



Melissa Pervina Jackson (1863-1921)

Melissa bore four more children at their Gilman farm: Edith (Ada) Mae (born 1883), Jesse Rachel (born 1886), Florence Olive (born 1890), and John Edgar (born 1892). Around 1900 the family moved a few miles away to LaHogue, then in 1903 to southern Minnesota. From 1910 to 1925 they were back to the LaHogue area, where Melissa died of stomach cancer on July 7, 1921. She is buried in the Gilman cemetery.

In her published obituary it is remarked that she was:

"...a woman of broad sympathy for others' needs, who, like her Heavenly Master, 'went about doing good.' Many of her relatives and also those who had no claim of relationship with her, can testify to her devoted service in time of sickness. She was an able nurse, and has often fought back the grim messenger of death, and saved the lives of many by her skill and devotion."

MORE JACKSON PHOTOS



Gravestone of Smith Jackson's older sister, Susan Ann Jackson Northcutt.



Smith Jackson's aunt (Philip Jackson's sister) , Lucinda "Cindy" Jackson (1834-1927).



Family of Smith Jackson's brother, Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Jackson (1841-1925) [*top center*], in Phelps County, Missouri ca. 1905. Standing between Jeff and his wife, Harriet Jane Fore, is their youngest son, Robert Jackson. *From left:* daughter Julia Jackson behind husband John Henry Gabel, Jr.; son Milford "Dick" Jackson with his wife Francis May; daughter Laura May Jackson standing behind her husband Frank Turner; son-in-law Louis Franklin Gabel with his wife, Sarah Catherine Jackson (Jeff's daughter); eldest son William David Jackson, with his wife Mary Caroline Gabel standing behind him; and daughter Susan Jane Jackson standing behind her husband, George Miller. *Photo courtesy of Cecil King.*



**Smith Jackson's younger brother, Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Jackson (1841-1925),
and wife Harriet Jane Fore (1843-1930)**



The family of Smith Jackson's sister, Sarah Ann Jackson (1848-1918) (*second from right*), wife of William Harrison Fore, in Phelps County, Missouri ca. 1908. *Back row:* Sarah's children Charles, Mandy and Ella. *Middle row:* Sarah's son Ben, son-in-law Alec Heavin, sons William and Sidney, Sarah, and her sister Mary "Polly" Ann Jackson Fore. *Front row:* daughter Sabie Kathryn "Kate" Fore (wife of Alec Heavin), granddaughter Maude Fore, mother-in-law Catherine Fore, granddaughter Jennie Huskey (daughter of Sarah's daughter Amanda Fore), Sarah's husband William Harrison Fore, and grandson Earl Heavin, son of Kate Fore Heavin. *Photo courtesy of Cecil King.*



The Yancy Mills distillery in 1883. William Harrison Fore (husband of Smith Jackson's sister, Sarah Ann Jackson) is standing in the foreground.

FOOTNOTES

¹1850 Census, Liberty Township: "William Jackson." 1860 Census, Johnson Township: "William P. Jackson." Washington County marriage records state that a "William T. Jackson" married Mahaly Garret on 14 June 1835; *and* that a "William D. Jackson" married Mahalia Garret on 30 July 1844. They were clearly married to each other twice, for reasons unknown. No divorce between the two marriages is recorded in the county records.

²Age given on 1850 Census as 60 (i.e. born ca. 1790); age given on 1860 Census as 74 (i.e. born ca. 1786); both say born in Virginia.

³Philip and Elizabeth are listed on the 1850 and 1870 Censuses, respectively as having been born in Kentucky.

⁴1850 Census.

⁵Smith Jackson family Bible, in the possession of Albert Francis Jackson, youngest son of William Smith Jackson, in 1930.

⁶The tradition traces to Molly Jackson, who passed it on to her son, Charles Wilson.

⁷See COOK, R. B. (1948) *Family and Early Life of Stonewall Jackson*.

⁸Washington County marriage records.

⁹1850 Census, Liberty Township; 1860 Census, Johnson Township.

¹⁰Washington County marriage records.

¹¹1840 Census lists "Phil Jackson," 20-30 years old, in Liberty Township, with an unnamed wife 20-30 years old, two sons, (one under 5 years old and the other 5-10 years old), and one daughter (5-10 years old). The 1850 Census, where names and ages of family members are given, identifies these children as Susan (age 18 in 1850), [William] Smith (age 16 in 1850) and George (age 12 in 1850). Susan is indicated as having been born in Kentucky, and Smith in Missouri.

¹²The relationship of William Smith Jackson to his father Philip and grandfather William is definitely established by testimony in the 1867 murder trial of (see Appendix). Thomas Jackson, Richard Jackson and A. J. [Allen Jasper] Jackson all testify to being half-uncles of Smith Jackson, and all are clearly shown by the 1850 Census to be children of William Jackson and Mahala Garret.

¹³1860 Census Johnson Twp.; 1867 trial records (see Appendix).

¹⁴From *Washington County History*, page 50: "A Richard Marshall killed Moses Baker in Johnson Township, Nov. 27, 1863. In May 1864 he was tried and sentenced to be hanged July 9th. This was commuted to life imprisonment, after which he was pardoned to go in the army." The above statement contains several errors. According to Levi Garrett's testimony at the trial of Smith Jackson [see below], it was David N. Baker (not Moses Baker) that Marshall killed. The biographical index to Goodspeed's *History of Franklin, Jefferson, Washington, Crawford and*

Gasconade Counties (1888) states that David N. Baker was “killed” on 4 Sept 1862, and his gravestone gives the same date.

¹⁵1867 trial records (see Appendix).

¹⁶As told to, and reported by, Ruth Kline Lee (personal communication).

¹⁷Washington County marriage records; 1850 Census (which also lists a John Hamilton, age 18, born in Kentucky; he is probably a younger brother of Philip's wife Catherine Hamilton.

¹⁸Census records for 1850 (Liberty Township), 1860 (Johnson Township) and 1870 (Liberty Township); Jackson Family Bible.

¹⁹Letter from a granddaughter.

²⁰Photos in the possession of Wendell Wilson.

²¹Records in the Adjutant General's Office, State of Missouri.

²²1867 trial records (see Appendix).

²³Letter from Gertrude Dace (daughter of Elizabeth Jackson Dace) in possession of Wendell Wilson.

²⁴Washington County marriage records; Smith Jackson Bible; Smith Jackson will.

²⁵Masonic obituary notice for Smith Jackson in a local newspaper, 1906.

²⁶Letter from Charles H. Richeson, attorney in Potosi Missouri, dated 22 Sept. 1927, in the possession of Wendell Wilson.

²⁷Smith Jackson family Bible; 1870 Census.

²⁸Washington county marriage records.

²⁹On page 308 of Book C, Certificates of Marriage for records, Potosi, Missouri, the following is recorded:

At the residence of Smith Jackson in Washington county, Missouri, John Wilson and Malisa Jackson was by me joined in marriage, December 24th, A.D. 1877 [this year should be 1876, since the marriage was formally recorded on February 6, 1877.] Signed, Joseph H. Brown, J.P.

³⁰Washington County marriage records.

³¹Wilson Family Bible in the possession of Wendell Wilson.

³² SCHATZ, d., and DACE, R. (1995) *A History of Sullivan Missouri and the Bank of Sullivan*. Missouri Publishing Company, p. 6-7.

❧ The Murder Trial of Smith Jackson ❧

❧ 1867 ❧

The following depositions were in the possession of Elizabeth Jackson (daughter of Smith Jackson) in Missouri in 1945, at which time they were hand-copied by Ruth Kline Lee and her husband.

STATE OF MISSOURI vs. SMITH JACKSON

Trial before Esquires [J. Frederick] Speck and [Samuel P.] Melvin
at Sullivan, Franklin County, Missouri
August 7th, 1867

DEFENSE

A[llen]. J[asper]. JACKSON, being duly sworn, said:

Was acquainted with Richard Marshall the last ten years, lived within four miles of him for a year, know of his threatening to take the life of Smith Jackson, was in St. Louis prison at the time the treat was made, two years ago this summer, Marshall asked me if I was coming out to Indian Creek, told him I was, he said for me not to take anything off that Smith Jackson nor David Baker nor none of the rest of the dogs that lived around there, he further said that if I could stand it through until he (Marshall) came home he would settle with some of them, particularly he would finish Smith Jackson, I have at different times informed Smith Jackson what Marshall had said, am brother-in-law to Marshall, he having married my half-sister, his general character was quarrelsome and was generally considered a dangerous man. At his return it created a general terror in the community where he lived, did not see Marshall after his return from prison. Have known the prisoner Smith Jackson for at least twenty-five years. He always bore the name of a peaceable and quiet citizen.

(signed) A. J. Jackson

THOMAS N. JACKSON, being duly sworn, said:

Knew Richard Marshall at least twelve years, saw him in St. Louis about the first of May, 1866, he there stamped his foot and said to me that if he ever was released he would arm himself and come out to Washington County and kill Smith Jackson, he was asked if he thought he could find Smith Jackson if he could get released, he (Marshall) said he thought he could, as Jackson had a

large family and could not possibly get away unless he heard that he (Marshall) was released, then he might get away, have informed the prisoner (Jackson) of what Marshall had told me. I am half brother-in-law to Marshall. Marshall was regarded as a dangerous man in the community where he lived. I am half-uncle to Smith Jackson. Have known Jackson all my life and he bears a general good character, have not seen Marshall since he was released from prison but think from his character that he would undoubtedly have carried his threats into execution. Think that Mr. Jackson was really afraid Marshall intended to do what he had threatened.

(signed) Thomas A. Jackson

LEVI GARRET, being duly sworn, said:

Was acquainted with Richard Marshall for ten years, have seen Marshall since his return from the pen., (he) was at my house Saturday, August 3, in our conversation he (Marshall) said that if Smith Jackson ever dirtied his path that he intended to clean it for him, was at my house afterward and made use of the same words, he (Marshall) intended he said to go over to Indian Creek to see his wife's relations but he was not prepared then, but when I come back I think I will be. Think that Smith Jackson's life was in danger, it is about three miles from where Marshall lived to where Jackson lives, Smith Jackson is the man that arrested Richard Marshall for the murder of David N. Baker. I am half brother-in-law to Marshall by marriage, am half-uncle to Smith Jackson, Marshall was considered a dangerous man by those who knew him, knew the prisoner Smith Jackson for the last eight years, and he being of general good character, my opinion is that Marshall would have killed Smith Jackson if he had got any kind of an opportunity.

(signed) Levi Garrett

RICHARD [Henry] D.[ick] JACKSON, being duly sworn, said:

Was acquainted with Richard Marshall ten years, part of the time lived with him, lived within ten miles of him all that time. Marshall's general character was very bad, visited Marshall in prison at St. Louis. Have known Jackson for twenty-five years and he has always bourn a very good character, I am Smith Jackson's half-uncle and half brother-in-law to Richard Marshall, have not seen marshall since his return from Prison, if I had been in Smith Jackson's place would have thought my life in danger.

(signed) Richard D. Jackson

I hereby certify that the above is a correct statement of evidence taken at the trial of the State of Missouri vs. Smith Jackson.

(signed) Samuel J. Melvin, J.P.

STATE OF MISSOURI vs. SMITH JACKSON
FOR THE STATE

A[ustin]. W[hitmire]. CLARK, being duly sworn, said:

Saw Smith Jackson coming around the freight house and draw his pistol, when near the railroad track, aimed his pistol in the direction of H. B. Clark & Co. store, turned to see what his aim was and saw Richard Marshall fall.

(signed) A. W. Clark

H[enry]. B[urrow]. CLARK, being duly sworn, said:

Was standing on the store porch and Marshall was standing beside me. I saw that Smith Jackson was going to fire and I went back into the store and heard the report of a pistol. Jackson then walked up on the porch and looked at Marshall and remarked "Is that enough?"

(signed) H. B. Clark

JOSEPH S. MUSGROVE, being duly sworn, said:

Saw Smith Jackson walking across the railroad toward Clark's store, just about the time I saw him cross the track he drew his revolver out of his scabbard, I then looked toward the store and saw Richard Marshall standing on the porch, looked then at Jackson and he had the pistol pointed in the direction of Clark's store, then looked toward the store and heard the report of a pistol and saw Richard Marshall fall.

(signed) Joseph S. Musgrove

CARROL McALLISTER, being duly sworn, said:

Was sitting in H. B. Clark's store, looked out the door and saw Smith Jackson near the freight house coming toward the store with his hands behind him, heard the report of a revolver and saw Marshall fall, then went to the door and saw Smith Jackson between the track and the store with a revolver in his hand.

(signed) Carrol McAllister

PETER C. CALVARD, being duly sworn, said:

Was in H. B. Clark's store, saw the Clarks walk out and followed them, Richard Marshall was then standing on the porch, looked across the railroad and saw Smith Jackson coming toward the track, when he reached the track saw him draw a revolver, then walk off the track four or five steps, saw him present a pistol toward Clark's store, heard the report of the pistol, did not see Marshall fall but saw him afterward, saw the body examined, a small single-barrel pistol was found in his vest inside pocket, also a box of caps, powder flash, and pistol balls were found in his other pocket.

(signed) Peter Calvard

A. S. CLARK, being duly sworn, said:

Was standing in my door opposite Clark's store, saw Smith Jackson come around the platform, saw him raise a revolver and fire in the direction of Clark's store, he then walked toward the store, then went toward the ticket office, went in and sat down.

(signed) A. S. Clark

E[rmest]. A. SOLF, being duly sworn, said:

Was sitting in the ticket office and heard the report of a pistol, looked toward Clark's store and saw Richard Marshall fall with blood gushing out of his cheek. I then saw Jackson walk toward the store, turn and walk toward the ticket office, meeting Essure Melvin, Jackson said "Mr. Melvin I am ready to give myself up." Then he (Jackson) walked into the ticket office and sat down.

(signed) E. A. Solf

JOSEPH MUSGROVE, was recalled, said:

Had a conversation with the prisoner Smith Jackson on Sunday August 4th, at that time the prisoner expressed fear that his life was in danger, knew Marshall only by reputation which was very bad. Have known Smith Jackson six or seven years and he has always born a very good character.

(signed) Joseph Musgrove

A. W. CLARK, was recalled, said:

Left Marshall in the store when I went out, saw Smith Jackson coming and went out to prevent any difficulty that might occur, think that Marshall did not see Jackson, saw the blood gushing from his head on the right side, had heard there was a difficulty between the prisoner and Richard Marshall, think the distance was about thirty steps between Jackson and Marshall at the time Jackson fired.

(signed) A. W. Clark

