

**Planned 2006 Jackson Reunion Tour**  
**By Nancy Jackson**  
**Sunday August 13, 2006**

**Meet at Jackson Cemetery on Pike Street, Clarksburg. We will leave promptly at 10 A.M.**

**Start Tour**

We will drive past Waldomore Genealogical Library, past the Post Office across from the First Baptist Church where James Madison Jackson (grandson of George Jackson) had his mansion. Stay in left lane where we will turn left at the light and turn left at the next light onto Main St. We will make a short stop at the spot where Jonathan Jackson lived and Stonewall was born (there is a plaque). You may also want to take a picture of the Stonewall Jackson statue in front of the Court House. We will then go through three lights and turn left into the parking lot where we will get out and I will talk about the Jackson land in that area. Next we will get on I-79 South towards Weston. We will make a short stop at the Wilderness Plantation (Jane Lew Exit) where I will tell about West Fort, Indian raids, block house still standing, home of Jesse Hughes.

**Weston**

After getting back on I-79 South we will take the Weston exit and turn left to go into Weston. Stop at Citizens' Bank, site of the Bailey House. Be sure and look at the beautiful ironwork. About midway down the Main St. if feasible we will stop to take a look at the Insane Asylum built in the 1860's. At the "Y" we will turn left stopping near the Court House and I will point out the Arnold homes and the location of the National Exchange Bank of Virginia. Our last stop will be the Louis Bennett Library, former home of Jonathan and Margaret Jackson Bennett. She was a daughter of George Jackson and Jonathan was the State Auditor of Virginia during the Civil War. We will then travel on RT 33 east towards Buckhannon

**Finks Run**

Edward had land here.  
Jackson Fort?? Allman place.  
Union Drilling-Bassel home/cemetery.  
Red Rock-gravesite of Phillip Reger, husband of Sarah Jackson.  
Massacre of the Schoolcraft family.

**Pringle Tree**

Samuel and John Pringle were the first Englishmen to set foot in present-day Upshur County. They deserted their post at Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh) in 1761 and arrived in present-day Upshur County in 1762, during the final days of the French and Indian War. They lived in the county for about three years, just a short distance from present-day Buckhannon, along the Buckhannon River. Oral histories suggest that they lived for a

time in the hollow stump of a giant sycamore tree. With their ammunition nearly exhausted, John Pringle returned to the South Branch River settlements for supplies around 1765. While there, he discovered that the war had ended and that they were no longer wanted men. He returned to Upshur County to inform his brother of the good news. They then moved back to the South Branch River settlements. In 1769, Samuel Pringle, his wife Charity (Cutright) Pringle, and several other families returned to the Buckhannon area. Among the new settlers were John and Elizabeth Jackson and their sons, George and Edward Jackson, Thomas Hughes, and John Cutright, John Hacker.

### **William Radcliff**

### **Pringle Tree Area**

John Jackson settled here at the mouth of Turkey run.

George Jackson's land adjoined his land.

John Jr.'s land adjoined John Jackson's Land (head of Turkey run).

Henry's land was a little farther.

The boys were surveyors and as such amassed large amounts of land.

Sophia Davis land across from the Pringle Tree.

### **Jackson Fort**

Brush Run vs. Finks Run

1768-1770's The Jackson men and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson were primarily Indian Fighters

### **Dix Home**

John Jackson left the Pringle Tree land via his will to his granddaughter Elizabeth Reger who married Isaac Dix.

**Stop at Sheets for refreshments if needed.**

### **Courthouse**

Time allowed for taking a picture of the sign about John Jackson on one side and the death of William White on the other side.

### **Governor Daniel Farnsworth's home**

Time allowed for picture taking and pointing out where his mill was. During the Civil War their silverware was buried in the yard. Gov. Farnsworth speaker of the house became Governor for seven days. He was married to Sarah Jackson, daughter of John Jackson Jr.

### **Visit to the Island**

Show where John Jackson cut the channel to make the island and built his mill. (Across the river from Wesleyan College). Visit with Warren Jackson –see his grandfather Dexter Jackson’s Civil War saber and pocket watch.

### **Henry Jackson Cemetery**

Warren will take us to the cemetery to see Henry’s beautiful farm land and where Henry and his second wife Elizabeth Shreves are buried under unique coffin-like stones that were pulled to the top of the mountain via oxen.

### **Heavner Cemetery**

Mary Hyre Jackson, Henry’s first wife, and her father are buried.  
Some of the John Jackson Jr. descendants are buried here.  
Laura Jackson Arnold, Stonewall’s sister, is buried here.  
Location of Bush’s fort.

### **Return to Clarksburg via Rt. 20**

This is a typical West Virginia windy road. We will stop to see what was probably the Brake Jackson Cemetery where they found the stone of Warren Jackson, Stonewall’s brother, on the hillside. There are no stones in the cemetery as William Post took the field stones and used them in the foundation for his barn. The stone is now housed in the Upshur Co. Historical Society Museum. I will point out the road to Isaac Brake where Warren stayed and the direction where the Ireland family had land.

### **Nutter Fort**

George Jackson is said to have run from Bush’s Fort to Nutter Fort to warn the settlers of an Indian raid.

### **Return to Jackson Cemetery, Clarksburg**

Time for additional questions prior to conclusion of the tour.

When Harrison County was formed in 1784, it included present-day Upshur County. The first session of Harrison County's court was held at George Jackson's home near present-day Buckhannon.

George moved to Clarksburg, John Jr. and Henry stayed in this area. Edward moved to present day Lewis County (Jackson Mill). I don’t know when but Samuel moved to.

On September 3, 1804, John Jackson Jr. was appointed the first postmaster at the county's first post office in Buckhannon.