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JAMES F. SCOTT, delegate to the Second Wheeling Convention, owned four hundred thirty-eight and one half acres of land on the Ohio River, eighteen miles Northwest of the Ripley Courthouse according to the Jackson County Land Book section of the 1860 Census. From this same census, the following information was obtained: James F. Scott, forty, and a farm laborer from Virginia; Hannah, forty-three, from Virginia; G. A., sixteen from Ohio; Winfield, eight, from Virginia; Henry, six, from Virginia; William L., three, from Virginia.

In 1856 a portion of Jackson County was added to Roane County. Rockcastle was salient in 1867.

Source: Jackson County: 1860 Census.