



# **Jackson-Jones Family Collection, 1685-1865.**

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**Biographical/Historical Note:**

Born in Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, England c1615-20, Robert Jackson was the son of the Separatist Richard Jackson. As early as 1640, Robert and his father traveled for New Plymouth, Massachusetts with their minister, Reverend Richard Denton, in search of religious freedoms. In c1644, Robert Jackson settled in Hempstead and built a home near Jerusalem River in Jerusalem, N.Y. (now Wantagh). It is this house at Willow Lake, and its grist mill, that has housed generations of the Jackson-Jones Family.

Colonel John Jackson (?-1725), son of Robert, owned 430 acres in Jerusalem, including the original homestead and mill. Included in this collection are his grants and patents regarding land holdings in the Town of Hempstead; notably in this collection is the Cornbury Patent of 1708, now Jones Beach. Colonel John Jackson II (?-1744), son of John, was the last surviving patentee of the Town of Hempstead.

The Jackson family, prior to their marriage into the Jones family around the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, intermarried with many prominent families on Long Island, primarily the Seamans. General Jacob Seaman Jackson (1763-1829) was a Loyalist during the American Revolution, and according to papers in this collection, was taken prisoner from the Willow Lake house by the opposition and later escaped a New Jersey prison. A large portion of the collection's military orders are regarding General Jacob Seaman Jackson. Notably, his 1787 wreckmaster appointment is signed by the former vice president and governor of New York at the time, George Clinton.

After Elizabeth Jackson (1796-1868) married Thomas Jones (1773-1852), their grandson Samuel Jackson Jones (1844-1923) was a Union soldier in the Civil War. He volunteered and fought in 13 battles. Included in the collection is his military discharge.

While the Jackson-Jones Family Collection is primarily rich in military orders, it also houses a photograph and drawing collection of the Willow Lake Homestead and Old Grist Mill. In addition, it also contains two original indentures and a copy of a land deed.

The collection was compiled and organized by Julia Elizabeth Welwood Jones, daughter of Samuel Jackson Jones and a direct descendant of both the Jackson and Jones families.

**Scope and Content:**

The Jackson-Jones Family Collection is composed of various originals, true copies, and facsimiles of deeds, patents, military orders and discharges, indentures, and legal documents pertaining to the Jackson-Jones family of Jerusalem, NY (now Wantagh). The collection includes 13 photographs, one matted photograph, and two photo album pages (housing 15 photographs) of the Willow Lake Homestead and Old Grist Mill, and two original drawings by the family of the Willow Lake Homestead and Old Grist Mill. Included is a general overview of 11 generations of Jackson-Jones family, provided by the family. There is a personal account by Julia Elizabeth Welwood Jones providing

details about the aforementioned generations. Also present are print-outs of census pages and a facsimile copy of the Willis family tree from an unsourced publication. (The Willis family also married into the Jones family.)

## **SUBJECTS**

### **Names:**

Jackson Family.  
Jones Family.  
Seaman Family.  
Willis Family.  
Jackson, Elizabeth, (1796-1868).  
Jackson, John, (?-1725).  
Jackson, John, (?-1744).  
Jackson, John, (?-1778).  
Jackson, Jacob (Seaman), (1763-1829).  
Jackson, Obadiah, (1733-1802).  
Jones, Jacob (Seaman Jackson), (1811-1894).  
Jones, Samuel (Jackson), (1844-1923).  
Jones, Thomas, (1773-1852).

### **Subjects:**

American loyalists.  
Civil War, 1861-1865--Long Island (N.Y.).  
Jerusalem (N.Y.)--History.  
Long Island--History.  
Revolutionary War, American, 1775-1783--Long Island (N.Y.).  
Wantagh (N.Y.)--History.

### **Places:**

Hempstead (N.Y. : Town).  
Jerusalem (N.Y.).  
Ridgewood (N.Y.)  
Queens County (N.Y.).  
Wantagh (N.Y.).

### **Form and Genre Terms:**

Deeds.  
Drawings.  
Ephemera.  
Indentures.  
Legal documents.  
Military discharge.  
Military orders.  
News clippings.  
Patents.  
Print materials.  
Photograph albums.  
Photographs.

The Jackson-Jones Family Collection is arranged in three series:

- I. Photographs & Drawings - Photographs are arranged by subject of photograph with the exception of the photo album pages in original state (a photo album page also houses a news clipping). Drawings are arranged chronologically.
- II. Biographical Information - Genealogical overview of the 11 family generations living in the Jackson-Jones House at Willow Lake, biographical information about these generations provided by Julia Elizabeth Welwood Jones, census print-outs, a news clipping referring to the history of the area, a copied page from a reference book regarding the Willis family, and the family's index of the archive in original order.
- III. Family Papers - Arranged chronologically in sub-series separated by generation:  
Second Generation: Colonel John Jackson  
Third Generation: Colonel John Jackson II  
Fifth Generation: Obadiah Jackson  
Sixth Generation: General Jacob Seaman Jackson  
Seventh Generation: Elizabeth Jackson-Thomas Jones  
Eighth Generation: Jacob Seaman Jackson Jones  
Ninth Generation: Samuel Jackson Jones

## Jackson-Jones Family Collection, 1685-1865

### Box and Folder Listing

#### Series I: Photographs & Drawings

All photographs and drawings are black and white unless otherwise noted.

Writing on the back of a few of these photographs claim the house was built by a Jeremiah Jackson in 1666; as there was no living Jeremiah in the Jackson family at the time, it is presumed the note is incorrect and refers to Jeremiah B. Jackson (1805-1875), the only Jeremiah in the Jackson family, who owned the house while major additions were being made to the original structure.

<u>Box / Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>
	<b>Photographs</b>		
1-1	Willow Lake House and Lake (PHOTO 1, COPY 1)	4" x 4"	early 1900s
1-2	Willow Lake House and Lake (PHOTO 1, COPY 2)	4" x 4"	early 1900s
1-3	Willow Lake House and Lake	3.5" x 3"	early 1900s
1-4	Road	3.5" x 2.5"	early 1900s
1-5	Road (PHOTO 1, COPY 1)	3.5" x 2.5"	early 1900s
1-6	Road (PHOTO 1, COPY 2)	3.5" x 2.5"	early 1900s
1-7	Drawing room, "Looking S/E"	3" x 4"	early 1900s
1-8	Bookcase	2.5" x 3.5"	early 1900s
1-9	Fireplace and armchair	5" x 3"	early 1900s
1-10	Fireplace and couch	5" x 3"	early 1900s
1-11	Fireplace	3.5" x 3"	early 1900s
1-12	Fireplace and couch	6" x 4"	early 1900s
1-13	Den with fireplace	6.5" x 5"	early 1900s
1-14	<b>Photograph Album Page #1</b>	<b>20" x 10"</b>	
	<i>Side 1</i>		
1-14	"Old Grist Mill - 1704, Merrick Road - Jerusalem River"	5" x 4"	early 1900s
1-14	Willow Lake House	5" x 3"	early 1900s
1-14	"(1934) Taken by U.S. Survey - 4-404, West Wing Main House - 1666 -"	7" x 5"	1934
1-14	"House and Lake"	3.5" x 2.5"	early 1900s
1-14	"Taken 1934, East End, Original Shingles, 1666"	5" x 7"	1934
1-14	<i>Side 2</i>		
1-14	Grist Mill Site Historical Marker	5.5" x 3.5"	early 1900s
1-14	Window	5" x 7"	early 1900s

<u>Box / Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>
1-15	<b>Photograph Album Page #2</b>	<b>20" x 10"</b>	
	<i>Side 1</i>		
1-15	"Taken - 1934, Den"	7" x 5"	1934
1-15	"Willow Lake"	3.5" x 3.5"	early 1900s
1-15	"Willow Lake"	3.5" x 3.5"	early 1900s
1-15	"Clock and Telescope (1935)"	5" x 3"	1935
1-15	"Front Door (1666), Inside"	3.5" x 3"	early 1900s
1-15	"Front Door (1666), Taken 1934, Outside"	7" x 5"	1934
	<i>Side 2</i>		
1-15	<i>The New York Sun</i> , May 7, 1936, "Sketches of New York's Suburbs--No. 295" clipping		May 7, 1936
1-15	Mill	10" x 8"	early 1900s
1-16	Matted photograph of Willow Lake House and family	12" x 10"	early 1900s
	<b>Drawings</b>		
1-17	Pencil drawing of Old Mill -- "The Old Mill at Willow Lake built in the year 1704 and torn down in the year 1890"	9" x 10"	unknown
1-17	Pencil drawing of Old Mill (facsimile)	9" x 10"	unknown
1-18	Pencil drawing of Willow Lake House -- "Old Homestead, July 4, 1863"	8" x 12.5"	July 4, 1863

## **Series II: Biographical Information**

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Title/date</u>
1-19	Genealogical overview of 11 generations who lived in the Jackson-Jones House at Willow Lake, two pages, typed, n.d.
1-19	Biographical information of 11 generations who lived in the Jackson-Jones House at Willow Lake, two pages, handwritten, n.d.
1-19	Census pages, three pages, print-outs, August 2012.
1-19	Newspaper clipping concerning history of area, "Tackapausha Trail: Sample of Long Island's early forest life preserved on small tract at Seaford," <i>The New York Times</i> , 23 April 1950.
1-19	Genealogical information on the Willis Family, one page copied, n.p., n.d. Index provided by family, one page, typed, matted, n.d.

### **Series III: Family Papers**

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#### ***Second Generation: Colonel John Jackson***

- 1-20 Patent to Colonel John Jackson and other parties concerning land in the Town of Hempstead, or "Dongan Patent," 1685 (true copy, recorded 1685; includes transcript, four pages, typed, n.d.)
- 1-21 Grant to Colonel John Jackson giving riparian rights to Jerusalem River, 1704 (true copy, recorded 1704)
- 1-22 Patent to Colonel John Jackson for land now known as Jones Beach, or "Cornbury Patent," 1708 (true copy, recorded 1708; includes transcript, three pages, typed, n.d.)

#### ***Third Generation: Colonel John Jackson II***

- 1-23 Indenture between Colonel John Jackson II and his father, Colonel John Jackson, Sr., 1775.

#### ***Fifth Generation: Obadiah Jackson***

- 1-24 Deed between Obadiah Jackson and his father, Justice John Jackson, regarding money and land, 1761 (copy, matted, n.d.)

#### ***Sixth Generation: General Jacob Seaman Jackson***

- 1-25 Wreckmaster appointment to Jacob Seaman Jackson, 1787 (three facsimile copies, front and back)
- 1-26 Military order of promotion to Jacob Seaman Jackson to First Major, 1790 (three facsimile copies, front and back)
- 1-27 Military order of promotion to Jacob Seaman Jackson to Lieutenant Colonel Commander, 1795 (three facsimile copies, front and back)
- 1-28 Military order of promotion to Jacob Seaman Jackson to Brigadier General, 1808 (three facsimile copies, front and back)
- 1-29 Indenture between General Jacob Seaman Jackson and the Directors of the South Oyster Bay Turnpike Company regarding the building of a road on his land and river, 1819.
- 1-30 Wreckmaster appointment to Jacob Seaman Jackson, 1823 (three facsimile

copies, front only)

- 1-31 Wreckmaster appointment to Jacob Seaman Jackson, 1825 (three facsimile copies, front only)

***Seventh Generation: Elizabeth Jackson-Thomas Jones***

- 1-32 Regular Mason Certificate awarded to Thomas Jones, 1795 (three facsimile copies, front and back; includes a copied page from unknown source explained certificate's meaning)

***Eighth Generation: Jacob Seaman Jackson Jones***

- 1-33 Military order of promotion to Jacob Seaman Jackson Jones to Horse Artillery, 1831.
- 1-34 Military order of promotion to Jacob Seaman Jackson Jones to First Lieutenant, 1832.
- 1-35 Military discharge (resignation) of Jacob Seaman Jackson Jones, 1834.

***Ninth Generation: Samuel Jackson Jones***

- 1-36 Military discharge (resignation) of Samuel Jackson Jones, 1865.