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**J. B. Jackson** and **William H. Jackson**, New Buffalo, Perry County, Pa., are natives of New Buffalo, and sons of **William** and **Margaret (Steel) Jackson**. **William Jackson** was born January 29, 1815, and settled in New Buffalo prior to 1837, the year in which he was married. He first began keeping a store in New Buffalo, on the premises now occupied by **Mrs. Arnold**, and some time later bought and removed his stock to his present location. He also purchased a farm of twenty-five acres, which he had cultivated. **Mr. Jackson** was in his earlier life a Democrat, but afterwards became a Republican, and an active worker. He was appointed postmaster, and served for twenty-five years. He was elected to almost all the borough offices. He was a member of the Masonic lodge, and of the K. P. **William Jackson** married **Margaret Steel**, a grand-daughter of **Jacob Baughman**, the "original settler" of New Buffalo, whose name the town bore during its early existence. She was born in Watts Township, then Buffalo, October 10, 1815. Their children are: **Andrew**, born April 29, 1839; **Susan**, born December 24, 1840, married **John Garnet**, both deceased; **William H.**, born January 24, 1843; **Mary E.**, born February 28, 1845, married first to **William H. Fessler**, afterwards to **Joseph C. Fessler**, resides in Harrisburg, Pa.; **J. B.**, born January 9, 1851; **Margaret S.**, born August 10, 1853, died in infancy; **Charles S.**, born September 18, 1858, resides with his brother, **J. B.**; and **Milton F.**, born August 6, 1860, merchant in Harrisburg, Pa. **William Jackson** was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and interested in church business; his house was a home for all visiting ministers. His death occurred March 22, 1872; his wife died May 1, 1880.

**J. B. Jackson** attended the common schools of New Buffalo until his twentieth year, and received mercantile training in his father's store. He then passed three years in learning carpentry and undertaking with **John Baughman**. He next turned his attention to boat building, working for his brother-in-law, **John Garnett**. At this trade he spent several years, having at the same time an interest in the firm of **Jackson Bros.**, general merchants, which was established in 1872, the year of their father's death, by **Andrew**, **William H.** and **J. B. Jackson**. In 1878, **Andrew Jackson** removed to Harrisburg, Pa., withdrawing from the firm, and began in the notion business; he is now a druggist, and has a contract for delivering the mails. The remaining partners have since carried on the business, gradually enlarging it. **Mr. J. B. Jackson** is a staunch Republican, and a worker in politics. He is chairman of the town committee, and has been assessor for nine years, tax collector, councilman, and school director, having served the school board as secretary and as president.

**J. B. Jackson** was married January 15, 1880, in Buffalo Township, to **Caroline**, daughter of **Josiah** and **Mary (Huggins) Bair**, of Buffalo Township; they began housekeeping in New Buffalo. Their children are: **Julius F.**, deceased; **Ruth Virginia**, deceased; **William B.**, attends school in New Buffalo, will prepare for college and become a student of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.; **Edith May**, is attending school, and is to receive a musical education; and **Josiah Roy**, at school. **Mr. Jackson** has been a member and an active worker of the Methodist Episcopal Church for thirty-five years. After the death of his father, who had been for some years a steward, he was appointed to that office, which he still holds. He has been for many years superintendent of the Sunday-school. **Mr. Jackson** is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., and held the office of D. S. Councilor for two terms; he was also representative to the State Council.

**William H. Jackson** was educated in the common schools, at the academy of Bloomfield, which he attended for one term, and at Newport, where he studied during one term. He was for ten terms a teacher in the public schools, exchanging that vocation for mercantile pursuits in 1872, when the firm of **Jackson Bros.** was organized. He is a Republican, and active in political affairs; has served three years as county auditor, has been tax collector, assessor, school director and councilman, serving two years as president of council; he is now in his second term as justice of the peace.

**William H. Jackson** was first married in September, 1875, to **Eliza Leopold**, of Mifflin County, who died August 27, 1877. He was married again, November 13, 1879, to **Lucy A.**, daughter of **N. C.** and **Margaret (Frank) Heyd**, of New Buffalo. Their children are: **Nelson H.**, died March 12, 1886, aged four years; **Andrew**, born January 12, 1884, attends school; and **Margaret**, born February 5, 1889, attends school. **Mr. Jackson** is a member and trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church; he is at present secretary of the Sunday-school. He is treasurer of New Buffalo Lodge, No. 628, I. O. O. F.; and a member and trustee of Council No. 672, Jr. O. U. A. M.

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