Who was Thomas Jonathan Jackson?

A teacher at the Virginia Military Institute. Major Jackson taught natural philosophy (physics) and artillery tactics. He was a demanding teacher, and while his students nicknamed him "Old Jack" and "Tom Fool," Major Jackson nonetheless commanded their respect as a celebrated war veteran.





A deacon in the Presbyterian Church. Jackson was a deeply religious man. He strictly upheld the Sabbath as a day of rest. He prayed often and held family prayers twice a day in his home. He founded a Sunday School for black people at the Lexington Presbyterian Church.

A businessman. Major Jackson was a director of a local savings organization, part owner of a local savings organization, part owner of a local tannery, and the owner of a small farm.





A family man. Thomas Jackson's first wife died in childbirth. He later married Mary Anna Morrison. Mary Anna and Thomas had one daughter, who died as an infant, and one daughter, Julia, who survived into adulthood.

A skilled Confederate general from Virginia. T.J. Jackson was one of the South's greatest generals. He was nicknamed "Stonewall" Jackson because he had stood firmly against the enemy like a "stonewall" at the first battle of Bull Run (or Manassas) Confederate soldiers mistakenly shot Gen. Jackson at the battle of Chancellorsville. Jackson's doctor tried to save his life by cutting off his left arm, but Jackson died.

