

THE WILLIAM J. JACKSON FAMILY

By Jeanette Barbour, Granddaughter

There are so many stories about the pioneer families coming into the newly opened Oklahoma territory, but the story of the coming of my mother's family is the long struggle of deciding to come down where they had no relatives.

My grandfather, W. J. Jackson, had brought his family to Coldwater, Kansas, from Indiana only to find people were moving down to the new assigned land.

My grandmother desperately wanted to go back to her beloved home in Indiana. But since it was not a good idea at that time, she tried to persuade my grandfather to move on down, but he did have relatives there in Kansas.

The days before the Run were exciting for the children. My mother was nine and her two brothers four and six years younger.

People came by in decorated buggies, loaded wagons covered with quips like "Oklahoma or bust", "Oklahoma, here we come," and others.

Coldwater was emptying fast, and there just wasn't any work for a struggling young lawyer.

But they didn't leave for the new promised land until 1896, and they came on the still new train that came down from Kansas through Guthrie.

Previously, a young nephew staked or bought, a claim near Guthrie and then got a job with the railway people. He had brought my mother down for a short visit in Guthrie, where his young sister would show her a good time. During the visit, the nephew brought her down to Norman for a July Fourth picnic.

The young nephew introduced her to Governor Hogg who had come from Texas to deliver the main speech at the picnic.

It was the young nephew also, who finally convinced my grandfather that the little new town of Norman could very well use another lawyer. All he would have to do to believe it would be to stand and watch the crowds at the doors of the few lawyers who had begun practice in Norman. There were many cases involving disputes over claims, and legal processing of claim sales.

Anyway, one day in the middle of March, 1896, W. J. Jackson with wife, Mary Ellen, daughter Frona (my mother) and two sons, Orie and Ed, stepped off the train at Norman, into a blinding dust storm.

They had never seen anything like it, and there were no relatives waiting to greet them.

And again, my grandmother longed for her Indiana home. However, through the years, she became an Oklahoman, and never went back but for a few days, years later, after the relatives were gone.

The Jacksons in Oklahoma began with six people, the young nephew in Guthrie and the five members of the W. J. Jacksons in Norman, Oklahoma Territory. They have now multiplied and scattered over the United States. Here is a list of the descendants of W. J. Jackson.

- I. William J. Jackson
 - b. 1854 in Greenfield, Indiana
 - m. Mary Ellen Price
 - b. 1854 in Greenfield, Indiana
 - d. 1904 in Norman, Oklahoma, buried there
 - m. Emma I (?) Jackson
 - b. 1879
 - d. 1906 in Greenfield, Indiana. Buried in Norman, Oklahoma
- II. Iva Lee Jackson Binford
 - b. 1874 in Greenfield, Indiana
 - m. Robert Bailey Binford
 - b. 1869 in Greenfield, Indiana
 - d. 1921 in Norman, Oklahoma. Buried there.
 - II. d. 1902 in Norman, Oklahoma. Buried there.
- III. Thelma Marie Binford Penn
 - b. 1895 in Greenfield, Indiana
 - m. Melvin Leigh Penn
 - b. 1895 in Calumet, Oklahoma
 - d. 1946 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Buried there.
 - III. d. 1955 in Wagoner, Oklahoma. Buried in Muskogee, Oklahoma.
- IV. Melvin Leigh Penn, Jr.
 - b. 1918 in Oklahoma City
 - m. 1948 to Virginia Booth, daopted by Mrs . . . Hersman
 - b. 1955 in Wagoner, Oklahoma
 - IV. Now lives in Wagoner, Oklahoma.
- V. Melvin Leigh Penn, III.
 - b. 1950 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Resides in Wagoner, Oklahoma.
- V. Debbie Penn
 - b. 1952 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Resides in Wagoner, Oklahoma.
- V. Frank Penn
 - b. 1952 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Resides in Wagoner, Oklahoma.
- V. Mike Penn
 - b. 1952 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Resides in Wagoner, Oklahoma.

- III. Gertrude Mable Binford Allsop.
 b. 1897 in Greenfield, Indiana
 m. Frederick Reed Allsopp
 b. 1895 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Now resides in
 Muskogee, Oklahoma
- IV. Frederick Reed Allsopp, Jr.
 b. 1918 in Little Rock, Arkansas.
 m. 1940 to Janice Thacker (divorced)
 b. 1920 in Danville, Arkansas.
- V. Frederika Allsopp Prather
 b. 1941 in Tulsa, Oklahoma
 m. 1961 to John Prather
 b. 1939 in Tulsa, Oklahoma
- VI. Julie Prather
 b. 1967 in Tulsa, Oklahoma
- VI. Daniel Prather
 b. 1971 in Tulsa, Oklahoma
- V. Bette June Allsopp Chandler
 b. 1949 in Muskogee, Oklahoma
 m. 1967 to Gary Chandler,
 b. 1948 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Resides in Little Rock, Arkansas
- VI. Brandie Chandler
 b. 1968 in Tulsa, Oklahoma
- VI. Shae Chandler
 b. 1971
- IV. m. Mary Ward
 b. 1925 in Chelsea, Oklahoma
- V. Mary Ann Allsopp
 b. 1956 in Muskogee, Oklahoma
- V. Jimmy Reed Allsopp
 b. 1958 in Muskogee, Oklahoma
- IV. Now resides in Pryor, Oklahoma
- II. Effie Jackson (of Mary Ellen Jackson)
 b. Approximately 1876 in Greenfield, Indiana
 d. died in infancy. Burial place unknown.
- II. Fannie Myrtle Jackson (of Mary Ellen Jackson)
 b. 1878 in Greenfield, Indiana
 d. 1891 in Coldwater, Kansas. Buried there.
- II. Frona May Jackson Barbour (of Mary Ellen Jackson)
 Now lives in Norman, Oklahoma
 b. 1880 in Greenfield, Indiana
 m. 1899 to John Waldwyn Barbour
 b. 1874 in Cook County, Missouri
 d. 1950 in Norman, Oklahoma. Buried there.

- III. Jeanette Ellen Barbour
 - b. 1903 in Norman, Oklahoma. Resides there.
- III. John Waldwyn Barbour Jr. (Jack)
 - b. 1916 in Norman, Oklahoma. Resides in Dallas, Texas
 - m. Harriet White
 - b. 1917 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Now resides in Dallas, Texas
- IV. Marcia Ellen Barbour
 - b. 1942 in Los Angeles, Calif. Now resides in Dallas, Texas
- IV. Patricia Ann Barbour Koeninger (Divorced) Resides in Austin, Texas
 - b. 1945 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 - m. Rupert Cliff Koeninger, Jr.
 - b.
- V. Sarah Ruth Koeninger
 - b. 1966 in Austin, Texas
- V. Casey Koeninger
 - b. 1970 in Austin, Texas

- IV. Linda Jean Barbour
 - b. 1948 in Dallas, Texas. Resides there.
- IV. William Alan Barbour
 - b. 1950 in Oklahoma City. Resides in Dallas, Texas
- IV. Christine Louise Barbour
 - b. 1952 in Oklahoma City
 - m. Wendall Stevenson (Divorced)

- II. Robert Ora Jackson (of Mary Ellen Jackson)
 - b. Latham, Kansas, 1884
 - m. 1912 to Winnie Hill
 - b. 1892 in Plainview, Nebraska
 - d. 1970 in Oklahoma City. Buried there.

- III. Robert Oral Jackson (according to birth certificate) Lives in Oklahoma City
 - b. 1914 in Plainview, Nebraska
 - m. 1971 to Verna Gall
 - b. 1914 in St. Louis, Missouri
 - d. 1972 in Oklahoma City. Buried there.

- III. George Hill Jackson. Resides in Oklahoma City
 - b. 1922 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 - m. 1944 to Frances May Kern
 - b. 1919 in Oklahoma City

- IV. Robert Kern Jackson
 - b. 1947 in Oklahoma City
 - m. 1972 to Diana Jeanne Cole
 - b. 1951 in Guymon, Oklahoma

- IV. George Hill Jackson, Jr.
 - b. 1949 in Oklahoma City
 - m. 1972 to Debra Gail Allen
 - b. 1951 in Oklahoma City. Resides in Perkins, Oklahoma.

IV. Philip Lee Jackson
b. 1951 in Oklahoma City. Now resides in Oklahoma City.

II. Edward Walter Jackson (of Mary Ellen)
b. 1886 in Lathan, Kansas
m. Marjorie Barber in Oklahoma City
No information on her.
d. 1949 in Los Angeles, California. Buried there.

III. Walter Jackson No information on these:

III. "Datton" (Bryan) Jackson

III. Joe Jackson

II. Clintie Jackson (of Mary Ellen)
b. in Lathan, Kansas (no dates)
d. in infancy. Buried in Latham.