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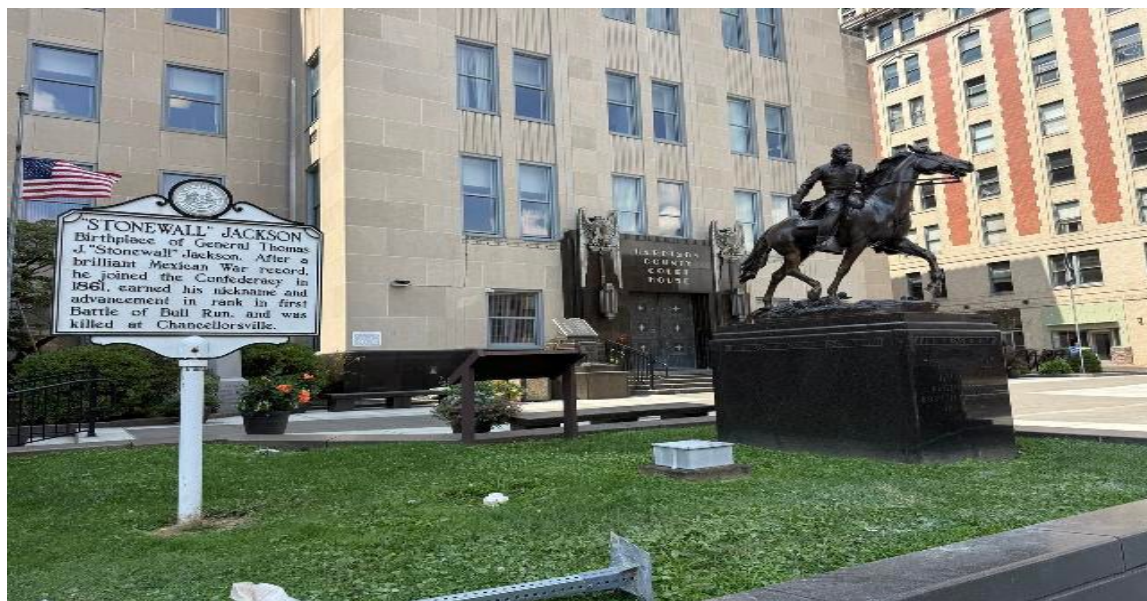
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**The Major John C. Hutto Camp's September Camp Meeting
will be in Jasper, Alabama on
Sunday 20 September 2026 at 2:00 pm**

**The program for September is:
10 PIVOTAL Events That Led To The American CIVIL WAR....**



**West Virginia's Stonewall Jackson Monument and
Its Connection to Alabama's Tuskegee Institute
By Norman Dasinger, Jr.**

The Stonewall Jackson statue in Clarksburg, West Virginia |courtesy of the author

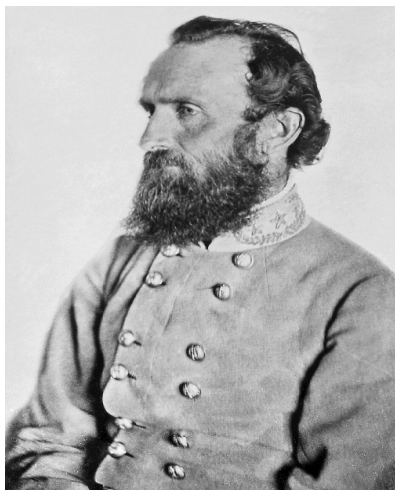
Born in 1824 in Clarksburg, in what is now West Virginia, Thomas Jonathan “Stonewall” Jackson would become an American icon. He was the first celebrated military personality of the Civil War, even before other notables like Lee or Grant became well known.

Orphaned as a youngster, Jackson was raised by his uncle near present-day Weston, West Virginia. He entered the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1842 and graduated 17th in a class of 59 cadets. His first taste of combat soon followed when he served in the Mexican-American War.

Jackson later resigned his U.S. Army commission and became an instructor at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington. When Virginia seceded in 1861, he offered his services to the Confederate State of America and began a meteoric rise to fame following the Battle of First Manassas that summer.

By the time Jackson was wounded in May 1863, he had established an impressive military reputation. He died on May 10 and was buried in Lexington, Virginia.

By the early 20th century, efforts were underway in Clarksburg to honor their famous Stonewall. In September 2023, Cody Stanley wrote:



Thomas Jonathon “Stonewall” Jackson public domain

“In 1921, New York sculptor Charles Keck was commissioned to make a bronze equestrian statue of Jackson for a park in Charlottesville, Virginia. He did so, and in the process created a smaller scale model of the statue, which he kept in his studio. During 1930–40s, Jackson enthusiasts, most notably former Gov. John J. Cornwell, attempted without success to acquire the statue and bring it to West Virginia. ... After Charles Keck's death in 1951 ... a Stonewall Jackson Memorial Fund was established, working closely with the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, and several thousand dollars were raised for its purchase. In 1953, seeking to downsize and move to a smaller residence, Charles' widow Anne Keck sold the statue at a steep discount.”

The statue was unveiled May 10, 1953, and placed on the Harrison County Courthouse plaza, across the street from the site of the house where Jackson was born.

In a December 6, 2020, article, JoAnn Snoderly wrote that the “statue dedication

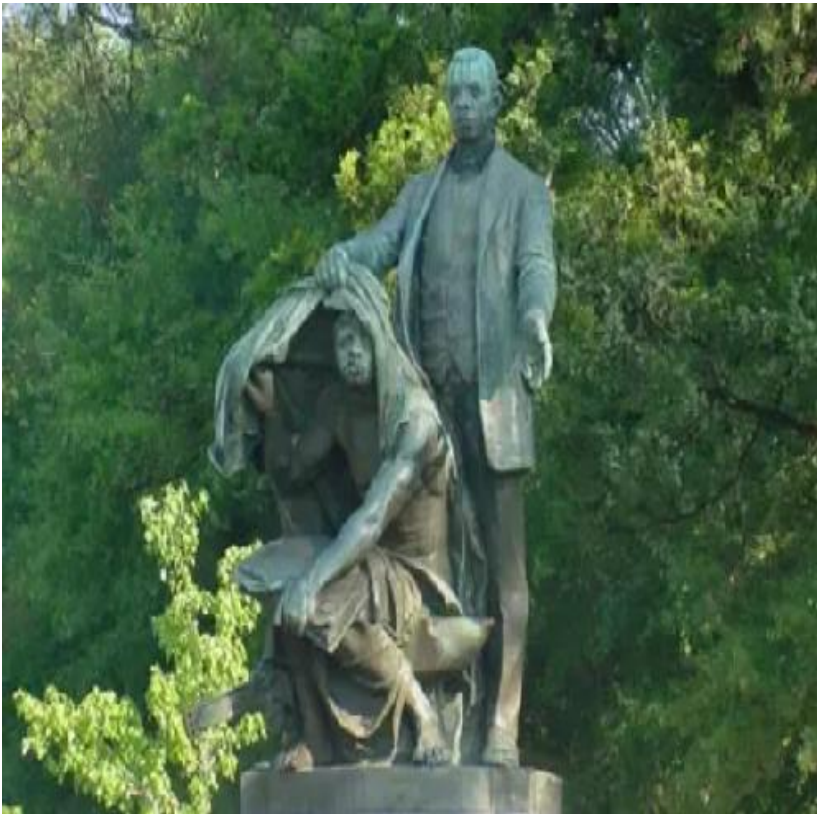
ceremony was held at 3 p.m.,” 90 years to the hour after Jackson's death. Speakers included Harrison County Commission President Brent Rittenhouse, who praised Jackson as a military genius and “Christian gentlemen.”

It was reported that Anne Keck, the sculptor’s widow, said at the dedication: “Who knows what influence may be put into motion by the contemplation of the character and deeds of Jackson. He is there in your city as a constant reminder to all.”

What is the connection between this West Virginia Civil War monument and Alabama?

Perhaps one of the most famous Civil Rights statues ever created is the “Lifting of the Veil of Ignorance Memorial,” located at Tuskegee University in Alabama. Dedicated in 1922, it was designed by Charles Keck—the same sculptor who created Clarksburg’s Stonewall Jackson monument.

"Lifting the Veil of Ignorance Memorial," sculpted by Charles Keck | NPS



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