

**Joseph Benson Jackson**, (9 Jan 1851 – 4 May 1919), Perry County Times, May 8, 1919

**J. B. Jackson**, Esq. one of eastern Perry's most prominent men died Sunday at 7:30 a.m. having been ill of a complication of diseases from some time. Recent treatment at the Harrisburg Hospital only temporarily relieved him.

**Joseph Benson Jackson** was born in the house in which he died, January 9, 1854, and was the son of the late **William** and **Martha (Steel) Jackson**, being one of a family of eight children. His mother was a granddaughter of **Jacob Baughman**, one of New Buffalo's original settlers, whose name the town bore during its early existence. He attended the common schools and at age of 20 entered his father's store at New Buffalo. He also had training in carpentry and undertaking and for a time was engaged in boat building. For a time following his father's death in 1872 the late Mr. Jackson Bros., consisting of himself and his brothers, **William H.** and **Andrew**.

The late **Mr. Jackson** was married January 15, 1880 to **Caroline**, daughter of **Josiah** and **Mary (Huggins) Bair** of Buffalo Township, **Mrs. Jackson** having died three years ago. Their children, **Julius F.** and **Ruth Virginia** are dead and those surviving are **Mrs. C. H. Ober**, New Buffalo, **William B. Jackson**, in Y.M.C.A. work in France and **Josiah Roy** of Girard, Pa. He is also survived by his granddaughter, **Cora Mae Ober**, New Buffalo, his sister, **Mrs. Mary E. Fessler**, New Buffalo, and **Milton Foster Jackson** of Harrisburg.

The late **Mr. Jackson** was an ardent Republican. His political activities brought him the offices of assessor for nine years, tax collector, councilman, member of the school board, having been the president and secretary respectively, of that body. He was also mercantile appraiser of Perry County and Perry County Commissioner. He was active in New Buffalo M. E. Church and has been Sunday school superintendent for 25 years, which office he had at the time of his death. He always served with fidelity in any position to which he was called, and had many friends in all walks of life. He was a charter member of the New Buffalo Lodge, No. 672, Independent Order of Americans and was interested in all civic and religious movement which involved his community. At one time he was prominent in Jr. O.U.A.M. circles.

Funeral services were held at the New Buffalo M. E. Church, Rev. E. L. Eslinger of Berwick officiated, assisted by Rev. Albert E. Fleck, present pastor of the M. E. church there. **Mr. Jackson** was a member of the building committee of New Buffalo M. E. Church in 1900 when Rev. Mr. Eslinger was pastor and a warm friendship always existed between them the **Jackson** home of present and past generations having been a favorite stopping place of M. E. ministers who came that way. Interment was at Hill Cemetery, near New Buffalo.

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