:** At 8 a.m., we met at the community building in Jackson Park, Vienna, West Virginia, for reunion registration, mingling and a coffee-and-donut breakfast. Our president **Nancy A. Jackson** welcomed the group of more than 60 individuals.

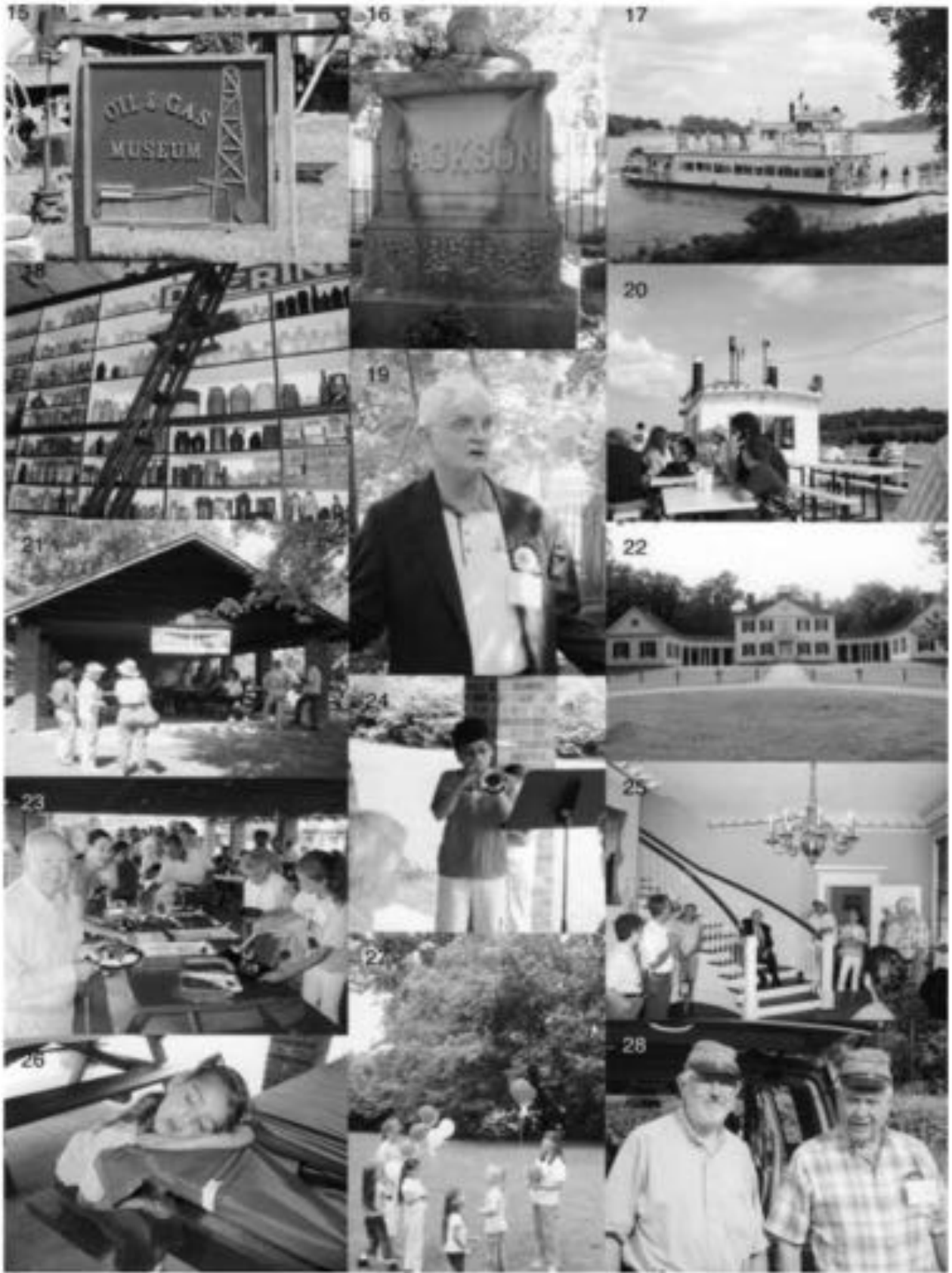
Professor **Bernard L. Allen**, formerly of West Virginia University-Parkersburg, delivered a brief talk on the Parkersburg Jacksons and their role in early local gas and oil development. Following breakfast, we departed on a tour of historic family-related sites in Parkersburg, with Dr. Allen



Hoyt and Mary Love Berryman at the Wood County courthouse for the James M. Jackson fountain / bust rededication on Saturday, August 6. (courtesy of Mary Love Berryman)







## Key to Dan Hyde's 2004 reunion photos on previous two pages:

1. Flood wall on Ohio River near where we boarded the sternwheeler.
2. Refurbished James M. Jackson bust / fountain in front of Wood County Court House.
3. Nancy Jackson participates in the re-dedication ceremony of the James M. Jackson bust / fountain.
4. Roy Michell with his meal at the banquet dinner Saturday night.
5. Dan Fissel mans the grill in his and Ann's backyard in Cairo on Friday night.
6. Linda Meyers and Lek Jackson at the registration table Saturday morning.
7. Dessert table at the banquet Saturday night.
8. Lee Meyers and Ann Fissel discussing registration details.
9. The Jackson Brigade Officers: Nancy Jackson, Linda Meyers, Dan Hyde, John M. Jackson, John C. Jackson and Ann Fissel [Photo by Scott Hyde].
10. Our speaker after the banquet dinner was General Stonewall Jackson in the person of George Moor.
11. John M. Jackson at a light moment before the banquet.
12. Sign outside Parkersburg Art Center.
13. A painting of a dog by Lily Irene Jackson in the Parkersburg Art Center.
14. After the banquet dinner, Connie Bookman entertains us with fiddle tunes
15. Sign in front of Oil and Gas Museum, Parkersburg.
16. The Jackson Family Marker in Riverview Cemetery, designed by Lily I. Jackson with herself kneeling.
17. The sternwheeler "Blennerhassett" docks on Blennerhassett Island.
18. Glass jar and bottle collection in the Oil and Gas Museum.
19. Dr. Bernard L. Allen discusses some of the Jacksons buried in Riverview Cemetery.
20. The ride on the sternwheeler "Blennerhassett."
21. The picnic shelter on Blennerhassett Island where we had Sunday's picnic.
22. The reconstructed Blennerhassett Mansion, built in the 1980s.
23. The Jackson Brigade crowd gathers to fill their plates at the picnic.
24. Scott Hyde plays "Amazing Grace" on his trumpet for the memorial service.
25. Front hallway of Blennerhassett Mansion. Dr. Ray Swick is sitting on the stairs.
26. One tired camper! One of the Gibbs girls sleeps at the picnic.
27. As part of the memorial service, Lauren Fissel with children releases a tagged balloon for each descendant of John and Elizabeth Jackson who had died in last two years.
28. John C. Jackson and Robert Jackson don their Rebel hats for a photo event.

providing a running commentary via walkie-talkie. The morning tour ended at the Wood County Courthouse, where we attended a re-dedication ceremony for the James M. Jackson bust/fountain in the courthouse square. Following the ceremony, Dr. Allen led a short walking tour of the courthouse area.

After lunch at the Third Street Deli, we toured the Lily Irene Jackson art exhibit at the Parkersburg Art Center and had a guided tour of the Riverview Cemetery where many of the Parkersburg Jacksons are buried. The Hydres drove to Parkersburg City Park to see and photograph the Jackson Memorial Fountain.

In the evening, we re-assembled in the community building in Jackson Park, Vienna, for a catered banquet. **John C. Jackson**, alias "Johnny Reb," was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

After dinner, **Nancy Jackson**, our president, asked the Jackson Brigade Board members present - Vice president **John C. Jackson**, Treasurer **Linda Brake Meyers**, Secretary **Ann Fissel**, Publications Editor **John M. Jackson**, and Web Master **Dan Hyde** - to come forward, and she presented tokens of appreciation from the Jackson Brigade to them. Nancy also presented "Presidential Awards" to Linda, Dan and John M. for their long service and dedication.

General Stonewall Jackson was in the person of **George Moor**, from MacDill AFB, Florida. The General spoke to us regarding the influences of Napoleon Bonaparte and Margaret Junkin Preston on his own philosophical underpinnings. Following General Jackson's talk and a selection of fiddle tunes by **Connie Bookman**, George spoke to us briefly on General Jackson's four different uniforms, hats, sabers and horses.



**Sunday, August 9:** The organizers of the Jackson Brigade Reunion had arranged that the Oil and Gas Museum in Parkersburg would be opened early at 10 a.m. for members of the Jackson Reunion. The Hyde family and many others took advantage of this opportunity and visited the extensive collections in the Museum.

At noon, we departed from Point Park, Parkersburg, aboard the Ohio River sternwheeler



Sue Byrd and Gayle Robey at Sunday's picnic on Blennerhassett Island. (courtesy of Mary Love Berryman)

"Blennerhassett" for a picnic on nearby Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park. Dan Hyde was the Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon, which included lugging his trusty portable personal PA system to the Island. Many other volunteers lugged huge coolers of the food, drinks and everything needed for a picnic for 60 people.

After **Mary Love Berryman** gave the Blessing, we devoured our picnic lunches

of KFC chicken, fixin's and homemade desserts.





# *Jackson Brigade 2004 Reunion Attendees*

We counted 88 people who attended one or more of the reunion events and want to thank everybody who participated. We may have missed a few in this counting, so if you were there and don't see your name on the list, let us know! We believe this was the largest turnout we have yet had for a reunion. The event drew cousins from 18 states (Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia), and we had representatives from six of the eight Jackson-Cummins lines (the numbers attending from each line provided in parentheses): Edward (17), George (13), John Jr. (5), Mary Sarah (6), Sophia (2) and Henry (54). In addition to those who attended the reunion, several more cousins participated in the Jackson fountain / bust rededication at the Wood County courthouse square on Saturday, August 7. Attending the reunion were:

Bernard L. "Bernie" Allen	Meha Gibbs	Edith McCormack
Betty Thomas Baker	Reema Gibbs	Charles Marshall
Joyce Beckner	Rick Gibbs	Laveda Marshall
Hoyt Berryman	Mary Gorrell	Rick Marshall
Mary Love Berryman	Jeanette Brake Guscott	Kathy McGee
Tom Bishop	Sandra Harper	Roger McGee
Bernard Bookman	Jane C. Hilder	Lee Meyers
Cameron Bookman	Nadine Hofmann	Linda Meyers
Connie Bookman	Dan Hyde	Ann Michell
Gabriel Bookman	Mary Jane Hyde	Roy Michell
Judson "Mac" Brake III	Scott Hyde	Colleen Minardi
Amy S. Bruni	Betty Jackson	Steve Minardi
Cynthia K. Buskirk	Blaine Jackson	George Moor
Sue Byrd	Gene Jackson	Bill Nichols
Jeff Caskey	Jessica Jackson	Jack Nichols
Lenora Caskey	Jim Jackson	Eleanor Nichols
Paula Chapman	John C. Jackson	Chester H. Pribble
Nanci Brake Chasteen	John M. Jackson	Gayle Robey
Phyllis Clark	Karen Jackson	Roger Robey
Ray Clark	Linda Jackson	Carol Spruill
Charles Cox	Nancy Jackson	Anna Lee Stull
Roberta Cox	Pam Jackson	Dr. Ray Swick
Ann Fissel	Peggy Jackson	Martin Thomas
Dan Fissel	Robert W. (Bob) Jackson	Chester Waterman
Kathryn Fissel	Tim Jackson	Helen Waterman
Kyle Fissel	Tuanchit D. Jackson	Joe Waterman
Lauren Fissel	Brandon Lloyd	Paulette Waterman
Arpana Gibbs	Denise Lloyd	Diane Williams
Elise Gibbs	Zachary Lloyd	Corienne L. Yost
	Elsie McClung	

The last seven pages have featured the 2004 Reunion at Parkersburg, WV.

To save space in the document we have decided to only feature the 2004 Reunion. All the Reunions from 1998 to 2018 have similar extensive material, including images, on the Jackson Brigade website. See <http://www.jacksonbrigade.com/reunions/>



# **Jackson Brigade's Web Site**

## **By Dr. Daniel C. Hyde**

The technological marvel for sharing information called the World-Wide Web, or just "the Web," was started in 1994. A few years later in early August 1997, Jackson Brigade member Dan Hyde agreed to create a web site for the Jackson Brigade. After the initial construction of the web site in August 1997, Dan actively solicited material from Jackson Brigade members and placed it on the web site. Over the last seven years, many people, notably Nancy Ann Jackson and Linda Brake Meyers, have submitted large amounts of material for inclusion on the web site. As of August 5, 2004, the Jackson Brigade's web site had 126 web pages with 159 images for a total of 319 computer files.

The Jackson Brigade's web site grows significantly each year as more people submit material. In July 2000, the web site used seven megabytes of disk space. Eighteen months later in January 2002, the web site used 22 megabytes. By August 5, 2004, the web site had doubled its size to 44 megabytes of disk storage.

The Jackson Brigade's web site is fairly popular. In April 1999, Dan added a feature to count the number of visitors to the home page. In the last five and a half years, we have had over 20,000 web visitors.

Dan added an automated on-line queries feature to the Jackson Brigade's web site on September 6, 1997. As of August 5, 2004, we had 349 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 officers. Therefore, many individuals who have submitted an on-line query will receive a high quality response from one of the officers in a manner of hours. Such responsiveness has gained the organization a lot of respect and good will.

The future of the Jackson Brigade web site is bright. More material is submitted almost every day. However, its huge success is creating problems on how to manage the large amounts of material. Dan has "recruited" a team of three computer science seniors at Bucknell University to design some web-based tools to help him manage the web site.

Visit the Jackson Brigade's web site at the following URL: <http://www.eg.bucknell.edu/~hyde/jackson/>

## *Greetings from Your President's Desk*

It seems only yesterday that we had a wonderful reunion at Parkersburg, WV in August 2004. Planning for the August 2006 reunion will soon be in high gear. The plan is to have the reunion at or near Jackson's Mill where Stonewall spent most of his young years. I hope to have definite dates and place in the November quarterly.

Those of you that have visited the Historic Jackson Cemetery in Clarksburg know there has been much vandalism over the years. The Board of Directors voted to divert most of our cemetery funds for fencing around the Jackson plot where John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson are buried and replace the chain link fencing around the Jonathan Jackson plot with nice aluminum fencing. This project will be done in conjunction with the Harrison County Parks and Recreation Department. The cost will probably be between \$7,000 and \$8,000. The Jackson Brigade Board voted to borrow \$1,000, if necessary, from our general funds to add to our present cemetery fund and a pledge for \$1,000 from two of our members. With this plan we have about \$3,600 toward the project. It is my hope that we can contribute about \$4,000 with the rest of the cost coming from the Parks and Recreation Department. **Those wishing to contribute to this worthwhile historic preservation project will find a special insert in the quarterly.**

We are aware of other pertinent family cemeteries that could use our help but felt the cemetery in Clarksburg, WV should be our top priority for now. Several years ago we did pay for the inscription for Col. Edward Jackson's military tombstone at Jackson's Mill.

*Nancy A. Jackson*



## *Historic Plots Fenced in Clarksburg's Jackson Cemetery*

After years of planning, it is a great pleasure to report that a major goal of our association has been successfully completed! In June 2005, the City of Clarksburg's Board of Parks Commission, in conjunction with Jackson Brigade Inc., funded the installation of fencing around two historically significant plots in the Jackson Cemetery on Pike Street. The six-foot, wrought-aluminum fencing was installed by McNeel Fencing Company of Bridgeport, West Virginia. **The Jackson Brigade, through your generous donations, was able to contribute \$3,250 out of our cemetery fund, slightly more than half the cost of the installed fencing!**

The cemetery, once the site of George Jackson's apple orchard, was on the east side of Clarksburg when John Jackson was buried there in 1801. In 1807, Mary Coles Payne, mother of Dolly Payne Madison, died in Clarksburg while visiting her other daughter, Mary, the wife of John George Jackson, and was buried in the orchard near John Jackson. Mary Payne Jackson died in 1808 and was also buried here. Later, John George Jackson and his grandmother, Elizabeth Cummins Jackson, were laid to rest here. Their graves, together with that of Jonathan Jackson (grandson of John and Elizabeth and father of "Stonewall") and his daughter Elizabeth, are those contained within the two fenced plots.



New fencing surrounds two plots in Jackson Cemetery.

Through the years, Jackson Cemetery has been the object of numerous preservation and historic development attempts. Unfortunately, these movements were all abandoned, due to lack of funds. After the apparent failure of the most recent project, discussion was initiated among the Jackson Brigade's board of directors regarding our possible role in fencing the two Jackson plots, measuring 48 by 21 feet and 21 by 8.5 feet. Around 2003 Nancy Jackson Brigade president, met with John Cooper, superintendent of Clarksburg Parks and Recreation, to discuss the fencing. The board of directors approved the plan to assist the city in financing the fencing.

The new fences include gated entrances to facilitate maintenance access. In the past, the Jonathan Jackson plot could be maintained only by climbing over the old fence, causing it to become somewhat neglected. The new gates will be locked to deter vandalism.

The Board of Park Commissioners maintains the historic cemetery, which also contains the graves of other early Clarksburg settlers, Revolutionary War soldiers and some Civil War soldiers. Under the supervision of John Cooper, the site is in much better condition than it had frequently been in the past.

Other efforts to preserve the cemetery's significance are also showing results. Recently, new military tombstones were obtained from the government by an interested citizen. We are planning a dedication ceremony for the fencing at the 2006 Jackson Brigade reunion.

## Minutes for the Jackson Brigade, Inc. August 7, 2004, Blennerhassett Island

Nancy Jackson called the business meeting of Jackson Brigade, Inc. to order. A motion was made by Jan Hilder to approve the minutes from the 2002 reunion, which were included in the reunion packets. Dan Hyde made a second, and the minutes were approved.

Linda Meyers gave the following treasurer's report:

Balance as of 8/15/2002 - \$3539.62  
Ending balance 7/31/2003 - \$2779.78  
Ending balance 6/30/2004 - \$2869.59  
Cemetery Fund as of June 30, 2004 - \$987.27

Treasurer's report to be filed for audit.

Membership for the year 2003-2004 is at 66, which includes 1 honorary member and 4 libraries.

It was noted there was an oversight in not presenting Rick Gibbs a certificate of appreciation. John M. Jackson will mail one to him.

John M. Jackson gave an editor's report. The Brigade Quarterly is now in it's 12<sup>th</sup> year of publication. There have been no significant changes in the last two years other than now making use of the inside front and back cover, which increases the size of each issue by 10%.

We published two books in 2002. One is *Jacksons on the Overland Trail*, by John C. Jackson, which is again on sale for a limited time. The other book is an index of the Quarterly's first 10 volumes. That book is no longer for sale, but the entire contents are available on our website. John hopes to get volumes 11 and 12 indexed this year. We also recently published Linda Meyer's history of the Parkersburg Jackson's, which John feels is the most ambitious book to date.

If members have information on their family to be included in the Quarterly please contact John.

Dr. Dan Hyde gave the following web master's report:

1. Dan created the Jackson Brigade web site in August 1997. We are starting our eighth year.
2. Over 19,000 visits on the web site's home page since April 1999.
3. As of August 5, 2004, the web site has 126 web pages and 159 images for a total of 319 files.
4. On August 5, 2004, the web site used 44 megabytes of disk storage. (In July 2000 the web site used 7 megabytes: and in January 2002 the web site used 22 megabytes.)
5. On-line queries were started September 6, 1997. On August 5, 2004, we had 349 on-line queries.

John M. Jackson reported all current board members had agreed to serve 2 more years. No other nominations came forward at this time.

Roy Michell reported the guidelines for spending of cemetery funds have been approved and will be published in the next Quarterly. Nancy expressed concern of vandalism and that Jonathan Jackson's plot will have priority. Details will be reported in the guides. Estimates are being sought and deeds need to be reviewed.

No old business to discuss.

No new business to discuss.

Nancy Jackson declared the meeting adjourned.

Ann Fissel  
Secretary



## Minutes, Jackson Brigade Reunion, 2006

The Jackson Brigade held its biennial reunion at the Jubilee Pavilion, Jackson's Mill, West Virginia on Saturday, August 12, 2006.

The business meeting was called to order by President Nancy A. Jackson at 10:30 a.m. Nancy opened the meeting with some general announcements regarding the reunion's silent auction (conducted by Dan Hyde) and asked attendees to sign a birthday card for Jackson Brigade member Edna Birchill.

Next, Nancy called for recognition of the Jackson Brigade charter signers, including herself, Jacob, Mary Lois and Timothy Jackson. All of the charter signers were present.

Nancy made general announcements regarding the Sunday tour she would lead of local sites relevant to the Jackson family and Saturday evening's dedication of the new fencing in Clarksburg's Jackson Cemetery. She made special mention of an evening reception to be hosted by the Harrison County Historical Society at the Stealey-Goff-Vance home in Clarksburg; the reception was to feature a PowerPoint or slide show of the many different Jackson photos in the society's possession.

The president recognized Richard Wilt, who told us that the photographs that he took during the reunion would soon be available on his website ([www.rwilt.com](http://www.rwilt.com)).

### Officers' and committee reports:

**Secretary:** As the minutes of the 2004 business meeting had been published in the quarterly and were available in members' reunion packets, and no objections or corrections had been made, Nancy asked for a motion that the minutes be approved without a formal reading. Motion was made by Jane Hilder, seconded by Dan Hyde. The motion to approve the minutes carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Treasurer:** In the treasurer's absence, Nancy presented the treasurer's biennial report:

Checking account:	Balance as of August 1, 2004: \$3415.88
	Balance as of July 31, 2006: \$3420.40
Cemetery fund:	Balance as of July 31, 2004: \$ 987.27
	Balance as of July 31, 2006: \$ 767.51

The books had been audited by Mille Owens, of Byron, Illinois, on August 2, 2006.

Nancy and webmaster Dan Hyde discussed the Jackson Brigade group e-mail list and pointed out that non-members were eligible to sign up for this list, through which announcements relevant to Jackson-Cummins descendants are made to e-mail subscribers. They also pointed out that these e-mail addresses are not shared with anybody outside the Jackson Brigade.

Nancy informed us that a staff member of Jackson's Mill would lead attendees on a tour of the Jackson's Mill historic area. The tour was being offered at a price of \$3 (discounted from the normal adult fee of \$7).

**Nominating Committee:** Jane C. Hilder, chair of the Nominating Committee, which also included Mary Love Berryman and Roy Michell, presented the committee's report. The slate of officers for the new terms, commencing at the end of the reunion were: President, Nancy A. Jackson; Vice-president, Jane C. Hilder; Secretary, Ann Fissel; Treasurer, Linda B. Meyers; Member-at-Large, Katy Williams.

Jane noted that the proposed amendment to the bylaws, if passed, would create more openings on the board and asked that anybody interested in serving on the board in the future to please inform the board of their wishes.

Nancy noted that the committee's slate of candidates had been published in the quarterly, and since no further nominations had been forthcoming from the membership, the slate had been approved as if by vote.

**Webmaster:** The webmaster's report was made by Jackson Brigade Webmaster Dan Hyde. Dan created the Jackson Brigade website in August 1997. The website's home page has registered more than



27,000 visits since April 1999. As of August 1, 2006, the site contains 181 web pages and 511 images, for a total of 708 files, comprising 73 megabytes of disk storage. Twenty-two pdf files have been posted to the site. Dan also mentioned the queries page, which, as of August 1, 2006, had logged 455 online queries. Dan noted that he tries to share with other board members legitimate queries as soon as he can and that we're often able to provide a response within hours, which has really given the Jackson Brigade a good reputation for research assistance.

**Cemetery Committee:** Dan also presented a report as chair of the Cemetery Committee. The cemetery committee was formed in 2002 and consists of Dan as chair and Roy Michell. The committee is charged with developing "guidelines for the utilization of our cemetery funds." The committee's major accomplishment during the past biennium was the installation of new fencing around two historic Jackson plots in Clarksburg's Jackson Cemetery.

As an initial step in completing its charge, the committee has compiled a list of the burial locations and gravesite conditions of each of John and Elizabeth Jackson's eight children. Unfortunately, at this time, the exact location of four of these graves remains unknown.

Dan recently visited the grave of his ancestor, George Jackson. He was happy to report that the gravesite today is well cared for by a local resident, whose back yard abuts the gravesite. The condition of the grave is a surprising contrast to that of 16 years ago, when it was visited by Nancy Jackson and Linda Meyers, who found it among tall weeds and covered in poison ivy. Dan's trip to Zanesville inspired him to recommend the area for the 2008 Jackson Brigade reunion.

**Editor:** John M. Jackson, editor of *Jackson Brigade Quarterly*, provided the editor's report. The quarterly has just completed its 14<sup>th</sup> year, and John has been editor for 6 years. John expressed gratitude for the number of original articles submitted by members over the past year. He noted that the index to the quarterly had been updated and that the records of the Jackson Family Association had been transcribed and edited. Rather than publishing hard copies, both of these publications had been made available by Dan through the Brigade website. John also asked that members continue to send in stories and photos for the quarterly and solicited suggestions for the publication's improvement.

Nancy discussed membership and explained that the board had conducted a number of discussions on methods by which we could increase membership. She noted also a concern with the treasury; if the treasury exceeds \$5,000, we will be obligated to file taxes and pay more in fees. Nancy pointed out the attractive Jackson Brigade brochure designed by Dan Hyde and asked attendees to take some and distribute them to people they feel might be interested. Nancy also mentioned that a new members packet has been developed and will be given to new members as they join in the future.

**Old Business:**

There was no old business.

**New Business:**

Nancy introduced a proposed amendment to the bylaws and asked that Dan Hyde explain this proposal to create additional positions on the board for eight branch advocates. The branch advocates, Dan explained, would assist in general duties of the board and would also serve as representatives of their various lines, perhaps by recruiting new members from their lines, soliciting articles or organizing a reunion.

After these comments, motion was made by Patricia Leonard to approve the proposed amendment; seconded by Jane C. Hilder. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote, and the bylaws are thus amended.

There being no further new business, President Jackson adjourned the business meeting at 11:15.

Submitted by John M. Jackson,  
Acting Secretary

### THREE BRANCH ADVOCATES APPOINTED

At the 2006 reunion, members approved an amendment to the bylaws, allowing the addition of up to new eight executive committee members to serve as branch advocates. The duties of the branch advocates are to serve as advocates of their represented branch of the family and assist the other officers in the work of the Jackson Brigade. We welcome the following branch advocates:

**Patricia Andrews** (Samuel Jackson line)  
**Mary Love Berryman** (Sophia Jackson Davis line)  
**John C. Jackson** (Henry Jackson line)

## JACKSON BRIGADE REUNION 2008

Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio  
Saturday August 2 and Sunday August 3, 2008

The 2008 Jackson Brigade Reunion will be held in Zanesville, Ohio, where John and Elizabeth (Cummins) Jackson's oldest child, George Jackson, lived from 1807 to his death in 1831. George moved to Zanesville from Clarksburg, (West) Virginia to be a land broker at the urging of his son John George. After the American Revolution, Congress wanted to reward soldiers who had fought in the war. Being short on funds, however, it awarded the Continental Line veterans with land warrants. Some of these warrants were on lands near Zanesville. Many veterans never saw their land but sold it to land brokers like George Jackson in eastern cities. George would divide the land and resell it to individuals who wanted to settle in Ohio.

The planning of Reunion 2008 is underway by co-chairs Dan Hyde and Jane Carlile Hilder. There is much history and many interesting things to see in Zanesville. We are planning a ride on the *Lorena*, a Muskingum River sternwheeler; a drive over the only "Y-Bridge" in the world; a tour of the studios of the world-class sculptor Alan Cottrill; and many other activities.

For the latest details, please see <http://www.eg.bucknell.edu/~hyde/jackson/reunion2008.html>. Please mark your calendar for August 2-3, 2008 and plan to attend!

*Dan Hyde and Jane Hilder*



## JACKSON BRIGADE OFFICERS

### Officers Approved

Because no nominations were received from the membership, the Nominating Committee's slate of nominees is approved as by vote. The following officers will commence duties following the business meeting during the reunion in August: Jane C. Hilder, president; Jennie Carper Meade, vice-president; Gayle Robey, secretary; Linda Meyers, treasurer; Phill Elbon, member-at-large. Also serving will be the branch advocates, editor and webmaster, all appointed positions.

### John Jackson Jr. Branch Advocate Appointed

Your executive committee is pleased to announce the appointment of Winnetta Kennedy as branch advocate for the John Jackson Jr. line. Winnetta will represent her line in executive committee discussions and assist other officers in fulfilling the mission of the Jackson Brigade.

### **SECOND ANNUAL VETERANS ISSUE**

Our next issue will again feature articles and photos of our family's military veterans. If you have items (articles, anecdotes or photos of veterans) to share, please send to John M. Jackson • 2675 Old Fort Road • Blacksburg, VA 24060 (or e-mail [jojacks2@vt.edu](mailto:jojacks2@vt.edu)). We're especially seeking a photograph of a veteran in uniform for our November cover. The photo should be a studio portrait of a deceased descendant of John Jackson and Elizabeth Cummins, preferably taken before 1930. If sending materials by mail, photocopies will be fine, though we need high quality black-and-white or color photocopies of photographs in order for them to reproduce well. Materials will be returned by request. The deadline for submissions is September 30, 2008.

## Jackson Brigade 2008 Reunion Video Available

During the Jackson Brigade Reunion in Zanesville, Ohio, Scott Hyde, age 18, took four hours of video. Scott, who wants to attend film school next year, has carefully edited the footage to show the spirit of the Reunion through highlights. His resulting video is 18 minutes in length and very impressive! Several individuals who have purchased the Reunion DVD give it rave reviews:

"The Reunion DVD was a very professional DVD showing the highlights of the Reunion."

-- Nancy Jackson

"I was very impressed from the get-go... The opening montage was really good--especially the multiple shots of folks leaving the boat. And the way the video editing followed [the] narration was very, very well done, I thought. Overall, Scott's given the real feel of the reunion. And the music selection seemed just about perfect to me--it followed well the pace of the editing and the theme."

--John M. Jackson

"We particularly liked the way Scott wove the historical aspect of the town within the scenes of the reunion. ... We definitely feel that Scotty has potential in the movie making field. We were impressed."

--Lee and Linda Meyers

"Give Scott a great big **THANK YOU** for the outstanding DVD movie on the Jackson Reunion. I sure enjoyed it."

--Larry Francis

Scott's Reunion DVD can be ordered for \$5 which includes shipping and handling. Send check made out to Dan Hyde to Dan Hyde • 235 Stein Lane • Lewisburg, PA 17837

## Copies of *Jackson Brigade Family Histories 2008* Still Available

The book has contributions from 33 individuals, is spiral bound and printed in color. The book contains 64 pages with 61 black-and-white and 25 color pictures. Cost is \$17.50, which includes shipping and handling. There is a \$5 discount for Jackson Brigade members on their first copy. Book may be ordered from Dan Hyde • 235 Stein Lane • Lewisburg, PA 17837-1744. For more information and order form see web page:

<http://www.eg.bucknell.edu/~hyde/jackson/reunion2008-book.html>



## 2010 JACKSON BRIGADE REUNION

August 6, 7, 8, 2010

**Friday, August 6:** Afternoon registration at Historic Central Shoppe, Clarksburg, WV, with reception hosted by Harrison County Historical Society, followed by a bus tour of Clarksburg, ending with a talk by David Houchin at Waldomore on Pike Street.

**Saturday, August 7:** Car caravan tour departing at 8:30 from the Comfort Inn on Rt 33 near Weston for Beverly, WV, where we will tour Laura Jackson Arnold's home and other historic buildings. If time permits, we will go to the Rich Mountain Battlefield. In the evening we will have a business meeting, awards ceremony, banquet and a speech on John S. Carlisle by Jane Hilder. The site of the business meeting and banquet are yet to be determined.

**Sunday, August 8:** Tour of early settlement of Hacker's Creek with information on the Indian raids and a visit to Jackson's Mill led by Joy Stalnaker and Nancy Jackson.

**Theme:** Settlement of Western Virginia by John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson family and the Role of the "Jackson" family in the Formation of the State of West Virginia.

**Final plans will appear in the February 2010 *Jackson Brigade Quarterly*.**

**Jackson Brigade Reunion 2010 – Business Meeting Minutes – Saturday, August 7, 2010**

At Steer Steakhouse, Weston, WV, President Jane Hilder called the meeting to order after dinner at 6:50 PM.

**Minutes 2008** – Jane informed those present that each Reunion packet contained a copy of the 2008 business meeting minutes. Evan Rohrbough moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Mary Love Berryman seconded.

**Treasurer's Report** – Nancy Jackson gave the report in the absence of Linda Meyers, treasurer, showing a checking account balance of \$3848.19 as of April 30, 2010. The balance in the Cemetery Fund as of July 8, 2010 was \$2250.53. The treasurer's report was accepted after a motion by Nancy Jackson. Nancy also stated that the Jackson Brigade Board needs to discuss the Cemetery Fund.

**Editor's Report** – John M. Jackson reminded everyone that a copy of his report is in the Reunion packet. He reviewed the history of the publications which started in 1992 with a newsletter which was mailed free to all descendants whose addresses were known. In 1995, under the leadership of Linda Meyers, the magazine format was adopted. John M. Jackson assumed editorship in 2000, after becoming responsible for the printing of the publication in 1999. In 2000 the name of the publication became *Jackson Brigade Quarterly*. There is an index of the first 14 volumes of the publications on the Jackson Brigade website and John plans to have the index of the past 6 years added by the end of next year (2011). Four books have also been published by the Jackson Brigade.

John M. Jackson's resignation as publications editor became effective with the issue of the August 2010 Quarterly. He made an appeal on behalf of Nancy Jackson, new publications editor, and her staff of Joyce Neeley, layout editor, and Phillip Elbon, distribution editor, to encourage submission of articles, pictures, and stories related to our Jackson family history.

Nancy Jackson reiterated his appeal by stating that she could not do research, and requested articles and old photos. She stated that if family history is documented this assures that information will be available to subsequent generations.

**Membership Report** – Gayle Robey reported that in 2008-09, membership decreased by 13, increased by 15, for a total of 70 including spouses and one member who prefers to have his name unpublished. In 2009-10, membership decreased by 5, increased by 8, for a total of 75 members including spouses and the one unpublished member.

Nancy Jackson added that she had received three new memberships this weekend.

**Cemetery Report** – Nancy Jackson gave a report, though she is not chairperson of the Cemetery Committee, on the historic Jackson Cemetery in Clarksburg, WV and the Henry Jackson Cemetery near Buckhannon, WV. Issues regarding the fencing of the Henry Jackson Cemetery were discussed. Nancy presented a cost estimate for treated wood posts and barbed wire fencing at \$3450. Larry Francis commented that metal posts and barbed wire fencing for that cemetery should not cost that much. It was discussed that we should determine whether this type of fencing would be acceptable to the property owner. Nancy recommended that the Jackson Brigade, Inc. send a certificate of appreciation to Mr. James Toney, Sr. who now owns the property which includes the cemetery, since he has been caring for the cemetery voluntarily. She also recommended that the Jackson Brigade Board consider paying for a barbed wire fence and gate upon receipt of an estimate and giving an occasional contribution for the cemetery care.

**Time Capsule** – Nancy Jackson reported on the time capsule, buried near Pringle Tree, to be opened in 2048. Nancy proposed that Brent Jackson and Scott Hyde co-chair the group (also including Sarah Jackson, Katie Jackson,

Kenneth Matthew Colby, and Kathryn Fissel) in charge of the opening, though instructions for the opening need to be developed. The time capsule is enclosed in PVC pipe with a metal cap and should be easily located with a metal detector. Nancy called the county commissioners and a copy of the map is to be put on file with them but not be included in public record.

**Webmaster Report** – Dan Hyde stated that his report is in the Reunion packet.

Jane Hilder thanked Dan for maintaining the website for our organization.

Jane Hilder then asked for other old business needing to be discussed. There was none.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Reunion 2012** - Jane Hilder reported that John M. Jackson has suggested Lexington, VA as the site of the next Reunion, where Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson lived and also taught at Virginia Military Institute. She stated the advantage of this location is that there are many local connections to Stonewall Jackson and the disadvantage is that Lexington is a popular tourist destination so booking rooms may be difficult. Nearby, there is a theatre group which presents a show called "Stonewall Country"; dates and times for this show may dictate when the Reunion is held. With enthusiastic approval from the Board for this location, John M. Jackson has agreed to chair and plan the Reunion. John stated that 2012 would be the sesquicentennial of the Civil War and we should expect higher prices in the Shenandoah Valley.

**Election of Officers** - Jane Hilder stated that all of the present officers had agreed to continue in their positions for two more years. Lee Jackson has agreed to be vice-president and is considered elected. Larry Francis questioned not voting on the slate of officers. Brenda Persinger moved that the slate be accepted. All present were in agreement. Officers were elected by acclamation.

**Thank You** - Jane Hilder expressed thanks to Nancy Jackson, Joyce Neeley and Joanne Post for organizing Reunion 2010 and stated the logistics were not easy.

Nancy Jackson thanked those who donated gifts and stated that these donations contributed to making this Reunion the most inexpensive to date. She mentioned Connie Poe and Chris Green of the Harrison County Historical Society, who arranged for and donated the food for the opening reception on Friday, August 6.

**Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned by President Jane Hilder at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gayle Robey  
Secretary

### **Jackson Brigade Editor's Report, August 2010**

The first Jackson Brigade newsletter was published in March 1992 and mailed free of charge to known addresses of descendants of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson. Jacob Jay Jackson served as editor, under the title of *Jackson Brigade Express Newsletter*. Because of his help with getting the early issues printed, the late Gary Weiner of Clarksburg was made an honorary member of the association.

With advances in computer software and printers, the newsletter was able to take on more of a magazine-style format in 1995 and that same year Linda Meyers became chief editor, with the newsletter continuing to be printed locally.

In 1999, I became responsible for publication's printing. The next year, I became editor. Later in 2000, the title of the publication was changed to *Jackson Brigade Quarterly*, and it slowly took on the appearance that it now has.

The first 14 volumes of the newsletter have been indexed, with the index available through the Jackson Brigade website. I hope to have the past 6 years added to the index by the end of next year.

In addition to the *Quarterly*, the association has published four books: *Jacksons on the Oregon Trail* by John C. Jackson; *They Walked the Streets of Fame*, a history of the Jacksons of Parkersburg, by Linda B. Meyers; *Roll of Honor*, a collection of biographical sketches on our family's military veterans; and an index to the newsletter's first 10 volumes.

My resignation as publications editor, took effect upon the publication of the August 2010 issue of the *Quarterly*. Nancy Jackson has volunteered to take over as publications editor, and collaborating with Nancy will be Joyce Neeley as layout editor and Phill Elbon as distribution editor. So after thanking everybody for their continued membership and especially to those who have sent in material for publication over the past 10 years, I will conclude in my usual way, but this time on Nancy's behalf, with an appeal to the membership to please send in whatever family history-related materials you may have, as we're always looking for new material.



## Jackson Brigade Webmaster's Report

By Dr. Daniel C. Hyde

August 6, 2010

The technological marvel for sharing information called the World-Wide Web, or just "the Web," was started 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 the material on the website. Over the last thirteen years, many people, notably Nancy Ann Jackson and Linda Brake Meyers, have submitted large amounts of material for inclusion on the website. As of July 21, 2010, the website has 556 web pages and 990 images for a total of 1810 files. In 2006, we started to post some web pages in "pdf" format with 38 so far. When I last printed the web pages in January 2008, the material filled three 4-inch binders. Clearly the website is a valuable resource.

The Jackson Brigade's website grows significantly each year as more people submit material. In July 2000, the website used seven megabytes of disk space. Eighteen months later in January 2002, the website used 22 megabytes. By August 5, 2004, the website had doubled its size to 44 megabytes of disk storage. In August 2006 the website again almost doubled in size and used 73 megabytes. On July 28, 2008, the website used 188 megabytes of disk storage. The large increase from 2006 to 2008 is due to the many colored images we have added. On July 21, 2010, the website used 553 megabytes of disk storage. The large increase from 2008 is due to Linda Meyers submitting large genealogies on each of the eight children of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson.

In February 2010, as part of a new disaster plan, I created copies of a DVD disk of all the Jackson Brigade website's files and mailed a copy to members of the Jackson Brigade Board members Jane Hilder, Nancy Jackson, Linda B. Meyers, and John M. Jackson for their safe keeping. In case of a major disaster, someone knowledgeable of website development could recreate the Jackson Brigade website from one copy of the DVD disk.

The Jackson Brigade's website is fairly popular. In April 1999, Dan added a feature to count the number of visitors to the home page. In the last eleven and a half years, we have had over 43,573 web visitors.

Dan added an automated on-line queries feature to the Jackson Brigade's website on September 6, 1997. As of July 21, 2010, we had 584 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. Therefore, many individuals who have submitted an on-line query will receive a high quality response from one of the Board members in a manner of hours. Such responsiveness has gained the organization a lot of respect and good will.

The future of the Jackson Brigade website is bright. More material is submitted almost every day. Visit the Jackson Brigade's website at the following URL:

<http://www.eg.bucknell.edu/~hyde/jackson/>

Officers of the Brigade have been discussing a more substantial enclosure for the Henry Jackson Cemetery.  
Upshur County, West Virginia



### Where Did All the Jackson's Go?

By Linda B. Meyers

In 1989 I first visited West Virginia where I attended a Crislip reunion in Buckhannon with my cousin Jeanette Brake Guscott. At that time about all Jeanette and I knew of our background was that our Crislip grandparents were buried at Walkersville and that our Brakes came from Lewis and Upshur County, eventually settling in Ashtabula County, Ohio. And, we both grew up knowing that we were related to Stonewall Jackson. Who would have thought that that one visit to West Virginia would lead me on what seems to be a never ending journey in search of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson. Shortly after returning home I sent a query off to Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants and Nancy Jackson answered that query. Our search began, and a lasting friendship developed between distant cousins. A little over a decade ago I began compiling a working database of Jackson/Brake descendants and today there are 29,296 names in that file. This search has led me across this country and out of this country. So, where did all the Jackson's go? In future issues of the Jackson Brigade you will learn more about the descendants of John and Elizabeth and where they are today. And, you might even find a cousin or two living in your town or even next door. **You never know!**

Welcome, *John M. Jackson* as the new "editor" of the *Jackson Brigade Quarterly*. *Phillip L. Elbon* will continue to print the quarterlies and *Nancy Jackson* will continue to mail them. Please submit prospective articles, pictures, obituaries, and items of interest to John M. Jackson at 2675 Old Fort Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060 or email to [jojacks2@vt.edu](mailto:jojacks2@vt.edu)

## NEW JACKSON BRIGADE WEBSITE

By Dr. Daniel C. Hyde

The Jackson Brigade has a new website at [www.JacksonBrigade.com](http://www.JacksonBrigade.com) where the URL is much easier to remember. Since we are updating materials only on the new website, please start using the new website immediately.

Our old website ([www.eg.bucknell.edu/~hyde/jackson](http://www.eg.bucknell.edu/~hyde/jackson)) was designed and created in August 1997, when very few people had high-speed broadband connections. I designed the old website to accommodate people who owned slow Internet connections, e.g., a dialup through a phone modem. Today most people have high-speed connections, e.g., DSL, and the new website can take advantage of newer technologies to provide a more professional experience.

When you visit the new website, you will immediately notice that the website has been completely redesigned and is much easier to navigate because I used a modern website management system (WordPress). One neat new feature is the on-line query system that allows people to reply to queries much like the message boards on many genealogy websites.

Our new website may be set to send you an email message automatically whenever a new announcement or news item is posted. To subscribe to this service just follow the instructions listed in "How to receive email about announcements?" under Recent News/Announcements.

The many search engines have found the new website and dozens of people are visiting it each day. Since April 13, when I turned the statistics gathering software on, we have had 564 different visitors (as of July 8).

Please give our new website a spin and let me know if you have any new materials you want to submit to the website.—Dan (email: [hyde@bucknell.edu](mailto:hyde@bucknell.edu))

### Evan Rohrbough Named Branch Advocate

Evan Rohrbough has recently been named branch advocate for the Col. Edward Jackson line. Appointed by the board, branch advocates "are to serve as advocate of their represented branch of the family and assist the other officers in the work of the Jackson Brigade" (Constitution and Bylaws of Jackson Brigade Corporation, Art. VII, Sec. 8). Evan joins branch advocates Patricia Andrews (Samuel Jackson branch), Mary Love Berryman (Sophia Jackson Davis branch), and Winnetta Kennedy (John Jackson Jr. branch). John M. Jackson has recently resigned as branch advocate for the Henry Jackson line.



## A LOOK BACK AT THE 2012 JACKSON BRIGADE REUNION

by Jane C. Hilder

The 2012 Jackson Brigade reunion in Lexington, VA, was the very first reunion to focus on the life of Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson. Previous reunions had primarily shared other family history that is not as well known or documented, and had focused on other members of the family who were prominent in their own time. But in 2012 the gathering was a chance to learn about the most famous member of the Jackson family, and particularly about his life prior to the Civil War.

On a hot Friday afternoon, August 3, 2012, we were welcomed to town by a blackboard sign in front of the Stonewall Jackson House that read Welcome Jackson Family! We gathered across the street at the Campbell House, a small museum owned by the Rockbridge County Historical Society, and full of interesting exhibits about the history of Lexington. Lexington is a charming small town with many buildings dating from the 19th century. This was a time to meet others, as many who attend don't know each other, and sometimes come knowing no one else.

From Campbell House many set out on a (very hot, hilly) walking tour of downtown Lexington with a local guide, while others had a tour by horse drawn carriage. We all met at the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery for a talk by Michael Anne Lynn, executive Director of the Stonewall Jackson House. She spoke about the history of the cemetery, the Jackson Monument on Stonewall's grave, and the other Jackson family graves in the cemetery. We all noticed the numerous lemons scattered around the gravesite that are regularly replenished.

The talk was followed by dinners on our own at any one of the numerous good restaurants in Lexington that range from gourmet to fast food. Some of the Jacksons with enough energy left then took the "Ghost Tour" of downtown Lexington.

After a night with most staying at the Best Western Hunt Ridge Hotel on the outskirts of town, the group divided with half touring the Virginia Military Institute Museum and half touring the Lee Chapel and Museum at Washington and Lee University. Afterwards the groups switched so everyone saw both museums. These two universities have adjacent campuses on a hill on the west side of downtown Lexington.

Stonewall's first wife's father was president of Washington College, now Washington and Lee University, when they were married. The young couple lived in a small wing of the historic house still to be seen on the Washington and Lee Campus. The Lee Museum is housed downstairs in the beautiful and historic Lee Chapel, which is still extensively used by the university.

The highlights of the VMI Museum included the jacket Stonewall was wearing when he was shot by his own troops in 1863, and also the preserved body of Little Sorrel, his favorite horse. Other interesting exhibits included the rather barren typical VMI cadet room, antique firearms, and history of VMI participation during the Civil War. For those with energy left, there followed a tour of the VMI campus which included seeing the window of the classroom where Prof. T. J.



Jackson taught Natural Philosophy (physics), Optics and Artillery tactics for ten years prior to the Civil War.

Saturday afternoon reunion attendees were assigned to small groups to tour the Stonewall Jackson House. Jackson lived there with his second wife from 1858 until he left to fight in the Civil War in 1861. The house has been restored as much as possible to the size and configuration it was when the Jacksons lived there. The garden has been restored and many of the original furnishings returned.

After a very full and tiring day, everyone was glad the evening banquet was in the well air conditioned hotel. The Southern Inn catered a delicious chicken dinner for 47 of us, featuring local fresh vegetables and peach cobbler. The Poison Bottom Boys, a local group, played traditional music from the Civil War period, and there was a silent auction as a fundraiser to help cover reunion costs. Col. Keith Gibson, Director of the VMI Museum, spoke after dinner on the experience of VMI in the Civil War.

Sunday morning a few Jacksons attended historic Lexington Presbyterian Church where Stonewall had taught Sunday School many years before. Everyone met again for lunch at the picnic shelter in McKethan Park where historical re-enactor Skip Koontz treated us to his interpretation of Stonewall describing his childhood upbringing and life before the war. We had our Jackson Brigade business meeting and election, then awarded some humorous prizes for things like oldest, youngest, has attended most reunions, etc. Then it was time for everyone to head for home, having been thoroughly worn out but having learned a great deal about Thomas Jonathan Jackson and his life.

# JACKSON BRIGADE REUNION 2014

Jackson's Mill, Lewis County, West Virginia and the Surrounding Area

Friday July 25 and Saturday July 26, 2014

The 2014 Jackson Brigade Reunion will be held at Jackson's Mill, with activities in the Weston / Buckhannon area. For information on Jackson's Mill, see <[www.jacksonsmill.ext.wvu.edu/](http://www.jacksonsmill.ext.wvu.edu/)>.

## Tentative Schedule

### Friday, July 25

- 5:00 p.m. Optional buffet style dinner\* at Jackson's Mill's Mt. Vernon Dining Hall.  
6:30 p.m. Registration, business meeting, and memorial service in the WVU Room of Jackson's Mill Lodge.

### Saturday, July 26

- 7:30 a.m. Optional buffet style breakfast,\* Mt. Vernon Dining Hall  
9:00 a.m. Depart caravan-style from Jackson's Mill on a Journey to Our Pioneers' Homes. We will visit the Henry Jackson's farm, today owned by Doug Bush; the Henry Jackson Cemetery; and possibly the Bethany Church, to which many of the family belonged. (We'll have Stonewall Jackson Peanut Butter Cookies and bottled water on hand for refreshments.) Next, we'll stop for a courtyard luncheon at A Governor's Inn Bed and Breakfast, Buckhannon, home of D. D. T. Farnsworth, husband of John Jackson Jr.'s granddaughter, Mary Ireland. We'll also visit the Jacob Jay Jackson home, said to be haunted, in Weston's McGuire Park. We may also stop at Sunny Pointe Guest House (Jane Lew), the ancestral home of the Law family.  
6:00 p.m. Buffet style banquet, Mt. Vernon Dining Hall  
7:00 p.m. Adjournment to Mt. Vernon Dining Hall for speaker (to be announced at a later date), discussion and socializing.

### Sunday, July 27

Optional buffet style breakfast,\* Mt. Vernon Dining Hall.

\*Note that Friday's dinner and the Saturday and Sunday breakfasts will be optional and contingent on our group having at least 12 reservations for each meal. If we don't reach 12 reservations, refunds will be issued to attendees.

More reunion details will be in the Feb. issue. For details on lodging and updated information, watch the website <<http://www.jacksonbrigade.com/reunions/reunion-2014/>>.

Reunion chairperson:

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## REQUEST FOR JACKSON FAMILY STORIES

For the Jackson Brigade Reunion 2014 at Jackson's Mills in July, Dan Hyde is compiling a booklet on *Jackson Family Stories*. He plans to collect, edit, print, and distribute the booklets at the Reunion. At the Reunion, Dan plans to sell the booklets at the cost of the printing. Those who can't attend the Reunion will be able to order a copy after the Reunion with an additional cost for postage.

This is a request for you to send Dan your family stories. For example, you could submit fun or exciting adventures you had as a kid. Or stories of your children, parents, grandparents, etc. Or humorous incidents that family members relate at every large gathering like Thanksgiving or Christmas. Or perhaps you have written personal memoirs of when you were a child. All are acceptable! Dan's goal is to capture some of these old family stories before they're gone.

**Please submit your stories to Dan at [hyde@bucknell.edu](mailto:hyde@bucknell.edu) by June 30, 2014.** There is a limit of 10 pages per contributor. At least one person in the story should be a descendant of John Jackson and Elizabeth Cummins. Part of each submission should identify the family members in the story, how they are related to the submitter, and how they are related to John Jackson and Elizabeth Cummins. If you need it, Dan can help you identify the lineage back to John and Elizabeth Jackson.

Photographs of people in your story are encouraged but not required. Send Dan photographs in jpeg format as email attachments.

Please feel free to contact Dan if you have any questions.

Dan Hyde  
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570-524-9994 (Home), 570-577-1281 (Office)

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Here's a sample family story of the kind Dan's requesting.

### The Sun Dress

Told by Mary (Hall) Hyde to her son Dan Hyde  
(Mary Hall Hyde<sup>7</sup>, Charles Rowland Hall<sup>5</sup>, John Elijah Hall<sup>5</sup>, Mary Elizabeth Arnold<sup>4</sup>,  
Prudence Jackson<sup>3</sup>, George Jackson<sup>2</sup>, John Jackson<sup>1</sup>)

When Mary was about seven, her brothers Rowland and Johnny dared her to go swimming in the nude. She did and Johnny grabbed her clothes and ran into woods with them. Unfortunately, in the chase that followed, Johnny dropped and lost Mary's sundress with straps. Quite a predicament! Only clothes she had were a pair of panties. How to go home and face Mom?

Fortunately, Mary's Mom had made her two dresses just alike. While Mary hid in the bushes, Johnny went into the house and found the other dress. Several days later while combing the woods, they found the first dress. They told their Mom "after the fact."



### **Jackson Family Stories For Sale**

As part of the 2014 Jackson Brigade Reunion, Dan Hyde solicited from Jackson Family members stories of their childhood, relatives, or ancestors. The goal was to capture these stories before they are lost forever. Fifteen people responded, contributing fifty stories to form a valuable collection. The stories are charming and will be cherished by friends and relatives for many years to come.

Dan has compiled the stories into a booklet of 76 pages containing 71 pictures (45 in color). For durability and the ability to lie flat, the booklet is spiral bound (wire coil). Booklets will be available for sale at the Reunion at a cost of \$10. Those not attending the reunion may order a copy by mail for \$10 plus \$2.50 for postage from Dan Hyde, 235 Stein Lane, Lewisburg, PA 17837. Make check payable to Dan Hyde.

## Jackson Family Stories



"The Storyteller" - a Victorian-era illustration, artist unknown

Compiled by Dr. Dennis C. Hyde  
for Jackson Brigade Reunion 2014 July 25-26, 2014  
July 3, 2014

## JACKSON BRIGADE 2014 REUNION RECAP

BY JANE C. HILDER

Jackson's Mill has been the site of a number of earlier Jackson Brigade reunions. In the past we have had use of a picnic shelter for the day. For our July 25-27, 2014, gathering, reunion organizer Nancy Jackson was able to reserve use of the Jackson Lodge for sleeping accommodations, the Mount Vernon Dining Hall for meals and our banquet, and the West Virginia Room in the lodge for our meetings and speaker. Jackson's Mill, a West Virginia state park and 4-H center managed by West Virginia University, holds tremendous significance for our Jackson family. The land belonged to John and Elizabeth's son Edward, who is buried in a small cemetery there along with his second wife, Elizabeth Weatherholt Brake, and a number of his descendants.

Only one Jackson family building survives in the park, the grist mill once owned by Edward's son Cummins. This Mill is particularly historic because Thomas Jonathan Jackson, who later became the famous Civil War Confederate general known as "Stonewall," came to live with his Uncle Cummins as a child following the deaths of both his parents. He grew up there working on the farm and at the mill and then operating the lumber mill that once existed just next door to the grist mill. The historic area of the park includes the old Jackson Mill, which has been preserved, and two recreated pioneer-era homes. One is a very simple one-room house similar to what very early settlers built, and there is another 1800s era home of about four rooms that attempts to recreate the Jackson home existing there when Tom lived at the mill. There is also a newer but still historic grist mill that has been rebuilt and moved to the site. It has been strengthened and refitted and can still grind grain to give demonstrations.

The afternoon of July 25, as Jackson family members arrived, the weather was gorgeous, warm, clear and sunny, without the humidity and haze that sometimes afflicts West Virginia summer days. The large, impressive Morgantown High School Band was practicing marching maneuvers and music on the drill field in front of the lodge. Many family members went to tour the historic area. A living history interpreter, a West Virginia University graduate hired to explain the park to visitors, showed us the historic Jackson Mill. He explained the history, including the fact that that mill had not been restored to working mill status because actual operation now would likely shake the building enough to destroy it. But he did open the sluice gate in the other mill to demonstrate the incredible noise made by the running water and the grindstones the water powered.

Journey to Our Pioneers' Homes was the theme of the 2014 reunion, so staying at the actual site of Edward's and some his descendants' homes was a great introduction. We ate dinner together in the Mount Vernon Dining Hall, sitting at one end with the chatter of numerous high schoolers across the room. Nevertheless, we enjoyed reconnecting with family and those we'd met at previous reunions, and meeting some we'd never before met. After dinner the Jackson Brigade business meeting convened back in the lodge. Election of a new officer slate was confirmed, with Dan Hyde taking over as president. Previous board members were thanked as were the organizers with Nancy Jackson of the 2014 reunion, Rose Powell and Winnie Kennedy.

Then Dan Hyde described the Jackson Brigade DNA Project, the usefulness of DNA knowledge for family history research, and also the limitations. He summarized the ways that DNA is transmitted and the roles of Y-DNA and mitochondrial DNA. Scientific knowledge about the roles of DNA is still in its infancy, but as part of the Family History Y-DNA project, our Jackson family had made it possible for others descended from a male line of Jacksons to



determine whether they are part of the same family. We may even be able to discover more definitive information about John Jackson's Irish roots through the Y-DNA Project.

Saturday, July 26, was filled with visits to houses still standing, although in much modified form, that had belonged to family members. We began by dividing into three groups to visit sites in Hall, West Virginia, associated with Henry Jackson, the youngest son of John and Elizabeth. Our group went first to the current home of Doug and Ann Bush. Doug is a history teacher in a local high school. They bought this badly rundown home and farm, restored and enlarged the house, raised their daughters here, and raised cattle and now harvest hay to resell. Their house includes one room that was a cabin built around 1800 and lived in by Henry Jackson, and later incorporated into a larger home. It is directly downhill from the Henry Jackson Cemetery.

Doug Bush had done a great deal of research about the house and farm, which he shared via a PowerPoint presentation. For many years the house was lived in by descendants of Henry Jackson, including the Samuel Dexter Jackson family. Doug showed photos of that family and the process of restoration of the house. We could also peer into the basement under the house to



see the chestnut tree trunks that served as beams to support the floor of the old cabin. Doug is not a Jackson descendent, but we all loved his and Ann's contagious enthusiasm for the history of the house and farm.

Our group then rendezvoused with others nearby at Bethany Baptist Church for cookies and to see where numerous Jackson descendants have worshipped over the years. The church has many old photos on the walls that include Jackson family members.

We then went to see the Henry Jackson cemetery on top of the ridge in front of the Bushes' home. That's a very rural section of West Virginia; it was another gorgeous day, and that hilltop site has views of green fields and woods in every direction, with the addition of a few cows along the fence line. The cemetery is on private property, not owned by a Jackson descendant, and is in quite good shape for such an old burial site. This is partly due to care from the current owner of the property, who has mowed the grass around the tombstones. The tombstones of Henry Jackson and his second wife Elizabeth Shreve are unusual coffin-shaped stones. Many of Henry's descendants are buried there as well. Those that had indication of Civil War service had served in Union forces from West Virginia, yet another indication of the split in family loyalties during the war that was so typical of border state families.

The lunchtime stop was A Governor's Inn Bed and Breakfast on Main St. in Buckhannon, West Virginia. This lovingly restored Victorian style inn was built by D.D.T. Farnsworth, whose second wife was Mary Ireland, granddaughter of John Jackson Jr., another of John and

Saturday night's banquet in Jackson's Mill's Mount Vernon Dining Hall. Photo by Dan Hyde.



Elizabeth's sons. Farnsworth moved into the elaborate brick mansion in 1853 with his wife and children and later became the second governor of West Virginia. Our hostess was the owner, Jerry Henderson, who had admired the house as a child in the school that was next door. She described in detail the terrible condition of the home when she purchased it and the incredible efforts she went through to restore it authentically. Then our group enjoyed lunch in the sunny courtyard while another group toured the home and heard the presentation.

Our final stop was a house in Weston that incorporated the original two-story poplar home built by Jacob Jay Jackson in 1849. It is currently owned by Cindy and Jim Shaver. It was Jim who gave us the tour and showed us the old vertical boards and fireplace of the old part of the house, and the original corn crib in the rear. Out front under the large tree, Joy DeFazio of Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants talked about who had lived in the house over the years.

Our banquet that evening in the Mount Vernon room was a good chance to sit, relax and visit after a busy day. Then we moved back to the West Virginia Room to hear Dr. Mathew Lively discuss his research on the wounding and death of Gen. Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson. Dr. Lively is a professor of medicine at West Virginia University School of Medicine, but also an amateur historian and an author with particular interest in the Civil War. In 2013 he published a book that encompasses some of his longtime study of Stonewall Jackson among other Civil War heroes.

Dr. Lively's book, *Calamity at Chancellorsville: The Wounding and Death of Confederate General Stonewall Jackson*, differs in some ways from the account given by the National Park Service rangers at Chancellorsville battlefield. He explained how he had reached his conclusions by searching for all other eyewitness accounts of the wounding. As someone who has visited Chancellorsville and heard the account given there, I could see the logic of Dr. Lively's reasoning about the location of the road where Jackson was wounded. One could also listen to Dr. Lively describe the process of transporting Jackson from where he was hurt back to camp, and then to Guinea Station, and understand how his wound was aggravated by those circumstances. It was a very interesting evening.

Sunday morning's breakfast was a last chance to speak with those we had not yet met, and to say goodbye to those we did know, and compare notes about routes for the drive home. To see more photos of the reunion, including many of the homes we visited, be sure to see the reunion photos from Saturday, July 26, on the Jackson Brigade website. For those not able to be there, it will give you a real sense of what we saw.

# Jackson Brigade Reunion 2014



Reunion attendees at the Henry Jackson Cemetery in Hall, WV.



Bethany Baptist Church in Hall, WV attended by Henry's family.



Doug and Ann Bush's home in sight of Henry Jackson Cemetery. One room contains Henry's cabin built in 1820.



Doug and Ann Bush



Nancy Jackson, Reunion Chairperson, in Colonial dress.



Second Pioneer Home was A Governor's Inn Bed and Breakfast at 76 E. Main St., Buckhannon. Governor DDT Farnsworth and his wife Mary Jane Ireland Farnsworth lived here. She was a granddaughter of John Jackson, Jr.



The home of Dr. James and Cindy Shaver near Weston Walmart. Part of the house was formerly the home of Jacob Jay Jackson, son of John Jackson, Jr.

Jacob built his two-story poplar log house in 1849.

**Photos by Dan Hyde**



**Jackson Brigade Editor's Report, July 2014**  
**by John M. Jackson**

Next month, our newsletter will complete its 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, 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 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. Nancy was assisted by Joyce Elbon Neeley and Phillip Elbon. Nancy compiled material to be used in the *Quarterly*, and Joyce served as layout 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](http://www.jacksonbrigade.com)). Complete tables of contents, arranged both alphabetically and chronologically are also available and are up-to-date through volume 21.

Few changes are anticipated in the newsletter's format in the near future. In the August 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. Within the next year or two, we plan to publish 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 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 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 Webmaster's Report**

By Dr. Daniel C. Hyde

July 25, 2014

The technological marvel for sharing information called the World-Wide Web, or just "the Web," was started 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 seventeen 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. More material has been added since the 2012 inventory. The Jackson Brigade's website is fairly popular. The website averages about 30 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 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.

Since 1997, the Jackson Brigade website had been maintained in Dan's faculty account at Bucknell University. Since Dan will be retiring in a year or two, 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](http://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. Since April 13, 2013, we have had over 4600 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.

The future of the Jackson Brigade website is bright. More material is submitted almost every day. Visit the new Jackson Brigade website at:

[www.JacksonBrigade.com](http://www.JacksonBrigade.com)

## Jackson Brigade DNA Project's Report

By Dr. Daniel C. Hyde

July 25, 2014

For several years, individuals have contacted Jackson Brigade Board members and asked 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 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.

**Activities:** 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: [www.jacksonbrigade.com/dna-project/](http://www.jacksonbrigade.com/dna-project/)

One objective is to use DNA testing to aid in identifying the ancestors of John Jackson. One promising lead is to have Steven Jackson, author of *The Irish Ancestry of Stonewall Jackson*, Just Done Productions, 2008, take a Y-DNA test. Steven claims in his book that John Jackson's father was Thomas Jackson of Ballynary Birches of Tartaraghann 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 are currently pursuing this lead.

**Results:** 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 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 new designation, R-M269). A large percentage of Western Europe is in this haplogroup! Because it a very common haplogroup, any prospective individual will need to test at least 67 markers.

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

**Future:** 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!

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.



# DNA TESTING RESULTS OF CLIVE JACKSON

BY DAN HYDE

## Background

In 2008 an interesting book, *The Irish Ancestry of Stonewall Jackson*, by Steven Jackson, was published.<sup>1</sup> By August 2008, several of us, including Jane Hilder and Dan Hyde, had purchased a copy and read Steven's book. Steven Jackson obtained his Doctorate in Classics and lived in Durban, South Africa. Much of Steven's research on his Jackson Family line in Ireland is well researched and interesting. His theory – and it is only a theory – that our ancestor John Jackson who immigrated to America in 1748 had been born on the Jackson ancestral estate at Coosh Lane, Ballynany Birches, in the parish of Tartaraghan, County Armagh, Ireland,<sup>2</sup> is based on thin evidence. The critical evidence that ties Steven's Jackson line to our John Jackson line is a series of letters written and received by his relative Mrs. John Verner, née Jane Jackson of the Birches (1801-1871), and the family of "Stonewall" Jackson in Virginia.<sup>3</sup> Steven's paternal grandfather Moses Jackson Junior (1876-1956) was a keen student of history, in particular of the history of his line of Jacksons. Over the years Moses had collected and organized family documents and letters including the correspondence between the main family at Ballynarry Birches and their kinsfolk in Virginia, "Stonewall" Jackson's relatives. When Moses died in 1956, his house was closed, sold, and the family papers disposed of in bulk. Therefore, the key evidence that might prove the link between the two Jackson lines is gone.<sup>4</sup>

## Resolution by Y-DNA Testing?

Since the critical correspondence is gone, several of us thought that maybe we could strengthen Steven's claim by using Y-DNA testing. This is possible because Steven claims to be a direct male descendant of Robert Jackson, whose name appears on a 1630 Muster Roll. He further claims that our John Jackson was a great-grandson of the same Robert Jackson of the 1630 Muster Roll.<sup>5</sup> Therefore, Steven and a direct male descendant of our John Jackson should have very similar Y-DNA.

In November 2011, two Jackson Brigade members, Robert Lee Jackson (of the John Jackson Jr. line) and John M. Jackson (of the Henry Jackson line), both of whom claim a line of direct, unbroken male descent from John Jackson and Elizabeth Cummins, submitted Y-DNA67 test kits to Family Tree DNA, a company specializing in DNA testing for genealogical research. The results showed that John and Lee's DNA matched on 66 out of 67 markers. Such a close match indicates a 95% probability that the two share a common male ancestor within the past 8 generations. Because John is an 8<sup>th</sup>-generation descendant of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson through their son Henry, and Lee is a 6<sup>th</sup>-generation descendant of John and Elizabeth through their son John Jr., their DNA tests confirm their documentary evidence.

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<sup>1</sup> Steven Jackson, *The Irish Ancestry of Stonewall Jackson* (Durban, South Africa: Just Done Productions, 2008).

<sup>2</sup> Jackson 2.

<sup>3</sup> Jackson 4, 45, 68.

<sup>4</sup> Jackson 146, 148.

<sup>5</sup> Jackson 168, 170.



More importantly, the tests establish the Y-DNA for John Jackson and all of his direct male descendants, providing a baseline to which future submitted tests can be compared. (For more on Lee and John's DNA testing, see the November 2014 issue.)

In 2009 Jane Hilder, then the president of the Jackson Brigade, contacted Steven Jackson's publisher, who provided Steven's email address, allowing Jane to correspond with him. In 2012 Jane wrote to Steven again asking him if he would be interested in participating in a Y-DNA test. On April 4, 2012, Jane received a response that Steven would be delighted to participate. Since he lived in South Africa, Steven recommended that a better candidate would be his brother Clive Jackson, who lives in Ballymena, Northern Ireland. Unfortunately, we received word on July 14, 2012 from Steven's wife, Leonora Jackson, that Steven had suddenly and recently passed away.

In July 2014, Dan Hyde decided to contact Steven's younger brother Clive. On July 11, 2014, Dan emailed Clive asking him if he would participate in a 67-marker Y-DNA test at Family Tree DNA if we paid the \$275 cost. Clive agreed and took the test. We received word of the testing results on November 21, 2014. Clive's Y-DNA test results show that he and Jackson Brigade Board members John M. Jackson and Lee Jackson do not share a common *direct* male ancestor in the last 30,000 years. Therefore, the results lend NO support to Steven's theory that John and Lee's ancestor John Jackson, who came to America in 1748, is related to Steven's line of Jacksons. A positive result would have strengthened Steven's claims greatly.

In more technical genetic terms, Clive's Y-DNA haplogroup is R-M512 (R1a1a in the old system), while John and Lee's is in Y-DNA haplogroup R-M269 (R1b1a2 in old system). It is estimated that R1a and R1b split 30,000 years ago. That is, Clive is not remotely related to Lee and John in the *direct* male ancestor line (father of father of father, etc.). Since they share the Jackson surname, we had hoped that the Y-DNA analysis would show a common male ancestor. Note that Clive could still be closely related to John and Lee through a female line. The Y-DNA test says NOTHING about such female lines.

Now the negative results do not disprove Steven's theory. All we need is one non-paternal event (a father who is not who people believe is the father, e.g., a "hidden adoption," a wife's infidelity, a surname change) to break the Y-chromosome chain that is passed down from father to son. For example, Steven's pedigree tree could be correct but if one non-paternal event occurred somewhere in the tree, this could account for the results we received.

We are disappointed by these Y-DNA testing results but still feel that exploring the DNA testing avenue has promise. With it and other investigations, we will eventually discover the parents of John Jackson.

***What is autosomal DNA testing? How can it be used in family history research? What are its challenges? What are its strengths? How is it used? How is it different from Y-DNA and mtDNA testing?***

DNA testing is confusing to many. To compound this confusion, DNA testing companies use different names in referring to the results of their Autosomal DNA Testing. The company **Family Tree DNA**, for example, calls it "Family Finder." The company **23andMe** calls it "Relative Finder." And **ancestryDNA**, the DNA arm of Ancestry.com, currently has only one DNA test, and that is one based on Autosomal DNA.

To answer the above questions and sort out the confusion, I have written a seven page article "Using Autosomal DNA Testing for Family History."

The article is available for **free** on the Jackson Brigade Corporation's website at

<http://www.jacksonbrigade.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Autosomal-DNA-testing.pdf>

Please feel free to share this link with others who might like to learn about autosomal DNA testing.

Dan Hyde



## 2016 JACKSON BRIGADE REUNION

The next Jackson Brigade Reunion will be held Friday August 5, 2016 and Saturday August 6, 2016 in historic Marietta, Ohio. Mark your calendar now!

One activity planned for Friday afternoon 1-5 pm we are calling "Jackson Family Exhibits." We have asked the Jackson Brigade Branch Advocates to contact members of their Jackson line and gather family history material appropriate for the Jackson Family Exhibits. People could gather old pictures of ancestors and events, old documents such as deeds, collect family stories, take pictures of homes, churches, towns, etc. Each of the eight Jackson lines will have a table in our air-conditioned meeting room at The Historic Lafayette Hotel in Marietta. This room is in a secure space so people need not worry about stolen or damaged items. People could display what they have gathered in a poster, in notebooks, a slide show on a laptop, or however they desire. This is your chance to be creative!

One of the goals of the Friday afternoon sessions is to encourage plenty of mingling and conversation. And we have other activities planned for Friday afternoon including workshops, presentations, and walking tours.

Friday evening we will have our Banquet followed by a Living History Portrayal speaker. After a bit of effort, we have discovered a wonderful speaker who we think will provide a very entertaining and informative portrayal.

Saturday morning we plan a trolley tour of Historic Marietta followed by a visit to the Campus Martius and Ohio River Museums. Both are world-class museums and impressive. Bill Reynolds, the historian at the Campus Martius museum, has offered to give the tour of the Campus Martius museum which includes the General Rufus Putnam home built about 1790. Rufus Putnam was the leader of the original group of 48 families that settled in Marietta, the first white settlement in the Northwest Territory (includes present day Ohio). After visiting the museums, we will have a picnic lunch followed by our Jackson Brigade Business Meeting and Memorial Service. In the afternoon, we will have more time to explore Historical Marietta including its ancient Hopewell earthworks. After dinner, those who wish may go on the Marietta Ghost Tour.

We are happy with the progress on our Reunion planning so far. More details will follow.

Winnetta Kennedy  
and Dan Hyde  
Reunion 2016 Co-chairs



# Jackson Brigade's 2016 Reunion

By Dan Hyde

The Jackson Brigade Corporation held its 2016 Reunion August 5-6 in Marietta, Ohio. For those of you who have never visited Marietta, Ohio, it's an old river town on the Ohio River about fourteen miles upriver from the Jackson family's old stomping grounds of Parkersburg, West Virginia. Marietta was formed very differently from most American towns. We need to discuss some historical background to understand the settling of Marietta.

At the Treaty of Paris in 1783 that ended the American Revolutionary War, the British agreed to give our new country the "Northwest Territory" – a large area of land that today covers all the modern states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and parts of Minnesota. Before 1785, the land on the western bank of the Ohio River was Native American land. In a 1785 Treaty, several Native American tribes agreed to allow some parts of what is now the State of Ohio to be settled by whites.

In the same year Rufus Putnam, a General in the American Revolutionary War, formed the "Ohio Company of Associates" which consisted of 48 Revolutionary War officers from Massachusetts and Connecticut. General Putnam was a good friend of General George Washington and received special treatment in the U. S. Congress to purchase 750,000 acres in southeastern Ohio. During the war, Congress didn't have the money to pay the soldiers and issued Military Land Warrants that could be used to buy land. The members of the Ohio Company used their Land Warrants to purchase their land around Marietta. In the spring of 1788, the Company traveled by wagon from New England to Pittsburgh and floated down the Ohio River. On April 7, 1788, the 48 men of the Ohio Company of Associates, led by General Putnam, arrived at the confluence of the Muskingum and Ohio rivers and established Marietta. Marietta has the distinction of being the first white settlement in the Northwest Territory.

The 2016 Jackson Brigade Reunion, organized by co-chairs Winnetta Kennedy and Dan Hyde, was held at the historic Lafayette Hotel in downtown Marietta on the Ohio River bank near the point where the Ohio Company landed their river craft back in 1788.

Sixty-seven participants, from the states of Texas, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, and as far away as California, registered early Friday afternoon to hear Dr. Daniel C. Hyde's presentation "Jackson Family Connections to Marietta." Here are several samples of these connections:

Colonel George Jackson, oldest son of John Jackson and Elizabeth Cummins and famous Indian Scout, visited Marietta in 1789 to offer General Rufus Putnam advice on how to deal with possible Indian attacks. George Jackson, who lived 75 miles away in Clarksburg, (West) Virginia but visited Marietta often, became good friends with Rufus Putnam. On that 1789 trip George's son John George, age 12, accompanied his father. As a youth, John George Jackson's passion was surveying. Rufus Putnam promised John George that when he turned 16, he could help the surveying teams who were surveying plots of the Ohio Company's land. In 1793, John George spent several months in Marietta further advancing his knowledge of surveying by accompanying some of the best surveyors in the country.

In 1795 George Jackson was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. A major piece of legislation for that Congressional session was the 1796 Land Law that laid out the procedures for distributing and managing the land in the Northwest Territory. The Land Law stated that a U. S. Surveyor General was to be named to survey the area. Congressman George Jackson was instrumental in helping his good friend Rufus Putnam to be named U. S. Surveyor General in January, 1797. Later in 1797, Rufus Putnam handpicked John George, age 19, as one of three surveyors to survey the large tract of Military Land near Zanesville, OH.

In 1798 at age 20, John George Jackson ran for Virginia House of Delegates and was elected. While serving as a Virginian congressman in Richmond, VA, he met Mary Payne, youngest sister of Dolley Payne Madison. He married Mary Payne in October 1800 probably at James and Dolley Madison's home "Montpelier." John George Jackson was elected to his father's seat in the U. S. House of Representatives in 1803. In 1809, John George's brother-in-law James Madison, became U. S. president. Partly because of his wife's connection to the president, John George was a key Republican leader in the U. S. House.

Tragedy struck John George Jackson in 1808. His wife Mary Payne Jackson, age 27, died of tuberculosis February 13, 1808. He was devastated and depressed for months.

In 1808 Return Jonathan Meigs, Jr. of Marietta won election as first governor of Ohio. But his opponent contested the election and Meigs lost on account of his lack of proper residency. In June, 1808, John George Jackson visited R. J. Meigs, Jr. at his new home at 326 Front Street, Marietta (a private residence today). John George noticed and was attracted to Meigs's daughter Mary Sophia Meigs. She was age 16 and an only child. He was age 30. After a long but charming courtship, John George Jackson and "Mary on the Muskingum" were wed in Marietta on July 19, 1810.

Another love story involves Jacksons and Marietta, Ohio. In 1870, Cecelia Jackson, a daughter of Jacob J. and Parmelia Watson Jackson, was married when only 16. Jacob H. Bush had accompanied her home from church hand-in-hand and her mother punished her for it. This was too much and the young people promptly eloped. With R. E. Bush and Clark Jackson, she and Jacob Bush rode horseback to Clarksburg where they took a train for Parkersburg. At Parkersburg, the train cars were ferried up the Ohio River 14 miles to Marietta. This, her first train ride, ended in her marriage. There was no bridge over the Ohio River at Parkersburg until 1871. In Marietta, Ohio, a 16-year old woman didn't need her parents' consent to marry as she would have in West Virginia. The couple went to live with his parents at the Bush house. The couple had eleven children and seven descendants were at the 2016 Jackson Brigade Reunion.

In his hour-long presentation, Dan related many connections of the Jackson Family to Marietta, Ohio.

At 3 pm on Friday, Paula Lowther McGrew, associate professor of library science at West Virginia Wesleyan, gave an hour talk on "Getting Started: Genealogy Journeys." Later in the afternoon, Dan gave a second talk on "Using DNA Testing for Genealogy."

On Friday afternoon, many participants brought items for the Jackson Family Exhibits. Each of the eight Jackson lines had a place in our air-conditioned meeting room at The Historic Lafayette Hotel. People displayed what they had gathered on posters, in notebooks, or in a laptop slide show. The exhibits stimulated plenty of good conversations about family history.

Also, in progress on Friday afternoon was a silent auction superbly organized and run by Rose Powell. This was a fun way to raise funds to offset some of the cost of the reunion such as use of meeting rooms.



On Friday as well as Saturday people took advantage of several self-guided walking tours and places to visit in or near Marietta compiled by the Reunion co-chairs. One popular site was The Mound Cemetery that contains the largest number of Revolutionary War officers' graves in the country. In the center of the cemetery is a large earthworks mound constructed about 700 B.C. (see Conus Mound on next page.)

Following our banquet at 6 pm, our speaker Bill Reynolds, the historian at Campus Martius Museum in Marietta, gave a living-history portrayal of General Rufus Putnam, the leader of the Ohio Company that founded Marietta in 1788. Bill's portrayal was very good and gave a good insight into Rufus Putnam's life.

On Saturday morning, most of us attended one or both of the two world-class museums in Marietta – the Campus Martius Museum and the Ohio River Museum. The Campus Martius Museum has excellent displays of the life and history of the first settlers that arrived in 1788. The highlight is the guided tour of Rufus Putnam's house (see kitchen of his house, next page). In the 1920s, the museum building was purposely built to completely enclose Putnam's old house, which had been a corner in the 1788 Fort Campus Martius.

The second museum, Ohio River Museum, is really about historic steamboats on the Ohio River. The highlight is the guided tour of inside the *W. P. Snyder, Jr.* steam towboat.

At 1 pm, we drove across the Ohio River bridge to Williamstown, West Virginia and seven miles south to the Veterans Memorial Park in Wood County for a picnic. After we ate a nice box lunch, Dan Hyde, our president, ran the Jackson Brigade Business Meeting. After the business meeting, we had a moving memorial service for John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson's descendants and spouses who had died in the last two years. The service was organized by Bruce and Ann Swisher Chase.

About 3 pm people left the picnic and explored sites in or near Marietta. For dinner at 6 pm, about forty-six of us decided to meet at Da Vinci's restaurant in Williamstown, West Virginia. The ambience, the conversation, and Italian food were excellent. We thank Dewayne and Ginnie Lowther for arranging the restaurant reservations.

The 2016 Jackson Brigade Reunion was a huge success! See more on the 2016 Jackson Brigade Reunion by visiting the web page at <http://www.jacksonbrigade.com/reunion-2016-marietta-ohio/>. [And for a look at some reunion photos, see Dan's collage on the following page.]

## **SEARCHING FOR BRANCH ADVOCATES**

**We are searching for Branch Advocates to represent the George Jackson, Mary Sarah Jackson Reger, Elizabeth Jackson Brake, and Henry Jackson lines. You do not have to be a descendant of a particular line or a genealogy expert to serve as an advocate. All you need is a willingness to help. The advocates' duties are given in Jackson Brigade Bylaws, Article 7, Section 8: "...to serve as advocate of their represented branch of the family and assist the other officers in the work of the Jackson Brigade. For example, Branch Advocates might recruit members from their line, solicit articles on their line or organize a reunion in a historical area important to their line." Branch Advocates are voting members of the Executive Committee. To volunteer, or for more information, contact Jackson Brigade President Dan Hyde at [hyde@bucknell.edu](mailto:hyde@bucknell.edu).**



PHOTOS TAKEN AT JACKSON BRIGADE REUNION  
 AUGUST 5-6, 2016 IN MARIETTA, OHIO  
 BY DAN HYDE



**Row 1:** Silent Auction; Family History Exhibits; Poster for Mary Sarah Jackson's line.  
**Row 2:** Picnic at Veteran's Park; Paula Lowther McGrew speaking; Dinner at Da Vinci's Restaurant.  
**Row 3:** Bill Reynolds as General Rufus Putnam; Crazy Quilt at Exhibit; Dan Hyde speaking.  
**Row 4:** Campus Martius Museum; Bob Williams and Jane Hilder speak with actor portraying George Washington; kitchen in Rufus Putnam's house inside Campus Martius Museum.  
**Row 5:** *W. P. Snyder Jr.* steam towboat at Ohio River Museum; Conus ancient earthworks at Mound Cemetery; towboat pushing coal barges down Ohio River.

# **JACKSON BRIGADE CORPORATION Reunion 2016**

**Minutes of Business Meeting, Saturday, August 6, 2016**

(to be submitted for approval at the 2018 business meeting)

President Dan Hyde opened the business meeting at 2:30 PM in the Army picnic shelter at Veteran's Memorial Park in Wood County, WV. Linda Meyers began the meeting by expressing thanks to Dan Hyde and Winnie Kennedy for organizing the reunion in Marietta, OH, and to Rose Powell for a very successful silent auction fundraiser. Then the entire group was commended for strong support of the silent auction with both donations and purchases.

Dan noted that the slate of officers for 2016-18 had been published in the February Quarterly. Members had been invited to submit other names for consideration, but none had been submitted. Therefore, the new slate of officers would be considered to be affirmed and elected.

President Daniel C. Hyde  
Vice President Robert Lee Jackson  
Secretary Jane C. Hilder  
Treasurer Winnetta Kennedy  
Member-at-Large Nancy A. Jackson  
Other Board members include the Branch Advocates  
Mary Love Berryman Sophia Jackson Davis Branch  
Winnetta Kennedy John Jackson Jr. Branch  
Juliann Lumpkin Samuel Jackson Branch  
Evan Rohrbough Edward Jackson Branch  
Jonathan Schafer Elizabeth Jackson Brake Branch

Webmasters are Dan Hyde and Lee Jackson. John M. Jackson is editor of the Jackson Brigade Quarterly and Phillip L. Elbon is responsible for printing and distribution. Dan Hyde noted the important work all of these people do for the organization and thanked them for their efforts on behalf of the Jackson Brigade.

## **Membership Report**

Jane Hilder noted that the number of new members joining in the past year was the highest anyone could remember over a one-year period. She noted fourteen new members joined during the year and another six prior to the reunion. She attributed the increase primarily to Dan Hyde's revamp of the Jackson Brigade website as well as several television shows that feature family history research in an enjoyable format. At the time of the reunion there were 85 members, but many had not yet renewed for 2016. There were 62 members at the time of the 2014 reunion, 67 members in October 2015.

Copies of the minutes of the Jackson Brigade Corporation business meeting on July 25, 2014, were not included in reunion packets. It was decided that Board members would do final approval and the 2014 minutes would be published in the November 2016 Jackson Brigade Quarterly.



## Treasurer's Report

Linda Meyers presented her treasurer's report and a more detailed copy was in each reunion packet:

Checking account balance July 31, 2015 \$5828.53

Checking account balance June 30, 2016 \$7523.87

Jackson Brigade Special Funds Savings Account is where cemetery funds are accounted:

Savings account balance July 31, 2015 \$1788.30

Savings account balance June 30, 2016 \$1791.10

A complete report for the fiscal year July 31, 2015 -- July 31, 2016 will be published in the November 2016 *Jackson Brigade Quarterly*.

Reports from the Editor of the *Jackson Brigade Quarterly*, John M. Jackson, and Webmaster Dan Hyde will also be included in the November 2016 *Jackson Brigade Quarterly*. Highlights are included below:

**Editor's Report**—John M. Jackson reported that the August 2016 issue of the *Jackson Brigade Quarterly* was a completion of 24 years of publication. He explained the legal reasons why *Quarterly* issues are not available to all electronically, but did note that all old issues of the *Quarterly* are being archived digitally and the process was almost complete at the time of his report.

**Webmaster's Report**—Dan Hyde reported that the transfer of materials from Dan's faculty account at Bucknell University to the newer *Jackson Brigade* website on Bluehost, that was begun in 2013, is working well and easier for non-experts to use to edit content. Since April 13, 2013, we have had over 16, 600 unique visitors to the website.

**New Business**—Dan Hyde noted that we need to decide where to have the 2018 reunion and who will organize it.

Nancy Jackson noted that she had heard there was damage to the fence and a gate at the historic Jackson Cemetery in Clarksburg, WV. She had not been able to get over to see for herself. Nancy or Joy DeFazio will try to get over there to check and possibly take photos. *Jackson Brigade* shared the cost of the fence with the city, so the question was asked whether the city's insurance would cover vandalism damage. Nancy or Joy will try to check on this.

This was followed by presentation of a gift to Linda Meyers to honor all her years of service to the organization as Treasurer.

Bruce and Ann Chase then conducted a memorial service for all known descendants and spouses of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson who had passed away since the

2014 Reunion. They had gathered photos and information for a PowerPoint presentation on these family members.

This was followed by a surprise birthday cake for Nancy Jackson who was turning 84 in a few days.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Hilder, Secretary



## **JACKSON BRIGADE CORPORATION Reunion 2014**

**Minutes of Business Meeting, Friday, July 25, 2014**

(approved at 2016 business meeting)

In the West Virginia Room at Jackson Lodge, Jackson's Mill, President Jane Hilder opened the business meeting at 7:00 PM. She stated that this is the best attendance at a reunion for some time. She gave praise to Nancy Jackson and her committee of Joanne Post, Rose Powell and Winnetta Kennedy for organizing a wonderful program for Reunion 2014.

Jane stated that her board members were instrumental in the success of her presidency over the last six years. She stated membership has increased since 2012, a group is now working on the Quarterly and the publication is better than ever.

One problem not solved is the fencing of the Henry Jackson Cemetery which has been an ongoing discussion. It is in a neat location but on private property which complicates the issue – the property owner, James Tomer, wants only a chain link fence (not barbed wire). Nancy Jackson suggested that this cemetery should be on the National Register of Historic Places. Jane stated that the cemetery should be properly registered with the state of West Virginia before any further listing could be obtained. Further, she stated that a Henry Jackson descendant is needed to chair the project.

Jane proposed that minutes from the last reunion not be read since a copy was included in each Reunion packet. Larry Francis moved to accept the minutes as received in the packet. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S Report**

Jane gave the treasurer's report as submitted by Linda Meyers:

Checking account balance at the end of July 2012 \$5492.61

Checking account balance at the end of July 2014 \$7218.80

Savings account balance at the end of July 2012 \$1625.03

Savings account balance at the end of July 2014 \$1766.07

She revealed that there were fees for use of this facility plus for insurance coverage as well. Jane reported that we don't have lots of money. Adding \$5 as a late renewal fee (after August 31) was done to encourage members to renew in a timely manner, thereby reducing work for the treasurer and secretary. She reiterated that the \$20 yearly dues cover the cost of producing and mailing the Quarterly.

Also Jane mentioned that we previously had a cemetery fund but after purchasing a fence and signage for the Jackson Cemetery in Clarksburg, where John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson are buried, the remaining funds were added to the general fund of Jackson Brigade Corporation but earmarked for cemetery projects. Nancy Jackson added that the funds from the previous cemetery fund could still go toward the Henry Jackson Cemetery fencing project but it was agreed that a fund drive would be necessary to complete this project. Linda Meyers, Treasurer, later corrected that to explain that cemetery funds were not added to the General Fund, but that cemetery funds are the entire balance of the savings account.

### **MEMBERSHIP Report**

Secretary Gayle Robey stated that in 2013 there were 55 members. To date in 2014, there are 62, including three new members in 2014.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jane explained that Jackson Brigade, Inc. will now be known as Jackson Brigade Corporation. We are incorporated as Jackson Brigade Corporation with the state of West Virginia and it is our

official name with the federal government. We are a nonprofit corporation, but not officially a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation by IRS standards, because applying for the status is too expensive and cumbersome for a small all-volunteer organization like ours. We don't currently do enough fundraising to justify the expense and work for the Treasurer.

#### JACKSON BRIGADE QUARTERLY

John M. Jackson has resumed his duties as editor. He previously was editor for 10 years and stepped down for a few years to write a book. Printing of the publication is being done by Philip Elbon, mailing labels by Joyce Neeley and distribution by Nancy Jackson.

Jane encouraged everyone to submit a story stating, "Your story is interesting!" She stated that, traditionally, more stories are submitted by men. She added that old photos are valuable to support our stories.

#### BOARD MEMBERS

Jane reported that serving on the Board is fun but also requires some work. The work is done online and members must read and respond to emails promptly. Jane introduced current Board members:

Vice President Robert Lee Jackson (not present)  
Treasurer Linda Meyers (not present)  
Secretary Gayle Robey  
Past President Nancy Jackson  
Branch Advocates John Jr. line Winnetta Kennedy  
Edward line Evan Rohrbough  
Sophia line Mary Love Berryman  
Samuel line Juliann Lumpkin (starting August 2014)

Jane stated that Dan Hyde's webmaster report is in the Reunion packet and that he will speak later on the DNA project.

After adjournment of the business meeting, incoming President Daniel Hyde presented retiring President Jane Hilder with a framed certificate for her six years of service as President of the Jackson Brigade Corporation. Outgoing Secretary Gayle Robey was also presented a framed certificate for six years of service as Secretary.

Nancy Jackson thanked her Reunion 2014 Committee for their help in planning and organizing this year's program. Sisters Winnetta Kennedy, Rose Powell, and Della Williams were presented hand-painted log cabin birdhouses in keeping with this year's reunion theme, "Journey to our Pioneers' Homes." Joanne Post, also a committee member, was not able to be present.

The business meeting was briefly reconvened for the purpose of presenting a new slate of officers. They are as follows: President Daniel Hyde

Vice President Robert Lee Jackson  
Treasurer Linda Meyers  
Secretary and Past President Jane Hilder  
Member at Large Nancy Jackson

Larry Francis moved to accept the slate of officers. The board members were officially elected. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gayle Robey, Secretary



**Like us on Facebook!**

Just as we were wrapping up this issue, Jackson Brigade President Dan Hyde created a Facebook community page for Jackson Brigade Corporation and is in the process of assembling a team for the page's day-to-day management.

The new social media presence will allow us to share more timely information and will serve as a recruiting tool of sorts by introducing non-members to our purpose and goals. It will also provide you with an opportunity to share items of interest about yourselves and your families in a fun and informal way. And by establishing a greater sense of community, the Facebook page will allow the Jackson Brigade to advance one of its primary goals: to strengthen family ties.

Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/JacksonBrigade/>

## **2018 JACKSON BRIGADE REUNION**

The next Jackson Brigade Corporation Reunion will take place August 3-5, 2018 in the Jackson's Mill area of West Virginia. Since the Jackson Brigade was formed in 1992, we will be celebrating our 25th year anniversary! The Reunion Team is planning a tour, speakers, a banquet dinner, and opportunities to explore family history at the Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendants' Library in Horner, West Virginia. Also, we are planning a picnic lunch at Jackson's Mill on Sunday August 5. After the picnic lunch we will hold our traditional Memorial Service and our Business Meeting.

Each of our reunions has been unique and has featured a special focus on a particular topic. One major focus of the 2018 Reunion will be the many contributions of the Jackson Family in the early settlement of the Buckhannon, West Virginia area. A second focus will be the Jackson Family's involvement in the formation of West Virginia as a state in 1863.

More information and registration forms for the reunion will be available in the May issue and on the Jackson Brigade website <<http://www.jacksonbrigade.com/2018-reunion/>>.

The reunion provides a unique opportunity to not only learn something of your family's history but to share fellowship with the members of your extended family who share an interest in our history. We always have a good time!

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the 2018 Reunion!

Dan Hyde, President



**Tentative Schedule for 2018 Jackson Brigade Reunion  
Weston, Jackson's Mill, Buckhannon, and Hall, WV Area**

**Friday August 3, 2018**

**10 am to 3 pm** HCPD Library in Horner, WV is open to public for family history research.

**2 pm to 3 pm** Registration at HCPD Library. Set up Jackson family history displays.

**3 pm** Talk by Dan Hyde on "History of Jackson Brigade: Celebrating 27 years." A second talk by Dan on "Latest in DNA Testing for Genealogy."

**4:30 pm to 6 pm** Family history research at HCPD Library for Jackson Brigade Reunion attendees. Conversations and interactions. Viewing of family history materials.

**7 pm Dinner** at Steer Steakhouse, 100 Market Place Mall (near Weston Walmart) to continue our conversations. You choose from menu and pay your own bill.

**Saturday August 4, 2018**

Breakfast on your own.

**10 am to 2 pm** HCPD Library is open to public for family history research for those who do not want to go on tour.

**9 am** Tour of historic Jackson areas in Weston, Buckhannon, and Hall, WV area. In Weston: State Hospital, Bennett Library, Hunter Bennett's house, George Jackson Arnold house. Drive by Jacob Jackson's house site, Bush Inn site, Horner HCPD Library. In Buckhannon, visit Heavner Cemetery. Continue on tour to Hall, WV to visit Henry Jackson Cemetery and Henry Jackson's cabin that still exist as part of Doug and Ann Bush's house.

**1 pm** Stop on tour for lunch at Bethany Baptist Church, Hall, WV.

**2 pm** Tour continues on to Pringle Tree and Dix farm

**2 pm to 5 pm** Family history research at HCPD Library for Jackson Brigade Reunion attendees.

**6 pm** Banquet at Horner United Methodist Church.

**7 pm** Banquet Speaker: Hunter Lesser of Elkins will speak on how State of WV was formed in 1863.

**Title:** Lincoln's Odd Trick: Heroes, Rascals & Rogues of West Virginia Statehood

Hunter Lesser, author, archaeologist and interpreter, enjoys sharing forgotten tales from history that offer lessons for the digital age. A member of the West Virginia Sesquicentennial Commission, he is coauthor of the Cambridge History of the American Civil War, soon to be published by Cambridge University Press.

**Sunday August 5, 2018**

Breakfast on your own.

**Visit Jackson's Mill:** In morning, people can explore the historic Jackson Cemetery at Jackson's Mill 4H grounds as well as the historic area including Edward Jackson's gristmill.

**Noon to 3 pm** Catered picnic lunch at Rotary Pavilion on Jackson's Mill grounds followed by Business Meeting and Memorial Service.

**Monday August 6, 2018**

"Tour of the Civil War's First Campaign (June-July 1861)" optional tour with Hunter Lesser. An all day car tour that leaves at 8:30 am from HCPD Library. Cost \$50 (or less, depending upon number of participants). Contact Jane Hilder at [jchilder70@gmail.com](mailto:jchilder70@gmail.com) if you are interested in taking the tour.

