

THE JOHN ARTHUR JACKSON FAMILY

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John Arthur Jackson and his wife Mary Ida Belle White with their infant son, William Martin, left Texas in 1893 and leased land near Cortney, Indian Territory to make their home in the new country. They forded the Red River near the Spanish Fort to get to their new leased lands. After they settled down to farming and cattle raising they were forced to cross the Red River many times in order to get supplies from Spanish Fort in Texas.

John Arthur Jackson was born October 11, 1866, in Parker County, Texas. He was the son of Martin Van Buren Jackson and his wife, Martha Ann Watson Jackson. John Arthur grew up in Texas and spent his early life as a cowboy and a farmer. He later tried being a shoe cobbler. By the time he married Mary Ida Belle White in Jack County, Texas, on August 11, 1890, he was ready to settle down to farming.

Mary Ida Belle was the daughter of William Davis White and his wife Virginia Ann Whitley White. Mary Belle was born April 15, 1875, in Williamson County, Texas, near Round Rock. Like John Arthur, Mary Belle was a Texas by birth and was reared on a farm, so they both liked the idea of adventure which prompted their move from Texas to the Indian Lands.

John A. Jackson and his wife left the leased land in 1895 and moved to a farm near Foster in what is now Garvin County, but in 1895 it was in the Indian Territory. The farm was on Sandy Bear Creek. Later they moved to Pottawatomie County near the Cleveland County line with a group of Texas people who were searching for a new home. In this group of travelers were Mary Belle Jackson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Davis White.

In 1906 John A. and Mary Ida Belle Jackson bought land in Cleveland County, O. T., from J. H. Royster, and made this their permanent home.

Mary Ida Belle Jackson was part Choctaw Indian through her father, William Davis White. When the Dawes Commission met at Pauls Valley, Indian Territory to make an official list of Indians or part Indians, William Davis White and Mary Ida Belle Jackson were there; but their attorney had taken all of their records and left town. Without proof of their Indian blood they were not placed on the Choctaw rolls.

John A. and Mary Belle Jackson remained on the farm between Wanette and Shawnee for many years. John A. Jackson died in Shawnee, Oklahoma, on

March 9, 1950, and was buried in the Wanette Cemetery. John was survived by his wife, Mary Ida Belle Jackson, and their seven children. Mrs. John Arthur (Mary Ida Belle) Jackson died May 11, 1957, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and was buried beside her husband in the Wanette Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson's seven children:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>	<u>Married</u>
William Martin	July 7, 1891	Jack Co., Texas	Nancy Wolfe
Alice Virginia	Jan. 7, 1895	Foster, O.T.	Rex Abbott
John Arthur, Jr.	Dec. 19, 1897	Wanette, O.T.	Hattie West
Infant daughter	Mar. 6, 1901, died	Mar. 16, 1901	
Lester Boyd	Apr. 26, 1902	Wanette, O.T.	Ellon Mosley
Roy Jewel	Mar. 14, 1907	Cleveland Co.	Ruby Henry
Flossie May	Jan. 29, 1911	Cleveland Co.	James T. Hill

I. William Martin Jackson married Nancy Lou Ellen Wolfe on September 10, 1911. Nancy Lou Ellen was the daughter of G. W. Wolfe and his wife Mary M. C. Harris Wolfe; she was born April 30, 1895.

William farmed near Wanette in eastern Cleveland County until 1918 when he moved his wife, Nancy Lou Ellen, and their children to Healdton, Oklahoma, where he was employed by an oil company in the area until he retired. Nancy Lou Ellen Jackson died April 16, 1957.

William was married for the second time to Mrs. Lena Wood. William and Lena Jackson made their home in Healdton. Lena Wood Jackson died in 1968. William M. Jackson still lives in Healdton.

The seven children of William M. and Nancy Lou Ellen Jackson:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>	<u>Married</u>
Flora Dolores	October 27, 1912,	Wanette, Okla.	Glenn E. Wayman
William Lue	June 27, 1914	Wanette, Okla.	Lucille Townsend
Mildred Lucyle	Died December, 1971	in Louisiana	
	Nov. 17, 1916	Lexington, Okla.	Virgil Mc- Clanahan
Gilford Leroy	May 26, 1919	Healdton, Okla.	Peggy Bixley
George Washington	Feb. 22, 1922	Healdton, Okla.	Ruth Rhodes
Glenn Martin	May 27, 1927	Healdton, Okla.	Helen Frances Morgan
Donnie Rae	Dec. 20, 1938	Healdton, Okla.	Susan Tate

II. Alice Virginia Jackson, the second child of J. A. and Mary Ida Belle Jackson, married Rex Abbott on September 30, 1909. Rex was the son of Joseph Peter Abbott and his wife, Mary Louise (Huntsbarger) Munch. He was born July 20, 1886.

Rex and Alice Virginia Abbott lived on the Abbott homestead near Box, Oklahoma, until 1921 when they moved to Oklahoma City where Rex worked for the Frisco Railroad until he retired. Rex died June 3, 1961, and was buried in the Sunny Lane Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Rex and Alice Virginia Abbott had eight children.

In 1966 Alice Virginia Abbott married Hurlie Patterson.

The children of Rex and Alice V. Abbott, all were born in Oklahoma:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>	<u>Married</u>
Bertha Velma	Oct. 7, 1912	Cleveland County	James D. Parish
Vera Geneva	Dec. 9, 1914	Cleveland County	Jess Russell
Vena Mildred	April 7, 1917	Cleveland County	John Newton White
Viola Beatrice	Nov. 7, 1919	Cleveland County	Harry Truett
Wilma Leslie	April 13, 1923	Oklahoma City	Silvester B. Osegueda
Alice Vesta	April 12, 1925	Oklahoma City	Curtis L. Thomas
Erma Jean	June 23, 1930	Oklahoma City	Paul T. Hendon
Rex Joseph	April 20, 1932	Oklahoma City	Wanda Lee Brandt

Bertha Velma Abbott married June 1927, James Davis Parish, then she married Charles Hyde who worked at Tinker Air Force Base. Mr. and Mrs. Parish had two children. She now lives in Oklahoma City.

William David, born January 8, 1931, Oklahoma City, married Jackie M. Seay. Robert Donald, born November 15, 1932, Oklahoma City, married Nadine Vaughn Sherill.

Vera Geneva Abbott married December 9, 1930, first Jess Russell, then she married Barnard Parnell. Vera and Jess Russell had two children. Mr. and Mrs. Parnell live in Long Beach, California.

Jess Dalton, born October 1930, Oklahoma City, married June _____

Vera Doris, born September, 1933, Oklahoma City, married Hal Noblett.

Vena Mildred Abbott married November 25, 1935, John Newton White. Then she married Lewis R. Hawkins. Vena and John White had one child. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins own Busy Bee Realty and live in Oklahoma City.

Freda Fay White born September 17, 1936, Oklahoma City, married James Eldred Lear and lives in Culver City, California.

Viola Beatrice Abbott, married Harry Truett first, then she married Pete M. Melindez. Beatrice and Harry had two children. Mr. and Mrs. Melindez live in Copperas Cove, Texas.

Donna Jean, born January 15, 1937, Oklahoma City, married Jack Stow.

John Elden, born January 6, 1947, Oklahoma City.

Wilma Leslie Abbott married Silvester B. Osegueda, both worked at Tinker Air Force Base and live in Oklahoma City. They have one son.

Dennis Leslie born July 22, 1955.

Alice Vesta Abbott married L. C. Thomas, then Tifton Meeks, they now

live at Calvin, Oklahoma. Alice and L. C. Thomas had six children.

Anthony Randell, born October 22, 1944,
Wilma Irene, born May 3, 1947,
Roger Ivan, born February 12, 1950,
Curtis Dale, born February 4, 1956,
Steven Edward, born April 22, 1962,
James Earl, born November 26, 1963,
Equilla Meeks,
Tifton Meeks, Jr.

Erma Jean Abbott married Paul T. Hendon; they have four children and live at Calvin, Oklahoma.

Joe Allen, born June 2, 1946,
Paul T., Jr. born September 8, 1950,
Tommy Silvester, born July 28, 1952,
Toni Jeannette, born July 2, 1955.

Rex Joseph Abbott married June 25, 1952, Wanda Lee Brandt, both work at Tinker Air Force Base and live in Oklahoma City. They have three children.

Karen Lee, born June 14, 1955,
Alicia Fern, born December 11, 1957,
Rex Joseph, Jr. born October 3, 1960.

III. John Arthur Jackson, Jr., the third child of John A. and Mary Ida Belle Jackson, married Hattie West, the daughter of William Isaac West and his wife, Lucy Ann Hawkins West. Hattie was born November 30, 1901, and married John A. Jackson, Jr., in November 1917. John farmed for many years; he and Hattie lived on several different farms before they finally settled in Oklahoma City. They had six children:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>	<u>Married</u>
Doshia Lou	September 11, 1918	Wanette, Okla.	Timothy Michael Morris
Jewel Dean	February 4, 1922	Comanche, Okla.	Clarence H. Smith
J. W.	March 19, 1925	Blanchard, Okla.	Nola Pettie
Ray Willis	February 17, 1927	Oklahoma City	Margie Lee White
John Arthur, III	February 23, 1930	Oklahoma City	Arlene Karp
Billie Ray	June 15, 1934	Oklahoma City	Pearl Rose Karp

John Arthur Jackson, Jr., married for the second time. In 1937, John A. married Roxie Lavenia Wooten, and they live in Salem, Oregon at the present time.

IV. The fourth child of John A. and Mary Belle Jackson died in infancy in 1901.

V. Lester Boyd Jackson, the fifth child, married Ellon Mosley October 15, 1922. She was the daughter of James Luther Mosley and his wife, Annjenitta Arabella Wright Mosley, of near Wanette, Oklahoma. Lester B. Jackson and his wife

Ellon, lived in Cleveland County, Oklahoma, for several years where he farmed. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Boyd Jackson have moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to live. They had two children, Lester Boyd, Jr., was born November 19, 1932, in Wanette, Oklahoma. He is now married to Dessie Robbinett. Their daughter, Mary Edna Jackson, who was born April 15, 1927, in Wanette, Oklahoma, married Doyle Lee Parnell.

VI. Roy Jewel Jackson, the sixth child of John A. and Mary Belle Jackson, married Ruby Henry on October 11, 1925. Ruby was born October 2, 1907, she was the daughter of John R. Henry and his wife Lou Pickett Henry. Roy J. and Ruby Jackson live in Plainview, Texas. They are the parents of five children:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>	<u>Married</u>
Thelma Lucille	Nov. 6, 1926	Wanette, Okla.	Robert Allen Seago
Ruby Jewell	May 19, 1928	Wanette, Okla.	J. C. Thompson
Roy Jewel, Jr.	May 16, 1930	Wanette, Okla.	Mary Bennett
Floetta May	February 12, 1932	Wanette, Okla.	T. S. Beherns
Charles Floyd	February 28, 1936	Wanette, Okla.	Mildred Swelling
	Died September 4, 1969, in Texas		

VII. Flossie Mae Jackson, the youngest of the seven children of John A. and Mary Belle Jackson, married James Thomas (Tom) Hill, November 8, 1925. They lived in Cleveland County, then Oklahoma City and are now living in California. Flossie and Tom Hill are the parents of three children:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>	<u>Married</u>
John Henry	April 1, 1928	Wanette, Okla.	Lucille Douglas
James Thomas	Feb. 23, 1931	Wanette, Okla.	Patsy Dean Atkinson
Charles Ray	Sept. 6, 1933	Wanette, Okla.	Wanda June James