

## JACKSON Family

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GEORGE WASHINGTON JACKSON.—Beginning life for himself when a young boy, George W. Jackson has labored to good purpose, and through his own well directed efforts has won an excellent position among the capable and thriving agriculturists of Van Buren township. He was born March 25, 1842, in North Carolina, where his father, David Jackson, spent the greater part of his life, having there been born, brought up and twice married.

In 1842, hoping to find a permanent home for himself and family, David Jackson came across the country to Indiana, making the trip with one horse and a cart bringing with him his second wife, two children and all of his worldly possessions. A large part of the way he followed the trail by means of blazed trees, camping and cooking oftentimes in the solitude of the vast forests through which he passed. Arriving in Henry county after a tedious journey of several weeks he remained there four years, in the meantime being employed in farming on rented land. Settling then in Van Buren township, he purchased a tract of forty acres, on which a small clearing and a cabin made of round logs constituted the sole improvements. He at once began to clear a homestead, but had made scant progress in that direction when about a year later his death occurred. By his first marriage he had two sons, William and Samuel, and by his second marriage he had three children George W., Mary and Frances. This wife survived him, dying when upwards of seventy years of age.

George W. Jackson was a mere infant when brought to Indiana and but five years old when left fatherless. At the age of ten years he began to be self-supporting, working on different farms. Soon after that time he assumed possession of forty acres of land which he inherited from his father, and to this he subsequently added another small tract, and in the little log house brought his bride. Energetic, industrious and an excellent manager, reaping profitable harvests each season, Mr. Jackson was encouraged from time to time to add to his holdings until he had a farm of two hundred and forty acres. Early in 1906 he went to Texas, and in Horton county bought a plantation, in-tending to take up his residence there. Not satisfied, however, with his future prospects, he sold out in the fall of 1907 and returned to Van Buren township to resume operations on the farm which he had purchased in 1902 on section four. And here, realizing that in no other part of the United States is there a better agricultural region, he is living happy and contented.

Mr. Jackson married, in 1868, Margaret Armstrong, who was born in Union township, Carroll county, Ohio, a daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth (Alle) Armstrong. Further history of her parents may be found on another page of this work, in connection with the sketch of William Armstrong. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson became the parents of ten children, three of whom are living, Charles, who married Margaret Thomas; Thomas who married Sarah Doanes; and Grover. The deceased are. William, David J., James, Elizabeth, Agnes, George and John. Politically Mr. Jackson is a strong advocate of the principles of the Democratic party, and religiously Mrs. Jackson is a

On April 15, 1858, Mr.[Samuel] Sparks married Maria J. Jackson, who was born in Perry township, Indiana, November 11, 1840, a daughter of Samuel Jackson. Her grandfather, Thornton Jackson, moved from Fairfax county, Virginia, the place of his birth, to Clermont county, Ohio, where he was engaged in boating and fishing until his death, from cholera, in 1832. His wife, whose maiden name was Sophia Short, died in 1834. Samuel Jackson was born June 29, 1812, in Clermont county, Ohio, and was there a resident until 1836. Coming then with his bride to Indiana, he made the journey with a pair of horses, bringing in a wagon all of his worldly effects. Locating in Perry township, he took up government land in section twenty—nine, and at once built a log cabin, riving the boards to cover the roof, which was held in place by weight poles made a stick and clay chimney and whip-sawed the boards for the floor. Clearing about forty-acres, he lived there until 1853, when he sold out and bought canal land in section twenty-eight, it was covered with a heavy growth of timber, in the midst of which he erected a log house, which the family occupied a number of years. In 1866 he built a good frame house, in which he lived until his death, December 18, 1883.

The maiden name of the wife of Samuel Jackson was Mary Hixson. She was born in Hamilton county Ohio December 18, 1817, a daughter of Amos Hixson and granddaughter of Abner Hixson, who served for seven years as a soldier in the Revolutionary army, and spent his last days on a farm near Trenton, New Jersey. Amos Hixson was born in New Jersey , and after learning the shoemaker's trade removed to Pennsylvania, locating near Harrisburg. A few years later he migrated to Hamilton county, Ohio, making the removal on horseback. and being nineteen days on the way. Coming to Indiana in 1835, he bought a small piece of land in the northwest quarter of section nineteen, Perry township and there during the remainder of his active years followed his trade of shoemaker, living until ninety—one years old. He married Elizabeth Wolverton, who was born October 25. 1783, and died at the age of seventy-seven seven years. Their daughter Mary, who married Samuel Jackson attained the age of eighty-eight years. passing away December 25, 1905. She reared nine children, as follows Thornton Andrew Maria J wife of Mr. Sparks Amos William F. John M.; Samuel Edwin and Mary Ellen. All of these children married and reared children.

Eight children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Sparks, namely Sarah A., Mary E., Hiram, James, William, George M., Stella J., and Owen. Sarah, who married James French died at the age of twenty- nine years, leaving one son, Ray French. Mary E., wife of Edgar Stoneburner, has five children, Harlan, Elmer Guy, Worth A. and Audrey May. Hiram married Ella Vandyke, and they have three children, Orville, Everett and Carl. James married Ella Dalrymple, and they have one son, Austin. William married Roxie Larew, and they have one son, Floyd. George M. married Donnie Jackson, and they have two children, Elva May and Mary J. Stella. the wife of Charles Fiscus, has four children, Ethel, Goldie, Lucy and Hazel. Mr. and Mrs. Sparks have one great-grandchild, Archie, son of Ray and Lula a (Longnecker) French.

Mr. Holston married, in the year 1885, Lydia J. Jackson, who was born in Owen county, Indiana, a daughter of James Jackson. She comes of Scotch ancestry and is the descendant of one of Indiana's pioneer settlers, her great-grandfather on the paternal side having settled in Dearborn county soon after coming to this country from Scotland, improving a farm upon which his children, including Enoch Jackson, Mrs. Holston's grand father, was born. Enoch Jackson lived in Dearborn county until after his marriage to Elizabeth Hardesty, when he bought land in Decatur county, and was subsequently engaged in its improvement until his death, at the age of three score and ten years. His wife, who was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestors survived him, and died at the home of a son in Perry township. James Jackson was born December 28, 1831, in Decatur county, and married Matilda Bewley, who was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, a daughter of Silas and Susanna Bewley, natives of Pennsylvania and pioneers of that county. Soon after their marriage James Jackson and his wife moved to Owen county, where they lived on rented land for eight years. The following two years they lived in Riley township, Vigo county, then returned to Owen county, and subsequently came to Clay county, locating in Perry township, where they resided for a time, after which they spent three years in Vigo county, coming from there to Lewis township, Clay county, where Mrs. Jackson died. Mr. Jackson subsequently married for his second wife Adaline Bewley, a sister of his first wife, and a few years later she died. He then married for his third wife Mrs. Cynthia (Phipps) Fry, a native of Harrison township, this county. She was a daughter of Moses and Catherine (Griffith) Phipps, and widow of William Fry. By his second marriage Mr. Jackson had eight children that grew to mature years, namely James Perry ; Julia; ; Cassie Emma ; Lydia J., wife of Mr. Holston Albert; Idella May; and Minnie. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Holston are: Floyd W., born May 18, 1886; Harry E., born September 1, 1887; Lillie G., born August 25, 1888; Sylvia J., born November 23, 1891 ; Edith, born March 5, 1897, deceased; Bonnie J., born August 1, 1898; and Lenola L., born May 2, 1906.

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Shooting of Truman S. White by Samuel Jackson. On Monday, May 5, 1884.

Truman S. White was shot and killed by Samuel Jackson, at the latter's home, about a mile and a half southeast of the town of Lena. White was a young married man, 32 years of age, having two children living at Lena, where he was postmaster at the time and engaged also in selling drugs. Jackson was a farmer twice or more the age of White, who had lived in Van Buren township many years, was addicted to the liquor habit and at times abusive. On the date given Jackson was at Lena and had his gun with him. In the latter part of the day White drove to Carbon, going by way of Jackson's and taking him home, where both got out of the buggy and went into the house, when the shooting took place. Jackson's wife and daughter were about the house at the time, but both disclaimed having seen it. Sheriff Stearley and Coroner Bennett having been notified of what had taken place went out to the scene at a late hour in the evening, the coroner holding an inquest and the sheriff taking Jackson into custody. On his arraignment

before Justice Gallagher, at Carbon, Jackson waived examination and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. Because of the supposed insecurity of the jail in this county he was taken to the Vigo county jail for safe keeping. An indictment was found by the grand jury, on which Jackson was tried at the June term of the Clay Circuit court, the jury, after having been out the greater part of two days, return-ing a verdict of acquittal. Jackson himself proved to have been the only eye witness to the fatal shot, who testified that he fired it in self-defense.

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Clay County,Indiana,Burials'

Clearview Cemetery

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	BIRTH	DEATH
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JACKSON	Glenna Kay	—	02 Oct 1948
JACKSON	Paul G.	1923	—
JACKSON	Margaret J.	1923	—

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Clay County,Indiana,Burials'

Carpenter/Cloverland Cemetery

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	AGE
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JACKSON	Minerva	—	—	33Y 8M
JACKSON	W. E.	1849	1924	
JACKSON	Alonzo R			
JACKSON	Cora M.		03 Jan 1894	19Y 10M 4D
JACKSON	Elza			

JACKSON	Geo. A.	1856	1883
JACKSON	James T.	1853	1922
JACKSON	Jamima A. Carpenter	1853	1920
JACKSON	John M.	1845	1930
JACKSON	Joseph Fredrick	1873	1909
JACKSON	Malvina	1854	1926
JACKSON	Margaret	1863	1941

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#### Jackson Deaths

Alonzo Jackson, born 4-27-1885, Perry Township, Clay County, died  
9-21-69, at Brazil, interred Oak Hill Cemetery, Riley, IN.

Ora Effie Jackson, born 10-11-1888, Perry Township, Clay County, died  
11-8-76, at Jasonville, interred Oak Hill Cemetery, Riley, IN.