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## C. E. Jackson Dies After A Brief Illness

Well Known Ovid Man  
Has Lived A Varied  
And Useful Life

Hon. Chester E. Jackson, a highly respected resident of Ovid for forty years passed away at his home, Monday afternoon after a brief illness. His death at the age of eighty four years ended a useful and active life filled with varied and interesting experiences.

He was born and passed his boyhood days on a farm near the city of Racine, Wisconsin. His love of travel and adventure took him in early manhood on a hunting trip to Florida. Here he met Dr. William T. Hornaday now retired Director of the Broux Zoological Park, New



CHESTER E. JACKSON

York City, and in Rock Creek, near Miami, which was then a village of only a few inhabitants, the two killed the first crocodile ever found in North American waters. The body of this animal has since been placed in the Smithsonian Institution at Washington.

In 1876, these hunters undertook an expedition into the wilds of South America, in the Orinoco River region, to collect specimens for the Ward Museum, Rochester. Mr. Jackson wrote an interesting diary, of this trip and the story of their adventures was printed in the Youth's Companion.

Two years later he accepted the post of United States Consul to the British possessions of the Leeward Islands, West Indies, where he had residence for thirteen years on the island of Antigua and where his three children were born.

On account of his wife's health he came to New York and a year later to Ovid, Michigan where in 1894 he purchased the farm which has since been his home.

Subsequent trips were made to England, the Bermudas the West Indies, Florida and California. Always a lover of nature and the great outdoors he found keen enjoyment in the natural scenery of these places. His interest in agriculture influenced him to set out in recent years a forty acre apple orchard which has been his especial care and pride of late.

He served for one term in the Michigan Legislature in the years 1897-8 where he made a record for honorable service.

Surviving him are his widow and three daughters, Miss Myra Jackson and Mrs. B. L. Bates of Ovid, Miss Beulah Jackson, a teacher in the Grand Rapids schools, and four grandchildren. A brother also survives, Mr. Charles J. Jackson of Raynham, Massachusetts.

Funeral services were held at the home at two o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, Rev. A. E. Gay of the Congregational church officiating. Burial was made in Maple Grove Mausoleum.

# C. E. JACKSON, 84, DIES IN MICHIGAN

Born and Reared in Ra-  
cine County; Left Here  
Many Years Ago.

## KNOWN AS EXPLORER

Chester E. Jackson, 84, who, with a companion, killed the first crocodile found in North American waters, is dead. He was a native of the town of Mt. Pleasant, Racine county, and was born on a farm located close to the Beebe school at the intersection of the Lathrop road and Highway 120, better known as the Taylor Avenue road.

For 40 years he had been a resident of Michigan, where he took pride in a large apple orchard. He served in the legislature in that state. His death occurred in Orvid, Mich., Monday, April 21, and he was buried there on the following Wednesday.

Surviving are three children, Miss Myra, Mrs. B. L. Bates and Miss Buelah Jackson, the latter a teacher in the schools at Grand Rapids, besides four grandchildren and one brother. The brother is Charlie J. Jackson of Raynham, Mass.

### Lover of Adventure.

Mr. Jackson was a great lover of nature and adventure and early in life decided to leave the farm and spend his life in exploration and sight-seeing in the wilds of South America. His first real adventure was experienced on his trip into Florida, then a wilderness and sparsely settled. The city of Miami was then a village of a few hundred people and it was in Rock Creek, in the vicinity of that city, that he, in company with Dr. William T. Hornaday, now a retired director of the Bronx Zoological park in New York city, saw his first crocodile. After killing it, he sent it to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, where it is still on display.

He was a great friend of the publisher of the Racine Journal and contributed many stories of his travels and experiences in the south and in foreign countries.

The trip through the wilds of Florida was just enough to give him the incentive to greater trips and with the same companion, in 1876, he set out for the region of the Orinoco river in South America. That trip was made in the interest of the Ward museum, Rochester, N. Y., and they collected many interesting specimens.

### Honored by Government.

His work as an explorer received national attention and recognition from the federal government two years later when he was appointed United States consul to the British possessions of the Leeward islands, West Indies.

For 13 years he made the island of Antigua in the West Indies, his residence. His three children were born there. Previous to making his home in Michigan, he made trips into California, England, the Bermudas and other islands of the West Indies group.