

# Gabriel Jackson & Polly Pate

By, Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky., 1988

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Dear Ms. Wright:

My name is Jerry Long. I got your name from the person who answers the genealogical correspondence for the Ohio County, Ky. Courthouse. I saw were you were interested in obtaining copies of the marriage records for Gabriel Jackson to Polly Pate, 1815 & John Crow to Polly Jackson, 1835. Are you related to the Jackson or Pate families? Polly Pate is a sister to my ancestor, William Pate of Ohio County, KY. I am compiling a history of the Pate family and would like to hear from you if you are related to the above.

Yours truly,  
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17 November 1988

Dear Mr. Long,

Yes, I am a direct descendent of Gabriel Jackson who was born in Ohio County, Kentucky However, I am uncertain as to whether Polly Pate is an ancestor which I will discuss below. First, I am pleased that you wrote. Polly Pate has remained a mystery to me and other family members who have researched our family lines. I hope you will be able to help resolve some questions that I have about her and that I can, perhaps, share some information with you that you may find helpful.

Gabriel Jackson was born in Ohio County, KY on 15 December 1795 and was the son of Christopher Maccabees and Catherine (Rhoads) Jackson. He had two brothers, Julius Caesar and Christopher D. Jackson, and nine sisters. Christopher and Catherine moved west, to Pike County, Missouri, in 1823; it has been said that Gabriel also went to Missouri, but returned to Ohio County before moving to Texas. (I have found nothing to verify that he went to Texas, which at the time was Mexican territory. Gabriel settled near what is now Cooks Point in Burleson County, Texas, and there remained until his death on 27 September 1877.

From what I can piece together, Polly Pate was Gabriel Jackson's first wife, but what became of her is unknown. According to one account, Polly and Gabriel had three children: (1) A daughter born around 1815, name unknown, (2) Christopher "Kit" Jackson born around 1816 and went to Texas, (3) Alton born between 1830-1834, went to Texas. Whether Polly accompanied Gabriel to Texas is unknown, but I do know that he was married to Virginia Ann Craddock by 1835. Gabriel and Virginia had six children. In another account, it is said that Gabriel and Virginia had a son named Christopher Columbus who went by the name of Kit and was born around 1843. It is Kit who I am primarily concerned with since I am a direct descendent of him. Is Kit the product of Gabriel's marriage to Polly Pate or to Virginia Ann Craddock? Unfortunately Kit Jackson was murdered at a young age and was apparently preceded in death by his wife. He left two young daughters who were raised by Virginia Jackson until they married at very early ages (i.e., 13). One of Kit's daughters, Tunnie C. Jackson, was my great great grandmother.

I have been unable to locate any information on Polly Pate aside from the fact that she was married to Gabriel Jackson on 21 May 1815. I have found no information documenting births from that union. Perhaps you can help me with respect to this. I have wondered if the Polly Jackson who married John Crow in 1835 could possibly be the daughter, mentioned above, of Gabriel and Polly. This is why I requested the marriage license (which I have not yet received).

While I have a lot more information on the Jacksons than what is included here, I am uncertain as to what you would be interested in. I would be happy to share what I have with you. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,  
Sally Wright

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2 December 1988

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Dear Ms. Wright:

Thank you for your letter.

Gabriel Jackson (1795-1877) married first Mary (Polly) Pate, 21 May 1815, Ohio County, Ky. She was born 1793-1796 and was the daughter of John Pate & Jane Crawford. Gabriel Jackson was listed in the 1820 & 1830 censuses of Ohio County, Ky. On 7 October 1834 in Ohio County, Ky. Polly Jackson filed for and was granted a divorce from Gabriel Jackson. According to testimony in the suit he had left Ohio County on 17 Sept. 1832 and was then living in the province of Texas. No children of Gabriel & Polly were named in the suit and apparently

they had no surviving children, since children are generally named in divorce proceedings. Mrs. Polly Jackson married second John Crow, 9 July 1835, Ohio County, Ky. She died following the 1860 Ohio County, Ky. census.

According to the book, Jacksons of Kentucky, Their Ancestors and Descendants, by William Neel Jackson, Gabriel Jackson & Polly Pate had one child, a son, Cummings who died at the age of 8 (see copies enclosed). No sources for this were given. If you ever find any info about this statement, would you please let me know? In the same source 6 children are listed for Gabriel Jackson & his second wife, Virginia Craddock. Their names and ages were apparently taken from the 1850 Burlson County, Texas census. Do you have this census listing for their family, or of the 1860 or 1870 censuses? Can you tell me anymore, in addition to what was given in this book, about the children of Gabriel & Virginia (ex. dates & places of birth, marriage, death, places of burial)? Where was Gabriel Jackson buried? Do you have an abstract of his will? Do you have any dates for Virginia Craddock Jackson? Your 3rd great-grandfather, Christopher Columbus (Kit) Jackson, born ca 1843 Texas, was apparently a son of Gabriel Jackson and his second wife, Virginia Ann Craddock. Do you have any more info about him, who he married, when he died, etc.?

Have you been able to validate the alleged relationship between the Christopher M. Jackson family and that of President Andrew Jackson? I have seen several statements about this but have never been able to prove it. Thank you for your help.

Yours truly,  
Jerry Long

P.S. Can I ask you for your source for Alton (b.1830-1834) as a son of Gabriel Jackson?  
Could he be another child of Gabriel & Virginia?

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Received a letter dated 11 January 1989 from Sally Wright. It included 8 pages in cursive writing and 22 xerox copies of other sources. The handwritten pages I was unable to scan to electronic format and present here.