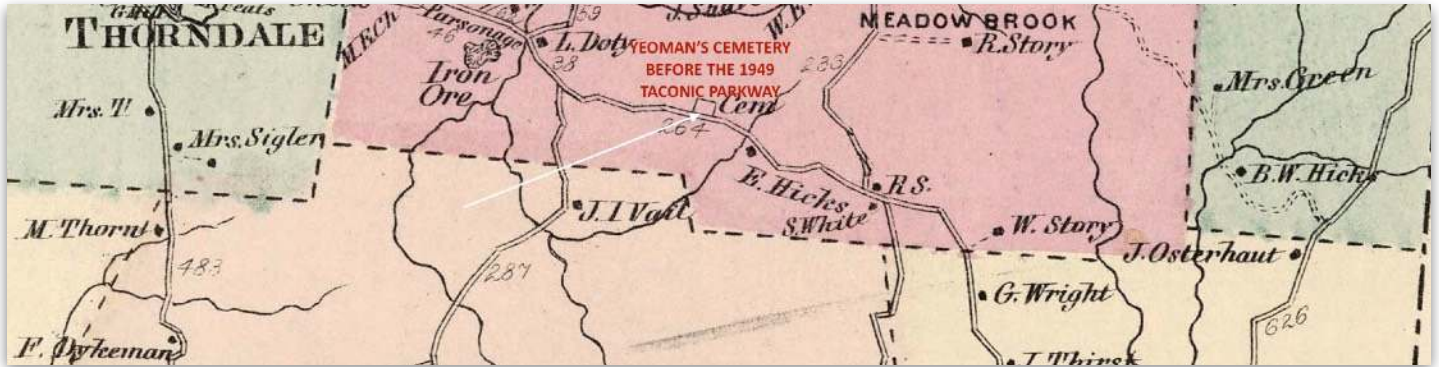


# MILAN

## African American Burial Ground

### Unmarked graves, southeast corner

The east/west road that used to go past Yeoman's Cemetery was one of the major east/west roads in the area. Now abandoned with the building of the Taconic State Parkway, the cemetery is easily visible from that roadway in the winter.



William E. Jackson, the brother of Walter Patrice's maternal grandfather, Jasper Jackson, died August 22, 1891. His death and interment in Yeoman's is noted in the newspaper. The 1924 county-wide survey of gravestones by Poucher and Reynolds does not list any of the Jackson family members who rest there. Oral tradition from older resident said that the southeast corner was reserved for persons of color, but no permanent markers were allowed; at most, a wooden cross, but frequently nothing.

Milan.  
The funeral of William Jackson took place at his mother's residence, on Monday of this week. He has suffered with a lingering disease for some time. The interment took place at the Yeomans cemetery. His brother John is also dangerously sick. He is also with his mother.

#### DEATH INDEX

1891

William E.  
22 Aug Milan

3496

#### YEOMANS GROUND

CLASSIFICATION: Family ground.  
LOCATION: One mile south of La Fayette.  
CONDITION: Thickly overgrown but occasionally used within recent years.  
INSCRIPTIONS: 82 in number. Copied in August, 1914, by J. W. Poucher, M. D., Mrs. Poucher and Miss M. O. Johnston.  
REMARKS: Spoken of as the Yeomans ground.

27. Hopeman, Peter, d. 1870, Feb. 11, a. 76-5-9.  
28. Hopeman, Phebe, w. of Peter, d. 1871, Sep. 7, a. 77-7-1.  
29. Kilmer, Eliza, w. of Henry, d. 1846, Sep. 13, a. 24-5-18.  
30. Killmer, Henry E., s. of John & Lydia, d. 1847, Sep. 15, a. 1 y. 15 d.  
31. Killmer, Lydia Ann, w. of John, d. 1850, Feb. 25, a. 38-2-25.

Jackson House 2019



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**CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED—**  
Last Saturday afternoon a meeting of the plot owners in the cemetery known as the Yeoman's cemetery, near Lafayetteville, was held at Lafayetteville, when an organization was formed to be known as the Lafayette Cemetery Association, and the following officers were elected: President, Ferris Jackson; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Irene Kilmer; Trustees, Horace Bowman, 3 years; Otis Bowman, 2 years; Milton Cornelius, 1 year. This cemetery is one of the oldest in the town of Milan, and is situated about one mile southwest of Lafayetteville, on the road to Bull's Head.

Ferris Jackson is the brother of William and John mentioned in the newspaper, and brother to the maternal grandfather of Walter Patrice. Shown visiting the site in October 2018.