

THE FAMILY HISTORY
OF
MICHAEL JACKSON,

Emigrant from Ireland, Citizen of Hartford
County, Connecticut, His Descendants,
and Collateral Families with Whom
They Were Connected.

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APOLOGY.

This History is written to complete a work in which my mother, Lucy Hendryx Jackson, was greatly interested, and to preserve for those interested the evidence of the perseverance and trials under which she reared her family and by and through which she became a learned and interesting writer; and also to record some of the little incidents, trials, and privations in the lives of pioneers which have largely developed that self-reliance and independence for which the American frontier people have been distinguished and of which the historian of the State or county makes no note, as probably of too little importance to deserve mention in connection with public affairs; and it is hoped the reader will believe that such was the motive for writing so much of my personal history, and not the desire to write of myself, for indeed the incidents narrated of myself are unworthy of mention as compared with those occurring in the lives of others of my day and generation on the frontier.

Some sketches of other-families are included herein, and special chapters of my own and my children's lives, for the purpose only of amusing if not benefiting some of the younger members of my family, in whom I am especially interested and for whom principally this work has been carried out.

H. M. JACKSON.

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SKETCH I.

MICHAEL JACKSON (I).

MICHAEL JACKSON and wife (name unknown) came from Ireland and, it is said, settled in the vicinity of Hartford County, Connecticut; that he went down to the coast to trade, and was not afterwards heard from.

They had three sons, but the order of their birth and the name of one is unknown; they were: *Ebenezer Jackson, Michael Jackson, and ——— Jackson.*

Michael and one brother (which one is not known) were soldiers in the French and Indian War, in the English Army, serving in the campaign against Quebec. Michael returned home, the other died or was killed. The third son became lost to the family; of him no trace or information has been obtained.

The widow of the first MICHAEL JACKSON married ——— Stewart, of which marriage a son, John, was born. He visited the home of Lyman Jackson, Otsego County, New York on the fourth birthday of David Bardsley Jackson. (See Sketch VI.)

SKETCH II.

MICHAEL JACKSON.

[*Michael* (I).]

The second MICHAEL JACKSON was born March 28, 1735. June 4, 1755, he married SUSANNA WILLCOCKS, who was born April 19, 1732. They settled in Windham County, Connecticut; later removing to Pownal, near Bennington, Vermont.

He enlisted in the English Army, April 4, 1759, and served in the French and Indian War (First Regiment, 10th Company); being discharged December 14, 1759. He enlisted in the Revolutionary War, May 10, 1775, with the Connecticut Volunteers (Third Regiment, 7th Company); being discharged December 15, 1775. Later he volunteered in Captain Nathaniel Seeley's company of "Alarm Men," Colonel Samuel Herrick's regiment, of Bennington, Vermont. His son *Lyman* also served in the Revolutionary War.

When a child, the writer of this sketch heard the then aged sons of Lyman Jackson relate two incidents of their father's service, as described by him. One was, that his father (Michael Jackson) and he were in the engagement when General Fraser was wounded, and that they saw him fall; also that they were present at the surrender of General Burgoyne, and they described him as being the finest-looking man in stature and physique they had ever seen. In describing the surrender, they said that General Burgoyne advanced, drew his sword, tossed it high in the air, catching it by the point as it fell, and presented it to General Gates with the remark: "General Gates,

to-day you are the happiest and I the most unhappy man in the world."

The following is a copy of a portion of a letter written by Lyman and Deidama Jackson (see Sketch IV.) on October 20, 1831, relating to said MICHAEL (2) and family:

"A Genealogical Memorandum of Michael Jackson's Family.

"MICHAEL JACKSON married SUSANNA WILLCOCKS on June 4, 1755, being twenty years of age the 28th of March preceding the marriage, and SUSANNA twenty-three years of age April 19th preceding the marriage.

- "1st born, *Lyman Jackson*, February 29, 1756.
- "2nd born, *Esther Jackson*, May 8, 1758.
- "3rd born, *Jesse Jackson*, December 26, 1760.
- "4th born, *Abigail Jackson*, November 6, 1762.
- "5th born, *Ebenezer Jackson*, January 6, 1765.
- "6th born, *Keziah Jackson*, July 15, 1767.
- "7th born, *Mindwell Jackson*, February 17, 1769.

"Deaths.

- "*Jesse Jackson* died May 20, 1783.
- "*Abigail Jackson* died February 22, 1784.
- "*Mindwell Jackson* died January 1, 1800.
- "MICHAEL JACKSON died October 24, 1802.
- "SUSANNA JACKSON died March 15, 1803."

Said *Ebenezer Jackson* was born at Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York. On November 4, 1786, he married *Abigail Keys*, then aged nineteen. There were born of such marriage nine children: *Lorentis* (died in 1837) and three daughters, in Tioga County, Pennsylvania; *Esther*, who became the wife of *William Hoadley*; *Susannah*, wife of *Henry Drew*; *Polly*, wife of *Lewis Miller*; and a child who, in 1841, lived in Illinois.

Ebenezer was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, Vermont troops, under Colonels Fletcher and Pearl, and served as a substitute for his brother *Lyman*. (See Record, Bureau of Pensions, O., W. and N. Division, Widows' File 7,885.)

SKETCH III.

DR. OBADIAH DUNHAM.

DR. OBADIAH DUNHAM, from Wales, was a surgeon in the English Army in the campaign against Forts Ticonderoga and Crown Point, probably under General Amherst. It is said that while in winter quarters near Bennington, Vermont, he (then aged twenty-five) was married to LUCY GILLET (then aged fifteen). On his return after the campaign her people tried to dissuade her from accompanying her husband, but were unsuccessful.

It is said that DR. DUNHAM and wife settled first in New London County, Connecticut, and later in Otsego County, New York. There were seven children born of this marriage. He died aged eighty-three; she, aged ninety.

The following is a copy of page 5 of a letter relating to such family, written by Lyman and Deidama Jackson, at Sheldon, New York, October 20, 1831:

"A Genealogical Memorandum (from memory) of Obadiah Dunham's Family.

"OBADIAH DUNHAM married LUCY GILLET, being himself twenty-five years of age, and LUCY fifteen years of age.

"Their first-born, *Lydia*, married *John Downer*.

"Their second-born, *Lucy*, married *Benjamin Morgan*.

"Their third-born, *Obadiah*, married *Lois Hendryx*.

"Their fourth-born, *Abigail*, married (first) *Richard Nichols* and (second) *Elisha Fullman*.

"Their fifth-born, *Deidama*, married *Lyman Jackson*.

“Their sixth-born, *Mehitable*, married *Cornelius Hendryx*.
“Their seventh-born, *Abner*, married (first) *Candace Iron*
and (second) *Grateful Griffin*.

“*Deceased*.

“First, *Lydia Downer*; second, OBADIAH DUNHAM, Sr.,
aged eighty-three years; third, *Mehitable Hendryx*; fourth,
Lucy Morgan; fifth, *Abigail Fullman*; sixth, LUCY DUNHAM,
Sr., aged ninety years.

“This memorandum is made from memory, and we believe
it to be correct, according to our recollection.

“LYMAN JACKSON,

“In the 76th year of his age.

“DEIDAMA JACKSON,

“In the 65th year of her age.”

The following as to *Obadiah Dunham* (third child) is ob-
tained from the Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C., O., W.
and N. Division, Revolutionary War, Widows' File 24,865:

He was born at Colchester, Connecticut, November 17,
1760; married *Lois Hendryx* on March 6, 1783, at the inn of
William Hendryx, in Pownal, Vermont. She was born in 1765,
and was at the home of Eber Dunham, Pownal, Vermont, in
1843. He died at Pownal, Vermont, October 12, 1833.

SKETCH IV.

LYMAN JACKSON.

[*Michael* (1), *Michael* (2).]

LYMAN JACKSON was born at Simsbury, Hartford County, Connecticut, February 29, 1756; he was a Revolutionary soldier, having enlisted eight times; first in January or February, 1776, at Alfred, Berkshire County, Massachusetts; the third time in July 1777, at New Canaan, Albany County, New York; and last in the "spring of 1780." (See Record, Bureau of Pensions, O., W. and N. Division, Widows' File 2,806, Revolutionary War.) In Colonel Walbridge's regiment, he "tarried with Captain Eli Noble's company." (Roster State Troops, N. Y. State Archives, Vol. 1, p. 403.)

He married DEIDAMA DUNHAM, January 3, 1782, at Pownal, Vermont. They lived in the counties of Albany, Otsego (where most of their thirteen children were born), and Wyoming, New York, and in Erie County, Pennsylvania.

About 1804 or 1805, they removed to what was called then Jacksonville (now Albion), Erie County, Pennsylvania, and opened a farm in a dense forest, known as "the Holland Purchase." From this home, it is related, he, with seven sons and one son-in-law (the husband of his eldest daughter, Rosanna), as members of the local militia, entered the Army and served in the War of 1812.

The story goes that when they were called out, several were without suitable clothing. Sheep were sheared, the wool carded, spun, and woven, the cloth cut and made into clothing,

and the father and sons not already supplied were fitted out. The winter clothing of men of their class, whether new or old, was made in this way; the summer clothing was made from flax.

It is related that when the children were little, the small-pox was epidemic in the neighborhood, and that Mrs. Jackson, believing it to be better to have them prepared before taking the disease than to have them exposed to it without preparation, for a time subjected the family to a diet of corn-meal, cooked in a variety of ways and served with maple syrup. Then they all went to the house where the small-pox patients were. On returning home, she quarantined her house, but the disease did not "take," and there was not a case in the family."

LYMAN and DEIDAMA JACKMAN, October 20, 1831, while visiting at Sheldon, New York, wrote a letter to their children at Jacksonville (now Albion), Pennsylvania, giving a sketch of family births, marriages, and deaths. This letter in January, 1900, was in the possession of Mrs. Emeline Cheeseman, at Miles Grove, Erie County, Pennsylvania. The following is a copy:

"SHELDON, N. Y., October 20, 1831.

"*Dear Children*,—We have made a Chronological Record of our family and their origin from memory, and believe it to be correct in the general, though some errors may happen respecting dates. Yet few at our advanced age would have bettered it, and with thankful hearts we acknowledge the goodness of our great Creator and Preserver, Who has opened the eyes of our understanding and we trust lead us into a knowledge of Himself, and lead us to put our trust in Him, and we trust never to be unfounded, and we believe it to be much surer trusting in the God of the universe than in an arm of flesh, for no man hath seen God at any time, and to believe that God inspires one with a knowledge of Himself above another is placing partiality to His goodness and greatness and destroys the idea of the universal love wherewith He loved us and

gave His only begotten Son as a sacrifice for all, that through Him the world might be reconciled to Himself, and through the idea of inspiration everything has become a preacher, anything, religious tenets, society all cut to pieces, the world by the ears, and in place of love the sword has become the standard and shedding blood in preference to friendly acts, and by the same prevailing spirit of inspiration thousands are pretending to preach the gospel, leading millions astray, pretending what they do not nor never can know, for as man was placed here on this earth and created to labor, and this was declared before his creation and was confirmed when he left the Garden, and after told that he that provided not for his own household denied the faith and was worse than an infidel. Therefore man is confined to this earth, and cannot know anything above his sphere. Therefore he that is pointing out the great pleasures of Heaven and the everlasting burning of Hell for want of a true knowledge of God, of Bible, and themselves declare things relating to the being of God and the tenor of the Bible they know nothing about and build themselves up on error, and the general welbeing of society and the universal happiness of mankind is destroyed.

“For God that is a just, eternal, unchangeable, and immovable, never alters His purpose. The starry heavens and planetary system have ever kept their order, and we will, together with the whole plan of Nature. And man’s happiness must depend on an humble and thankfull resignation to the will of the great Creator.

“Here is a few lines, imperfectly throwed together, which we hope you will peruse and the rest of the family, and nothing to your unhappiness neither, for a parent’s blessing is all we would wish to impart to children.

[NOTE.—Pages 4 and 5 are “Genealogical Memorandum” of Michael Jackson and family (in Sketch II.) and Obadiah Dunham and family (Sketch IV).]

“*A Genealogical Memorandum of Lyman Jackson and Family.*

“LYMAN JACKSON married with DEIDAMA DUNHAM, January 3, 1782; twenty-six years of age February 29th after

marriage; DEIDAMA seventeen years of age February 25th after marriage.

- “1st born to them, *Rosanna*, on October 9, 1782.
- “2nd born to them, *Jesse Dunham*, on May 5, 1784.
- “3rd born to them, *Ebenezer*, on June 15, 1786.
- “4th born to them, *Michael*, on April 17, 1788.
- “5th born to them, *Lyman*, on March 2, 1790.
- “6th born to them, *John Jay*, on February 7, 1792.
- “7th born to them, *Obadiah*, on January 11, 1794.
- “8th born to them, *Abner*, on September 17, 1795.
- “9th born to them, *David Bardsley*, on May 28, 1797.
- “10th born to them, *Royal Gilbert*, on May 3, 1799.
- “11th born to them, *Norman Landon*, on July 2, 1801.
- “12th born to them, *Susanna Samantha*, on Jan’y 17, 1805.
- “13th born to them, *Lucy Deidama*, on February 6, 1808.
- “*Jesse Dunham Jackson* expired August 13, 1824.

“Dear Children, you can peruse this, and if any particular mistake appears by your knowledge or the rest of the family (as we expect you to let them all have the perusal of it), you can make any alteration found necessary.

“I am very feable, having had a very poor turn since I wrote by Mr. Rugg, but pretty comfortable again, but feable.

“Your mother has been improving in health ever since, and we hope to be able to return once more to you and our family again, and enjoy the society of you all for a season; yet that season must be short, as the grave is fast advancing to meet us, and we hope we are prepared to meet it, allthough we have been seemingly cald to meet the cold messenger; but our faith has never for a moment been shaken, and we trust never will, as God is the only stay and support of all our hopes, and that so firmly founded that the dread of Hell has no teror any more than our bed. And priestcraft will never shake it while God through Christ is the foundation we stand on.

“LYMAN AND DEIDAMA JACKSON.”

The writer distinctly recalls conversations among the older members of the Jackson family, then well advanced in years, who had resided in and about Seneca County, New York, and

in the immediate vicinity where the incident referred to occurred, describing in detail the arrest, for some petty offense, of two men, one a roving printer, the other with the reputation of a petty thief.

The printer was a man of wild, weird fancies, skillful in weaving them into stories as of real persons, which he would narrate as actual occurrences and as within his knowledge. It was said that while in jail, as stated, they reported the discovery of some metallic plates, upon which peculiar inscriptions were by them said to be engraved, and which the alleged thief claimed to have the power to read. They said that the inscriptions on the plates constituted a revelation, the meaning of which was disclosed through divine agency, and soon after there was considerable excitement in that neighborhood over such discovery and interpretation. Such interpreter was by them said to be Joe Smith, the founder of Mormonism.

Of the thirteen children of LYMAN and DEIDAMA JACKSON the following are said to be correct, though only partial, sketches:

1. *Rosanna*.—Born October 9, 1782. Married *John Rudd, Jr.*, in Otsego County, New York. After his death, and on January 8, 1842, she married *Robert Morrell*. She died February 7, 1866. *Robert Morrell* died January 28, 1843.
2. *Jesse Dunham*.—Born May 5, 1784. Married *Marian Montgomery*, in Ohio. He is supposed to have died in New Orleans. There were born of such marriage *Luther*, *Rosanna* (who married *Charles King*), *Candace*, *Royal*, *Ferdinand* and *Isabelle* (twins), and *Dunham*.
3. *Ebenezer*.—Born June 15, 1786. Married *Betsey Prindle*. They lived at Sheldon, New York. He died August 7, 1857. They had children named *Lucy Deidama*, *Charles*, and perhaps others.

4. *Michael*.—Born April 7, 1788. Married *Ruth Hendryx*, in Otsego County, New York. Soon after marriage he removed to a town about twenty miles from Buffalo, New York, and later to Jacksonville (now Albion), Pennsylvania, where she died, October 22, 1844. March 24, 1845, he married *Mrs. Lydia King*. There were born to said *Michael* children as follows:
- (1) *Abner*, who married *Mary Long*.
 - (2) *Lois*, who married *John Bordwell*.
 - (3) *Elmina*, who married *James Van Riper*. To them were born two sons: on February 6, 1847, *George*, and on August 6, 1849, *Michael J*. Said *George Van Riper*, on December 24, 1868, married *Daphne Ortense Saunders*, who was born at Albion, Pennsylvania, April 9, 1852, she being the daughter of Horace H. and Fannie (King) Saunders. To *George Van Riper* and wife were born: May 25, 1881, *James H.* (who died December 4, 1881); May 29, 1885, *Benjamin W.* (who graduated from Allegheny College at the 90th Commencement, June 3, 1905); May 14, 1887, a son, *Don A.*, was born. Said *George* and family removed to Meadville, Pennsylvania, where his wife died, March 20, 1907.
 - (4) *Cornelius*.
 - (5) *Cordelia*, who married ——— *Norton*, and later lived at Phillipsburg, Kansas.
 - (6) *Lucy*, who married *Lyle Wilson*. They later removed to California, where she died childless.
- Michael Jackson* died March 16, 1874, at Albion, Pennsylvania.
5. *Lyman*.—Born March 2, 1790. Married to ———. Removed to Baraboo, Wisconsin, or vicinity.
6. *John Jay*.—Born February 7, 1792. He enlisted in the War of 1812, was honorably discharged (probably at

Fort Cranford, near Prairie du Chien), and married *Miss* ——— *Ames*, daughter of the surgeon or chaplain. Had six children: Three girls, *Comfort*, *Nancy*, and ———; also three sons, *Robert* and *William* (who served as soldiers in the 32d Iowa Infantry, War of the Rebellion), and *Joseph E.*, a soldier in the 22d Iowa, from Black Hawk and Allamakee counties, Iowa.

On the death of his first wife, *John Jay* married *Mary* ———. To them was born a son, *Lyman*.

7. *Obadiah*.—Born January 11, 1794. He volunteered in the War of 1812; assisted Perry's fleet over the bar prior to his victory, and fought in the battles of Chippewa and Lundy's Lane. He married *Mary A. Kingsbury*, at Albion, Pennsylvania, about 1826. Removed to Knoxville, Illinois, in 1837, and died February —, 1872. His widow died at Sagetown, Illinois. Of such marriage there were children:

(1) *Ruth*.

(2) *Ebenezer*.

(3) *Lucy*, who died in childhood.

(4) *Desdemona*, who married *William Gay* and lived in Henderson, Knox County, Illinois. To them were born daughters: *Eliza*, *Mary*, *Fanny*, and *Lucy*. All removed to Washington, where the mother died and the daughters married.

(5) *Lyman A.*, born in Pennsylvania in 1831. He was married to *Mary A. Penrod*, July 30, 1865, at Knoxville, Illinois, where *Mary A.* died July 10, 1904. Of the marriage of *Lyman A.* and *Mary A.* children were born and now survive as follows: *Minnie*, who married ——— *Haish*. They have two sons, *Robert* and *Leo*; *R. O. Jackson*, who married *Eva Campbell*; *Bessie*, who married ——— *Selby*; *William A. Jack-*

son, who served in the Porto Rico campaign and twice later enlisted in the artillery branch of service.

(6) *Frank M.*, a physician. He was twice married. Of the first marriage a son, *William B.*, was born, who married and has two daughters. Of his second marriage, to *Sally Barber*, a son, *Frank*, and a daughter were born. *Dr. Frank M. Jackson* died November, 1904, at Hamilton, Illinois, where his widow and children reside.

(7) *Julius*, now of Hamilton, Illinois.

(8) *Mary Angeline*, who married ——— *Wilson*. She died in 1902, leaving four children in the State of Washington.

8. *Abner*.—Born September 17, 1795, at Richfield, Otsego County, New York. Married *Phosa Hendryx*. Lived at Albion, Pennsylvania, a minister and presiding elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Later removed to Allegheny City, Pennsylvania. Died in May, 1884. His wife died ———, 18—. They had children as follows: *Marian*, *Cornelius*, *Abner*, *Lyman*, *Lucy*, and *Sarah Anne*.
9. *David Bardsley*.—Born May 29, 1797, at Richfield, Otsego County, New York. (See Sketch VI.) Married to *Lucy Hendryx*, April 11, 1822, near Albion, Pennsylvania. (See Sketch V.)
10. *Royal Gilbert*.—Born May 3, 1799. Married *Sophia Kennedy*, of Elk Creek, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1825. There was born of this marriage *Emeline*, who married ——— *Cheeseman*. She now lives at Miles Grove, Erie County, Pennsylvania. *Royal Gilbert* died January 25, 1842, at Albion, Pennsylvania.
11. *Norman Langdon*.—Born July 2, 1801. Married *Mrs. Electa Brace Luddington*, widow (who at that time

had a son, Hiram); of which marriage there were born:

(1) *Louise*, who married *Andrew Jackson Tapp*. They had two children.

(2) *Eli*, who married ——— and removed to Black Hawk County, Iowa, and died about 1878.

(3) *Louisa*, born about 1834 in Erie County, Pennsylvania. Married *John D. Ferris*, and had children as follows: *A. N. Ferris*, the first white child born in Black Hawk County, Iowa, later a physician; *O. L. Ferris*, attorney-at-law, Portland, Oregon; *Hiram L.*, druggist, Mitchell, South Dakota; *Frank E.*, dentist, Portland, Oregon; *Forest*, farmer, near McPherson, Kansas; *May*, married *Renn McCarthy* and had a daughter, *Zell*, deceased; *Rose*, married *J. E. Brown*, of Portland, Oregon; *Hattie*, married *Grant Brummer*, Fort Dodge, Iowa; another daughter died in early life.

Electa B. Jackson died at Mankato, Minnesota, and *Norman L. Jackson* married a second wife.

12. *Susannah Samantha*.—Born January 17, 1805. Married *Henry Kennedy*, July 21, 1828. Of this marriage there were born:

(1) *Hannah Kennedy*, who married *M. M. De Long*, widower (who then had a son, Frank, by a former marriage). To *Hannah* and *M. M. De Long* was born a daughter, *Mary De Long*. The family moved to Eskridge, Kansas, and *Mary* married *Melville Rhodes Mudge*. To them was born a daughter, *Eusebia De Long Mudge*. They lived at 410 Olive Street, Kansas City, Missouri, where, on November 1, 1899, *Eusebia* married *George Kirk Thompson*, of Beattie, Marshall County, Kansas, where they were at home after November 10, 1899.

‡ (2) *Rosanna Kennedy*, who married *Henry Tyler*.

They long lived at Galesburg, Illinois. Of such marriage several children were born.

(3) *Sophia Kennedy*, late of Santa Rosa, California.

(4) *Eunice Kennedy*, a very lovely child. She died about 1850, at Henderson, Illinois.

(5) *James Kennedy*, who married and had several children. The writer is informed that two sons are now in the United States Army in the Philippines.

(6) *Nancy Kennedy*, who married *William Lett* about 1860, and lived northwest of Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois.

(7) *Byron Kennedy*, who was married, but the name of his wife and their whereabouts are unknown. Of this marriage a son, *Byron*, was born, who is said to have been killed in the earthquake at Santa Rosa, California, in 1906.

On the death of *Henry Kennedy*, the widow, *Susannah Samantha*, married *William Robinson*, widower, a farmer, of near Wataga, Knox County, Illinois.

13. *Lucy Deidama*.—Born February 6, 1808. Married *Elisha Alderman*, and died about ——. Of this marriage there were born the following:

(1) *Lafayette*, who was a volunteer in the War of 1861 and was killed in battle.

(2) *Obadiah*.

(3) *John*.

(4) *Michael*.

(5) *Calista*, who married ——— *Clapp*.

(6) *James*.

(7) *Phosa*.

(8) *Gilderoy*.

On December 8, 1833, the first Methodist Episcopal Class was organized at Albion, Pennsylvania, in commemoration of which event a memorial service was held, recorded as follows

in the issue of the *Albion Blizzard* of June 22, 1899 (the "Diana" mentioned being Deidama McKenzie):

"Old Folks' Services.

"The third annual services for the old folks of this section, which were held in the M. E. Church on Sunday, were largely attended. There were about fifty of the old people present whose ages range from sixty to ninety.

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"Mr. Geo. Van Riper read the names of the first class at the organization of this society almost sixty years ago, recorded below. Of the eighteen, only one is living who was present at the services, Mrs. Wm. Cheeseman, *née* Miss Emeline L. Jackson, who is seventy-four years old. Following are the names of the Bible Class, with Royal Jackson as class leader, Rev. Wm. Todd pastor, and Rev. Hiram Kingsley presiding elder: Royal Jackson, Sophia Jackson, David B. Jackson, Lucy Jackson, Emeline L. Jackson, Geo. Stuntz, Mary Stuntz, Benj. North, Alex. McKenzie, Diana McKenzie, Amos King, Mahitable King, Huldah Stuntz, William Patterson, Rosanna Patterson, Syphera Jackson, Cornelius Jackson, and Margaret Alderman.

"The society was organized December 8, 1833, in a log school-house which stood nearly opposite the present residence of G. W. Spaulding."

The following inscriptions are copied from the monuments in the cemetery at Albion (formerly Jacksonville), Erie County, Pennsylvania:

"Lyman Jackson, a United States soldier of 1776, died March 20, 1835, aged 79 years."

"Deidama, wife of Lyman Jackson, died December 2, 1841, aged 76 years."

"Rosana Morrell, died February 7, 1866, aged 83 years, 4 months."

"Ruth, wife of Michael Jackson, died October 22, 1844, aged 52 years. She died, and still she lives."

"Michael Jackson, died March 16, 1874, aged 86 years."

"Ebenezer Jackson, born June —, 1786; died August —, 1857."

"Francis M., son of D. B. and L. Jackson, died May 16, 1835, ae. 9 months, 11 days."

"Royal G. Jackson, departed this life January 25, 1842, in the 43rd year of his age."

The following entries are copied from the record of marriages kept by Rev. George Stuntz, who was highly esteemed by his neighbors and friends:

"5. Thursday, December 28, 1825, married Royal G. Jackson, of Conneaut, to Miss Sophia Kennedy, of Elk Creek, Pa."

"16. July 21, 1828, married Henry Kennedy to Susannah Jackson, both of Conneaut, Erie County, Pa."

"17. Thursday, April 10, 1828, married Alexander McKenzie to Deidama Hendryx, both of Conneaut."

"94. March 24, 1845, married Mr. Michael Jackson, Esq., to Mrs. Lydia King, both of Conneaut, Erie County, Pa."

"88. Married, January 8, 1843, Robert Morrell, of Springfield, to Mrs. Rosannah Rudd, of Conneaut (in Juliette)." (She was formerly Rosanna Jackson.)

SKETCH V.

CORNELIUS HENDRYX.

CORNELIUS HENDRYX was of German extraction. Nothing is known of his father's family. Said CORNELIUS had one brother (name unknown), who lived in Ohio, and a sister *Susan*, who married one ——— *Hawkins*; also a sister *Lois*, who married *Obadiah Dunham* (2). (See Sketch III.) They had other brothers and sisters.

CORNELIUS was married to MEHITABLE DUNHAM. There were children born of such marriage as follows:

1. *Isaiah*.—Married *Electa Jinks*. Of such marriage were born *Cordelia* (called "Lydia"), *Araminda* (called "Minda"), and *Elmina*.
2. *Ruth*.—Married *Michael Jackson*.
3. *Lois*.—Married *Samuel Norton*. Of this marriage one daughter, *Calfirna* (Calphurnia?), was born.
4. *Tryphosa*.—(Commonly called "Phosa.") Born October 5, 1799. Married *Abner Jackson*. (See Sketch IV.)
5. *Almira*.—Married *Stephen Randall*. Of such marriage there were born *Trueman*, *Eliza*, *Lucy*, and *Harriet*.
6. *Lucy*.—Born August 5, 1806, at Salina, Onondaga County, New York. Married *David Bardsley Jackson*. (See Sketch VI.)
7. *Deidama*.—Married *Alexander McKenzie* on April 10, 1828, at Albion, Pennsylvania. Of such marriage there were born:
 - (1) *Lucy Ann*, who married *Dr. Stephen Porter* and settled in California in the '50s. *Dr. Porter* died in San Francisco about 1880.

(2) *Aurelia*, who married *James Montgomery*. They started overland to Oregon in the early '50s. He died on the way. She struggled on through great hardships, but was greatly prospered in her later years. She afterwards married one ——— *Burrell*, at or near Portland, Oregon.

(3) *Laura*, who married *Samuel Pettit*, at Knoxville, Illinois. They lived at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and later removed to Oakland, California.

(4) *James A.*, an attorney at Galesburg, Illinois, a partner of Edwin Hurd Conger, statesman. He died about 1903.

8. *Obadiah Dunham*.—Married *Louisa Hitchcock*. They lived at ———, Ohio, where both died. Of this marriage there were born: *Louisa*, who died in girlhood, and *Roselle*, who married ———.

SKETCH VI.

DAVID BARDSLEY JACKSON.

[*Michael* (1), *Michael* (2), *Lyman* (3).]

DAVID BARDSLEY JACKSON was the fifth child of Lyman Jackson and Deidama (Dunham) Jackson, born May 28, 1797, at Richfield, Otsego County, New York. On April 11, 1822, he married LUCY HENDRYX, who was born August 5, 1806, at Salina, Onondaga County, New York, being the sixth child of Cornelius Hendryx and Mehitable (Dunham) Hendryx. (See Sketch V.) Said DAVID and LUCY were married at the home of Michael Jackson by Jesse D. Jackson, both being the brothers of DAVID B. He had but few months of schooling, all in the log school-house, into which light was admitted only through windows supplied with oil paper instead of glass, and which school was at times disturbed by the daring wood-squirrel eating the paste from the paper during school session.

In anticipation of his marriage, DAVID B. had bought forty acres of heavy timber land in what was known as "the Holland Purchase," cleared the same, and built a log cabin on it, with a bedstead in one corner. This bedstead had one post, connected by rails to the walls of the cabin. The cord stretched across the rude framework to support the bedding was made from flax grown by himself, carded and spun, and by him made into a rope in a neighborhood "rope-walk." He was a man of small stature. The family depended largely upon the wild game of the country for meat, and DAVID B. is said to have killed the last bear that appeared in that neighborhood, shooting it in a chestnut-tree not far from the spring that supplied them with water.

They continued to live in this cabin until the summer of 1839. In it all their children were born, except Annie Lucelia. In the summer of 1839 he sold this farm to Mr. Bumpess, put his family and household goods into a wagon, and drove to Pittsburg, where they took a steamboat for St. Louis. There they reshipped for the upper Mississippi, disembarked at Warsaw, Illinois, on December 15, 1839, drove to Knoxville, Illinois, and a year or two later bought a farm ten miles east of that town, known* as "the Payne farm." Having sold his Pennsylvania farm largely upon credit, in the spring of 1841, with his team and wagon, he took his wife and the then two youngest children (Charles and Horace) back to Pennsylvania, transacted his business there, and returned in the fall of the same year, with his team making a trip of over one thousand miles.

DAVID B. and his wife lived on the Payne farm, ten miles east of Knoxville, Illinois, until 1846; during that time they manufactured almost all the cloth used in clothing and bedding; the family raising sheep, shearing, carding, and spinning the wool, and when spun, colored the yarn by the use of walnut and butternut leaves and hulls, and the contents of the dye-pot, into which the men and boys were required to urinate to supply the coloring matter. He also hauled many loads of wheat to Chicago (about 150 miles) to market. In 1846, inspired largely by his wife, DAVID B. moved to Knoxville, Illinois, for the better school advantages for his children. Later he engaged in the grocery business, in which he continued until the spring of 1854, when, on March 31st, he moved to Cambridge, Henry County, Illinois, where he opened a farm a half-mile east of the village. He lived on this farm until about 1876, when he disposed of his property there and made their home at Gilson, five miles from Knoxville, in the neighborhood of the Payne farm, where they remained until the time

of DAVID B.'s death, which occurred January 18, 1879, at the age of eighty-one years, eight months, and twenty days.

His wife was fifteen years, eight months, and six days old at the time of their marriage. She had had no school advantages aside from about three months' schooling in the old log school-house. When she left school, her teacher gave her a set of copies from which to learn to write, which she did while living in the cabin to which DAVID B. took his young bride. She would form the letters from such copies with a stick or whatever she might have in hand, writing in the sand near the spring, in the ashes, in the frost and snow, until she became a fair writer, after which she continued to practice her penmanship in correspondence with relatives, using a quill pen. Her practice was to sit with a dictionary upon her lap as a writing-table, her inkstand, supplied with home-made ink, resting upon a chair at hand. When in doubt as to the word to be used, or as to the spelling of a word, she would lay her letter upon the chair, open the dictionary, determine as to the word or spelling, take up her paper, and resume her writing. In all the writing ever done by her in the presence or within the knowledge of the compiler of these sketches, she wrote in no other manner, except that in later years she used a steel pen. She became a noted correspondent, and during the Civil War kept up correspondence with many of the soldier-boys who had enlisted from the neighborhood. I now have in my possession letters written by her to Rev. Mr. John Griffin, Company B, 42d Illinois Volunteers (later a lieutenant), which, after his death, were returned to me by his daughter. She wrote a number of articles for *The New Covenant*, a religious journal, then published in Chicago.

DAVID B. and his wife were originally Methodists, and members of the Bible Class, as stated in the sketch of Lyman Jackson's family, but later they became Universalists, and were zealous supporters of the churches which they attended.

The writer believes that no act of dishonesty, unfairness, or uncharity can justly be charged against either of them.

LUCY died at the home of her son G. D. Jackson, near Cambridge, Illinois, January 13, 1899, aged ninety-two years, five months, and eight days.

There were born to DAVID B. and LUCY H. JACKSON the following children:

1. *Elizabeth Ruth*.—Born August 15, 1824. She acquired a common-school education, and in young girlhood was a teacher in district schools. May 26, 1846, in Knox County, Illinois, she married *Urban Pearce*, who was born July 13, 1812, in Harrison County, Indiana. There were born of this marriage:

(1) *Harriet A.*, born July 3, 1848. October —, 1867, she married *Henry Hart*, and died childless.

(2) *Harmon Bardsley*, born October 11, 1849. April 30, 1871, remarried *Martha M. Hadley*, who was born in 1848. To them were born children as follows: *Fred Orion*, born November 17, 1872. (On August 5, 1896, he married *Mary Eleanor Gibson*, aged twenty-four.) *Leona Vanchie*, born March 31, 1875. (March 12, 1893, she married *William G. Fullager*, who was born September 8, 1867. To them was born *Walter P. Fullager*, April 19, 1894. Their residence in 1906 was at Lincoln, Nebraska.) *Charles Clevenger*, born June 21, 1879. (He enlisted in Company E, 1st Colorado Infantry, during the Spanish War, and was in the siege and battle of Manila and six other battles.) *Clay Austin*, born September 21, 1883. *Harmon Bardsley Pearce*, on October —, 1889, married *Mary Irene Lord* (his second wife). Of this marriage there was born *Hazel Benita*, June 19, 1894, and *Lola Eunice*, September 28, 1897. In 1906 they lived at Brighton, Colorado.

(3) *Lucy E.*, born May 6, 1852. December 31, 1868, she married *George W. Knell*. He was born October 16, 1837, at Quincy, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. He was a volunteer and corporal in Company I, 210th Regiment Pennsylvania Infantry Volunteers, and was discharged May 30, 1865. In 1907 they lived near Gilson, Illinois.

(4) *Vira E.*, born May 28, 1855, died August 22, 1855.

Urban Pearce died near Knoxville, Illinois, August 24, 1855. His widow, *Elizabeth Ruth*, May 21, 1866, married *Abram Goodman*, who was born May 24, 1832, at Gerabrouer, Wurtemberg, Germany. Of this marriage a son was born, *David J. Goodman*, June 14, 1868, who died November 6, 1870. *Elizabeth Ruth* died November 11, 1882, near Gilson, Illinois.

2. *Zaremba Jackson*.—Born July 5, 1826. Educated at Cherry Grove College, near Abingdon, Illinois. He engaged in the mercantile business at Knoxville, and later at Cambridge, Illinois. On November 8, 1852, he married *Julia V. B. Ong*, at Salem, Henry County, Iowa. They removed to Omaha, Nebraska, in December, 1854, and later settled at De Soto, Nebraska, where they continued to reside for many years. While there he was said to be dying of tuberculosis, and his father and mother visited him there, about 1858, in anticipation of his death. It is said that he was a person of remarkable will-power, especially in his personal matters. On one occasion, when it was believed he was in the throes of death, by sheer nerve he dragged himself from the couch on which he lay to the floor and sat there; when the apparent death-throes recurred, he dragged himself back to the couch, and so continued until the attack passed. From that

time he began to improve, and later, when he had acquired some strength, and upon the opening of the Cherry Creek gold mines, he joined a company to cross the plains. As he was still unable to walk, he was conveyed in a carriage for some days, being assisted into the tent and out of it; he was then transferred to a wagon, and so continued his journey until the train reached what was called "The Turn-table," a point not far from Julesburg, where a track had been worn by the teams which were there turned back to the Missouri River. At "The Turn-table" he absolutely refused to return with the company, but insisted that his outfit, consisting of a yoke of cows, a pan, some provisions and bedding, be given him, which was done. There was made for him a "stone-boat" or "lizard," consisting of the fork of a willow-tree with spalls spiked across, to which his cows were yoked and upon which his "traps" were tied. He then started on alone, but during the first day he fell in with another train, with which he continued his journey. After reaching the mining region, he became active in the attempt to organize Jefferson Territory, and was selected one of the committee of three to frame a code of laws for the people of such proposed territory, a copy of which was for many years in the possession of the writer of this sketch. Upon restoration to health, he returned to De Soto, engaging in freighting and farming, but later settled in Colorado. Afterwards he returned to Nebraska and enlisted in Company —, 2d Nebraska Cavalry. Upon his discharge from service he went to Fort Harker, Kansas, then a Government military post, and there conducted a grocery business. From Fort Harker he went to Ellsworth, Kansas, where he continued in

business and became possessed of a large amount of property, all of which, however, was swept away during the panic. At Ellsworth he was married to *Sarah Larkin*; they later settled at Stillwater, Oklahoma, where he died, childless, January 26, 1899, at age of seventy-two years, six months, and twenty-one days.

3. *Obadiah Hendryx*.—Born August 26, 1828. He was educated at Cherry Grove College. Engaged in the mercantile business at Knoxville and later at Cambridge, where he picked up a knowledge of printing, and also studied law. He was of a poetic temperament, with a literary taste, and was the only member of the family having marked German features and characteristics. He was also the only blonde in the family. He was by nature a rambler; during the terrible yellow fever epidemic in 1854 he was in New Orleans; thence he roved to Texas, where by turns he engaged in printing and hotel-keeping, became foreman of a large plantation, and finally drifted to Galveston. There he shipped aboard a schooner to New York, returning thence to Illinois about 1856. On April 22, 1857, at Knoxville, Illinois, he married *Cordelia Maria Kingsberry*, who was born at Crossingville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, January 22, 1839. He also went to the gold regions near Denver, returned *via* Leavenworth, and settled in New London, Ralls County, Missouri, where he carried on a retail grocery, studied law, and was admitted to practice. On the breaking out of the war in 1861, he was active in preventing some Union arms and ammunition of war from falling into the hands of Southern men, for which he and his family were compelled to leave the State. He returned to Illinois, volunteered in the 2d

Illinois Artillery, and, after his discharge, again returned to Cambridge. He later published a newspaper in the oil regions of Pennsylvania, at Versailles, Missouri, and returned to New Orleans; he located at Algiers, where he was editor and publisher of a newspaper, and where he had the yellow fever during the epidemic of 1878 or 1880, from which he recovered; later he settled and published a newspaper at Tampa, Florida, where he died August 26, 1896, at the age of sixty-eight. He is buried at Gilson, Illinois. Of his marriage there were the following children:

(1) *Zelia*, born December 19, 1859, at Cambridge, Illinois. November 6, 1882, she married *Albert Cole*, who was born in 1852, near the home of President Garfield. They later settled in Los Angeles, California. She died, childless, October 8, 1903, at Sierra Madre, California.

(2) *Lewey*, born August 15, 1869, at Pleasantville, Pennsylvania. He died October 7, 1869.

(3) *Edward Hendryx*, born October 10, 1872, at Hydetown, Pennsylvania. He became a pharmacist and druggist, and settled at Long Beach, California, about 1899, where, May 7, 1901, he married *Miss Nina Cuthbert*, daughter of Dr. William Lawrence Cuthbert and Chloe Cuthbert, born at Monmouth, Illinois, October 12, 1874. There born of the marriage of *Edward H.* and *Nina Jackson* two children (twins) that died in infancy, and on July 17, 1905, a daughter, *Carolyn*. His mother, *Cordelia (Kingsberry) Jackson*, now (1909) resides with them.

4. *Gershom David*.—Born October 8, 1831, at Conneaut, Pennsylvania. He became a blacksmith at Knoxville, Illinois, and later an engineer, in mill work. He was attracted to Cherry Creek gold-diggings, and on going

over became interested in the townsite of Denver. He is said to have gotten logs for one of the first cabins built on the Denver townsite, but abandoned the undertaking before the cabin was raised, and returned to Illinois with his brother, O. H. Jackson. With C. W. Jackson (herein later mentioned), he volunteered July 28, 1861. September 17, 1861, they were mustered into Company B, 42d Illinois Volunteer Infantry, at Camp Douglas, Chicago. September 19, 1861, they started to the front, *via* St. Louis and Jefferson City, Missouri. Their command marched to Tipton and Springfield, Missouri, to relieve General Burnside. Returning to Tipton, in February, 1862, they marched to St. Charles, Missouri, thence by boat to Columbus, Kentucky, and Island No. 10, after its surrender going to Fort Randolph; thence up the Mississippi, Ohio, and Tennessee rivers. The 22d, 27th, 42d, and 51st Illinois Regiments were there brigaded together. After the evacuation of Corinth, the force chased Beauregard to Baldwin, returned to Corinth, did duty along the railroad from Tuscumbia to Decatur, Alabama, and September 1, 1862, started to Nashville, Tennessee. December 1, 1862, C. W. Jackson was detailed to the Pioneer Corps, and December 26, 1862, the 42d Regiment, having been transferred to Sherman's division, started on the campaign ending in the battle of Stone River, January 2, 1863. June 26, 1863, they started on the Tullahoma campaign, marching to Bridgeport (Tennessee) and Lookout Mountain, Rome (Georgia) and Cowpen Gap. Leaving Crawfish Springs, and arriving September 19th, at 3:30 p. m., they engaged in the battle of Chickamauga. An hour later *Gershom D.* was wounded and sent to Crawfish Hospital, from which he later departed without leave

or permit, overtook his company, and continued with it. They entered Chattanooga September 22, 1863, and remained during the siege, later going to Knoxville, Tennessee, and while there he re-enlisted. They marched back to Chattanooga, and on February 16, 1864, he started home on a 30-day veteran furlough. April 7, 1864, he started on his return to Nashville, Tennessee, and April 14, 1864, they set out on the march to Chattanooga, joining the brigade May 7, 1864. They entered on the Atlanta campaign, and continued until its close, about September 8, 1864; then, returning from Atlanta to Chattanooga, September 25, 1864, they did service in that locality, later going by rail and on foot to Athens, Alabama, and Pulaski, Tennessee; thence to Columbia, Tennessee, to intercept General Hood in his advance on Nashville. After the battles of Springfield and Franklin they went on to Nashville, arriving December 1, 1864; the command routed and followed General Hood as far as Lexington, Alabama; thence by march and rail they pushed on to Huntsville and Decatur, Alabama, remaining until April 1, 1865; thence to Chattanooga, Knoxville, Bull's Gap (there building a railroad), returning to Nashville on April 25, 1865; they went to Johnsonville June 15th, thence to New Orleans and Chalmet, and from there to Cavallo, Texas, arriving about July 25, 1865; from Cavallo they went to Indianola, Point Lavaca, Placador (or Placedo) Creek, August 17, 1865, returning to Point Lavaca and Victoria, where *G. D. Jackson* and the 42d Regiment were mustered out December 17, 1865, and returned to Springfield, Illinois, arriving January 5, 1866; he remained there until January 10, 1866, when he received his discharge, after actual service