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Biographical Sketch  
of  
William Whaley Jackson  
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Pioneer Year 1853

Born 20 Sep 1831 in North Shield, Omberland, England

Married Miss Hannah Brooks

Died 7 Nov 1895 in American Fork, Utah

Buried American Fork, Utah

W. W. Jackson, so far as we have been able to obtain, was born in North Shield, Omberland, England, Sept. 20, 1831. He was the son of Thomas Jackson and Elenore Bowne Whalley of North Omberland England.

W. W. Jackson received his education in England also learned the trade of tailoring and was very successful in that line. He was married to Miss Hannah Brooks of Warnfield, York, England and two children were born to this union. Monrih and William. Emigrated to the United States in 1853, landing in S. L. C. the same year, having come across the plains with ox teams and Mr. Jackson, being of high ambition set about establish a home which he did and worked at his trade as much as possible at odd times Hannah Brooks Jackson his wife died Salt Lake City March 30, 1854.

Being left with two small children he married Ellen Wright in the old Endowment house in S.L. C. Dec. 1854, they then moved to Am. Fork in the fall of 1856, and of this union thirteen children were born.

Mr. Jackson being of England birth was a very stalwart, energetic and thrifty man, a man of very extensive ideas, always busy and all times trying to do something to build up the community.

About one of his first enterprises in Am. Fork was to build a saw mill about a block North of now our city center. He made the first shingles that were made in Utah County to and in later years he built another saw mill in the West Mountain Canyon which furnished a large of lumber to the home builder in Am. Fork and the surrounding county.

As the farms at that time were producing a great amount of sugar cane Mr. Jackson saw need of a Molasses Mill to take care of the cane as there was none at that time in the valley. So he built one and operated it on the site where Chipman's department store now is. Disposing of this enterprise he went again into the lumber business and established a mill in Am. Fork canyon. His efforts proved of great worth to the people of Am. Fork.

He was strong in his adroction of better school and better education. He was among the first to establish the coop store in about

1863 and was manager of the same for several years, later going into the mercantile business himself in the building now owned and operated by the Thornton Drug No. 1.

During the Black Hawk War in 1866-1867 Mr. Jackson was a committee man but did not render any services away from home. He wrote the Muster Rool of the men in Am. Fork and signed his name at the end. The record of this can be found in the State Capitol building in S.L.C. in the adjutant general's office.

In 1856 he blazed a trail into Helena, Montana, with three loads of flour, taking with him Eugene Henroid sr. and his son Monrih then a small boy. They started with two ox teams and a pair of horses. It required three months to make the trio for there were no roads and the weather was bad.

He died in Am. Fork Nov. 7, 1895, leaving his wife Ellen Wright Jackson who Dec. 12, 1904 followed him, leaving four children Joseph died July 1921; Ellen, Lenond and Fred Joseph died in S.L. C. and was buried in Am. Fork.