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**GLEANINGS REGARDING JACKSON MILLS,
HOME OF COL. EDWARD JACKSON
AND THE
JACKSON SALT WORKS NEAR CLARKSBURG, (W)VA**
by Nancy A. Jackson

Information gleaned from an 1837 Lewis County Chancery Case: **JACKSON** vs **MINTER** Heirs is presented in detail because of its importance in reconstructing Jackson Mills and the Jackson Salt Works. The case is related to a land transaction between Col. Edward **JACKSON** and his neighbor Jacob **MINTER**. Edward **JACKSON** and Jacob **MINTER** died within a short period of each other. Cummins **JACKSON** claimed that Jacob **MINTER** owed \$500-\$600 on the land. Joseph **MINTER** was the administrator of Jacob **MINTER**'s estate and Cummins, along with Henry **CAMDEN**, became the administrator of Col. Edward **JACKSON**'s estate.

A copy of an article of agreement entered into April 1921 for land on the waters of Kincheloe (*sic*) between Jacob **MINTER** and Edward **JACKSON** is included in the file. After a deed was made, Isaac **COX** had claimed part of said land. Edward **JACKSON** said it was an unjust claim by **COX** tho said **MINTER** bought the Clame (*sic*) of **COX** without **JACKSON**'s consent. Included in the files a plat of the land surveyed by George **BUSH** in 1833 and which began at the Mouth of Kincheloe to the beginning corner of Edward **JACKSON**'s 1000 acres that James **TANNER** conveyed to Edward **JACKSON**. The plat shows the tract Edward conveyed to **MINTER**. Also included in the file is a plat of land surveyed for James **TANNER** for 1800 acres. Also included is the 1811 deed between James **TANNER** and Nancy his wife of the County of Coshocton, OH, and Edward **JACKSON** for 1000 A bounded by Elk Lick Run to join Isaac **COX**, Philip **COX** and John **NEELY**. Also included is a 1799 deed between James **TANNER** and Margaret his wife of the County of Harrison and Isaac **COX** for a tract of land situated on the West Fork of the Monongalia adjoining lands claimed by John Tingley and on the south side of Kincheloe Creek in Harrison County. Also in the file is an 1819 deed between Isaac **COX** of Green Co., OH, and Jacob **MINTER** of Lewis Co., VA. This is also an 1816 deed between Isaac **COX** Sr. and Sarah his wife of Harrison County for part of survey Adam **SMITH** was living on.

The original agreement for the property in question was made in 1811 between Samuel **BAILEY**, Jacob **MINTER** and Edward **JACKSON** and the purchase price was to be payable in three years in property, except horse flesh. Included in the file is a bill of sale of items from Jacob **MINTER** to **JACKSON**. Jacob **MINTER** did build a house on the land which was allotted to him by Edward **JACKSON**.

Joseph **MINTER**, administrator of Jacob **MINTER**'s estate stated that **JACKSON** had grossly misrepresented to said **MINTER** and **BAILEY** the line between **COX**'s line. Edward **JACKSON** was said to have agreed to discount amount **MINTER** paid **COX**. Joseph **MINTER** contended Edward **JACKSON** was indebted to Jacob **MINTER** and that C. E. **JACKSON** had no right to sue in court. From the file, it is learned that Jacob **MINTER** was a cabinet maker and house joiner who did a "good deal

of work for **JACKSON**.” Jacob also let **JACKSON** have stock graine (*sic*). Jacob **MINTER** is said to have owned some slaves and was a frugal man.

Jacob Minter Worked for Edward Jackson

Numerous depositions in the file show that Jacob **MINTER** and sons worked for **JACKSON**. William **BAILEY** and Samuel **BAILEY** testified they understood work done by Jacob **MINTER** was to be applied for payment of the land in question. It was stated that **MINTER** worked considerably at the salt works for said **JACKSON**. Also, Jacob **MINTER** and son along with William **BAILEY** worked a considerable time on **JACKSON**'s house near his Mills. Jacob also worked on David **JACKSON**'s house. Also, Samuel **BAILEY** worked on Edward's house near the mill, i.e., raising a house. William **BAILEY** was asked to describe the house and the work done.

He said, As to its size I am unable to state. We helped to raise the house (the logs being old ones) gut (*sic*) out the rafting (and I think the _____) made the shingled and covered the house.”

It was stated that Jacob **MINTER** and son and himself also worked at the store house. William **BAILEY** stated he did not recollect where Edward **JACKSON** lived at the time the work was done but “believe he did not live on the land upon which the store house was built.” **BAILEY** also thought that the work done by **MINTER** at the salt works was about 1814 or 1815 and the work done on the house was done about the year 1815. Work done at the salt works consisted of covering two furnaces (?), work on the hay and salt houses.

They also made a dam for Said **JACKSON** at his mills. Jacob **MINTER** and son also covered a shed attached to the house making two or three doors and several windows – “the work to the dwelling house was done about 10 years since the other work about 16 years since.” It as later stated two doors were made and cased and he cased three windows, helped to raise the shed, weather boarded the gable end of the house and also the gable end of the shed.

In 1833 John **BAILEY** gave a deposition. Also, David W. **SLEETH** gave a deposition and from this deposition it is learned that Jacob **MINTER** died before Col. Edward **JACKSON**. Elizabeth **BUSH** in her deposition stated she was “at the house of Col. Edward **JACKSON** during his illness and but a short time before his death” and heard him say Jacob **MINTER** owed him nothing and that a deed was to be made.

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Thomas H. **BAILEY** also gave a deposition. He said Jacob **MINTER** and sons helped to build a dam butterment (*sic*) connected together on the East side of the river. They also helped to build a house where Cummins now lives. "I don't know whether they built the entirety themselves, or only helped, but they did a good deal of work at said House, I think father and them also covered the old mansion but I am not positive as to that. They also did a good deal of work at the Salt works in Harrison Co. building salt sheds over the furnace and Salt Houses." He thought the dam in "this County was built 1814 or 1815". It was stated his father, **MINTER** and sons built the whole of said dam which was about seven feet high and he believed the lower side of said dam was roughhewed timber. It appeared to him that the dam was covered with puncheons. Cummins E. **JACKSON** asked: "Do you or do you not remember my building on

said puncheons, raising dam between two and three feet higher. Thomas **BAILEY** replied he did not. Cummins then asked about work done on his house - "please state what kind of work they did, and whether the logs of which said dam was built were new logs or not. Thomas replied they were hewed logs but did not know if they were new or old. it was stated they also put on a shingled roof and thought they did some inside work. It was stated he thought the Salt Works commenced in 1809 or 1810 but didn't know the year Col. **JACKSON** moved there.

A deposition was also taken of Carr **BAILEY** who testified that he believed the river was fifty yards where the dam was built. He was asked if he knew anything about work done by Jacob and Joseph **MINTER** at the Salt works near John Brake in Harrison Co. He stated he couldn't specify the kind and quantity. He believed they were at work either at the Mills or pump House. Carr **BAILEY** stated he assisted to lay the floors and weather boards. It was stated the "old man (Jacob **MINTER**) was also engrossed in hewing timber together with him and Samuel **BAILEY**. "I think that the said Jacob **MINTER** worked on the Slope at the dam at the aforesaid works - as to the quantify of work done by the **MINTERS** aforesaid I cannot say." He stated he thought Jacob Brake had the management of said Salt Works at time work was done or at least a part of the time, James **BARTLETT** was manager part of the time and he thought Col. Edward **JACKSON** had also the management of said Works a part of the time, whether said **BARTLETT** had the management when the **MINTERS** worked on them I cannot say." He was asked if the work was done before or since the late War but stated he wasn't certain. From this deposition, it is learned there was a Saw Mill on Kincheloe Creek and one on the West Fork River. It was stated Jacob **MINTER**'s trade was a house carpenter and cabinet maker. He thought the logs used for Cummin's house were old logs.

From the file it is known that the house (it is not clear what house he is talking about) was covered and had shingles. Carr **BAILEY** stated when laying the floor and weatherboarding said House and building Jacob **BRAKE** lived in the house at the Salt works "and it strikes my mind Col. Edward **JACKSON** at that time lived at the Mill Cummins E. **JACKSON** now holds".

A deposition was taken of Richard **HALL**. Richard **HALL** stated he thought in the year 1813 in July or August he worked at the said Salt Works and during that time Jacob and Joseph **MINTER** worked at said Salt Works and were employed in getting out timber to build a Salt House which was not built while he was there. They built a Hay house and assisted in covering the large furnace and also putting up the frame of said furnace. A man by the name of **PRUNTY** made the principal part of the boards for said furnace. It was stated Col. Edward **JACKSON** was living there at the time and was employed by him. Richard **HALL** said he did know of the **MINTERS** working at the "Mansion House" in which the widow of the said Col. Edward **JACKSON** deceased died. He stated he remembered the said **MINTERS** fixing a store in said House by making a petition through it and putting up shelves and counters during the life time of said **JACKSON**, who at the time lived at the Salt Works in Harrison Co. In regards to the Hay House (this would be at the Salt Works) it as built on forks ____ and covered with a cabin roof and **PRUNTY** made the boards to cover the said house.

A deposition was also taken of **PRUNTY J. BROWN** who referred to the Mansion House in which Col. Edward **JACKSON** died. John stated he hauled the timbers for the dam and mill in the fall of 1813 at which time **MINTER** and Samuel **BAILEY** stated they were to put the dam up. He understood **MINTER** and **BAILEY** to be partners. When asked by Cummins if he knew of Jacob **MINTER** working on his father's store house in 1811, he replied

he didn't remember but recollected him working on it in 1815. Juliet **JACKSON** in her deposition described work done putting up a partition in David **JACKSON**'s house.

George **WHITE** testified that in 1811, he was married and lived in the same place of Col. Edward. He stated he got a chest of Col. Edward.

David W. **SLEETH** was asked if he knew about Jacob **MINTER** doing any work on "my father's house". David responded: "I know not – Jacob **MINTER** worked at a house Col. **JACKSON** then lived, whether it was intended for a store house or not I can not – able to say neither can I tell the year but think it was after your father moved from the salt works.

John **HENLINE** in his deposition stated he knew Jacob **MINTER** worked at the Salt works in 1814. John stated he went there (salt works) in 1813 – winter or fall and worked whole of the year – was the beginning of the salt works and in 1814 Jacob and Joseph were assisting their father Joseph¹ at the salt works.

A deposition was also taken of William **NORRIS** which shows Jacob **MINTER** was lying in the Spring of 1828 and that Jacob **MINTER** stated he would vote for Col. **JACKSON** if he would not sue him and settle fairly. William **NORRIS**, when asked, stated the house near the mills in which Jacob **MINTER** and son worked as 16 feet square and had a shed to it 10 x 16 ft. He stated it would take a good hand 21-22 days to hew out the rafters, make the lathing and shingles for and cover said house and shed. William **NORRIS** stated he had seen Jacob **MINTER** working at the salt works owned by Col. **JACKSON** or Judge **JACKSON** (this would be John George **JACKSON**) and understood

A deposition was taken of Washington **BAILEY**. In a deposition of George **BUTCHER**, the latter stated he "was this day called to examine the work done by Jacob **MINTER** for Col. Edward **JACKSON** on the house on the opposite side of the River from his dwelling house and accordingly examined said house and found that it required fourteen hundred and thirty six shingles to cover the house and shed the gable ends were closed with what is usually called cabboards² (sic) and required upwards of one hundred and sixty boards for that purpose which are usually counted as shingles and with the shingles would come about 1600 the house had seven pair of rafters hewed out of split timber the shed has seven rafters and ten____ sixteen feet long, the house has twenty courses of ____ including both sides. Work done by Jacob **MINTER**. Henry **FLESHER** hewed the logs for said house.

George **BUTCHER** also examined the said **JACKSON**'s dwelling house said to have been done by Jacob **MINTER**. It consisted of one front door made hung and cased, one partition door made hung, one twelve light window cased, one six light window cased and four light window cut out and cased. Twenty-two lights of sash made. The South of the house from above three feet from the ground weather boarded the plank not planed but jointed and butted. He stated that about 1817 or 1814 Jacob **MINTER** did considerable work at said Edward **JACKSON**'s mill dam. He stated Jacob **MINTER** took off the roof of Col. Edward's house and raised the house a round or two higher and placed the roof on again and that **MINTER** weather boarded the north gable end of the house.

Deposition Edward **BROWN** stated he also worked on the Mill Dam which was to be five feet high.

A deposition was taken of David E. **JACKSON** by the Clerk of the County of Ste. Genevieve³ 30 Mar _____. The deposition of Rachel **BRAKE** was unreadable. Jacob Brake in his

¹ Probably surnamed Minter.

² clapboards

³ St. Genevieve is in Missouri.

deposition state he moved to the Salt works in April 1817 and kept a book until 1825. Jacob Brake stated he employed Jacob **MINTER**, son Joseph, Capt. **BAILEY** and found a memorandum dated Oct. 1815 where he paid them.

In 1836 Camden reported to the Court that there was “express difficulty in ascertaining proper state of accounts between the parties. In the Fall of 1837 the case was dismissed.

Ignore the rest...

IN MEMORIAM



CRYSTAL V. WAGONER

Crystal V. **WAGONER** of Katy, Texas passed away peacefully in her home on Saturday, January 3rd, 2015 at age 95. She was born on September 7th, 1919 in Smith Center, Kansas to parents Clarence Homer **JONES** and Ettie Watson **JONES**. She is survived by her daughter Cynthia W. **SMITH**, son William L. **WAGONER**, four granddaughters, and one great-grandson. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Marvin L. **WAGONER**.

Cris was a homemaker, avid gardener, accomplished artist, and a genealogist who authored two published books on the subject.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Crystal Wagoner to Special Pals Animal Shelter, 3830 Greenhouse Rd., Houston, TX 77084.

Cris was the author of *John Waggoner, 1751-1842, Margaret (Bonnett) Waggoner: Ancestors, Families, and Descendants*.



JOY COTTRILL

After 73 years, Anita Joyce **COTTRILL**, of Turner Ave. Weston, dropped anchor in Heaven on Saturday, May 7, 2016 and is living out her dream of walking barefoot, hand in hand with God, on his warm sandy beaches, where the ocean air is sweet and pure and her heart dances with blissful joy.

She blessed this earth and the lives of her parents when she was born in Marion County on June 23, 1942 a daughter of the late Edward Filmore **SATTERFIELD** and Nina Isabelle **FERRELL SATTERFIELD**.

On November 9, 1962 she married her soul mate, Lawrence Crandall **COTTRILL**, who crossed over to Heaven on June 14, 2015 and vowed to wait for his sweetheart of 57 years so he could greet her with salty kisses as they watched a brilliant sunset dance across the ocean in celebration of their joyous reunion.