

Ida W. Phillips, daughter of Abner (1847-?) and Catherine "Kate" Toolan (1852-1876) Phillips, was born 15 December 1875, Meridian Township, Ingham County. Ida's mother died within a year of her birth and was interred St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Lansing, Ingham County. Her father married again in 1877. Ida was partially raised by her grandparents, John and Esther Phillips. Grandpa John Phillips was the local shoemaker in Okemos. Little is known of Ida's childhood other than she grew up in Okemos and attended Okemos school probably to the 8th grade. The highest-grade level at Okemos in this particular year was 8th grade and was considered graduation. Because of her December 15 birthday, we believe she started 1st grade in 1881. Thus, Ida Phillips graduated at age 13 in the Okemos Class of 1890. Ida stayed close with her Okemos classmates. [One such gathering was featured in the *Lansing State Journal*, June 7, 1951. <click this area to read "The Circle of Friends">](#)

On 28 January 1894 she married Elmurion Sylvester Harrington in Williamston, Ingham County but by 18 August 1896 she was filing for divorce. The divorce, for desertion, was granted her 6 April 1897, Ingham County. There were no children.

Ida then married George Lewis Jackson in Ontario Province, Canada 9 April 1897. George, born 23 August 1868, Ontario Province, and Ida lived in Okemos most of their married life. Briefly during the 1920's the couple lived in Morley, Mecosta County, Michigan. George, while living in Morley, was accused of violating state law regulating the offering and sale of securities.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Friday 12 September 1930

DISMISS CASE AGAINST FORMER LANSING MAN

George L. Jackson, former Lansing man from Morley, Mich., who was held a year ago for violation of the blue sky law, charged with selling stock in the Jackson Fur Farm, Ind., of which he is president, has been freed. The

case was thrown out of court when it was indicated there was no violation of the law.

Lansing State Journal, July 29, 1931

George L. Jackson
Funeral services for George L. Jackson, who died at the home, 427 North Logan street, Tuesday, will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Jarvis-Estes Funeral home. Interment will be at Mt. Hope cemetery. Mr. Jackson is survived by the wife, Ida W. Jackson, two brothers and four sisters. He had been an employe of the Lansing Granite company for about 15 years.

George worked for about 15 years for the Lansing Granite Company. He died at his home in Okemos 28 July 1931. Ida died 25 September 1962, Okemos. The couple was childless. The Jackson's were interred Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, Ingham County.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Tuesday 25 September 1962

MRS. IDA W. JACKSON

Mrs. Ida W. Jackson, 86, of 4645 Okemos rd., Okemos, died Tuesday at the residence. She was born Dec. 15, 1875, in Okemos and was a lifelong resident of Ingham county except for a few years when she lived in Morley. Mrs. Jackson was a member of Okemos Rebekah lodge and a member of Okemos Pioneer Ladies society. She is survived by a cousin, Mrs. Herbert W. Smith of Sarasota, Fla. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. from the Gorsline-Runciman funeral home. Burial will be in Mt. Hope cemetery.

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