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Joseph E. Jackson, cashier and bookkeeper of the Duncannon Iron Company, of Duncannon, Pa., was born in Roaring Creek Township, Columbia County, Pa., November 30, 1833. He is a son of **Benjamin S.** and **Salome (Metz) Jackson**, both deceased. **Mr. Jackson** is of English origin, his great-great-grandfather, **Ephraim Jackson**, having come from Leicester, England, to America in 1687, five years after the founding and original settlement of our great State, of which his descendants have ever since been honored citizens. He settled in Delaware County, Pa., where he died. **Samuel Jackson**, great-grandfather of **Joseph E. Jackson**, was born in Delaware County, Pa., in 1704. In the latter part of his life he removed to Leacock Township, Lancaster County, where he died. His son, **Joseph Jackson**, was born in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, in 1748, but resided in Berks County until about 1800; he then removed to Columbia County, where he passed the remainder of his life. His wife was **Mary Bonsall**, descended from **Richard Bonsall**, who came to this country in 1683 and settled in Philadelphia. Their son, **Benjamin S. Jackson**, was born in Roaring Creek Township, Columbia County, in March, 1806. He was a blacksmith, but was engaged in teaching for the last twelve years of his life. He was married in Columbia County to **Salome Metz**; they had five children: **Eliza**, widow of **James Brown**; **Joseph E.**; **Henry C.**; **Mary (Mrs. John A. Smith)**, of Medford, Ore.; and **Annie**, who died at the early age of seven years. Their fourth child, **Henry C. Jackson**, was among the thousands who, during the Civil war, responded to the call of an imperiled country and rushed to its defense. As a lieutenant of Company G, Forty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, he fell for the flag beneath which he fought, at the bloody battle of Spottsylvania Court House, May 12, 1861.

The early life of **Joseph E. Jackson**, the subject of this sketch, was passed in St. Clair, Schuylkill County, to which place he had removed with his parents when quite young. He received his education in the common schools and subsequently in the Arcadian Institute, at Orwigsburg. At the age of thirteen he became an apprentice to the tailoring trade. He worked at this for about five years, but a thirst for larger acquisitions of knowledge, induced him to return to school, where he continued his studies for five years, in the meantime paying his own tuition and expenses by teaching as assistant in the academy during three years. Recognizing his attainments and his ability, the school authorities of Pottsville elected him principal of the Male Grammar School. After fifteen months his success as a teacher led to his promotion to be principal of the high school of the same place, which position he ably filled for four consecutive terms to the satisfaction of the school authorities and patrons. He finally resigned his place to engage in book-keeping in Pottsville, and subsequently in Philadelphia, thus entering on a career for which his whole life has shown him to be most eminently fitted. On January 14, 1867, he removed to Duncannon, and at once entered upon his duties as cashier and book-keeper of the Duncannon Iron Company, which important position he has faithfully and honorably filled for more than thirty consecutive years. This fact alone is a sufficient tribute to the high character and great ability of **Mr. Jackson**.

Joseph E. Jackson was married in St. Clair, Schuylkill County, July 8, 1863, to **Isabella A.**, daughter of **Scott** and **Ann Steell**. Their children are: **Annie I. (Mrs. H. C. McKenzie)**, of

Scranton, Pa.; **Harry B.**; and **William S. Mr. Jackson** and his family attend the Presbyterian Church.

When the presence of immense armed invading forces north of the Potomac, during the great Rebellion, appealed to Pennsylvania patriotism for the defense of homes and firesides, **Mr. Jackson** served for six weeks in Colonel Prick's Emergency Regiment, until the retreat of the invaders rendered the further service of the regiment unnecessary. **Mr. Jackson** is an honored and valued member of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, E. and A. M., at Pottsville, Pa. He is allied with the Republican Party. During the thirty years that **Mr. Jackson** has been a resident of Duncannon, there has been within its bounds no more public-spirited citizen or more honorable man.

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