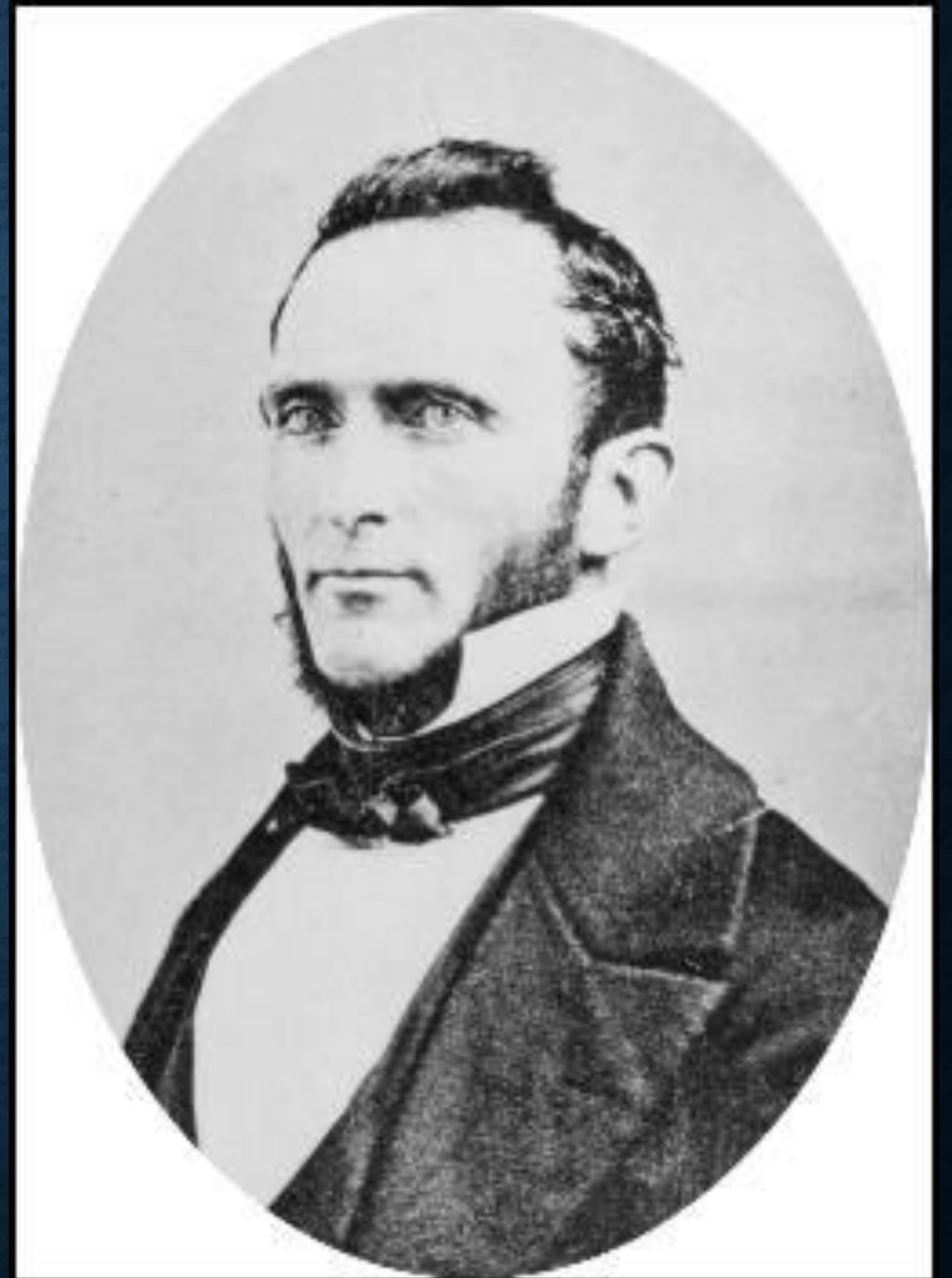




In 1856 a 32 old year American tourist attempting to get over the grief of losing his wife and stillborn son travelled to Europe. Gone for six months he toured England, Scotland, Belgium, Germany, France, Italy and Switzerland. He, in particular, was 'very gratified' with Venice and Florence.

That tourist was
Thomas J. Jackson.



...the journey
to becoming
Stonewall.



Thomas Jackson is not
the lemon EATING,
Bible quoting,
small horse riding,
unforgiving,
strong, silent,
slightly crazy
caricature
you may have OF HIM.

NOR IS HE
THIS GRANDIOSE,
HEROIC,
OVERSTATEMENT
OF A MYTHIC
WARRIOR
YOU MAY BE
MUCH MORE
FAMILIAR WITH.



Rather he is this one. Raised by a bachelor uncle, after losing both parents by 8 years of age. Also lost was an older brother and sister.



Not overly religious as a youth, he achieved only a 5th grade education by the age of 17.

ON THIS SITE STOOD THE BIRTHPLACE OF
THOMAS J. (STONEWALL) JACKSON
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, C.S.A.
BORN JANUARY 21, 1824 - DIED MAY 10, 1863
ERECTED AUGUST, 1911 BY
THE STONEWALL JACKSON CHAPTER NO. 1333
UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

Clarksburg, Virginia (now West Virginia)





Present

@1830's

Jackson's Mill



A CHILDHOOD OF DESERTION, DEATH, AND DESPAIR.

As 'Bud' Robertson wrote,
“Thomas was never a child.”

Anna would write that Jackson never
spoke of his childhood. NEVER!!!

**West Point Military
Academy, 1842
Jackson's home for 4
years.**

Jackson would become part of the
'Legendary' class of 1846, graduating
17th of 59.



MEXICAN WAR

Thought he
loved the
military life.

He was wrong...





Fort Hamilton, currently the only active duty military base in the New York City area.

Brooklyn , where Jackson spent 18 months, and was Christened at St. John's Episcopal Church in 1849.





Jackson was stationed at Fort Meade, Polk County, Florida for less than a year. For various reasons it was an unhappy time.

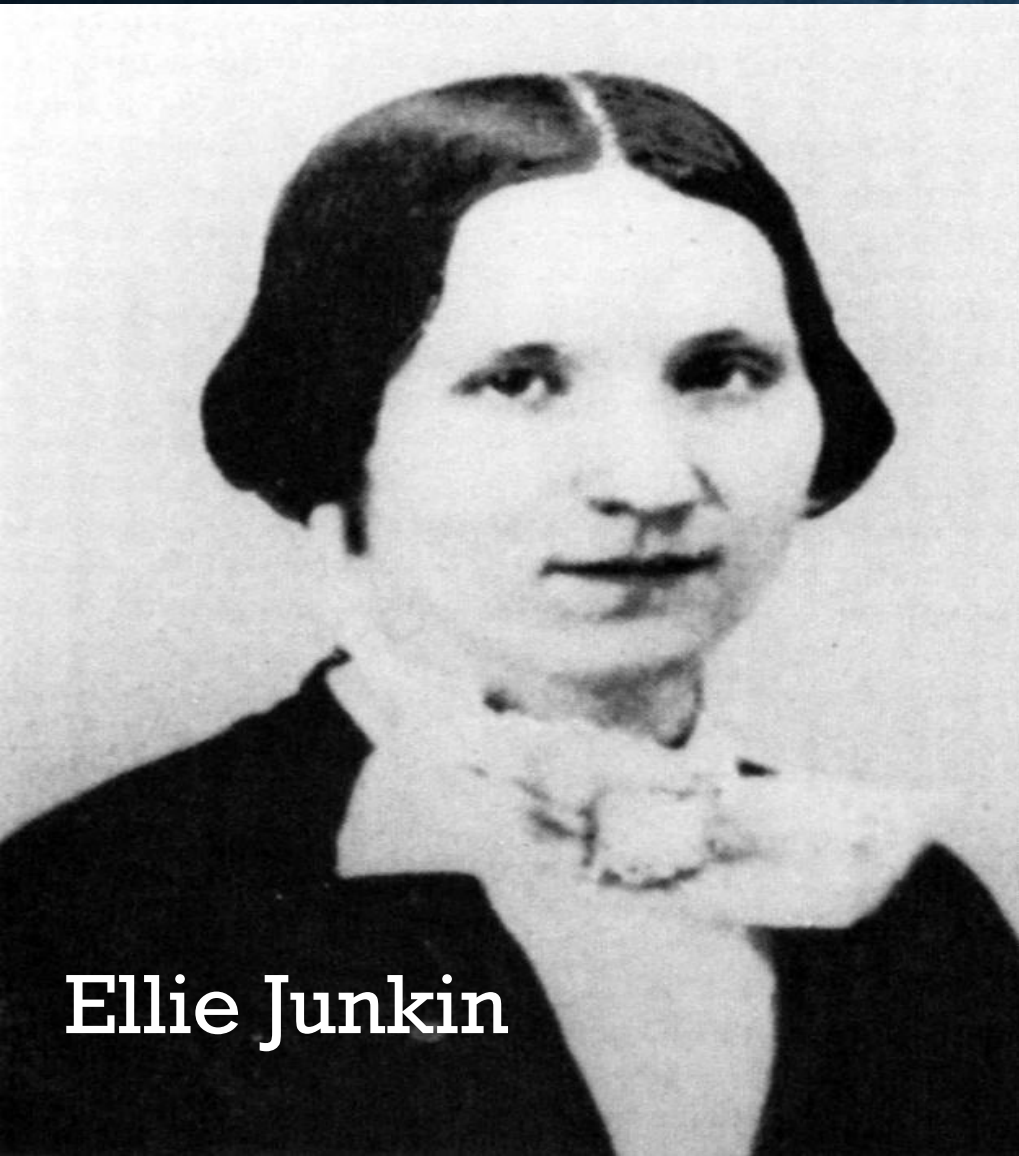


Virginia Military Institute, Lexington.
Jackson's home for 10 years.



Jackson arrives at VMI in 1851,
teaching natural philosophy and artillery.

LEXINGTON



Ellie Junkin

It was here
that Jackson
finally found
happiness
for the first
time in his
life.

*If only
for a short
time...*



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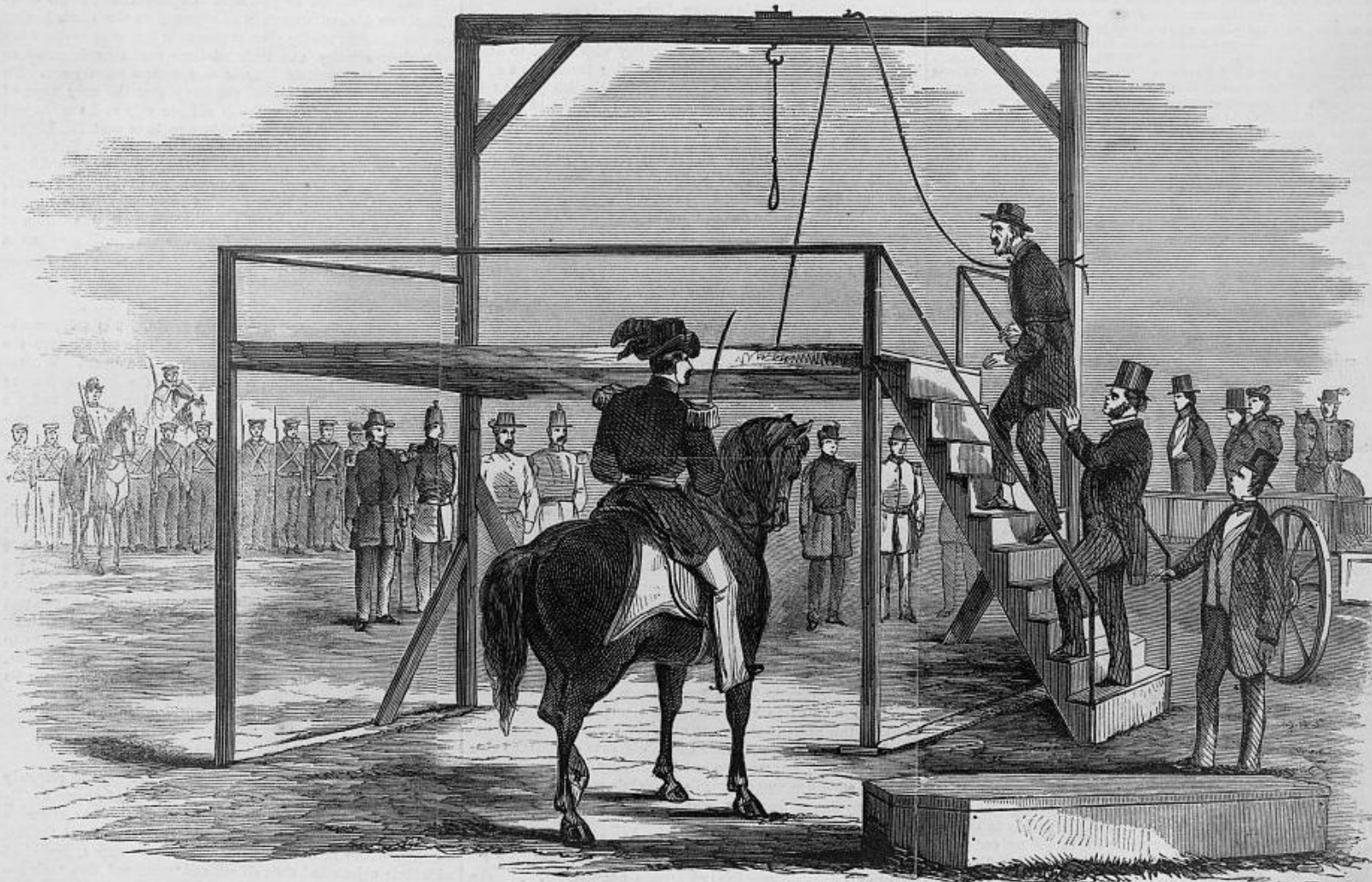
Jackson House, Washington Street, Lexington.



Mary Anna Jackson

Mary Anna Jackson

Harpers Ferry December 2, 1859



JOHN BROWN ASCENDING THE SCAFFOLD PREPARATORY TO BEING HANGED.—FROM A SKETCH BY OUR SPECIAL ARTIST.

Brown 'behaved with unflinching firmness'.

'I hoped that he was prepared to die, but I am very doubtful...

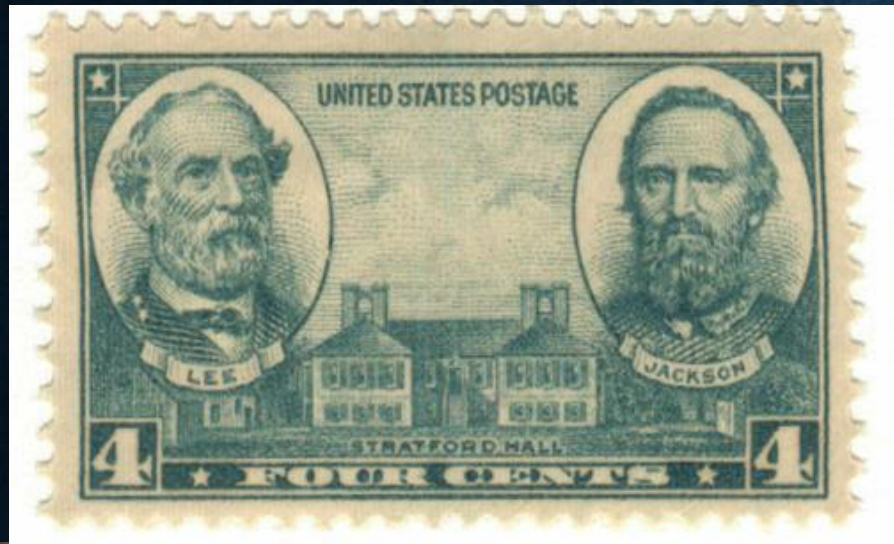
he wouldn't have a minister with him.'



AA April 21, 1861

Leaving Lexington... ahead lies Bull Run,
the Valley Campaign, Chancellorsville...
and myth, legend, and immortality.

Questions ??



The Legend Lives On.