History of the Jackson Family

By W. C. Carper

To mark our fifteenth year of publication, we’ll be featuring a series of articles that will go “back to the basics” and focus on our family’s early and shared history. While much of the information will be old hat if you’ve researched your Jackson heritage, you’re sure to learn a new thing or two about your family if you read carefully.

W. C. Carper’s history of the Jacksons, for example, repeats much that can be found in any Jackson history, and in fact, much of his data is erroneous. Why, then, should we print it at all? Carper, born on Upshur County’s Turkey Run in 1826, was a prominent attorney in central West Virginia and maintained a longstanding interest in the area’s history. Moreover, he was personally acquainted with many of the people about whom he writes and had a reputation for his voluminous knowledge of local history and genealogy. While his names and dates are sometimes incorrect, his depth of knowledge about the family is remarkable, and the personal anecdotes that he relates about a few family members are priceless to those who wish to glean every available piece of information on their ancestors. We believe Carper wrote this paper around the end of the nineteenth century.

In an effort to increase the value of Carper’s work, this version has been annotated by Linda B. Meyers, Nancy A. Jackson and John M. Jackson with bracketed corrections and additions, as well as explanatory footnotes. Lengthy passages have been divided into separate paragraphs (denoted by the symbol [¶]). Other minor editorial revisions have also been made.

In the latter part of the 18th century, probably in ’70 or about that time, John Jackson settled north of the Buckhannon river on Turkey Run, not far from where it empties into the Buckhannon river. He married a Miss Cummings, who lived to be over 100 years old. He finally became the owner of a large body of land there. The old homestead he gave to one of his daughters [Sophia], who married Joseph Davis. He divided up this large body of land among some of his children.

His sons were, John Jackson, jr., who settled near the town of Buckhannon, building a large stone house on the same plot of ground where the late John W. Reger lived and died. In about 1790 he dug a mill race, which now creates the island in Buckhannon, and located a mill there, and owned the mill until the time of his death. He also patented a large body of land, mostly east of the Buckhannon river, a large body of land on Turkey Run, and a large body of land also, on Stone Cole, where the late George R. and Jacob Jackson resided. John’s first wife was a Miss [Rebecca] Hadden, daughter of John Hadden, who was a member of the Virginia legislature in 1708 and 1709. [Rebecca was actually the daughter of David Haddan, who died in 1791. His youngest son, John, was born in 1760 to an unknown first wife. See Jackson and Meyers, pages 24-33.] By her, he had three children, Edward Hadden Jackson and Sally [Sarah] Jackson, who married Alex. R. Ireland. [The couple’s middle child, omitted by the author, was

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1Elizabeth Cummins Jackson’s own recollection placed the family’s permanent settlement in the Buckhannon area in 1773. John, together with sons George and Edward, visited the area of the Pringle Tree on the Buckhannon River in 1768, cleared land and built a cabin. The Jacksons and other settlers would visit the area several more times before permanent settlement was effected. See Nancy A. Jackson and Linda B. Meyers, Colonel Edward Jackson, 1759-1828, Revolutionary Soldier, page 6.

2While some secondary sources indicate Elizabeth’s maiden name was Cummings, most seem to agree that the name was in fact Cummins. Furthermore, Elizabeth herself, through a memory shared later by her grandson, John George Jackson, placed her year of birth as 1729, meaning she was age 96 at her death in 1825. See John M. Jackson’s A Genealogy and Brief History of the Henry J. Jackson Family of Ritchie County, West Virginia, page 4.
David J. Jackson. His second wife was Elizabeth Cozad, by whom he had Jacob Jackson, George R. Jackson, William Jackson, Rebecca Jackson, Elizabeth, who married Enoch Gipson [Gibson], and Polly [Mary], who married Joseph Goosman [Guseman].

About 1815 John Jackson went on business to New Orleans to pay off certain Liabilities that had accrued against them, in consequence for being security of Jonathom [Jonathan] Jackson, the father of Stonewall. He died while down there.

Edward H. was the oldest son by John’s first wife. He married Rebecca Love, a beautiful woman, and she had numerous offsprings most of them being girls, and making very handsome women. The sons of Edward H. were, John G. [John George], William L. [William Love], Minter J. [Minter Joseph] and Newton [Edward Newton]. The daughters were Peggy [Margaret], who married Job Hinkle, Sally [Sarah], who married William Sexton, Winfield E. [Winifred Eleanor], who married George W. Miller, the first clerk of the Circuit Court of Upshur County. He died and she married a Mr. Peterson [Rev. William Sparks Peterson] who lived in Washington City [as well as Iowa and other locales]. Rebecca married Isaac P. [Pearl] Teter. Prudy [Prudence A.] married some western man, named Bennett, Polly [Mary] married Valentine Strader, she was a beautiful woman, and Betty [Elizabeth] married a Mr. [Benjamin] Archer: she was also a very queenly woman. Henry Middleton used to swear by Sally. John G. married a Miss [Salina] Norman. He went west. William went to St. Louis and engaged in the mining business and made quite a fortune, and from Missouri he went to Michigan and engaged extensively in mining, and lost a good part of his fortune. He married some woman unknown to me, a French woman.

Minter J. married Hattie Cummins [Harriett Key Cummings], and lived close to the town of Buckhannon, on the E. H. Jackson homestead, his fathers homestead and has accumulated a fine estate. His oldest son, [sic] Thomas J., a very promising boy, died early. Edward and Charles, twins. Edward married a Miss Read [Osie Reed], sister of Stewart Reed of Clarksburg. Minter J. has two daughters, the eldest Mary Ellen, married W. B. Carper, son of W. C. Carper, the author of this biography, and the youngest is Floride. Newton went to Oregon [sic], “where rose the Oregon, and heard no sound save his own wild.” David was a doctor and died unmarried. Died on Turky [sic] Run at his sister’s, Sally Ireland, at nearly 60 years of age. Sally married Alex R. and the issue of that marriage was, John Ireland, David, Johnathon, William, and Perry, a very bright young man who would have made his mark had he lived. He died in 52 or 53. Columbus, these were the boys. The daughters were, Betty, a very intelligent woman, who died unmarried, Rebeca married Jacob Lorentz, Mary Jane, who married Gov. D. D. Farnsworth. Celia died a young woman and unmarried, Maryette died without children, was married to D. [Daniel] J. Carper. [The couple had had one child that died in infancy.] John Ireland married Olive Loudin, had one son John, who married a Miss [Elsie Lena] Casto. One daughter [Lundie Linn Ireland] married Murella Brake [Murillo C. Brake], another [Elizabeth Columbia Ireland] married James F. [Fife] Hodges, the third [Loverna Ann Ireland] John [Setlington]

The Lewis County chancery records reveal that Samuel C. Jackson (c.1808-c.1844) was also a child of this second marriage.

While the statement about the liabilities may be true, the Harrison County chancery records reveal that John Jr. was selling slaves for John George Jackson during this trip, which actually occurred in 1821.

Evidence for this claim is inconclusive. Extensive research by Nancy Jackson and Linda Meyers revealed census records for 1860 and 1870, showing William in Joe Davies County, Illinois with wife Susan (Susan King) and in 1880 in Darlington, La Lafayette County, Wisconsin.

No evidence has been found to support the claim that David (ca.1788/1793-1842) was a doctor. Chancery records from Braxton and Lewis counties shed some light on his life. Douglass. All three sons of Sally Ireland died in early manhood.

George R. Jackson married Celia [Cecelia] McNulty, a very nice woman. The children of the marriage were, a son named, Polk [probably James K. P.], another son, who went west, one daughter [Cecelia Ann Jackson] who married Edward Smith [Edwin Lee Smith], another daughter [Marietta Louisa Jackson] who married David T. [Tolbert] Peterson.

Samuel [son of John Jackson Jr. and Rebecca Hadden] moved west and died unmarried. Major William W. Jackson, another son of John J[r.]’s, an excellent good man, honest and upright, of great benevolence, full of charity, and kind. He owned a tract of land inherited from his father, a portion of the old homestead. R. [George R.?] and Jacob inherited the valuable coal lands near Weston, and lived and died on them. Old John Jackson [Jr.] was a surveyor in Harrison and Randolph counties. William W. married, had no children. Polly [Mary] of the second marriage, married Joseph Gooseman [Guseman]. The children of Polly were, Elizabeth, who married Beng. [Benjamin] Bassel, Jerome, who married Adelaide T [Adaline Amos Threlke] Elizah married Enoch Gipson [Gibson], who had a number of children but all died but Charles. Rebecca moved west [specifically to Greene County, Ohio] and married a Mr. [George Washington] Hall. [Elizah also married a second time, to John J. Brannum.]

Henry Jackson, another son of John Jackson’s, who first emigrated to this country, married a Miss [Mary] Hyer. By her he had a number of children. The first was Hyer Jackson, a man of talent, very intellectual. He studied law and moved to the state of Texas, Became a distinguished lawyer and Circuit Judge for a number of years in that state. Henry Jackson was a professional surveyor did a great deal of work of that kind. He recovered in ejectment a very good farm in a suit with Henry Colerider. The first meeting he had with Colerider after the ending of that suit, Colerider said, “Jackson you have gained your suit, but I am penniless, I don’t know what to do.” Henry Said, “Colerider, I pity you, give me your horse, and I will reconvey you your land,” which he did. Henry was an intellectual man and of kind heart. He was a Universalist, and declared his faith in his last will. The language in the will that declares this fact is this; “I commit my body to the ground, and my soul to God who gave it, having no

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9Prior to his first marriage, Jacob Jay Jackson fathered Randolph Jackson, an illegitimate son.

9Readings of the Peterson Cemetery, near Weston, West Virginia, indicate a number of George and Celia Jackson’s children not named here: Elizabeth A., Jacob J., George R., Hetta V., and Clark McNulty Jackson. See Jackson Brigade Express Newsletter, 2(1): 11.

10Actually, this Samuel C. Jackson lived on Stone Coal beside Jacob Jay Jackson and brother George Riley Jackson. Perhaps Carper was referring to a different Samuel Jackson.

11The 1850 census shows a girl named Charlotte that may have been his child, but she probably died between 1850 and 1853.

12Hyer Jackson was the second son of Henry and Mary; his older brother William Vandevater Jackson had been born in 1804.

13Though he was a lawyer and judge, Hyer (or Hyre) Jackson moved to Oregon and never lived in Texas, though such has also been reported in other sources. Where the error originated remains a mystery.
doubt but he will take care of all his creatures.” Henry’s second son, John Henry, married a miss [Lydia] Rager [Reger], and became a large land owner in Ritchie County, a very successful business man and a large real estate owner.\(^{14}\) John [John Henderson Brake Jackson], who left this country when a young man, went west. When John left, his father remarked, “John was acting very unwisely. That he was pouring out of the bung hole and putting in with the spigot.” Henry had another son, Edward, who died unmarried. Ulysses Jackson, who left this country and went to Oregon and that was the last that was heard of him. It was said he became wealthy. [Several other children of Henry Jackson’s first marriage are not mentioned here: Esther, Elizabeth P., Mary “Mariah,” Amanda M., Rachel C., Jacob, and Mary S. M. Rosa.]

\(^{[*]}\)Henry’s second wife was Elizabeth Shreve, who was half Brake, closely related to George Jackson’s wife, who was a Brake.\(^{15}\) By her he had a number of sons, no daughters. [In fact, Henry fathered several daughters by his second wife: Melissa (1842-1861) married James R. Lowe; Columbia Roxanna (1844-1845); Artimishia (1847-1924) moved to Kansas with her husband Andrew V. Marteney. The sex of another child, Clipso Mero (1848-1852), is unknown.] [Samuel] Dexter, who married a sister of Granville D. Marple, late sheriff of Upshur county. [Gideon Draper] Camden, and another son, who died young. Dexter and Camden live in Upshur county at the present time. [Other children of this second marriage, not mentioned here by name, were: Decatur, James H. Alonzo, Marion Orlando, and George W.]

The other sons of the original John Jackson, who first emigrated to this country, was Edward, a large land owner and surveyor, George and Samuel. Edward married a daughter [Mary] of John Hadden [actually David Haddan], who was a sister of John Jackson’s wife. By that marriage he had Jonathan Jackson, father of “Stonewall”, Polly [Mary], who married Isaac Brake, Rachael [Rachel], who married Jacob Brake. [Other children of this marriage, unnamed here, were: George Edward, David Edward, and Rebecca.]

\(^{[*]}\)His [Edward Jackson’s] second wife was a Brake [Elizabeth Weatherholt Brake]. By her he had Cummins E., James Madison and David.\(^{16}\) His daughters Kate, who married John White of Lewis County, and the other daughter married ---------- White.\(^{17}\) Cummins was a man noted for his herculean [sic] strength. Had a large farm in Lewis County, owned the Jackson mill, and practically raised “Stonewall” Jackson, went to California ’49 and died there. He went by the overland route to California and had a large company with him. On the route they came to a broad river, deep, strong current, and there was not a man that would venture in. Cummins stood on the bank, gazed across the water and said, “Boys, bring me that long rope there.” He took the long rope in his mouth, threw off his coat and plunged into the river. He fastened the rope on the other side and by that they all passed over. One night Cummins stayed in Weston with a friend. The next morning he met Bill Stringer who said, “Cummins,” I have come here to whip you. I have nothing against you, you are a very strong man, but I am going to whip you.” Cummins said “Mr. Stringer, we are friends, you had better go away and not bother me, I don’t want to fight.” Stringer insisted on fight. Finally Cummins told him to walk into the yard, and he would

\(^{14}\)Henry J. Jackson was the couple’s fourth son.

\(^{15}\)Elizabeth Shreve Jackson was the daughter of Joseph Shreve and Elizabeth Brake, whose parents were Jacob Brake and Mary Slaughter. Jacob Brake was a brother to Elizabeth Brake, the wife of George Jackson.

\(^{16}\)David was in fact a child of his first marriage.

\(^{17}\)Rebecca, the youngest child of the first marriage, married George White. Other children of this marriage were Elizabeth, John E., Margaret, Return Meigs, Edward J. and Andrew M.
try to accommodate him. Stringer stepped into the yard, Cummins grabbed him, and threw him head over heels over the fence. Said he, “Mr. Stringer is that satisfactory?” He said, “It is entirely satisfactory Mr. Jackson, good morning.”

James Madison married __________ and lives in Lewis County. By her [Eleanor] he had Stoney R., and Edward J. David [David E. Jackson, son of Edward] married a miss [Juliet T.] Norris. By her he had Ned J. [Edward John], Mary Hays and Nancy Hall. Ned J. never married. He accompanied Cummins to California, but returned to West Virginia and died near Jane Lew, at nearly 90 years of age. [William Pitt Jackson was also a son of David E. Jackson.]

Before dying he said, “My friends, I want you to bury me deep on the banks of the river there, so I can hear the fish splash in the water as they pass by. David Jackson’s daughters, Mary, married D. J. Hays [John Henderson Hayes], had one son, David J. Nancy married Minor Hall and had no children [a son died in infancy in 1857], another daughter, whose name I have forgotten, married a Mr. Hall. Two children were born to them [Margaret “Peggy” Jackson and Jonathan Thompson Hall], [William] Dexter a son, and Mrs. Seymour Homer [Julia Ann Hall] daughter. [William] Dexter was a Captain in the Federal army, married a Miss [Nancy] Law, and lived near Seymour Station. One of his daughters Mollie [Mary], married a Dr. [Charles Washington] Smith, and went to Missouri, and that is all that is all that is known of him. After he went to Missouri he returned here once, about the year 1840 for the purpose of showing some old corner trees, and about the surveying of some large tracts of land. After that he returned to Missouri and never came back.

[¶]George Jackson a brother of Samuel, married a Miss [Elizabeth] Brake. He had four sons. Judge John G. Federal Judge, Dr. Ed [Edward Brake] Jackson Wm. T. [William Lowther] Jackson and George W. [George Jackson’s other children, omitted here, were Elizabeth, Catherine/Katrana, Jacob, Prudence, J. Mary Webster, and Thomas Jefferson.] Judge John [John George Jackson] married a Miss [Mary] Payne, a sister of President Madison’s wife. Married her in the capital house at Washington the first marriage that ever took place in the White House. By her he had but one daughter [Mary Elizabeth Payne Jackson] who married John J. Allen, a very distinguished lawyer of Virginia. And was for a long term of years, President of the court of Appeals in Virginia. John G. Jackson was a member of Congress and was in the theater when it burned at Richmond. He caught in his arms two women, and leaped from the second story window and landed safe upon the pavement. He fought a duel with a member of Congress from North Carolina, by the name of Pierson, who made an attack on the Madison administration.


18James Madison Jackson was married twice, to Emma Eleanor Law and Susan Ann Bailey.

19While it appears true that Ned did not marry, evidence indicates that he fathered two children. See Jackson and Meyers, pages 146-147.

20David fathered only the above-named daughters; the author has confused the descendants of David E. with the descendants of his sister, Margaret “Peggy” Jackson.

21Smith died in Horner, Lewis County, West Virginia in 1900; Mollie had died in 1887 in Columbus, Ohio. See Jackson and Meyers, page 875.

22The “he” to which this statement refers is undetermined. Charles Washington Smith was not born until 1856. The author may be referring to David E. Jackson, though David died in 1837.

23Later research has cast a great deal of doubt on this long-held family tradition. To date, no evidence has been found that Jackson was married in the White House.

24In addition to Mary Elizabeth Payne Jackson, Mary Payne Jackson bore two other daughters, Lucy and Dolly, who died young.

25Jackson’s duel with Joseph Pearson occurred in 1809. See Jackson Brigade Quarterly, 10(4): 3-7. He was a member in the Virginia Legislature in ’88 and ’89.

26Three other children of this marriage, omitted here, were Flora Virginia, George William, and Edward Alfred Jackson. Family history has maintained that Edward Brake Jackson was first married to Anna Todd, but no evidence has been found to support the claim.
Wm. L. Jackson married a daughter [Harriett Blackburn Wilson] of Col. Ben Wilson, and the offspring of the marriage was Judge Wm. L. Jackson, was Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, and a Brigadier-General in the Confederate army. He married a Miss [Sarah Elizabeth] Creel, and went to Louisville, Ky. after the war. Was for years Judge of the circuit of Louisville, and Judge of the Criminal court, and was Judge at the time of his death. He had three children, two sons and one daughter. Wm. L. Jr. Succeeded on the bench. He has since died. Wm. L. Sr., had another son, Benj. W. who was a man of fine talent, fluent speaker, married a miss Creel [actually Sarah Elizabeth Stephenson], had another son named Col. George, who was a Graduate of West Point, and a Col in the Confederate army. He is now dead. Elizabeth, the daughter married Robert Criss, a merchant in Clarksburg. [Children of William Lowther Jackson Sr., not named here, were Josephine and India.]

George W. Jackson [son of George Jackson] was a Captain in the regular army, serving through the war of 1812, married a miss [Hester “Hettie”] Taylor of Baltimore. He had two daughters, Cathrine [Catherine] married Dr. Williams of Clarksburg, and Prudie [Prudence] married Elijah [Elijah] Arnold. 27 [Other children of George and Hester Taylor Jackson, not mentioned here, were Mary Elizabeth, James Taylor, Eliza J. “Lida,” and Alfred Henry Jackson.]

John Jackson Sr. had three daughters. One [Sophia] married Joseph Davis, one [Elizabeth] Abram Brake, and lived on Brushy fork of Elk in Harrison County, and one [Mary Sarah] married Phillip Reger. The children of the Davis family were, Henry, Ed, and Joseph. Joseph emigrated to Illinois about the year 1832. The daughters of Joseph Davis one [Sarah] married George Rohrbough, one [Mary] married Abram [W.] Brake and one [Rebecca Obedience] married Wm. Warner. 28 Joseph Davis and his wife left Turkey Run and went to Lewis County, and spent the remainder of their days at the home of Geo. Rohrbough. The one [Mary] who married Abram [W.] Brake, had one child named Isaac [D.] went west and died. The one [Rebecca Obedience] who married Wm. Warner, had quite a family of sons and one daughter. They lived in Pecks Run. His sons were, Isaac, Dexter, Jackson, Wm. W. Rebecca. The daughter, married [?] Westfall. All the children are living but Dexter. [Children of William and Rebecca Obedience Warner, omitted here, were Cecelia and Enoch Warner.]

Another daughter [Elizabeth] of old John married Abram Brake of Harrison County. The children of that marriage were Cummins [Jacob Cummins Brake], Wm. who was called William Pierson lived near Jacksonville during the war. 29 Another son who went west. 30 Had no daughters. Abram Brakes sister married Judge Jackson. [Other children of Abram/Abraham and Elizabeth Jackson Brake, not mentioned here, were Sophia/Rachel, George Washington, John B., Sarah, Edward D. and Thomas Jefferson.]

One daughter [Mary Sarah Jackson] married Phillip Reger, and had one child, Betty [Elizabeth], who married Isaac Dix. Betty was a strong minded woman. The children of that marriage were, James, John G., Daniel Kincheloe who is a minister of the gospel, a good preacher and man of intellect. James Dicks [Dix’s] first wife was a daughter of Isaac Brake, Rachael E. Brake, granddaughter of Col. Ed. Jackson, died a few years ago [1883] in Texas. His children were Alonzo, Dyer and Dr. Wirt, who went to Texas. He had one daughter. [Other children of James and Rachel Brake Dix were Mary Loretta, Alice America, Elizabeth and Art.] John G. married

27While it is true that George W. Jackson had a daughter named Catherine, this Catherine Jackson married Gibson J. Butcher. The Catherine Jackson who married Dr. William Williams was the daughter of George Jackson and Elizabeth Brake.

28Other children of Joseph and Sophia Jackson Davis, not named here, were: John, Elizabeth (married John Parker and Henry Butt), William J. (married Lydia Gould) and Margaret “Peggy” (married Benjamin Mount. Several of the children immigrated to Illinois.

29William Pierson Brake bushwhacked and killed William Brake during the Civil War.

30Actually, several children of this marriage moved to Ohio.
Anna Lee Jackson Stull Celebrates a Special Birthday

A celebration for a special birthday for Anna Lee Jackson Stull was held on June 3, 2006 in Parkersburg, West Virginia at Stephenson United Methodist Church. Attending the party were her family, including four first cousins, and her close friends.

Anna Lee was born on June 5, 1926 near Cisco, West Virginia, the daughter of Anna Henrietta Hull Jackson and Leslie Bernard Jackson. Her mother died on June 11, 1926, and she was raised by her maternal grandparents, William and Clara Cain Hull. She has a sister, Elsie Lorraine Jackson McClung, of Parkersburg, and a half-brother, Bernard Fremont Jackson, of Costa Rica.

She was married to Warren Stull for 57 years before his death in July, 2003. Their children and spouses are Gayle (Roger) Robey of Greenwood, Indiana; Argel (Rose Mary) Stull of Mineral Wells, West Virginia; Dannie Stull of Alexandria, Virginia and Brent (Sally) Stull of Parkersburg. She is the grandmother of Jessica (Jason Ricchio, Allison (Michael) Sullivan, Ainsley (David) James, Michelle (Jason) Arnold and Zachary Stull. She is the great grandmother of Vincent Zachary Arnold and Carson Olivia James.

Anna Lee was employed at Guard Cleaning Company at the time of her retirement in 1998. She is a member of Stephens on United Methodist Church, the Cunningham Bible Sunday School Class and the Ruth Esther Circle. She is a member of the Jackson Brigade and is a descendant of Henry Jackson (Anna Lee7, Leslie Bernard6, Fremont5, Ulysses4, Henry J.3, Henry2, John Jackson1). She enjoys researching genealogy, reading, traveling, gardening, quilting and crocheting. –Gayle Stull Robey

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We omitted another daughter [Sarah] of George Jackson, who married Col. [Daniel] Kincheloe, who died without children.

Col. Ed Jackson is buried in the old Jackson graveyard, on the West Fork River.
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).

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 term, 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 14th 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
Dan Hydes Reflections on the Jackson Brigade Reunion 2006

(photos by Richard Wilt, used with permission)

The 2006 Jackson Brigade Reunion took place August 12, 2006 at Jackson's Mill, West Virginia. At 9:30 on a beautiful Saturday morning, Bill Cowgill and his wife Nun started registering people for the reunion at Jackson's Mill's Jubilee Pavilion. Before the business meeting at 10:30 a.m., people browsed displays of Jackson family history and renewed old friendships.

After the business meeting, the group held a Memorial Service for family members who had died in the last two years. While Dan Hyde read each deceased's name, individuals inserted roses in a vase.

After the Memorial Service, there was some time for mingling before the noon lunch. The picnic lunch was catered by the Jackson’s Mill Dining Room staff.

After lunch we had a living history presentation by Susan Church, executive director of the Lewis County Convention and Visitors Bureau, who portrayed Anna Morrison Jackson, second wife of Stonewall. Susan warmed up the audience by asking why certain women were wearing men's pants and why some men had uncovered limbs? Susan was great in staying in character and presented a moving rendition of the tragic death of Anna's husband, Thomas Jonathan “Stonewall” Jackson.

After the living history presentation, Nancy Jackson had arranged at reduced rate a tour of the historic Jackson’s Mill museum area. The afternoon was left open to visit with kin or to tour the historic area.

At 6 p.m., the Jackson Brigade held a dedication of the new fencing around the two Jackson cemetery plots in the Historic Jackson Cemetery on Clarksburg’s Pike Street. Last year, the Jackson Brigade funded about half of the cost of the fencing with the City of Clarksburg paying the other half. While Jane Hilder read the names of the 25 Jacksons buried in the cemetery, a reunion attendee tied a yellow bow on the new fence. It was a very moving ceremony.
After the Jackson Cemetery Fencing Dedication, we all drove to a reception held by the Harrison County Historical Society at their home, the Stealey-Goff-Vance House. At the reception, we heard several presentations on the lives of the Jackson paintings in the Jackson room. For our special benefit, the Historical Society had scanned more than 50 old photos of Jacksons from their collections. We could browse the scanned images on three computers set up for us. I have acquired the scanned images and you can see them on the Jackson Brigade’s web site at <http://www.eg.bucknell.edu/~hyde/jackson/>.

After a long summer day, the fresh fruit served by the Historical Society really hit the spot. We discovered that August 12th was Nancy Jackson’s birthday, and she had ordered a cake to celebrate at the reception.

At the reception, I noticed that a local TV station (Channel 5) cameraperson was taking video. She told me the station was doing a Jackson Brigade piece on the 11 o’clock news. Though tired, I stayed up until 11 p.m., used my motel chair as a tripod, and recorded the TV screen with my digital camera. You can see the results as a Quicktime movie on the Jackson Brigade website.

The next day, Sunday August 13, Nancy took ten of us on a day-long tour of historical Jackson sites. We drove through Clarksburg, Jane Lew, and Weston, stopping at several spots along the way where Nancy explained their significance to our shared history. Later, we visited the Heavner and Henry Jackson cemeteries and the Pringle Tree, near Buckhannon. We returned to Clarksburg via Route 20, a typical West Virginia windy road, and wrapped up a wonderful tour and another successful reunion! (For a complete review and more photos of the 2006 reunion, visit the Jackson Brigade website <http://www.eg.bucknell.edu/~hyde/jackson/>).

### 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)
Local D. A. R. Chapter Buys Old Jackson Home

Elizabeth Zane Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution last week bought of E. W. Farnsworth the old Jackson homestead on Island Avenue and will remodel the building and make it a home for the local chapter. The building is the oldest in Buckhannon, and has a historic interest for that reason. It was built by John Jackson, Sr., about 150 years ago, and has been in the hands of his descendants until transferred to the Daughters of the American Revolution last week. Many years ago the house was purchased in her own right by Mrs. D. D. T. Farnsworth, the daughter of Sarah Jackson Ireland, who was a granddaughter of John Jackson Sr. Mrs. Farnsworth a few years ago gave it to her son, Emerson, from who the D. A. R. bought it. Being a true relic of colonial days, it is eminently fitting that final ownership should be vested in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The local chapter in remodeling the house, will make special effort to leave the colonial features of the building undisturbed. The ceilings are beamed in the old colonial style, and it is planned to remove the partitions, leaving one large room suitable for chapter meeting and social functions, with a smaller room which can be used for a kitchen.

To raise the money to remodel and equip its new old home. [sic] The chapter is putting on a series of card parties and receptions, selling tickets at nominal prices. The first of these are to be held at the home of Mrs. C. W. Heavner on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week, the admission fee being 50 cents.—Buckhannon Delta, December 7, 1922 (reprinted in Upshur County Historical Society, 19(1), Spring 2006)

Death of Meigs Jackson

The sad intelligence of the death of Meigs Jackson reached Clarksburg, on Thursday. He died at his residence in Nevada, Missouri, on Wednesday evening, 22d inst., of pneumonia. Meigs Jackson was born in Clarksburg in 1843 and was the son of the late Maj. James M. and Mrs. Caroline Jackson. When he grew up he studied law and commenced the practice of his profession in Washington City in 1864. In 1865 he returned to Clarksburg and associated himself with Hon. C. S. Lewis, and soon obtained a lucrative practice. In 1809 he removed to Nevada, Missouri, where he soon attained distinction at the bar. Shortly after he settled in Missouri he returned to Clarksburg and married an estimable young lady of this place, who accompanied him to his new home. In the autumn of 1874 he returned with his family to Clarksburg, and remained until October, 1875, when he and his family returned to Missouri. Mr. Jackson was a genial, warm hearted gentleman who made friends of all with whom he came in contact. He had fine legal and literary attainments. His personal integrity was of the highest order. His industry was very great, and he was fast rising to distinguished eminence as a jurist. He was the grand son of Hon. J. G. Jackson, who became so distinguished in the early history of Clarksburg. He leaves a wife and one little son, and mother, brother and sister, and numerous other relatives and friends to mourn his death. He was well known and well beloved by all our citizens.—unidentified, undated newspaper clipping

Meigs was a descendant of George Jackson: Meigs⁴, James M.³, John G.³, George², John Jackson¹.
Tribute to Harold Lawrence Hyde
by his son, Dan Hyde

Our Dad, Harold Lawrence Hyde, was born near Ulysses, Pennsylvania on January 16, 1916. “Stiff,” as he was called, was the third of Lawrence and Lois Cook Hyde’s five sons. Why was Harold nicknamed “Stiff?” As kids the brothers played a lot of basketball. One of the players gave the Hyde brothers nicknames: Clair was nicknamed “Spide” after Spider, an adventure comic book; Bernard was nicknamed “Skinny;” Ronald was nicknamed “Buck;” Carl was called “Limber” because he was so limber. And since there was a “Limber,” there had to be a “Stiff,” who was Harold. When my cousins were young, they knew my Dad only as “Uncle Stiffy.”

Harold came from a proud heritage. He descends from Jonathan Hyde who immigrated from England in 1639 to Newton, Massachusetts, near Boston. Harold’s great-great-grandfather Ebenezer Hyde was a lieutenant in Ethan Allen’s Green Mountain Boys during the American Revolution. Harold’s grandfather Edson Hyde was a lawyer and fought in the American Civil War.

Growing up in Ulysses, Harold and his brothers were always dismantling and repairing a 1933 Ford V-8. Harold, a whiz with machinery, was the only one who could reassemble it. Once, the “gang” forgot to oil the engine parts and the engine was so tight it would not turn over. They had to remove several spark plugs to lower the compression. Slowly they coax the engine into working.

Dad loved telling stories of his youth. He told of one time in Ulysses when the boys were illegally swimming inside the open water tank used to supply water to the railroad engines. Unknown to them, an engine had drained the water to such a low level that the swimmers could no longer reach the ladder to get out. They had to call and call for someone to fetch some rope so they could get out.

Another story in Harold’s own words: “Melvin Metcalfe, my brother Skinny, Jimmy Whipple and their friends were returning from swimming at Louck’s Mills. When they drove past the Monroe Farm, there was a rooster out in the yard. Skinny said, “I’ll bet I can hit that rooster!” Using Melvin’s .22 pistol which they had in the car, he took a shot at the rooster. Darned if he didn’t kill it! Mr. Monroe saw it happen. He went to our Dad and Lawrence had to pay for the rooster. One chance in a million could one hit a moving rooster in the head with a .22 pistol while the car is moving!”

Dad met Mom, Mary Ellen Hall, at a dance in Ulysses and they were married on June 11, 1938. Soon afterwards in 1939, Harold and Mary followed Harold’s brother Buck to LeRoy, New York to work at the Lapp Insulator Company. A few years later Harold changed jobs and went to work at the LeRoy Machine Shop. Being a whiz at machinery and all those hours tinkering with that old Ford seemed to have paid off as Harold was first made a Foreman then later advanced to the LeRoy Machine Shop’s Night Superintendent. When there was a major problem at the plant and the engineers couldn’t solve it, they called my Dad. I recall one morning when my Dad came home chuckling and telling us that someone had tripped over a machine’s power cord and pulled the plug out of the wall. And the highly paid engineers couldn’t discover the problem. He did in a few seconds!

I have fond memories of wandering at age 8 or so through the LeRoy Machine Shop looking for my Dad. We had only one car and Mom would drive Dad to work around 2 in the afternoon and keep the car. Around 8-9 o’clock at night, Mom and I would drive back to the plant. It was my job to jump out and find my Dad. Since I did this almost nightly, the men came to recognize me and my mission. They were always cheerful, had great respect for my Dad and gave me directions to the machine my Dad might be working under. It was a great and important mission for a little kid.

Dad was amazing! I recall one time he asked me to find a 9/16 bolt. I held one up and on the other side of the basement he said “No, that’s a ½ inch. I need a 9/16.” I couldn’t tell with the bolt in my hand, but he could tell 30 feet away!
Dad was a quiet and gentle man. He taught me how to hold a hammer, drive a nail straight and saw a board. I have inherited his packing genes. My Dad could pack stuff into a space that most people would need three or four times the volume. Perhaps all those years of packing camping gear for a family of seven in our little Nash Rambler helped.

I can’t remember when we didn’t go camping. Even as a three or four year old, I can remember camping at Silver Lake, New York. We camped near the waterworks so we could use the workman’s bathroom. This was in the late 1940s before anyone camped. Dad had an old army tent that weighed a hundred pounds. The tent was so heavy it had to be carried in five pieces and had two bags of iron poles. Dad would pitch this old army tent about 50 feet from the railroad tracks. No way you could sleep when the train went by at 6 in the morning! We kids jumped out of our beds to wave at the engineer as the train crawled by at five to ten miles per hour.

Over the years, we would go camping many times each summer. After wearing out several tents, we graduated to a tent camper. The last tent camper was Harold and Mary’s beloved Skamper. The Skamper traveled the country visiting many State Parks and Campventions (Camping Conventions). Harold and Mary became active members of the National Campers and Hikers Association (NCHA). Each year they would visit the national Campventions in California, Iowa, Illinois or wherever. For several years, Harold and Mary were Co-Presidents of their local chapter of NCHA.

About 8 years ago, Harold, Mary and their grandson Chris visited us to go camping at R. B. Winter State Park (18 miles west of Lewisburg, PA) one of their favorite camping spots. When Dad registered, the ranger asked him if he was entitled to a senior citizen discount? Dad responded “At 82 I guess I qualify!” Dad was a camper most of his life!

Dad’s passion was fishing. He fished for trout, walleyes, salmon and other kinds of fish. When I was about 8, my Dad, Ed, his fishing buddy from work, and I went night trolling for walleyes on Seneca Lake. We started fishing in the late afternoon. Once Dad started fishing, it was hard to get him to stop. About 1 a.m., I remember looking up at the length of Seneca Lake and seeing a fantastic display of blue and green Northern Lights. About 3 a.m., we finally stopped fishing. On the way home, we stopped for breakfast at a café in Avon. As a kid I was amazed any place was open for breakfast at 3 a.m.

Dad also was a hunter. He hunted squirrels, pheasants and deer. I remember one deer season where he bagged his deer at 9 o’clock on the morning of the first day. He had taken a week of vacation for deer hunting. He moped around the house all that week as the excitement and adventure of the hunt was over. One morning of a different deer season, he packed his lunch the night before to get an early start. The next morning he grabbed the brown bag out of the refrigerator and went deer hunting. Later famished he opened the brown bag to find only fresh mushrooms. He had grabbed the wrong bag!

Dad was always willing to help. If Grandma Hall needed cement blocks laid for a new building in her Greenhouse Business, he was there. When I needed help on a job on our house, he was always willing to help.

Dad was our provider—not only of food and clothes—but of a love of nature, camping and the out of doors. Dad we love you.
Loisel Haas Bride. Funeral services for Loisel Haas Bride of Sheridan [Oregon] were held Thursday, Aug. 31, at Sheridan United Methodist Church. Private family interment was conducted in Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery in McMinnville.

Mrs. Bride died at the Osprey Court Assisted Living Center in McMinnville on Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006. She was 90.

Born on Feb. 19, 1916, in Sheridan, she was the daughter of Ernest and Letitia Haas. She earned a pharmacy degree from Oregon State University in 1937.

She married Cliff Bride on Nov. 25, 1937. She was following a family tradition in that, as her mother and sister also married on Thanksgiving Day.

The couple made their home in Sheridan, where he eventually became postmaster and she operated a pharmacy. After retiring, they traveled to many parts of the world.
They did slide presentations of their trips that were enjoyed by many. In 1992, she orchestrated a tour of Europe for the entire family.

Mrs. Bride was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Kappa Delta sorority and Oregon State Pharmaceutical Association, and a lifetime member of Ethel Rebekah Lodge No. 162. She was a Girl Scout leader and one-time school board member.

Her hobbies included coin collecting, stamp collecting and dancing.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by five children, Marilyn Levy, Donna Firestone, Connie Plowman, Maxine Stannard and Ross Meyers, along with nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Iola.

Contributions may be made to Legacy VNA Hospice, care of Adamson's Sheridan Funeral Home, P.O. Box 10, Sheridan, OR 97378.—McMinnville News Register, August 31, 2006 [Loisel was a descendant of Henry Jackson: Letitia Loisel Haas, Letitia Catherine, John Wesley, Ulysses, Henry, John Jackson]

Alice Fern Jackson Marecek of Beeville, Texas, age 94, passed into her eternal home Friday, August 4, 2006. She was born February 3, 1912 in Sipe Springs, Texas to Thomas H. Jackson and Julia Wagnon Jackson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter S. Marecek and her parents and brothers and sisters. Fern is survived by her daughters, Patricia Ann Andrews of San Antonio, Texas and Carolyn Sue Helgren (Vernon) of Refugio, Texas; three grandchildren Julie Williams of Bulverde, Texas, Deron Helgren of Carrollton, Texas and Kendal Helgren of Forth Worth, Texas; three great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephew.

Fern taught at Pawnee School for 34 years, then retired to enjoy her garden and ranch. She moved to Beeville in 1993 where she was active in First Baptist Church, Retired Teachers Association, Garden Club, and Art Club. She delighted others and herself with her oil paintings.

The family will receive friends at Echols Funeral Home, Kenedy, Texas, Monday August 7, 2006.

Services at Echols Funeral Home Tuesday, August 8, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Greg Traylor officiating.

Graveside Service Tuesday, August 8 at 5:00 Stag Creek Cemetery, Comanche County, Texas Vernon Helgren officiating. [Alice was a descendant of Samuel Jackson (Alice Fern, Thomas H., Henry C., Joel, Samuel, John Jackson) and the mother of Jackson Brigade member Patricia Andrews. Our sympathies are extended to Patricia and her family.]

Dorothy Meltebeke, 87, Hillsboro [Oregon], died Sept. 29, 2006, at Lone Oak Assisted Living in Eugene of causes related to age.

Memorial services were Monday at Tualatin Plains Presbyterian (Old Scotch) Church.

Mrs. Meltebeke was born June 18, 1919, in Hillsboro, a daughter of Frank and Grace Jackson and was a descendent of Hillsboro pioneers. She was raised on the family farm on Pumpkin Ridge and graduated from Hillsboro High School.

On June 11, 1936, she married Henry Meltebeke, who drove her high school bus. They owned and operated a variety of businesses from their Hillsboro home, including school and charter buses, a trucking line and a small used car lot.

Mr. Meltebeke died March 7, 1991, after nearly 55 years of marriage.

Mrs. Meltebeke and her husband enjoyed being "snow birds" and spent winters in Palm Springs, Calif. She also enjoyed traveling all over the world, camping, fishing and staying in touch with her friends.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Harlan Palmer, Chico, Calif.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Sara Meltebeke and Richard and Sheri Meltebeke, Eugene; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert Jackson, Hillsboro; and a sister, Marian Baldy, Hillsboro.—Hillsboro Argus, October 6, 2006 [Dorothy was a descendant of Henry Jackson: Dorothy, Frank, John Wesley, Ulysses, Henry, John Jackson]