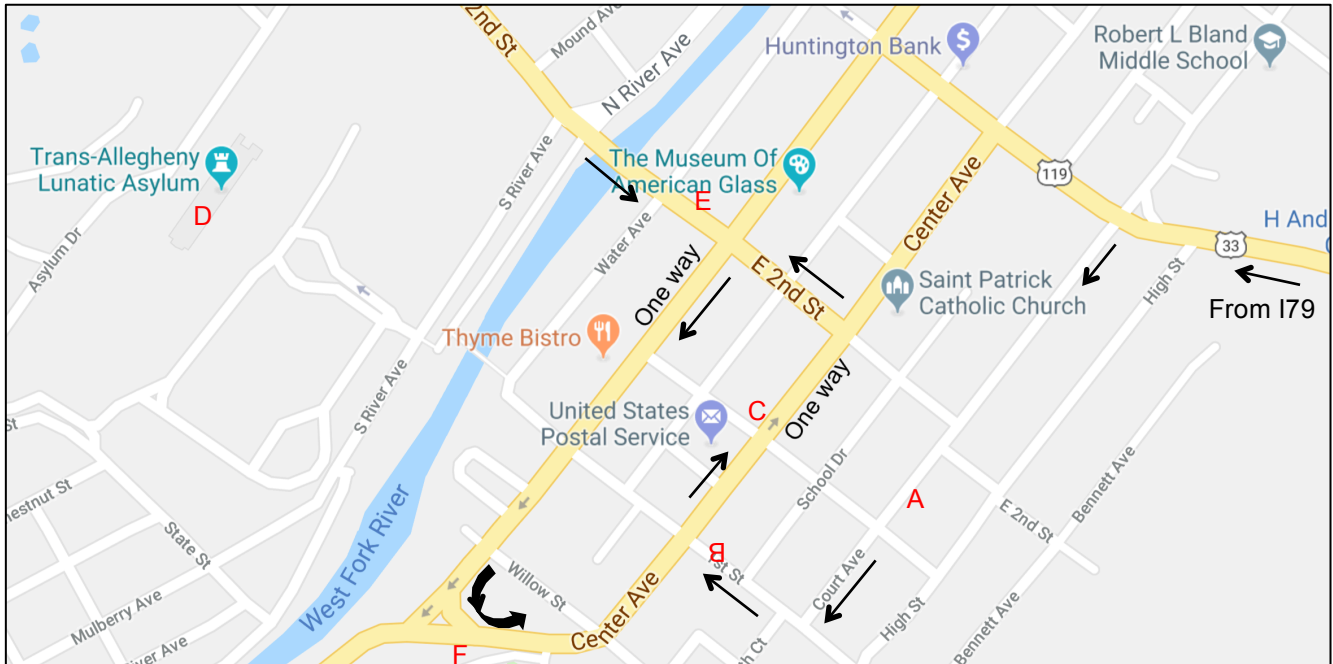


Guide for 2018 Jackson Brigade Reunion Tour
Written by Nancy Jackson, Last update July 24, 2018

We will start from the "Super 8 by Wyndham Weston" motel parking lot Saturday August 4, 2018. Be there by 8:45 a.m. to get organized so we can leave promptly at 9 a.m.

Weston Area



Map of part of Weston, WV: **A**-Louis Bennett Library; **B**-George Jackson Arnold House; **C**-Hunter Bennett House; **D**-Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum; **E**-Citizens Bank of Weston; **F**-Arnold Cemetery

A. Jonathan M. Bennett House (Now called Louis Bennett Library)

From Weston Super 8 motel turn left onto Route 33 W. Driving into Weston there will be a CVS pharmacy on the left with a traffic light. At the light turn left onto Court St. Shortly after a stop sign, note the Louis Bennett Memorial Library (formerly Jonathan M. Bennett's home).

B. George Jackson Arnold House

Drive to the end of Court St. and turn right onto E. First St. Go a short distance and turn right onto Center St. The George Jackson Arnold house is the yellow house on the corner. You will go past the side of the house before turning onto Center St. During the Civil War slaves were hidden in the cellar from the Confederates. Directly across from this house was the Arnold-O'Hara House. The Lewis County Court House is next to the George Jackson Arnold house.

C. Hunter Bennett's House - Western Branch of the Exchange Bank of Virginia

Across Center Ave. from the Court House is an alley. Adjacent to the alley you will see a big white house. The Virginia Exchange Bank, branch of the Richmond, VA bank, was located next to the alley where you can see a doorway. The large bank vault is still located behind the doorway. The cashier lived upstairs. The building was enlarged over the years and became the home of William Bennett, brother to Jonathan.

Hunter Bennett, a descendant of William, was a lawyer and had his office in a back room that contained the main door to the vault. He spent most of his life managing Jonathan Bennett's tracts of land.

During the Civil War, prior to the beginning of the West Virginia statehood, the Union Army robbed this bank and took the money to Wheeling so the Confederates couldn't take the money to Richmond. Now, each year Weston has a parade and reenactment of the bank robbery.

D. Lunatic Asylum

Continue on Center Ave. to the light at E. 2nd St. At the light turn left onto E. 2nd St. where there is an Asylum Tour sign. Cross Main St. and the bridge over the West Fork River. On the immediate left is a parking lot for the Asylum. Park to listen to a brief description of the Asylum. Jonathan Bennett, first Auditor for Virginia, was instrumental in having the Asylum built in Weston.

E. Citizens Bank of Weston

On your way back to Main St. note the ironwork on the Citizens Bank of Weston at the corner. In 1931 the bank was able to stay open in spite of the nationwide crash of our banks. It also has a beautiful lobby. A local historian once said there were three structures worth getting off I-79 to see.

1. Jonathan Bennett house
2. Asylum
3. Citizens Bank

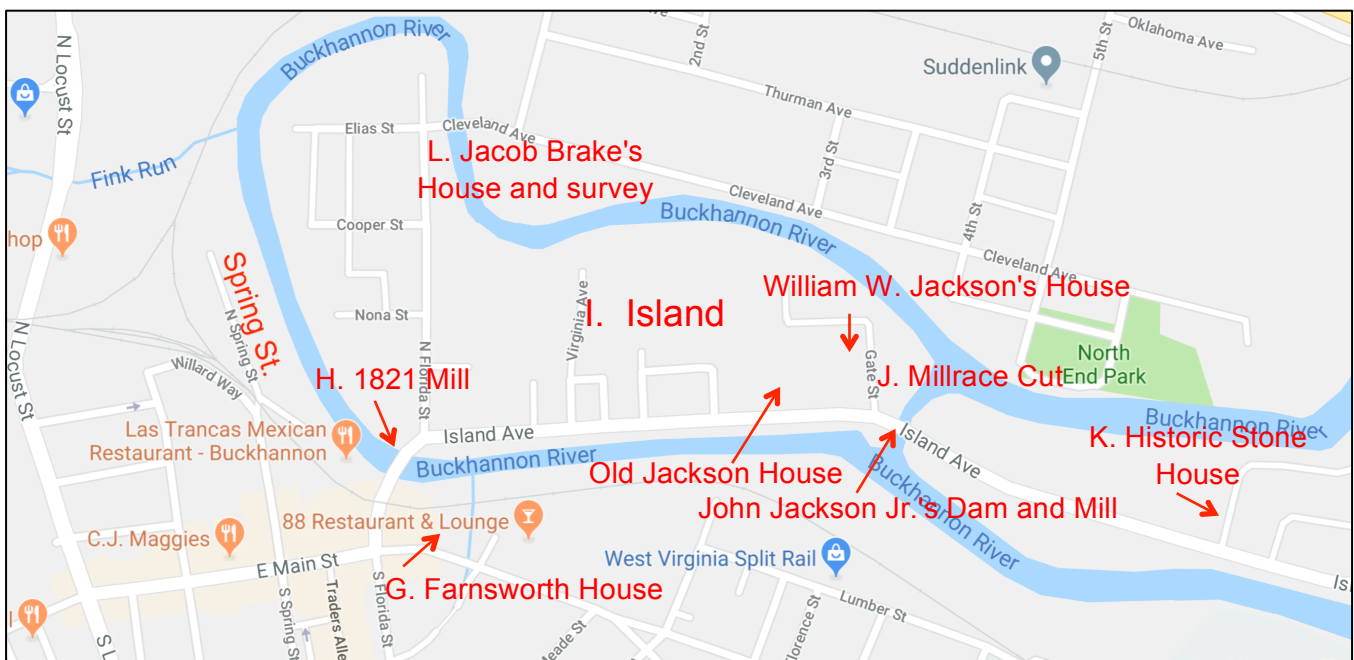
F. Arnold Hill Cemetery

After leaving the Asylum, turn right onto Main St. and stay in the left lane of this one-way street. Bear left where the street splits. Behind the trees in the bend to the right can be found the Arnold Cemetery. Prudence Jackson Arnold, daughter of Col. George Jackson, and her husband Elijah Arnold, as well as other pioneers, are buried there. You are back on Center St. Follow the signs for 33 E towards Buckhannon.

Buckhannon Area

We will travel on Rt. 33 for approximately 15 miles from Weston passing the Horner church on the right where the Saturday evening banquet will take place. Watch for the Finks Run sign. The Jackson sons of John and Elizabeth had land in this area. Legend has it there was a Jackson Fort at Finks Run on a tract of land now known as the William Allman farm. One source has a Jackson Fort located at nearby Lorentz area. In this area most of the Bozarth family were killed by the Indians.

Right before the Ford Auto dealer (Jenkins Ford) you will see a sign for Brushy Run, where a Reger Cemetery and Reger Chapel are located. Our Main St. exit will be a short distance after the Ford Auto dealer.



Part of Buckhannon, WV showing the **G**-Farnsworth House, **H**-location of Col. Edward Jackson's 1821 mill, Spring Street where Col. Edward had his house, **I**-the Island, **J**-cut made by John Jackson Jr. for his mill race which formed the Island, sites of Old Jackson House, John Jackson Jr.'s dam and mill, William W. Jackson's House, and **K**-historic Stone House. Information for labels from Linda Meyers.

G. Farnsworth House (Now called "The Governor's Inn")

Take the Main St. exit and drive past the Court House, where there is a historical sign. Shortly after crossing Florida St. you will see a Queen Anne style home on the left that is a bed and breakfast inn named "The Governor's Inn." Park across the street or in the Inn parking lot beyond the house on the left side. The house was build by Mary Jane Ireland Farnsworth, John Jackson Jr.'s granddaughter. Please refer to the notes in your tour book. Come to the front of the house and your tour guide will elaborate.

H. Edward Jackson's 1821 Mill

Return to Florida St. and turn right. This will be the first street past the Farnsworth House going back towards West Main St. On the left after crossing the Florida Street Bridge to the "Island" is the location of Col. Edward Jackson's mill built in 1821. It was destroyed by flood in 1837.

Immediately after crossing the bridge turn right onto Island Ave. (The road running along the Buckhannon River).

I. John Jackson Jr.'s Island (Buckhannon Island)

Once you cross the Florida St. Bridge, you are now driving on John Jackson Jr.'s Island. He formed the Island when he dug the cut across the narrow point where the Buckhannon River almost touches itself after a large bend (See map above).

J. Millrace Cut

Continue on Island Ave. to the next bridge over John Jackson Jr.'s millrace cut. Pass over the bridge and stop to the right. This is near where John Jackson Jr. cut his Millrace to form his Island. At one point John Jackson Jr. owned the whole Island. We are close to where he built his mills.

K. Historic Stone House

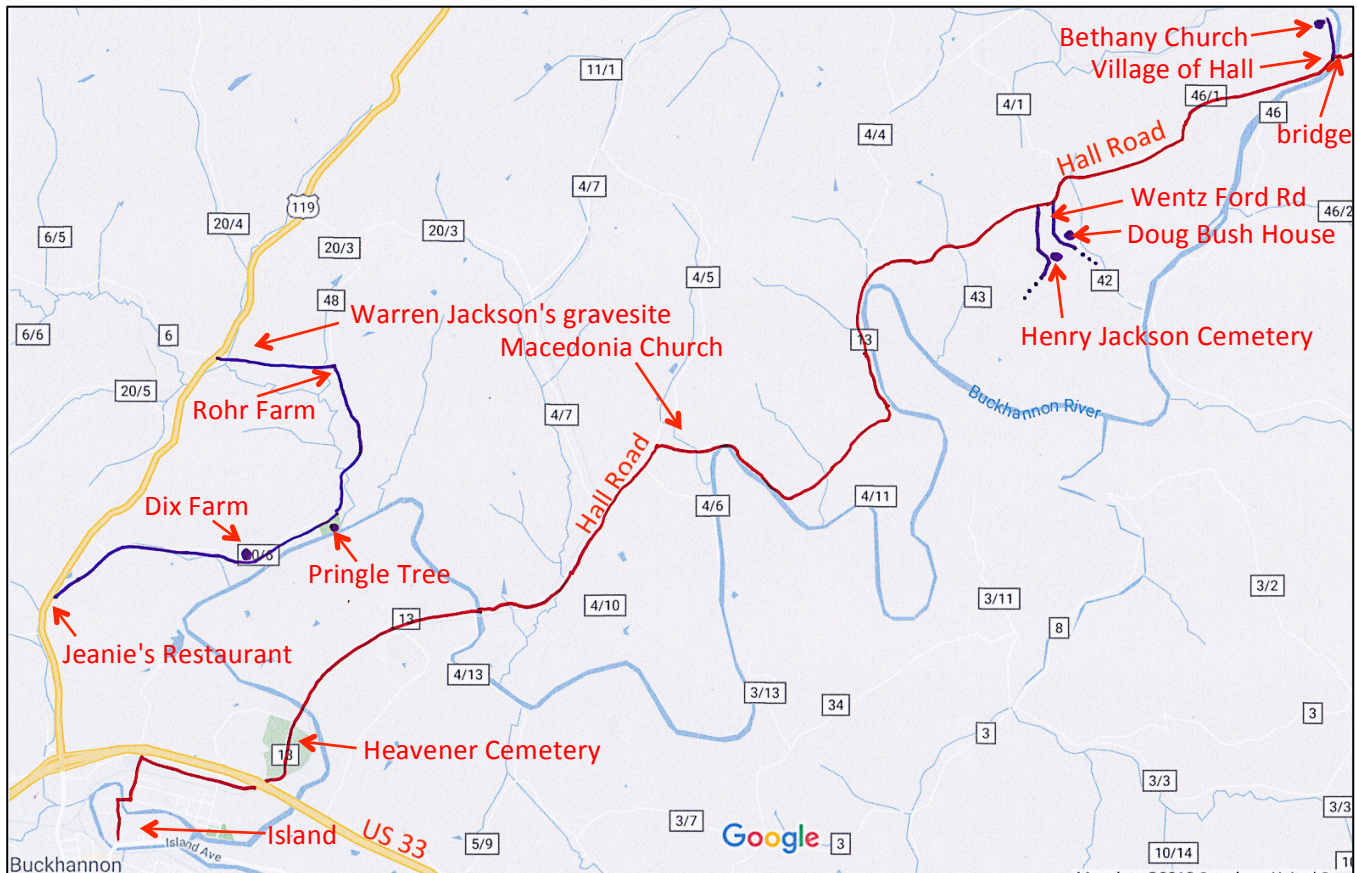
Afterwards we will continue on Island Ave. for a very short distance to where George Jackson had a stone house and close by there was a Jackson Cemetery. You will see a historical marker below the Riverside Bed and Breakfast. A group of men met at George Jackson's house to form Harrison County.

L. Location of Jacob Brake's Home, and Baptist Church and Cemetery

Afterwards we will turn around and go back to Florida St. passing the location of the Old Jackson House formerly bought by the DAR and later sold. Turn right on Florida St. Go across the bridge marked William S. O'Brien (a descendant of John Jackson Jr.) and take an immediate left onto 1st St. and go to the end. On Cleveland Avenue near the intersection of 1st St. is the location of Jacob Brake, the Indian Captive's cabin and his survey. On the left will be a Technical School that is near the location of an old Baptist Cemetery. Turn right onto Morton Ave. (This road is County Road 13, which will later turn into Hall Road). We will pass under U.S. 33 and through Heavener Cemetery where Laura Jackson Arnold (Stonewall's sister) and other Jackson descendants are

buried. You may want to visit the cemetery on your own later. Hall Road will take you to the farm where the Henry Jackson Cemetery is located.

Hall, WV and Pringle Tree Areas



M. Henry Jackson Cemetery

You will be driving 6.5 miles on County Road 13 (Hall Road) that twists and turns as it follows the meandering course of the Buckhannon River. **Record your mileage on the speedometer at your start on Hall Road!** Because of the twists and turns it may feel like you have done more than 10 miles before you get there! :-) Be patient!

You will pass the Macedonia Church where some Hinkle descendants of John Jackson Jr. are buried. At Box 6396I turn right onto a gravel road going through an open gate and drive to the top until you can see the cemetery off in the distance on the left. Park in the field and walk a short distance to visit the cemetery.

[After 6.5 miles on Hall Road look on the right for green country road sign for Wentz Ford. If you come to Wentz Ford Road, you have just missed the gravel road turn by a few feet! Turn around and travel back about 300 feet to see the gravel road now on the left.]

N. Doug and Ann Bush House

From the cemetery, return to Hall Road and turn right. Travel about 300 feet along Hall Road and turn right onto Wentz Ford Road. Go down the gravel road about 300 yards to second house on left, a white farmhouse with black shutters, a white fence, and a big barn on the right side of road. The owners are Doug and Ann Bush. Part of their house is the original cabin that Henry Jackson built in 1820. Turn left through their gate and park. We will take a peek into the one room in their home that was the Henry Jackson's cabin and see the large original fireplace that Henry built. If you stand at the gate in their driveway and look west across the road, the Henry Jackson Cemetery is way up on top of the ridge.

O. Bethany Baptist Church, Hall, WV - Lunch at Noon

From Doug and Ann's home return to Hall Road and turn right and go about 2 miles to the small village of Hall, WV. Look for the Hall village sign. At the Y-fork beyond the sign bear left onto the road along the Buckhannon River. Do not cross the bridge. About 1000 feet beyond the Y-fork on the left is Bethany Baptist Church. This is the church that Doug and Ann Bush attend and they have arranged lunch for us at Noon. This is also the church where many of Henry Jackson's descendants went to church. One can see many Jacksons in the pictures on the walls. Suggested donation for the lunch is \$5.00 per person.

P. Pringle Tree and Isaac Dix Farm

We will return to Buckhannon on the Hall Road. Go about 8 miles to the end of Hall Road in Buckhannon and turn right onto Route 119. On Route 119 towards Clarksburg bear right at Jeanie's restaurant to get onto the Pringle Tree Road. (If you miss the turn there will be a historical Pringle Tree marker that you can backtrack and take a left turn and another left to get on the right road).

You will drive past a yellow house, part of the Isaac Dix farm, (now Alan Talbot home) and shortly afterwards turn right at the Pringle Tree Park historical marker.

In 1768, the immigrant, John Jackson, with his sons, George and Edward, crossed the Alleghany Mountains into the unbroken wilderness of what is now West Virginia. John made a tomahawk claim for his homestead at the Pringle Tree, near the mouth of Turkey Run, where it empties into the Buckhannon River. His was one of the first three families to settle in this region. In 1998 as part of Jackson Heritage Days, the Jackson Brigade buried a time capsule at Pringle Tree to be opened in 50 years.

It is said that John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson had their cabin across the mouth of Turkey Run. Alan Talbot told Nancy Jackson that a lot of Indian arrow heads have been found on that part of the Jackson land. John Jackson Sr. willed that parcel of land to his daughter Sophia Davis. This tract would be about 50 yards on the right past the Pringle Tree Historical Marker. The Jacksons owned the land you just went through.

Coming out of the Pringle Tree Park at the Historical Marker, we will turn right and travel through the Rohr property to Rt. 119. At the first Rohr house we will turn left to get on Rt. 119. Go slow on the road through the Rohr property as there might be some potholes. We have prior permission to go this way. Before we get on Route 119 we will stop and the tour guide will point out the cemetery on James Rohr's property where Warren Jackson (Stonewall's brother) is buried and other Jacksons and Brakes are buried.

Area along Old Route 33 between Horner and Weston



R. Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Library in Horner

After the Rohr farm turn left onto U.S. 119 going south and just past the Lowes Home Improvement store turn right onto Route 33 West. Travel on Route 33 for about 7 miles to Horner. At Horner we will turn right at the road (Horner Road) across the road from the Horner Church. The Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Library is the white building straight ahead. Depending on the time, we may take a right and then a left to the parking lot for a short discussion.

S. Cecelia Jackson Bush Home

Coming out of the Library parking lot turn right then right again onto Old U.S. 33 that is parallel to new Route 33. Drive past a cemetery on the right (about 1000 feet). The Bush home was on the right as you pass Grass Run (About a mile from HCPD Library). It was across from the current Apex Remington Pipe & Supply Co.

T. Jacob Jay Jackson House

Continuing on Old Route 33, we next go past Stone Coal United Methodist Church (once Jackson property) and cross Hilly Upland Road Road (road with Weston's Walmart) and turn left into the Weston Masonic Cemetery, formerly Jacob's potato patch. Stop for a short discussion on the Jacob Jay House that was partially demolished in March 2018.

Back to Super 8 Motel

Turn around and go back to Hilly Upland Road. Turn right and go by Sheetz and Walmart. Turn right at Route 33 and immediately get in left lane for a left turn at the next red light. Turn left into Market Place Shopping Center and the Super 8 Motel.

Dan Hyde's Cell phone number: 570-713-9246 for use if you are "Terribly Lost!"