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British-born artist William Garl Browne, Jr., created this portrait of Thomas Jonathon Jackson—more commonly known as General Stonewall Jackson—around 1869. Because Jackson died in 1863, Browne would have based his painting on an earlier source, such as a photo or a daguerreotype.

Who was "Stonewall" Jackson, one of the Confederacy's greatest heroes?

For ten years <u>before the Civil War</u>, he was a rather <u>unpopular professor</u> of <u>artillery</u> tactics and natural/experimental philosophy at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI). It wasn't until he was a general in the field, away from the repetitive tedium and occasional <u>controversy</u> of his classroom, that Jackson's true talents emerged.

Within two years he catapulted from <u>relative obscurity</u> (the link depicts him in 1855) to national prominence.

Born "Thomas Jonathon Jackson," he often <u>signed</u> his name as "T.J. Jackson." His boyhood home, <u>Jackson's Mill</u>, is located in what is known today as Weston, West Virginia. (It was part of Virginia until the northern counties of that state rejoined the Union.)

Orphaned early in life, Tom Jackson was devoted to his younger sister <u>Laura</u>, although their relationship was destroyed during the Civil War. She was an ardent Unionist.

Jackson's first wife, <u>Ellie</u>, died <u>on</u> 22 October 1854, shortly after giving birth to their stillborn son. She was 30 years old. Three weeks after her death, <u>Jackson</u> observed (in a <u>letter</u> to his sister Laura):

I am reconciled to my loss and have joy in hope of a future reunion where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.

He married his second wife, Mary Anna Morrison (whom he called "Esposita") in 1857. They lived in Lexington, Virginia in the only home Tom Jackson ever owned.

Their first child, a daughter named Mary Graham Jackson, was born in May of 1858. Jackson announced the birth of his daughter (who was initially "doing very well"). But little Mary died before she was one month old.

Tom and Anna's second child, <u>Julia Laura</u> (who was named after her paternal grandmother) was born during the war. <u>She lived</u> to be 26 years old. (A picture of Julia with her mother, <u>Mary Anna Jackson</u>, was taken a few years after the war.)

Julia married William W. Christian and, after having two children (Julia and Jackson), she died of typhoid fever. The Confederate hero's descendants still survive.

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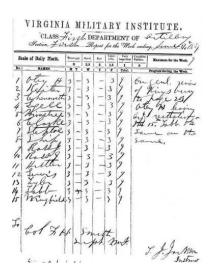
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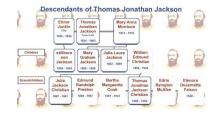
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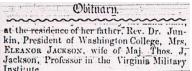


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