Lt. Elijah Hubbard Ward

(1830–1887)

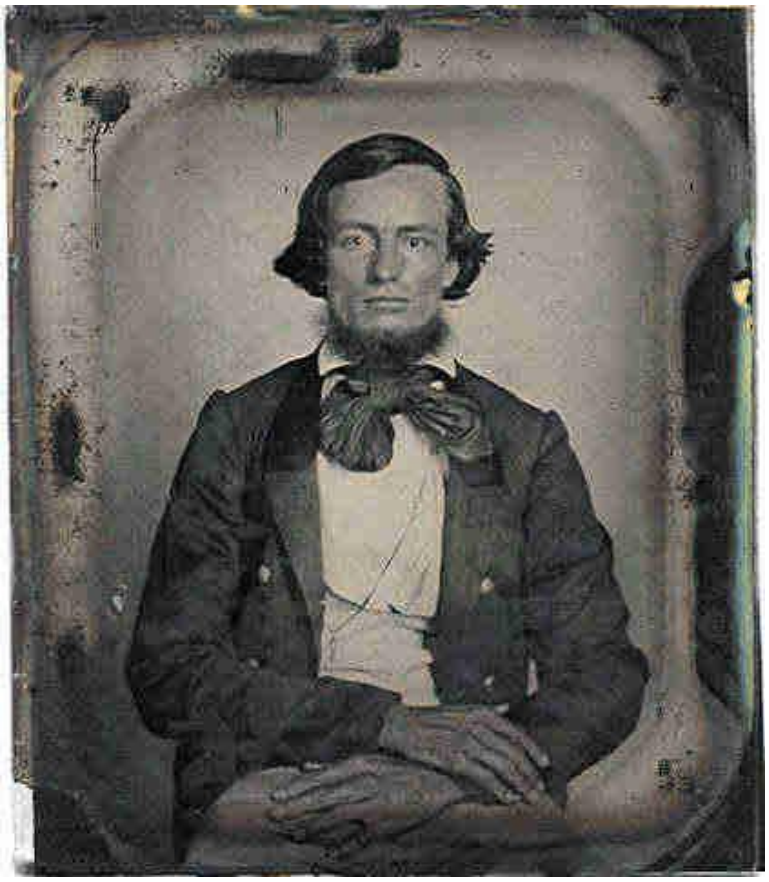
Farmer, Confederate Officer, Justice of the Peace, Police Juror, & Parish Surveyor

of

Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana

Son of David Ward & Cynthia Seale,

Husband of Permelia Lavincy Lee & Annis Sawyer



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Elijah Hubbard Ward Biography

Elijah Hubbard Ward was born on 13 July 1830 in Lowndes County, Alabama, the eldest son of David Ward (1806–4 May 1882) and Cynthia Seale (1812/1813–27 Mar 1857) [1]. Elijah H. Ward's paternal grandparents were Elisha Ward Sr. (21 Feb 1773–5 Aug 1838) and Jane Washington Neeland (15 Oct 1784–aft. 1850), and his maternal grandparents were James Seale (13 Feb 1769–4 Feb 1860) and Rachel Kelley [2].

When he was about seven years old, Hubbard moved with his parents to northern Louisiana and near Bayou d'Loutre, in what soon became Union Parish, Louisiana. Other than an 1841 trip up the Mississippi River to Tennessee and his travels while serving in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, Hub Ward spent the remainder of his life in eastern Union Parish near the village of Farmerville.

On 5 February 1852, at the age of twenty-one, Hubbard Ward married eighteen-year-old Permelia Lavincy Lee (6 Jan 1834–29 Dec 1869), the daughter of Martin Batte Lee (22 Apr 1798–28 Mar 1884) and Levincy Albritton (15 Mar 1800–12 Jun 1864) [3]. Natives of North Carolina, the Lees had married in May 1817 while still living in Georgia. In the early 1820s, they settled near Snow Hill, in Wilcox County, Alabama. In about 1847 or 1848, the Lees and Albrittons moved to Union Parish and settled along the east side of Bayou d'Loutre near the Wards.

After his marriage, Hubbard Ward began building a substantial farming operation near that of his father and siblings, Jack and Rachel Jane Ward Auld. Hub proved a very successful and prosperous planter, and by 1860 he had accumulated almost 500 acres of land near the Port Union Road about seven miles east of Farmerville. Valued at $1440, his farm consisted of 50 acres of improved land and 430 acres of unimproved. He owned farming implements and machinery valued at $100, and his livestock and 1859 farm production included [4]:

1860 Union Parish, Louisiana Federal Census, Agricultural Schedule Farm of E. H. Ward

Livestock as of 1 June 1860								1859 Farm Production	
Horses	Asses/mules	Milch cows	Working oxen	Other cattle	Sheep	Swine	Value livestock	Bushels Indian corn	Bales, Ginned cotton
2	--	4	4	10	11	25	485	200	--

Like most Union Parish married men with families, Hubbard Ward did not enlist in the Confederate Army when hostilities began in 1861. However, by the spring of 1862, it had become clear the South would not quickly win the war. A combination of patriotism and a desire to avoid being conscripted (drafted) then prompted around 450 Union Parish men to volunteer for service in the Confederate Army in March and April. These men formed into three companies according to the neighborhoods in which they resided, and in late April or early May they went from Union Parish to Monroe and officially entered the Confederate service.

Confederate officials designated Hub Ward's unit as Co. G, 31st Louisiana Infantry Regiment, and officials placed the regiment under the command of Charles H. Morrison, a Monroe politician, attorney, and Speaker of Louisiana's House of Representatives. The soldiers of Company G elected Hub Ward as their 2nd lieutenant, a position he held for the duration of the war. At his official Confederate enlistment on 6 May 1862, Ward's mustering officer reported that he had hazel eyes, dark hair, dark complexion, and he stood 5'11" tall.

The 31st Regiment operated in northeast Louisiana during the bulk of 1862. The men were ordered to Mississippi in November, where they participated in the Vicksburg campaign, seeing action at the Battles of Chickasaw Bayou and Grand Gulf, as well as the Siege of Vicksburg. After the Confederate Army's surrender in July 1863, Hub received a parole and returned home. It took thirteen months for the Vicksburg soldiers to be officially exchanged. The regiment reformed in the summer of 1864 and operated in and around Pineville and Mansfield until the Confederate surrender in May 1865. Ward received an official parole on June 18th at Monroe, Louisiana [5].

After the War, Elijah Hubbard Ward resumed his farming operations on his farm near Farmerville. He managed to evade the chronic financial problems that plagued his brother, Jack, and other relatives. On the contrary, Hub and his family enjoyed a fairly high standard of living during the Reconstruction period, and he substantially increased the size of his planting operation between 1867 and 1870. In 1867 he had 40 acres in cultivation, 60 acres in 1868, 99 acres in 1869, and 134 acres in 1870. By 1871, Hub owned 1260 acres of land in eastern Union Parish [6]. After his father remarried and retired to Shiloh in 1867, Hub bought David Ward's old farm, including his cotton gin [7]. He continued to operate his father's old gin at least through the mid-1870s.

After his return from the Confederate Army, Hub and Permelia Ward had only four years together, for she died of consumption (tuberculosis) on 29 December 1869 [8]. Her death left Hub with seven children to raise, including one infant. He remarried quickly, within only two months, to America Sawyer Goyne [Annis] (29 Apr 1828–6 Apr 1919), daughter of Willis Sawyer (1776–13 Oct 1855) and Mary McQueen. Annis was the widow of Hiram Davis Goyne Jr. who died in the

Confederate Army of disease just prior to the Battle of Shiloh in April 1862. Hub and Annis married either on February 10 or March 4, 1870 [9]. After their marriage, Annis' two daughters by her first husband and his seven children on their farm near Farmerville [10].

In 1869–1870, Elijah H. Ward's farm consisted of 2300 acres, of which 150 were improved, 1800 acres consisted of unimproved woodland, and 350 acres of other unimproved land all valued at $3000. He owned farming implements and machinery valued at $275, and the total value of his 1869 farm production was $1032. Lee's livestock on hand as of 1 June 1870, and his 1869 farm production included [11]:

1870 Union Parish, Louisiana Federal Census, Agricultural Schedule
Farm of Elijah Ward

Livestock as of 1 June 1870								1869 Farm Production				
Horses	Asses/mules	Milch cows	Working oxen	Other cattle	Sheep	Swine	Value livestock	Bushels Indian corn	Bales, Ginned cotton	Pounds of wool	Bushels sweet potatoes	Pounds butter
1	3	8	6	20	30	50	1285	500	5	30	100	100

Hub Ward continued cultivating his farm east of Farmerville throughout the 1870s and 1880s. In 1880, he and Annis lived on his farm with his two sons from his first marriage and their only child together, Mary A. Ward. He had 75 acres of tilled fields, 25 acres of permanent meadows, pastures, or orchards, 490 acres of woodland, and 150 acres of old fields and other land. His farm was valued at $2500, and he owned farming implements and machinery worth $50. Ward spent $50 building and repairing fences in 1879. He had paid $25 in wages for farm labor I 879, hiring black farm workers for twenty-five weeks that year. The value of Ward's 1879 farm production totaled $300. His livestock holdings as of June 1880 and 1879 crop production [12]:

1880 Union Parish, Louisiana Federal Census, Agricultural Schedule
Farm of *"Hub Ward"*

Livestock as of 1 June 1880												1879 Farm Production					
Horses	Asses/mules	Milch cows	Working oxen	Other cattle	Calves Dropped	Sheep	Lambs Dropped	Sheep Killed by Dogs	Fleeces Shown	Pounds of Wool	Swine	Acres in Indian corn	Bushels Indian corn	Acres of Oats	Bushels of Oats	Acres in cotton	Bales of Cotton
1	2	2	6	6	2	19	12	7	14	50	100	23	200	50	150	2	2

Hub Ward's smaller cotton production in 1879 reflects his increased focus on politics that began during the 1870s. At the election held on 2 November 1874, he ran against William A. Darby for both justice of the peace and police juror for Ward One. In that era, all Louisiana parishes were governed by a body of representatives called the *"Police Jury"* and comprised of police jurors elected from the various subdivisions of the parish, called *"wards."* In the justice race, Darby received 211 votes to Ward's 177, while in the police juror contest, Darby bested Ward by 1029 to 517 [13].

A few months later, Hub Ward was appointed as Deputy Surveyor for Union Parish, and he took the oath of office for that position on 2 February 1875. It appears that Darby was unable to continue his service as justice of the peace, and Hub Ward took over the office as Justice of the Peace for Ward One on 3 January 1876 [14]. During the fall 1876 election campaign, Elijah H. Ward challenged longtime incumbent William Calloway Smith for office of Recorder of Union Parish. At the election held on November 7th, Union Parish citizens reelected Smith over Ward by a vote of 1476 to 48 [15].

In the fall 1878 election campaign, Elijah H. Ward again ran for the office of police juror for Ward One, the region surrounding Farmerville and extending southeastward towards the Ouachita River. At the election held on November 5th, citizens elected Ward over his nearest competitor, Francis M. Armstrong, by a vote of 161 to 122. Ironically, Darby ran again but only received 26 votes. Additionally, Ward's eldest son, Hillory Hubbard Ward, received two votes. In that era before the implementation of secret ballots, men cast their votes verbally, and whoever voted for Hub Ward's son undoubtedly misspoke and intended to vote for Hub Ward himself [16]. Ward took the oath of office as Police Juror for Ward One on 6 January 1879. The next year, he was sworn in as one of several deputy tax assessors for Union Parish [17].

While serving as Acting Governor of Louisiana, Samuel D. McEnery appointed Elijah H. Ward as the Parish Surveyor of Union Parish on 21 June 1880. Ward took the oath of office for the position on August 10th [18]. The citizens of Union Parish re-elected Ward as parish surveyor in elections through 1887 [19].

Beginning in early 1885, former Parish Judge Thomas Charles Lewis III began publication of Farmerville's second newspaper, *"The Home Advocate,"* He also edited the new paper. On Saturday, June 6th, Hub Ward went to Farmerville and stopped by the newspaper office to see Judge Lewis, who wrote in his next issue [20]:

> *Our very efficent* [sic] *parish surveyor–Mr. E. H. Ward–was in town on Saturday. Persons desiring boundaries of land located or surveying of any description, should secure the services of Mr. Ward, as he is always prompt and accurate in the discharge of duty.*

During the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the editors of small-town newspapers relied upon visitors for their news from the surrounding countryside. Hub Ward's political offices, especially his work as parish surveyor, took him on frequent travels across the parish, and he often brought first-hand accounts to Farmerville of events occurring both on his own farms and those nearby. In the latter 1870s, Solomon Raines (Raney) and his large family began cultivating a tract of Hub Ward's land. Born between 1803 and 1809, Solomon and his wife, Rose, had two teenaged granddaughters who spent the evening of Sunday, 4 April 1880, with them. When it was time to retire for the night, they left the Raney cabin, using a torch to light the pathway to the nearby cabin where they slept.

About two hours after the girls left, Solomon was roused by the roar of flames. Looking outside, he saw his granddaughters' cabin nearly engulfed with flames. He rushed to their cabin door and broke it open, upon which he [21]:

> *…discovered the fear-stricken girls on the opposite side of the building, paralyzed with terror and unable to move. As the door was broken open the flames were forced through the opening and rendered it impossible for the grandfather to enter and save the girls from their horrible fate. The old man and others who were aroused by the shrieks of the poor girls were compelled to remain idle spectators to their terrible death.*

In September 1882, Elijah H. Ward brought Farmerville the news of the *"distressing suicide"* of Dick Auld, Ward's nephew by marriage and son of his own first cousin. The young eleven year-old-boy hanged himself in his family's barn [22].

Late the next year, a violent assassination occurred on Ward's land involving the family of Joseph and Arena White, a black couple who worked as sharecroppers on Hub's farm. On Sunday, 23 December 1883, someone dragged their son, Jeff Sephus White, then a boy of only thirteen

years, from his cabin into the woods. They tied his hands behind his back, pulled his coat over his face, and tied a string around his neck over the coat. The assailants then executed the boy by shooting him in the eye after which they buried his body in a branch bottom. The newspaper editor demanded *"a thorough and searching investigation."* The justice of the peace conducted an inquest, but it is unclear if the boy's assailants were ever identified [23].

In late 1883, Elijah H. Ward had a *"hydraulic ram"* installed at his house east of Farmerville. These cyclic water-powered pumps became popular in the 1800s as a means to convey water to higher elevations. He installed it at a spring located 594 feet from his house, and it pumped water up an elevation of 98 feet to his house. The contraption provided his house with *"a full supply* [of water] *for all uses"* [24].

In April 1885, Hub Ward needed to make a pair of hames, the curved pieces of wood (or iron) that fit around a work animal's neck as part of the harness. Somewhere on his travels across the parish, Ward encountered a massive muscadine vine. Near the ground, the base of the vine measured two feet in circumference! For his hames, he cut a piece of the vine four feet off the ground that measured seventeen inches in circumference. He took the remarkable piece of wood to Farmerville to exhibit, and Judge Trimble, editor of the *"Gazette,"* wrote, *"This is the largest muscadine vine we have ever seen and think it hard to beat anywhere"* [25].

Elijah Hubbard Ward remained actively involved in the legal affairs of his family members throughout his life. In 1854, he participated in a family meeting to determine the choice of tutor, or guardian, for his nieces, the children of his eldest sister, Mary [26]. In November 1870, he petitioned the Union Parish District Court to appoint him as the curator of the estate of his deceased uncle, George W. Solomon, who had died in 1863 [27]. A month later, Hub petitioned the District Court to appoint him as the administrator of the estate of his sister, Rachel Jane Auld, who had died a few days prior giving birth to her last child in December 1870 [28].

After David Ward's May 1882 death, Hub petitioned the Court to appoint him as the administrator of his father's estate. His younger brother, Jack, assisted him in the proceedings. Despite Jack's continual financial problems, Hub allowed his brother to purchase property on credit from their father's estate, and Hub also co-signed a loan for Jack in the early 1880s. Similarly, Hub permitted his stepmother, Ellen Brazeal McLelland Ward, to purchase property from David's estate on credit. Jack Ward died unexpectedly in December 1883 followed by Ellen's demise in March 1884, and neither had yet paid for their purchases. These unpaid debts caused David Ward's estate to become insolvent, resulting in a presumably unpleasant legal battle between Hubbard and Ellen's daughter, Sarah, the widow of longtime Union Parish Judge John Taylor [29].

On about Friday, 20 November 1885, Elijah Hubbard Ward was attacked by one of his sharecroppers. The only information known about the incident comes from this brief newspaper notice [30]:

> *A negro man named Wesley Miller, who lives on Mr. E. Hub Ward's place, eight miles east of Farmerville, was arrested and brought to town Saturday, charged with making an assault on Mr. Ward with a dangerous weapon. He was placed under the supervision of Mr. Turnage, in the brick building, to await a preliminary hearing.*

We have no information regarding the extent of Hub's injuries sustained in this attack, but the incident marks a clear turning point in his life. Although only aged fifty-six, the next year, he began putting his legal affairs in order. While it could be a coincidence, the assault may have left Ward with lingering health issues that caused his death less than two years later.

On 7 July 1886, Hubbard Ward's lawyer filed his final account as the administrator of his father's estate [31]. The following December 1st, Ward sold a 40-acre tract of land to his son, John Martin Ward, for $20 [32]. Two weeks later, on December 14th, he filed a title correction to a tract of land he had sold several years earlier [33]. A month after that, on 10 January 1887, he made a property exchange with Matthew Addison Scarborough, his neighbor and the brother-in-law of his brothers, Jack and William H. Ward [34].

On 24 February 1887, Hubbard hired an attorney to petition the Union Parish District Court for them to decree Ward's youngest son, Henry Wesley Ward, an *"emancipated minor."* This is the Louisiana legal status for people under the age of twenty-one who were deemed legal adults able to manage their own affairs without a legal guardian. Hub Ward was served a copy of the petition at his residence, and he accepted it and admitted *"that my son, the petitioner, is eighteen years of age and is competent to manage his affairs and I agree that he be emancipated by the court."* The judge signed an order that H. Wesley Ward *"is hereby fully emancipated and relieved of all the disabilities which now attach to minors"* [35].

With all of his children now legal adults, the next month, on 15 March 1887, Ward had several prominent local officials come to his residence about eight miles east of Farmerville to notarize several legal documents. The visitors included Union Parish Clerk of Court William W. Heard, Farmerville attorney John Edgar Everett, and Ward's nephew, John Martin Lee Jr., formerly a deputy sheriff but at that time served as the parish tax assessor and Mayor of Farmerville.

With Heard acting as a notary and Everett and Lee as witnesses, Ward proceeded to dispose of his entire estate. He declared to Heard that he owed his children by Permelia a total of $993 as their share of their mother's estate. To settle this debt in full, Ward transferred to them ownership

of 560 acres of land, including his *"home tract"* of land containing his primary residence. Next, Ward declared that upon his second marriage to Annis Sawyer Goyne in early 1870, he had taken possession of certain property belonging to her worth $853. To compensate, Ward made a legal *"restitution"* to his wife, an act common in Louisiana during the 1880s and 1890s as legal culture gradually recognized the rights of women. Hubbard gave his wife 164½ acres valued at $720 and livestock valued at $150. It was very unusual for elected parish officials to travel to private residences to transact official business such as this, and this fact alone makes it apparent that Ward was incapacitated to some extent and incapable of traveling to town [36].

Elijah Hubbard Ward's legal actions between December 1886 and March 1887 leave us with the clear impression that he suffered from a condition that he knew was terminal. Hubbard Ward died on 7 August 1887 at the age of fifty-seven. His family buried him in the Wards Chapel Cemetery beside Permelia.

Annis Sawyer survived Hubbard by many years. She filed a Confederate pension application as Ward's widow in 1908. In the 1890s, she moved in with her daughters and lived with them until her death on 6 April 1919. No physician attended her at her death, and the death certificate reported that she died of *"old age & paralysis."* Annis is buried in the Rocky Branch Cemetery, although her grave has no marker.



ELIJAH HUBBARD WARD

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Children of Elijah Hubbard Ward

Elijah Hubbard Ward [Hub] and Permelia Lavincy Lee had seven known children:

1. **Hillory Hubbard Ward** (13 May 1853–17 May 1937) married Mary Ann Ratliff [Mollie] (22 Sep 1855–23 Mar 1879) and Mary Abner Callaway (14 Apr 1853–22 Dec 1912).
2. **John Martin Ward** (22 Jan 1855–17 Nov 1905) married Elizabeth Jane Meeks [Bettie] (9 Oct 1856–2 Jul 1937).
3. **Martha J. Ward** (22 Oct 1857–8 Jun 1876) married John Sidney Meeks (16 Aug 1854–10 Jun 1943).
4. **Permelia Lavincy Ward** (5 Feb 1860–7 Feb 1901) married Joseph C. Nolan [Joe] (4 Mar 1850–27 Dec 1920).
5. **David Allen Ward** (23 Sep 1861–25 Oct 1862) died at the age of thirteen months.
6. **Lee Andrew Ward** [Leander] (16 Feb 1866–5 Mar 1960) married Frances Wincie Roye [Fannie] (24 Mar 1857–18 Jan 1931).
7. **Henry Wesley Ward** [Wess] (16 Oct 1868–17 Jun 1941) married Linnie Cornelia Sawyer (4 Jul 1872–29 May 1930) and Ellen Wynn Manning (21 Jun 1880–26 Aug 1943).

Elijah Hubbard Ward and Annis Sawyer only had one known child:

8. **Mary Ann Ward** [Mittie] (6 Jan 1871–23 May 1893) married Francis Taylor Malone (13 Nov 1865–7 Jan 1956).

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Brief Biographical Sketches of the Children of Permelia Lavincy Lee Ward

1. Hillory Hubbard Ward

Hillory Hubbard Ward (13 May 1853–17 May 1937) grew up on his parents' large farm a few miles east of Farmerville. Hillory's paternal grandfather, David Ward, living on an adjoining farm, and his maternal grandparents lived nearby [1]. When David Ward remarried and moved west across the parish to Shiloh in 1867, fourteen-year-old Hillory Ward went to live with them and helped his grandfather made improvements to and begin the operation of his new farm there. Hillory Ward lived with his grandfather at Shiloh for about a year [2].

As an adult, Hillory H. Ward worked as a farmer and surveyor like his father. He lived on a tract of land that adjoined his father's old farm on which he was born, located about eight miles east of Farmerville along what is now known as the Wards Chapel Road [3]. The community was referred to as Colsons in the latter 1800s, later Hobsons while that post office was in operation from 1900 until 1910, and after that, his neighborhood became known as Antioch.

At the age of twenty-five, Hillory H. Ward became a Missionary Baptist minister, delivering his first sermon at the Shady Grove Baptist Church several miles east of Farmerville in 1878. Over the next six decades, he preached sermons, conducted funerals, and solemnized marriages across the region [4]. In late 1886, Ward performed a marriage ceremony for a woman under twenty-one years of age. Originally a Miss Phillips, it was the third marriage in three years Ward had performed for this woman. It is unclear if her first two husbands died or left her, but in regard to the last marriage that Ward solemnized for the woman, Farmerville's newspaper editor joked *"If the last one don't stick, she sticks to Mr. Ward"* [5].

Although a resident of eastern Union Parish throughtout his life, Rev. Ward served churches across the parish. In early September 1904, he held a series of revival meetings at Evergreen Baptist Church near Bernice. On his way through Farmerville, he stopped by the newspaper office, who wrote that Rev. Ward *"reports a fine meeting"* that resulted in thirty-one new members to the church, twenty-four of which were by baptism [6]. He continued to preach into his eighties. He celebrated his eighty-first birthday on Sunday, 13 May 1932 along with many friends and relatives who enjoyed *"plenty of good things to eat* [that] *burdened the long table at dinner time."* The birthday notice announced his scheduled appointment to preach at Shady Grove Baptist Church the fourth Sunday in May [7].

Hillory Hubbard Ward married at the age of nineteen on 23 December 1872 in Union County, Arkansas to Mary Ann Ratliff [Mollie] (22 Sep 1855–23 Mar 1879) [8], the daughter of Mr. Ratliff

(?–bef. 1864) and Mary Rabun (c1838–1855/1864) [9]. Mollie Ratliff Ward had two children before dying at only twenty-three years of age. Hillory Hubbard Ward remarried on 11 December 1881 in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana to Mary Abner Callaway (14 Apr 1853–22 Dec 1912), the daughter of Abner Benjamin Callaway (1809–13 Dec 1852) and Mary Ware Lovelady [10].

Due to his religious obligations, it does not appear that Hillory H. Ward devoted as much effort to local Democratic politics as did his younger brothers, Leander and Wesley. However, at the Union Parish Democratic Convention held at the Farmerville courthouse on 29 August 1896, the delegates from Ward 2 nominated H. H. Ward for parish surveyor against the incumbant, John M. Cooper. On the third ballot, the delegates selected Ward as the party's nominee for parish surveyor. At the election in November, Ward prevailed over the Populist candidate, and in January 1897, he assumed the duties of parish surveyor, a position his father had held in the 1880s [11].

H. H. Ward announced his candidacy for reelection for parish surveyor on 27 June 1900, and he ran unopposed that fall. He announced his candidacy for reelection as the Democratic nominee as parish surveyor on 7 September 1904 and was again reelected [12].

Hillory H. Ward suffered an extended illness in early 1905 that caused him to miss several surveying appointments. On April 8th, he had improved enough to visit the newspaper office in Farmerville, which published a notice that he had recovered from his recent illness, and that *"he is now ready to serve the public."* Two months later, on Tuesday, June 13th, Ward became *"dangerously ill"* while at Center, a community in southwestern Union Parish. Word was sent to his brother, Leander Ward, who left his home immediately and passed through Farmerville on his way to his brother's bedside. On Saturday, the 17th, Leander took his brother in a wagon from Center to his home at Hobson, and they stopped in Farmerville for several hours *"to rest him from the fatigue of the journey"* [13]. Hillory H. Ward recovered and the newspapers make no further mention of his illness.

On 14 August 1907, Hillory H. Ward announced his candidacy for a fourth term as parish surveyor. Ward said that, *"if honored with re-election, he will discharge his duties in the same prompt and impartial manner as he has always done in the past."* The newspaper wrote,

> *He has had practically a lifetime experience in this important work, having worked with his father, who was Parish Surveyor years ago, and since that time having held the office several times himself. All of this experience makes M.r Ward thoroughly competent to attend to the duties devolving upon the office to which he aspires and we cheerfully recommend him to voters of this parish.*

This time, Ward had competition in the Democratic primary, with Zollie C. Rabun also seeking the nomination for parish surveyor. At the primary elecction in January 1908, Rabun secured large majorities in the precincts located in western Union Parish as well as winning Farmerville. Parishwide, Ward received 79 votes to Rabun's 112 [14].

Hillory H. Ward continued his support of the Union Parish Democrats after 1908. In October 1912, he was appointed as one of the election commissioners for the Colson Precinct (Ward 7, Precinct 1) for the general election scheduled for 5 November 1912 [15].

Hillory H. Ward spent the rest of his life farming, working as a surveyor, and fulfilling his obligations as a minister. As Louisiana began credentialing various professions, Ward received his certificate of authority as a surveyor from the State Board of Civil Engineers in December 1911 [16]. He lost his second wife in 1912 and thereafter lived with his sons. He continued actively preaching into his eighties.

Hillory H. Ward celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday on 13 May 1937, and a crowd of relatives and friends honored him with a celebration at which he *"seemed to be in good health and spirits…"* The next day, he became ill and died at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 17th. Hillory H. Ward and both of his wives are buried at Ward's Chapel Cemetery [17].

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Children of Hillory Hubbard Ward

Rev. Hillory H. Ward had children by both of his wives. His known children by Mary A. Ratliff:

1. **Mary Lena Ward** (10 Nov 1873–22 Oct 1900) married John Edney Dumas (10 Dec 1865–26 Jul 1952).
2. **Ella Ward** (18 Mar 1877–18 Jun 1877).

The known children of Hillory H. Ward and Mary Abner Callaway:

3. **Edgar Lee Ward** (19 Oct 1882–12 Sep 1967) remained single.
4. **Abner A. Ward** (15 Oct 1886–20 Sep 1888).
5. **Wesley Hubbard Ward** [Wes] (11 Sep 1887–23 Mar 1948) married Frances Levenia Pardue [Venie] (10 Sep 1882–21 Jan 1971).

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Brief Biographical Sketches of the Children of Hillory Hubbard Ward

1. **Mary Lena Ward** (10 Nov 1873–22 Oct 1900) was only five when her mother died in March 1879. Her father was not enumerated on the 1880 federal census in Union Parish. Lena lived in the household of Dudley Dawson near Hillory's father, Elijah Hubbard Ward. Lena was identified as Dawson's niece, but this is not their literal relationship [18].

   Mary Lena Ward married on 23 August 1891 in Union Parish, Louisiana to John Edney Dumas (10 Dec 1865–26 Jul 1952), son of Sidney Moses Dumas (12 Jul 1843–15 Jul 1916) and Josephine Smith (c1851–c1878). In 1900, Lena and John Edney lived in Ouachita Parish near Calhoun, where he rented a farm. The census reported that all four of her children were still living.

   Mary Lena Ward Dumas died on 22 October 1900 at Calhoun. Farmerville's newspaper announced that Eld. A. J. Callaway would preach *"the funeral sermon of Mrs. Lena Dumas"* at the Shady Grove Church on Saturday, November 18th [19]. Lena Ward Dumas is buried in the Shady Grove Cemetery about six miles southeast of Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana. A few months later, John Edney Dumas married Lena's first cousin, Betty Nolan.

   Mary Lena Ward and John Edney Dumas had four known children:

   a. **William Cleaton Dumas** [Cleat] (22 Nov 1892–27 Dec 1975) married his cousin Ruth Rogers (2 Aug 1895–24 Feb 1957), daughter of James Daniel Rogers (12 Oct 1851–27 Nov 1922) and Julia Annis Auld (2 Dec 1856–5 Feb 1902). Cleat and Ruth Dumas are buried in the Shady Grove Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.
   b. **Nora Dumas** (Feb 1895–aft. 1900).
   c. **Effie Jean Dumas** (5 Mar 1898–14 Oct 1983) married about 1926 to Jesse Edward Pugh (10 Feb 1878–9 Oct 1935). Effie Jean and Jesse Pugh are buried in the Riverview Cemetery, Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.
   d. **Barney Clarence Dumas** [Barnnie, Carl] (5 May 1900–4 Jun 1929) married Beatrice Slack (28 Jun 1903–30 Jan 1997). Barnnie and Beatrice Dumas are buried in the Rocky Branch Cemetery, Rocky Branch, Union Parish, Louisiana.

2. **Ella Ward** (18 Mar 1877–18 Jun 1877) is buried in the Wards Chapel Cemetery.
3. **Edgar Lee Ward** [Lee, Ed] (19 Oct 1882–12 Sep 1967) remained single. Newspapers of his era published whatever local news they could find, and in early July 1900, Farmerville's paper noted his illness [20]:

We learn that Mr. H. H. Ward's oldest son is quite sick with fever.

Edgar L. Ward appears to have had some type of affliction, as he ceased work at a very young age. He was listed as a farmer in 1900 at the age of seventeen, but he had no occupation in 1910 when he was twenty-seven. In 1920, he was listed as a laborer and not a farmer like his brother, and he had no occupation thereafter. Edgar Lee Ward lived with his parents in 1910, and with his younger brother and father in both 1920 and 1930. He continued to live in Wes' household between their father's death and Wes' in 1948. In 1950, Ed Ward lived with his sister-in-law, Vennie. He later lived in a Farmerville nursing home until his death. He is buried in the Wards Chapel Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana [21].

4. **Abner A. Ward** (15 Oct 1886–20 Sep 1888) is buried in the Wards Chapel Cemetery.
5. **Wesley Hubbard Ward** [Wess] (11 Sep 1887–23 Mar 1948) lived on his father's farm in eastern Union Parish, Louisiana in 1910. Wess Ward married on 22 June 1913 in Downsville, Union Parish, Louisiana to Frances Levenia Pardue [Venie] (10 Sep 1882–21 Jan 1971), daughter of Redden Wade Pardue (21 Apr 1848–26 Sep 1923) and Ann Rebecca Wall (9 May 1854–12 Oct 1920). Their marriage took place at the home of Rev. H. G. Bayles, who performed the ceremony. Venie's sister, Josie, married Wess' first cousin, Henry Oscar Ward. Farmerville's newspaper said of Venie, *"Miss Pardue is one of the most beautiful young ladies of that community."* It gave this description of their wedding ceremony [22]:

   > *The bride was dressed in a beautiful white gown of embroidery which added to her beauty. The groom was nicely dressed in his blue serge. The happy young couple left early next morning for Taylor, La., to visit the bride's brothers and where they will make there* [sic] *future home.*

   They only remained there briefly, for by June 1917 when he registered for the World War I draft, they had returned to his father's farm east of Farmerville.

   In 1920, 1930, and 1940, Wess and Venie Ward lived with their children in the Ward family home east of Farmerville along with Wesss' father and brother. In 1950, two years after Wess' death, Venie lived with her brother-in-law, Lee Edgar Ward, in their home next to their sons. Wess and Venie Ward are buried in the Wards Chapel Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana [23].

   Wess Ward and Venie Pardue had these children:

   a. **Darvel Martize Ward** (4 May 1914–5 Aug 2001) married William Douglas Oliphant (24 Mar 1908–31 Aug 1989), son of Charlie Oliphant (1878–1954) and Alline Thrash

(1895–1979). Martize and William Oliphant are buried in the Wards Chapel Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

b. **Laymon Ward** [Buck] (2 Jun 1915–4 Jun 1998) is buried in the Ward's Chapel Cemetery.

c. **Ben Ward** [Num] (8 Sep 1916–31 Mar 1969) married Ida Bell Skains (8 Sep 1923–24 Aug 1972). Num Ward and Ida Bell Skains are buried in the Ward's Chapel Cemetery.

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2. John Martin Ward

John Martin Ward (22 Jan 1855–17 Nov 1905) was fourteen years old when his mother died in December 1869. In 1870, he lived with his father and stepmother on their farm [1]. He married about 1875 [2] to Elizabeth Jane Meeks [Bettie] (9 Oct 1856–2 Jul 1937) [3]. She was the daughter of Mark Meeks Jr. (7 Feb 1832–12 Oct 1864) and Caroline Adams (16 Sep 1833–30 Nov 1917) [4].

After their marriage, John and Bettie Ward settled on a farm about seven miles east of Farmerville and cultivated it for the next thirty years. Their farm included land that had belonged to his father and grandfather. In 1888, John M. Ward brought to Farmerville a massive egg measuring 7½" by 6" that one of his chickens had laid on his farm [5].

Through numerous intermarriages and years of operating neighboring farms, the Wards became closely affiliated with both the Auld and McGough families. A feud of sorts began in the latter 1870s between the Ward-Auld-McGough families and the Joiners who lived nearby. It appears to have originated with the seizure of property made by Leander's uncle, John T. Ward, in performance of his duties as constable. The events escalated to a full-blown shootout in May 1891 that killed Creath McGough and seriously wounded James H. Auld [6]. In retribution, McGough's relatives and friends waylaid and seriously injured Sylvester Joiner a few months later [7]. Neither Leander Ward nor his brothers were directly involved in the 1891 violence. The legal fallout appears to have caused the Joiners to sell their Union Parish farm and moved to West Monroe near the mouth of Bayou D'Arbonne.

Trouble began again during the drought of 1896. When the dry weather caused the waters to recede from areas typically inundated year-round, John M. and Leander Ward used the opportunity to cut timber on their land near the D'Arbonne. That fall, heavy rains caused the timber to float downstream towards West Monroe, and the Joiners pulled it from the waters. When the Wards went searching for their timber, the Joiners demanded a price that the Wards found excessive. They hired an attorney, who sent Joiner an official notice that if he did not surrender the timber by a deadline for a fair price, they would file a lawsuit in the district court for piracy.

Apparently frustrated at Joiner's refusal to release their timber, the Wards and several associates armed with pistols and shotguns rode down to West Monroe intending to take their timber by force. Joiner had gathered his own group of heavily armed friends, and when the Wards' party arrived, it appeared that a shootout akin to the one in 1891 was imminent. The Wards eventually left, and later that day, Joiner filed charges against them for disturbing the peace and threatening to kill. They were arrested and summoned to appear for a hearing, where the local justice of the peace dismissed the charges.

The two groups still failed to agree on a compensation price for the timber, and so John M. and Leander Ward again went to West Monroe to collect their timber. Meanwhile, Joiner and his friends had armed themselves heavily and laid in wait, intending to ambush John and Leander Ward and their party. Suspecting their tactics, the Wards evaded the ambush and filed their own charges against the Joiners, who were then arrested pending action of the grand jury. The precise outcome is unclear, but the lack of additional newspaper notices implies that Joiner and the Ward brothers agreed upon a compromise [8].

In late 1898, John M. Ward became extremely sick with *"slow fever,"* which confined him to his bed for forty days. His condition improved by mid-December 1898 [9]. Like his brothers, John M. Ward supported the Democratic Party and worked to support the local party. The Executive Committee of the Union Parish Democratic Party met on 18 August 1902 to select election commissioners for the Congressional primary election scheduled for August 28th. For Precinct 2, the region along the Wards Chapel Road then known as Colsons (later Hobson and Antioch), they selected brothers John M. and Wess Ward, and Frances T. Malone as election commissioners [10].

John M. Ward died of unknown causes on 17 November 1905 at the age of only fifty years [11]. After his death, Bettie Meeks Ward continued to operate their farm and take care of her widowed mother and younger children. When they were grown, she lived with them until her death in 1937. John M. Ward and Bettie Meeks are buried in the Ward's Chapel Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

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Children of John Martin Ward

The known children of John Martin Ward and Elizabeth Jane Meeks include:

1. **Lula Ward** (Sep 1876–c1912) married George Allen Neal (10 Jul 1870–3 Apr 1946).
2. **Ada Ward** (26 Dec 1877–9 Feb 1961) married John Peyton Roan (15 Sep 1861–2 May 1928).
3. **John William Ward** [Willie] (27 Feb 1880–18 Mar 1947) married Ellen Jane McGough [Ella] (2 May 1886–9 Dec 1969).
4. **Permelia Lavincy Ward** (27 Sep 1882–3 Jun 1892).
5. **Ella Wesley Ward** (29 Jan 1884–12 Sep 1973) married William Henry Caskey (29 Sep 1880–7 Feb 1940).
6. **Henry D. Ward** [Dee] (Nov 1887–aft. 1901).
7. **Emmett Lee Ward** (30 May 1890–26 Oct 1942) married Sarah Arnett Albritton [Nettie] (21 Aug 1889–21 Jan 1949).
8. **Ernest H. Ward** [Ernie] (24 Jun 1893–12 May 1970) married Susan Cornelia Odom (19 Feb 1894–9 Dec 1944).
9. **Dettie V. Ward** (2 Jan 1896–12 Sept 1999) married Joseph B. McGough (24 Apr 1897–3 Jun 1946).
10. **Horris Barnes Ward** (7 Nov 1899–22 Jul 1905)
11. **Myra E. Ward** (5 May 1902–5 Jun 1990) married John Earl Hicks (2 Jun 1900–1 Apr 1981).

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Brief Biographical Sketches of the Children of John Martin Ward

1. **Lula Ward** (Sep 1876–c1912) married on 1 July 1890 in Union Parish to George Allen Neal (10 Jul 1870–3 Apr 1946), son of Jeremiah Neal (c1805–1870/1880) and Sarah Gentry (c1830–aft. 1880). In 1900, George and Lula Neal lived in eastern Union Parish near her parents. In 1910, they owned a farm in Ward 3, the northwestern portion of Union Parish. Lula's granddaughter, Patty Ramsey, states that Lula died near Chatham, Jackson Parish Louisiana in 1912. In 1920, Lula's sons Horace and Lavell Neal lived with their grandmother, Elizabeth J. Meeks Ward. George Neal is buried beside Lula's parents in the Ward's Chapel Cemetery.
2. **Ada Ward** (26 Dec 1877–9 Feb 1961) married on 25 September 1892 in Union Parish, Louisiana to John Peyton Roan (15 Sep 1861–2 May 1928), son of Peyton Roan (c1825–1873/1878) and Leander Isabella Spigener [Lena] (c1837–aft. 1900). Ada and John Roan cultivated a rented farm in eastern Union Parish until his death. In 1930, a widowed Ada still lived on a rented farm in eastern Union Parish with her younger children. Ada Ward and John P. Roan are buried in the Rocky Branch Cemetery [12].
3. **John William Ward** [Willie] (27 Feb 1880–18 Mar 1947) remained at home and helped to cultivate his family's farm through 1900. Willie Ward married on 1 March 1903 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Ellen Jane McGough [Ella] (2 May 1886–9 Dec 1969), daughter of Robert Armstrong McGough (1 May 1854–3 Oct 1908) and Sarah Ann Elizabeth Ward (1 Apr 1858–2/3 Nov 1923). Ellen was Willie's second cousin, as their parents, John M. Ward and Sarah Ann E. Ward McGough, were first cousins. Willie's uncle, Rev. Hillory H. Ward, performed their marriage ceremony.

   Willie and Ella obtained their own farm near his parents and cultivated it into the 1940s. He died of what his physician termed a *"congestive chill"* caused by malaria. Willie Ward and Ella McGough are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery near Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

   The known children of John Willie Ward and Ellen Jane McGough include:

   a. **Myrtle Leota Ward** (26 Feb 1904–25 Feb 1999) married Emmett Delaney Nolan (11 Jul 1899–13 Jun 1965). Mrytle Ward and Emmett Nolan are buried in the Antioch Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.
   b. **John Emmette Ward** (24 Jul 1908–23 Oct 1919) died on Monday, October 27th and is buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana [13].

c. **Robert Lee Ward** (8 Feb 1911–22 Jul 1913) is buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

d. [infant son] **Ward** born/died in 1920 and is buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

e. **Celia Ward** (2 Oct 1916–22 Apr 1987) lived with her parents in 1920 and 1930. These dates are from an undocumented source, and it is not known if she married or lived as a single woman.

f. **Willie E. Ward** [Sam, Sambo] (26 May 1922–5 Dec 2013) married Joyce Sutton (5 Sep 1926–17 Mar 2013). Willie E. Ward and Joyce Sutton are buried in the Antioch Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

4. **Permelia Lavincy Ward** (27 Sep 1882–3 Jun 1892) is buried in the Ward's Chapel Cemetery.
5. **Ella Wesley Ward** (29 Jan 1884–12 Sep 1973) married on 7 July 1905 in Union Parish, Louisiana to William Henry Caskey (29 Sep 1880–7 Feb 1940), son of Benjamin Americus Caskey (Dec 1851–18 Mar 1906) and Susannah ? (c1860–1880/1889). Ella Ward and William H. Caskey are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery near Farmerville.
6. **Henry D. Ward** [Dee] (Nov 1887–aft. 1901) was included in a family photograph taken in 1901, but he reportedly died young.
7. **Emmett Lee Ward** (30 May 1890–26 Oct 1942) married on 28 January 1911 in Union Parish to Sarah Arnett Albritton [Nettie] (21 Aug 1889–21 Jan 1949), daughter of William Arnett Albritton (28 Nov 1856–29 Mar 1927) and Sarah Catherine Taylor [Sallie] (2 Nov 1863–21 Dec 1928). In 1920, Emmett and Nettie Ward lived with their children in a separate house on the John M. Ward family farm, with his mother and younger brother living in a nearby house. During the 1920s, Emmett and Nettie moved to Farmerville, and in 1930, he worked as the foreman in a sawmill.

   By 1940, Emmett worked for the sawmill as a timber inspector. He served on the Farmerville Town Council in 1942. He died in a Monroe hospital at the age of only fifty-two years [14]. Emmett Lee Ward and Nettie Albritton are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery near Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

   The known children of Emmett Lee Ward and Sarah Arnett Albritton include:

   a. **Madaline Lee** [Mattie] (30 Jan 1912–11 Mar 1989) married Oren Rice Russell (6 Mar 1910–12 Sep 1964). They are buried in the Overton City Cemetery, Overton, Rusk County, Texas.

b. **Ralph Ward Sr.** (26 Jan 1914–13 Dec 1995) married Nellie Louise Fenoglio (24 Mar 1920–19 Mar 2005). Ralph Ward served in the U. S. Army during World War II. Ralph and Nellie Ward are buried in the Overton City Cemetery, Overton, Rusk County, Texas.

c. **Sallie B. Ward** (7 May 1916–8 Mar 2002) married John Cordell Allen (27 Jan 1907–6 Jun 1978). Sallie Ward and John C. Allen are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery near Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

d. **Emmett C. Ward** (2 Feb 1927–12 Mar 1997) married Mary Jane Johnstone (11 Sep 1933–14 Jan 2023). Emmett and Mary Jane Ward are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery near Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

8. **Ernest Hubert Ward** [Ernie] (24 Jun 1893–12 May 1970) lived with his mother and Neal nephews in 1920 and with his mother in 1930. Throughout this period, he operated his farm. Ernie married on 20 December 1939 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Susan Cornelia Odom (19 Feb 1894–9 Dec 1944), daughter of James Duncan Odom (12 Oct 1860–9 Mar 1925) and Zilphia Elizabeth Ann Agerton (17 Mar 1860–22 Feb 1925). In 1940, Ernie and Cornelia lived on his farm with her son, John D. Ham. After Cornelia's death, Ernest married to Mattie Ann ? (25 Jun 1899–5 Dec 1980). Ernest and Mattie Ward are buried in the Wards Chapel Cemetery, but Cornelia is buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery.
9. **Dettie V. Ward** (2 Jan 1896–12 Sep 1999) married on 3 January 1915 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Joseph Barts McGough (24 Apr 1897–3 Jun 1946), son of James Marion McGough (28 Aug 1868–29 Apr 1938) and Annie Honeycutt (18 Apr 1878–10 Jun 1956). Dettie and Joe are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery next to their young son Joseph B. McGough Jr. (1920–1923). They farmed in eastern Union Parish in 1930. Dettie Ward and Joe Barts McGough are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery near Farmerville.
10. **Horris Barnes Ward** (7 Nov 1899–22 Jul 1905) is buried in the Ward's Chapel Cemetery.
11. **Myra E. Ward** (5 May 1902–5 Jun 1990) was only three years old when her father died. She attended Hopewell School near her farm as a child. When the school session closed on Friday, 31 March 1916, they announced that Myra had scored 100% on the state spelling contest [15].

    Myra Ward married on 23 April 1919 in Union Parish, Louisiana to John Earl Hicks (2 Jun 1900–1 Apr 1981), son of Leon H. Hicks (25 Oct 1858–19 Sep 1929) and Sarah Docia McGough (Jan 1861–29 Oct 1921). Myra's uncle, Rev. Hillory H. Ward, performed the wedding ceremony. In 1920, Myra and Earl Hicks lived on his parents' farm in eastern Union Parish. They soon settled on their own farm nearby. Myra and Earl Hicks belonged to the Liberty Hill Primitive Baptist Church near their farm, and they are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery.

Myra Ward and John Earl Hicks had three children, all of whom are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Cemetery near Farmerville:

a. **John Lee Hicks** (6 Jul 1920–6 Sep 2005) married Lorraine Hyacinth Crawford (18 Sep 1923–28 Sep 2006).

b. **James Dillard Hicks** [JD] (29 Jul 1923–30 Sep 2003) married on 3 April 1943 to Mary Lou Smith (13 Oct 1923–30 Jul 1995).

c. **Lorece Hicks** (21 Jul 1928–1 Apr 2019) married Joaquin Miller Tettleton (6 Sep 1925–3 Sep 1996).

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3. **Martha J. Ward Meeks**

Martha J. Ward (22 Oct 1857–8 Jun 1876) married about 1875 to John Sidney Meeks (16 Aug 1854–8 Jun 1943), son of Mark Meeks Jr. (c1836–15 Jun 1864) and Caroline Adams (16 Sep 1833–30 Nov 1917). Martha died about a year after her marriage, possibly from the results of giving birth to her first child who died as an infant. She was probably buried in the Wards Chapel Cemetery along what was then known as the Port Union Road, now the Wards Chapel Road. However, she has no monument [1].

On 21 September 1877, John S. Meeks relinquished his claims to a portion of the estate of his deceased mother-in-law as an heir of his infant child in exchange for

> *…One bed and bed stead and necessary bed clothing which I now retain and which my wife, now deceased, the daughter of said E. H. Ward and Parmelia L. Lee received at the time I married her is worth the sum of fifty dollars. And for this I hereby relinquish any and all other claims as heir of my deceased child the issue of my marriage with Martha J. Ward decd. In favor of E. H. Ward and the minor children of said Ward.*

John S. Meeks married twice more and farmed in what was then the Colson's Community, now Crossroads, about ten miles east of Farmerville [2].

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4. Permelia Lavincy Ward Nolan

Permelia Lavincy Ward (5 Feb 1860–7 Feb 1901) is shown as an infant in her parents' 1860 household and a young girl in 1870 [1]. In 1887, Elijah Hubbard Ward gave property to Permelia's heirs as he settled his affairs in anticipation of his own death [2].

Permelia married about 1878 to Joseph C. Nolan [Joe] (4 Mar 1850–27 Dec 1920), the son of David Nolan (12 Oct 1824–16 May 1891) and Catherine Worthington (c1824–11 Feb 1863) [3]. Permelia Ward was Joe Nolan's third wife. He had married on 11 September 1869 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Sarah C. Aaron [Sally] (c1853–1877). About 1877 or 1878, he married her younger sister, Delaware Ardella Aaron (Mar 1860–c1878). Both Sally and Delaware were daughters of James M. Aaron (c1825–c1862) and Sarah Worthington (1825/1830–Mar 1870). The approximate death dates for Aaron sisters come from the late Mr. W. C. Nolan, a family researcher and relative.

Permelia and Joseph Nolan farmed about ten miles east of Farmerville, in the region then known as Colson's near the modern Crossroads community. During their twenty-two years of marriage, Permelia gave birth to fourteen children. In early 1901, many residents of Union Parish became seriously ill with a contagious malady. During the first week of February [4]:

> *Several persons in Union parish answered the summons of death, most of them dying with the prevailing la grippe, which developed into pneumonia. Among the deaths that have occurred since our last issue are: Mrs. J. C. Nolan, of the 2nd ward, who died Thursday…*

Permelia Ward Nolan's death left Joe with the responsibility of raising their ten children. He remarried the next year to Lidia Dina Carter (8 Dec 1871–13 Jun 1955). Joe and Lidia spent their life in Union Parish, Louisiana

Permelia Lavincy Ward and Joseph C. Nolan are buried in the Antioch Cemetery, about ten miles east of Farmerville [5]. Lidia Dina Carter Nolan is buried in the Acree Cemetery near Point, in southeastern Union Parish.

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Children of Permelia Lavincy Ward Nolan

Documentation for the children of Permelia Lavincy Ward and Joseph C. Nolan comes from the 1880, 1900, and 1910 federal census enumerations and Nolan family information shared by the late Mr. William C. Nolan. He maintained details on the family of David Nolan.

The known children of Permelia Lavincy Ward and Joseph C. Nolan include:

1. **Elizabeth Jane Nolan** [Betty] (15 Jan 1879–25 Sep 1947) married John Edney Dumas (10 Dec 1865–26 Jul 1952).
2. **Charles Ednie Nolan** [Charlie N.] (25 Oct 1879–8 Sep 1971) married Levy N. Nolan (13 Jun 1884–8 Sep 1931).
3. **John Nolan** (c1880–1896).
4. [infant] **Nolan** born and died in 1881.
5. **Joseph C. Nolan Jr.** (1 May 1882–20 Sep 1955) married Lucy Guice (18 May 1885–28 Aug 1953).
6. **Mattie Nolan** (Aug 1884–aft. 1900) married Joseph Jacob Gates (25 Mar 1880–18 Nov 1915).
7. **Ada Nolan** (1885–1890).
8. **Emma Nolan** (Oct 1885–1953) married Parris Fermon Guice (28 Jan 1887–1935).
9. **Aver Nolan** [Ava] (May 1887–19 Apr 1963) married Wiley Thomas Slack (16 Dec 1881–8 Apr 1934).
10. **Art Nolan** [Artie] (6 Oct 1891–Dec 1964) married Lula Kilcrease (31 Jul 1893–17 Nov 1989).
11. **Nora Nolan** (12 Jan 1894–8 May 1956) married Joseph Franklin Meeks (6 Jan 1894–5 Aug 1969).
12. **Effie Nolan** (12 May 1896–14 Mar 1986) married Harmon Huey Kilcrease [Bud] (5 Apr 1889–9 Mar 1971).
13. [infant] **Nolan** born and died in 1897.
14. **Golden Nolan** (15 Aug 1899–9 Jun 1982) married Joseph Edward Patrick (23 Jan 1893–8 Mar 1935).

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Brief Biographical Sketches of the Children of Permelia Lavincy Ward Nolan

1. **Elizabeth Jane Nolan** [Betty] (15 Jan 1879–25 Sep 1947) was probably the second child of her parents. Her brother's birth in October 1879 is documented by both the 1880 federal census and his tombstone. She was not enumerated in her parents' 1880 household, and in 1900, she was listed as seventeen years. Like several of her younger sisters, it appears that she may have wanted to portray herself as older than her chronological age.

   Betty Nolan married on 13 December 1900 in Union Parish to John Edney Dumas (10 Dec 1865–26 Jul 1952), son of Sidney Moses Dumas (12 Jul 1843–15 Jul 1916) and Josephine Smith (c1851–c1878). John Edney Dumas was the widower of Betty's first cousin, Mary Lena Ward, the daughter of Betty's Uncle Hillory Hubbard Ward.

   Betty and John E. Dumas are buried in the Hasley Cemetery in West Monroe, Ouachita Parish.
2. **Charles Ednie Nolan** [Charlie N.] (25 Oct 1879–8 Sep 1971) is probably the eldest child of his parents. He married on 15 July 1897 in Union Parish, Louisiana to his first cousin, Levy N. Nolan (13 Jun 1884–8 Sep 1931), daughter of Henry Clay Nolan (12 Dec 1846–25 Jul 1921) and Malissa Ann Hendrix (5 Apr 1844–14 Mar 1926). First cousin marriages were common and socially acceptable in Western culture until the 1890s. They became socially unacceptable and illegal in most states beginning in the early 1900s, although the vast majority of these laws have now been repealed.

   Charlie and Levy Nolan are buried in the Riverview Cemetery in Monroe, Ouachita Parish. According to their tombstones, both died on the same day forty years apart.
3. **John Nolan** (c1880–1896) has no marker in the Antioch Cemetery, but Mr. William C. Nolan lists him as a son of Joe and Lavincy Ward Nolan.
4. [infant] **Nolan** born and died in 1881 is also listed in the records of Mr. William C. Nolan.
5. **Joseph C. Nolan Jr.** (1 May 1882–20 Sep 1955) married in 1906 to Lucy Guice (18 May 1885–28 Aug 1953). Joseph and Lucy Nolan are buried in the Acree Cemetery near Point, in southeastern Union Parish.
6. **Mattie Lee Nolan** (Aug 1884–aft. 1910) married on 24 February 1902 in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana to Joseph Jacob Gates [Jake] (25 Mar 1880–18 Nov 1915), son of Dr. Henry Elliott Gates (16 Aug 1854–15 Mar 1913) and Nancy Ann Josephine Flowers (7 Jan 1855–19 Dec 1921). In 1910, Mattie and Jake Gates lived in Farmerville with their two young sons, and Jake worked as a carpenter. Jake Gates is buried in the Crossroads Cemetery near three of their young children, but Mattie has no marker there. It is not known when she died.

7. **Ada Nolan** (1885–1890) is also listed in the records of Mr. William C. Nolan as a child of Permelia Lavincy Ward and Joseph C. Nolan.
8. **Emma Nolan** (Oct 1885–5 Aug 1953) married Parrish Fermon Guice (28 Jan 1887–1935), son of Thomas George Guice Sr. (5 Apr 1846–27 Dec 1913) and Cornelia Ann Impson (4 Jan 1849–29 Jun 1931). Emma Nolan and Parrish Guice are buried in the Acree Cemetery in Point, southeastern Union Parish, Louisiana.
9. **Aver Nolan** [Ava] (c1887–19 Apr 1963) married about 1904 to Wiley Thomas Slack (16 Dec 1881–8 Apr 1934). Many of their infant children are buried in the Rocky Branch Cemetery, as they lived in Union Parish until after 1920. Sometime in the 1920s, they moved to northeastern Morehouse Parish near Bonita. Wiley died there in 1934, and afterwards, Aver lived on their farm for the next three decades until her death in 1963 [6]. Aver Nolan and Wiley Slack are buried in the Bonita Cemetery, Bonita, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana [7].
10. **Art Nolan** [Artie] (6 Oct 1891–20 Dec 1964) married Lula Kilcrease (31 Jul 1893–17 Nov 1989), daughter of Alford Arthur Kilcrease (31 Oct 1855–30 Dec 1900) and Sarah Colson (Nov 1867–19 Sep 1933). Art and Lula Nolan are buried in the Crossroads Cemetery, Union Parish, Louisiana.
11. **Nora Jane Nolan** (12 Jan 1894–8 May 1956) married on 6 August 1913 in Union Parish, Louisiana to her double cousin, Joseph Franklin Meeks (6 Jan 1894–5 Aug 1969), son of John Jordan Meeks [John Jurd] (20 Mar 1857–11 Oct 1897) and Permelia Elizabeth Auld [Betty] (8 Feb 1859–5 Aug 1931). Nora Nolan and Frank Meeks are buried in the Crossroads Cemetery in eastern Union Parish, Louisiana.
12. **Effie Nolan** (12 May 1896–14 Mar 1986) married Harmon Huey Kilcrease [Bud] (5 Apr 1889–9 Mar 1971), son of Alford Arthur Kilcrease (31 Oct 1855–30 Dec 1900) and Sarah Colson (Nov 1867–19 Sep 1933). Effie Nolan and Bud Kilcrease are buried in the Crossroads Cemetery, located in eastern Union Parish, Louisiana [8].
13. [infant] **Nolan** born and died in 1897 is also listed in the records of Mr. William C. Nolan as a child of Permelia Lavincy Ward and Joseph C. Nolan.
14. **Golden Nolan** (15 Aug 1899–9 Jun 1982) married on 5 May 1917 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Joseph Edward Patrick [Joe Eddie, Ed] (23 Jan 1893–8 Mar 1935), son of William A. Patrick (27 Aug 1857–11 Jun 1925) and Mary Brown (Sep 1864–1900/1920).

    There are serious discrepancies with the year of birth for both Golden Nolan and Joe Eddie Patrick. The 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 federal census records place her birth in 1899, whereas the 1940 census places it about 1897. In 1971, an announcement was placed in

Farmerville's *"The Gazette"* regarding her 78th birthday celebration, and this places her birth in 1893. Her 1982 obituary placed her birth in 1893, and her tombstone was inscribed with 1893 as her birth year [9]. Admittedly, census records, newspapers, and tombstones can all have errors. However, the census records were all made much closer to her actual birth event, and their consistency with her birth year implies that she was actually born in 1899.

Joe Eddie Patrick's tombstone is inscribed with 1888 as his birth year. Like Golden, the 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 federal census enumerations all place his birth about 1893. Moreover, when he registered for the World War I draft on 5 June 1917, he gave his birthdate as 23 January 1893 [10]. It is unclear why both the birth years on the tombstones for both Joe Eddie and Golden added five years to their chronological age.

After Joe Eddie Patrick's death, Golden married on 12 September 1936, supposedly in Shelby County, Tennessee to John Thomas Holleman (29 Jun 1874–21 Mar 1951), son of Nick Holleman and Lee Anna ?. Golden later married to her double cousin Joseph Franklin Meeks (6 Jan 1894–5 Aug 1969), who had previously been the husband of her sister, Nora. Golden Nolan and her three husbands are all buried in the Crossroads Cemetery.

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5. **David Allen Ward**

David Allen Ward (23 Sep 1861–25 Oct 1862) died at the age of thirteen months and is buried in the Ward's Chapel Cemetery near his parents [1].

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6. **Lee Andrew Ward**

Lee Andrew Ward [Leander] (16 Feb 1866–5 Mar 1960) was nearly four years old when his mother died in December 1869. He married on 3 April 1889 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Frances Wincie Roye [Fannie] (24 Mar 1857–18 Jan 1931) [1]. Fannie was the daughter of John D. Roye (23 Mar 1822–22 May 1890) and Kittie Minerva Hollis (1825–8 Sep 1886) [2].

Leander Ward operated his farm in the country, maintained the streets of Farmerville, and operated Fork Ferry across Bayous D'Arbonne and Corney. He served as Farmerville's town marshal for many years and later as the night marshal. Fannie died in 1931, and in 1934, he moved to Teague, Freestone County, Texas to live with his daughter. He died there in 1960 at the age of ninety-four years. Leander and Fannie Ward are buried in the Farmerville Cemetery.

See the Lee Andrew Ward Biography for complete details on the lives of Leander Ward and Fannie Roye.

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Children of Lee Andrew Ward

The known children of Leander Ward and Fannie W. Roye include:

1. **Gilford Lee Ward** (20 Sep 1893–17 Mar 1920) married on 3 December 1916 in Monroe to Alice Esther Gerlicher.
2. **Vasa Ward** (15 Mar 1895–4 Sep 1975) married William J. Stringer (19 Jan 1884–29 Jul 1972).
3. [infant] **Ward** was born and died as an infant prior to 1900.
4. [infant] **Ward** was born and died as an infant between 1900 and 1910.

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7. **Henry Wesley Ward**



Henry Wesley Ward [Wess] (16 Oct 1868–17 Jun 1941) was fourteen months old when his mother died in December 1869 and eighteen years old when his father died in August 1887 [1]. Wess Ward married on 30 April 1888 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Linnie Cornelia Sawyer (4 Jul 1872–29 May 1930), daughter of Samuel Sawyer (24 Jan 1831–22 Nov 1919) and Elizabeth Benjamin Taylor (10 Dec 1843–15 Jul 1927) [2]. In November 1894, six years after their marriage, a fire consumed their home, destroying all of its contents, together with some of his seed cotton stored in the house [3]. They rebuilt, and Henry and Linnie Ward spent their lives operating their farm east of Farmerville and raising their children [4].

Like his brothers, Wess Ward actively participated in local Democratic Party politics. Between 1900 and 1910, he regularly served as an election commissioner for the Colson's Precinct and on the precinct's executive committee [5]. Wess belonged to the Union Fraternal Lodge No. 53, Free and Accepted Masons. In May 1941, Wess and his brother, Leander Ward, were awarded certificates from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana for being an active member of the Union Lodge for over twenty-five years. Due to poor health, Wess was not present at the ceremony [6].

Wess Ward married on 18 October 1936 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Ellen Wynn Manning (21 Jun 1880–26 Aug 1943), daughter of Jackson Lemuel Wynn (4 Oct 1851–21 Mar 1918) and Ithima Rehabiah Pearson (9 Jan 1859–3 Mar 1900). Ellen was the widow of William Alvin Manning (24 Mar 1857–20 Feb 1928) [7]. In April 1940, Wess and Ellen lived in Farmerville with her son and two of her grandchildren [8]. However, his 1941 obituary does not mention Ellen, and both her death certificate and obituary give her name as *"Ellen Manning."* This suggests that they separated and divorced in late 1940 or 1941 prior to Wes' death [9].

Henry Wesley Ward's health declined by the latter portion of 1940. On 28 January 1941, *"Mr. Ward has been seriously ill for some time,"* and he was taken to a Shreveport hospital. On February 6th, reports were *"not favorable."* His daughter, Delores, spent the week in the Shreveport hospital at the bedside of her father, *"who is seriously ill."* On February 20th, he was reported as *"still in a serious condition,"* and the following week, the newspaper reported that even though he had been moved back to his home in Farmerville after spending a week in a Shreveport hospital, *"Mr. Ward's condition is said to be still critical."* In April, his daughter, Clara, travelled from her home in Springhill to visit her father, *"who is still quite ill"* [10]. He lingered until his death in June. Wess and Linnie Ward are buried in Ward's Chapel Cemetery.

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Children of Henry Wesley Ward

The known children of Henry Wesley Ward and Linnie Cornelia Sawyer include:

1. **Henry Oscar Ward** (6 Jan 1890–5 Mar 1969) married Josie Veola Pardue (25 Dec 1890–27 Oct 1964).
2. **Ethel L. Ward** (Nov 1893–4 Oct 1939) married Edward Hagahaman Hughes Sr. [Ed] (15 Jun 1892–8 Mar 1943).
3. **Eva Elizabeth Ward** (27 Jun 1897–29 Mar 1969) married on 11 November 1928 in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana to James Marion Dozier (1 Jul 1893–10 May 1988).
4. **Fred Murphy Ward** (14 Apr 1900–15 Feb 1971) married Muriel Katherleen Brasher (12 Oct 1913–14 Jun 1991).
5. **Clara Anice Ward** (17 Jul 1902–28 Dec 1976) married Benjamin Franklin Tucker [Frank] (6 Apr 1898–1 Feb 1969).
6. **Dolores Ward** [Dollie] (9 Dec 1904–15 Jan 1972) married Marvin James Simpson (16 Apr 1902–21 Mar 1940), Allen Walker Odom (12 Jan 1898–13 Dec 1974), and James Earl Aulds (14 Feb 1905–11 Nov 1975).
7. **Samuel Elton Ward** [Pete] (10 Sep 1908–8 Apr 1974) married Gladys Anne Alexander (6 Nov 1914–5 Aug 1989).
8. **Westery Cornelia Ward** [Weslie, Nela, Nelie] (18 Feb 1916–14 Apr 1991) married Joseph Carson Odom [Carson] (8 Oct 1902–1 Nov 1961) and George Samuel Wells Jr. (27 Mar 1914–29 Oct 1982).

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Henry Wesley Ward Family
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Brief Biographical Sketches of the Children of Henry Wesley Ward

1. **Henry Oscar Ward** (6 Jan 1890–5 Mar 1969) married on 13 August 1913 in Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana to Josie Veola Pardue (25 Dec 1890–27 Oct 1964), daughter of Redden Wade Pardue (21 Apr 1848–26 Sep 1923) and Ann Rebecca Wall (9 May 1854–12 Oct 1920). A few months earlier, Josie's sister, Frances Lavina Pardue, married Henry's first cousin, Wesley Hubbard Ward.

   When Mormon missionaries first visited the region in the latter 1800s, Veola's parents were among the first in Union Parish to convert to the Mormon religion. Henry and Josie also converted to the Mormon faith and moved to Texas to join a group of Mormons there. They farmed in Upshur County in 1930, but they later returned to Union Parish. Many of their children moved to Texas and settled in the Mormon community near Gilmer.

   Henry O. Ward and Josie V. Pardue are buried in the Rugg's Bluff Cemetery between Farmerville and Point, in southeastern Union Parish, Louisiana.
2. **Ethel L. Ward** (Nov 1893–4 Oct 1939) married on 11 November 1913 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Edward Hagahaman Hughes Sr. [Ed] (15 Jun 1892–8 Mar 1943), son of John Wesley Hughes (15 Jan 1832–17 Jan 1915) and Delana Sloan [Della] (15 Jan 1852–27 Jan 1915). Ethel died in a hospital in Pineville after a long illness. She is buried in the Wards Chapel Cemetery. Ed remarried and moved to Bastrop. He is buried with his second wife in the Christ Church Cemetery, Bastrop, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
3. **Eva Elizabeth Ward** (27 Jun 1897–29 Mar 1969) married on 11 November 1928 in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana to James Marion Dozier (1 Jul 1893–10 May 1988), son of Chiles Cann Dozier (14 Mar 1855–17 Mar 1926) and Gennie Jones (27 Oct 1871–22 May 1964). Eva Ward and James Marion Dozier are buried in the Wards Chapel Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.
4. **Fred Murphy Ward** (14 Apr 1900–15 Feb 1971) married on 23 November 1935 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Muriel Katherleen Brasher (12 Oct 1913–14 Jun 1991), daughter of Henry Claiborne Brasher (7 Nov 1882–10 Apr 1915) and Annie Lee Bradshaw (30 Sep 1886–25 Apr 1978) [11]. Fred M. Ward worked for the Louisiana Department of Highways and lived in Farmerville. Fred and Muriel Ward are buried in the Wards Chapel Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana [12].
5. **Clara Anice Ward** (17 Jul 1902–28 Dec 1976) married on 4 October 1922 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Benjamin Franklin Tucker [Frank] (6 Apr 1898–1 Feb 1969), the son of William

Riley Tucker (14 Dec 1861–4 Apr 1931) and Maggie McCoy (1 Nov 1867–25 Nov 1943) [13]. Clara and Frank Tucker lived in Dallas, Texas in 1928, but in 1930, they farmed in Ward 2 of Union Parish. Between 1935 and 1940, they settled in Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana. She died in a nursing home in Teague, Freestone County, Texas, but Clara and Frank are buried in the Springhill Cemetery, Webster Parish Louisiana, plot 1-N.

6. **Dolores Ward** [Dollie] (9 Dec 1904–15 Jan 1972) married on 15 April 1922 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Marvin James Simpson (16 Apr 1902–21 Mar 1940), the son of Lee Aaron Simpson (2 Nov 1879–21 Jun 1942) and Frances Viola Barfield (3 May 1881–22 Oct 1951). Marvin died in Overton, Ruck County, Texas and is buried in the Overton City Cemetery.

   By 1941, Delores Ward had married Allen Walker Odom (12 Jan 1898–13 Dec 1974), son of Michael Ralph Odom (2 May 1855–16 Feb 1935) and Alabama H. Reagan (11 Feb 1868–28 Sep 1957). Delores and Allen may have divorced, for his obituary did not mention her.

   Delores Ward later married her cousin, James Earl Aulds (14 Feb 1905–11 Nov 1975), the son of James Henry Auld (3 Feb 1871–17 Dec 1941) and Savannah Harriet McGough (1 Feb 1873–9 Jan 1951). Delores Ward and Earl Aulds are buried in the Farmerville Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

7. **Samuel Elton Ward** [Pete] (10 Sep 1908–8 Apr 1974) married on 27 November 1929 in Homer, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana to Gladys Anne Alexander (6 Nov 1914–5 Aug 1989), daughter of Edgar Alexander (30 Dec 1882–8 Jul 1936) and May Vann (12 Mar 1892–1 Dec 1977). Samuel Elton and Gladys Ward lived with his parents near Farmerville in 1930, and he worked as a laborer for the Highway Department. In 1940, they lived in Farmerville in a house that adjoined his parents and brother, Fred, and Pete Ward worked as a laborer for the Works Progress Administration. In the 1940s, he became employed by the Town of Farmerville, working as an operator for the local water company in 1950.

   After Pete's death in 1974, Gladys Alexander Ward lived at her home in Farmerville. She was murdered and the case never solved [14]. Pete and Gladys Ward are buried in the Wards Chapel Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

8. **Westery Cornelia Ward** [Weslie, Nela, Nelie] (18 Feb 1916–14 Apr 1991) married on 17 June 1935 in Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana to Joseph Carson Odom [Carson] (8 Oct 1902–1 Nov 1961), son of Michael Ralph Odom (2 May 1855–16 Feb 1935) and Alabama H. Reagan (11 Feb 1868–28 Sep 1957). After Carson Odom's death, Cornelia married George Samuel Wells Jr. (27 Mar 1914–29 Oct 1982), son of George Samuel Wells Sr. (24 Jan 1880–28 Oct 1913) and Ola Futch (26 Jun 1888–29 Sep 1963). Cornelia and George must have divorced, as his obituary

made no mention of her [15]. Cornelia Ward and Carson Odom are buried in the Zion Hill Cemetery near Farmerville, while George S. Wells Jr. is buried in the Laran Cemetery near Laran, both in Union Parish, Louisiana.

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8. Mary Ann Ward Malone

Mary Ann Ward [Mittie] (6 Jan 1871–23 May 1893) was the only known child of Elijah Hubbard Ward and his second wife, Annis Sawyer. Mittie married on 22 December 1887 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Francis Taylor Malone (13 Nov 1865–7 Jan 1956), son of James Franklin Malone (18 Mar 1827–9 Feb 1878) and Susan Hortense Owens (14 Sep 1834–18 Jul 1914).

Mittie and Frances Malone presumably farmed in the Colson Community where he spent his life. They had two children before Mittie's premature death in 1893. Frances later married Mittie's cousin, Effie Jean Auld. Mittie Ward is buried in the Antioch Cemetery, near Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

The known children of Mittie Ward and Francis Taylor Malone include:

1. **Mittie Ardella Malone** (14 Mar 1889–4 Dec 1971) married about 1905 to Arnett Abner Nolan (12 Dec 1882–12 Mar 1933), son of Stephen M. Nolan (10 Oct 1856–3 Mar 1925) and Sarah Elizabeth Auld [Lizzie] (1 Jan 1865–2 Dec 1938). Between 1910 and 1920, they moved to Richland Parish, Louisiana and farmed there. By 1933, they lived at Crew Lake, where Arnett died on March 12. Ardella and Arnett Malone are buried in the Wynn Cemetery, Richland Parish, Louisiana.
2. **Elzie Burk Malone** (20 Oct 1890–21 Oct 1947) married on 4 July 1911 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Ella Blanche Nolan (4 Oct 1896–9 Feb 1965), daughter of Samuel Rate Nolan (11 Apr 1864–18 Nov 1943) and Frances Ardell Auld [Fannie] (22 Aug 1866–16 Feb 1943). Elzie and Ella Malone are buried in the Antioch Cemetery east of Farmerville.

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Abstracts & Transcriptions of Records of Elijah Hubbard Ward

This section gives most of the known records of Elijah Hubbard Ward (1830–1887), more commonly known as *"Hub Ward."* Although he lived the longest of any of David and Cynthia's children, Hub still died at the relatively young age of fifty-seven. Hub Ward's birth occurred in Lowndes County, Alabama during July 1830, just a few months after the creation of that county from southwestern Montgomery, Butler, Dallas, Wilcox, and Pike Counties. At the age of six and one-half years, he moved with his parents, siblings, uncles and aunts, and paternal grandparents to northern Louisiana. During those early years, the rather remote region comprising what is now Union Parish had few permanent residents and no roads, bridges, or settlements. Although by all accounts the native American Indians had vacated north Louisiana by about 1810 and never presented any physical threat to the European immigrants, the early settlers of that period did have to deal with the numerous cougars and wolves that presented a constant menace to their families and their livestock.

Other than a foray up the Mississippi River into Tennessee with his parents when he was about eleven years old, Hub Ward spent the remainder of his youth and early adulthood in the piney hills surrounding Bayou d'Loutre in eastern Union Parish Louisiana. He married at age twenty-two and accumulated a large plantation adjoining those of his brother and sister, Jack and Rachel Jane (the wife of John R. Auld). When Hub and his numerous relatives joined the Confederate army in early 1862, the company elected him lieutenant, a position he held for the duration of the war. Hub's unit served in northeastern Louisiana during the bulk of 1862, but in November they were ordered to Vicksburg and Jackson. They participated in the defense of Vicksburg between December 1862 and the surrender there in July 1863. Hub's regiment remained at home on parole until June 1864, when it went into parole camp near Minden, and then in August, was ordered to guard the southern approach of the Red River near Pineville.

After the war, Hub Ward resumed his planting operations in Union Parish. He managed to emerge from the tumultuous Reconstruction period financially secure, and he accumulated vast land holdings during the latter 1860s and early 1870s. In the 1870s he entered politics, serving as the deputy parish surveyor, police juror of his local neighborhood, and then the citizens of Union Parish elected him as the Parish Surveyor in 1880.

This section includes abstracts and transcriptions of all Union Parish records of Elijah Hubbard Ward, except for involving his service as administrator and lawsuits.

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5 Feb 1852 **Elijah H. Ward** married *"**Pamela L. Lee**."*

Reference: Union Parish, LA Marriage Book 1 (1850–1852), p. 121

31 Aug 1853 **Elijah Hubbard Ward** filed his stock mark with the Union Parish Louisiana Recorder's office:

> *"State of Louisiana }*
> *Parish of Union } Before me **Reuben Ellis** Recorder & Ex Officio Notary Public in and for Said Parish personally came **Elijah H. Ward** a Resident of Union Parish Louisiana who declares and acknowledges that he claims the following to be his Stock Mark and makes application this day to have the same Recorded to wit: a Swallow fork and Underbit in the Left Ear and Underbit in the right Ear. Signed and acknowledged before me on this the 31st August A.D. 1853.*
>
> ***E. H. Ward***
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> *A True Record the 1st Sept 1853.* ***Reuben Ellis**, Recorder"*

Reference: Union Parish LA Marks and Brands Book, p. 9.

6 Nov 1858 **Elijah H. Ward** purchased 79.63 acres of government land in Union Parish Louisiana for $19.91.

Reference: Monroe, Louisiana Land Office Cash Entry #19071. Paying 25¢ per acre, Ward bought this property:

S½ of NE¼ of Section 8, Township 20 North, Range 2 East

Comment: This is almost certainly not the first property purchased by Elijah Hubbard Ward (Hub). He probably bought land around the time of his marriage, but the deed was not recorded.

20 Sep 1859 **Elijah H. Ward** purchased 118.94 acres of government land in Union Parish Louisiana for $29.74.

Reference: Monroe, Louisiana Land Office Cash Entry #20842. Paying 25¢ per acre, Ward bought this property in Township 20 North, Range 2 East:

- SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 5, &
- SW¼ of NW¼ & NW¼ of SW¼ of Section 9

2 Apr 1860 **Elijah H. Ward** purchased 118.85 acres of government land in Union Parish Louisiana for $29.59.

Reference: Monroe, Louisiana Land Office Cash Entry #22109. Paying 25¢ per acre, Ward bought this property located in Township 20 North, Range 2 East:

- SE¼ of SW¼ & NW¼ of SW¼ of Section 4 &
- NW¼ of SE¼ of Section 8

Comment: Hub Ward traveled to the Monroe Land Office with his uncle Elijah Michael Auld and brother-in-law John R. Auld, and on this same day, they all purchased adjoining tracts of land in eastern Union Parish.

30 July 1860 On this day the administrator of the estate of **John A. Bayless**, formerly a partner in the Farmerville mercantile firm of **Carson & Bayless** with **James H. Carson**, filed his return with the Union Parish court. The administrator listed debts collected by Carson and claimed one-half of each of the following amounts. It appears to be a list of running accounts local farmers held with the firm of Carson & Bayless. Included was a note from **E. H. Ward** dated 1 January 1857 for $30.97.

Reference: Union Parish Louisiana Succession Book E, pp. 145–162.

11 Oct 1860 **Elijah Hubbard Ward** witnessed the purchase of 120 acres of land by his younger brother **John T. Ward** from **Simeon Slawson** for $360. The deed specified that the payment was to be for cash, but as future lawsuits prove, Ward actually signed two notes to Slawson as his payment for the land. The first note was for $200 due 1 Jan 1861 and was co-signed by **E. H. Ward**. The second note for $160 was due 1 Jan 1862 and was co-signed by the Wards' brother-in-law, **John R. Auld**.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record J, pp. 365–366. The promissory notes were not recorded in the deed book but rather come from two 1866 lawsuits filed against Ward by the owners of the notes, Elizabeth H. Brigham (see the section on Civil Suits).

Witnesses: **R. B. Smith**, **Allen Carr**

Comment: John T. Ward failed to pay the notes he signed as payment for this 120 acres, causing litigation after the war.

1860 In the list of accounts and debts due to the estate of **James H. Carson**, formerly a partner in the Farmerville mercantile firm of **Carson & Bayless**, **Elijah Hubbard Ward** had a note dated 1 January 1857 for $20.97 on which he owed a balance of $10.49. Rather standard promissory notes, this appears to be a running accounts that Ward held in Carson's store.

Reference: Union Parish LA Succession Book E, pp. 110–137.

11 Sep 1866 **Elijah H. Ward** purchased 160 acres of land from his brother **John T. Ward** for $200. Two days later, on September 13th, they both appeared before Union Parish Recorder **William C. Smith** and acknowledged their signatures on this sale of land.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record L, pp. 280–281. Jack sold Hub these portions of Section 8, Township 20 North, Range 2 East:

- NE¼ of SW¼, & NW¼ of SW¼, & SW¼ of NW¼, & SE¼ of NW¼

Witnesses: **J. C. Cargill**, **D. M. Goodger**

Comments: This property that Jack bought from Simeon Slawson in 1860 seemed to instigate his financial problems in 1866. Since Hub had co-signed the note, this entangled Hub in this legal situation. Perhaps Jack gave Hub this property as a payback for the financial problems he had caused. This land was located about three miles south of where Jack and Hub lived.

21 Dec 1867 **Elijah H. Ward**, **John T. Ward**, and **David Ward** appoint **Thomas J. Seale** to be their attorney to receive the share of the estate of **James Seale** due to them as heirs of **Cynthia Seale Ward**. She was a daughter and heir of **James Seale**, late of Butler County Alabama, and money due to Cynthia's heirs is in the hands of **Anderson Seale**, administrator of **James Seale's** estate.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record M, pp. 71–72.

Witnesses: **David Arent**, **John L. A. Robinson**

16 Mar 1868 **David Ward** sells his plantation of 520 acres located six miles east of Farmerville to his son **Elijah Hubbard Ward** for $650.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record M, pp. 119–120. David Ward sold his son this property in Township 21 North, Range 1 East:

- E½ of SW¼ of Section 13, &
- E½ of SE¼ of Section 23, &
- NW¼ of SW¼, & E½ of W½, & N½ of SE¼, & W½ of NE¼ of Section 24

Witnesses: **W. W. Guthrie**, **W. C. Smith**

Comments: With this act David Ward disposed of his old plantation in eastern Union Parish on which he and Cynthia had settled when they first arrived in Union Parish in 1837. He and his third wife Ellen Brazeal McLelland had moved to western Union Parish the previous fall.

26 Nov 1868 **Elijah Hubbard Ward** and his brother **John Thomas Ward** assist with the settlement of the estate of their uncle, **William Ham**, who had died the previous year. Hub Ward served along with **Jordan G. Taylor** as appraisers of the estate, with Jack Ward and former Parish Judge **John Taylor** witnessing the appraisement.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record R, pp. 191–196.

Witnesses: **John Taylor**, **John T. Ward**

Comments: William Ham was the husband of Hub and Jack's aunt Clarenda, the sister of their mother Cynthia Seale Ward.

18 Jan 1869 For $100, **Elijah H. Ward** sold 79.29 acres of land to **George N. Scarborough**.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record M, p. 321. Ward sold Scarborough this portion of his father's old farm:

- E½ of SW¼ of Section 13, Township 21 North, Range 1 East

Witnesses: **W. C. Hall**, **J. S. Auld**

Comment: Scarborough was the husband and first cousin of Susan Melissa Scarborough. Her sister Betsy Scarborough had married Hub's brother Jack Ward in 1854, and Susan's sister Mary Ann Scarborough had married Hub and Jack's first cousin David W. Solomon in 1859. Elijah's niece Lavinia Jane Carter had married Jeremiah Sherwood Auld in 1867, and he is the man who witnessed this record.

4 Mar 1870 **Elijah H. Ward** signed a marriage bond in preparation for his marriage to ***"Mrs. Annis Goyne."***

Reference: Union Parish, LA Marriage Book L/4 (1869–1871), p. 159.

Comment: This portion of Marriage Book L/4 only contains the dates of the marriage bonds. There was no return indicating when the marriage occurred. Years later, on 15 March 1887, Elijah H. Ward made restitution to *"Mrs. Annis Ward"* for property that she had when they married that Ward used for his own purposes. Ward stated *"…that he intermarried with his said wife Mrs. Annis Ward on the Tenth day of February A.D. 1870…"* It seems unlikely that they married on 10 February 1870 given that their marriage bond was dated March 4th. Although it is impossible to know for certain, it seems more likely that Ward gave the wrong month of their marriage, with it actually occurring on 10 March 1870. See Union Parish LA Conveyance Record W, pp. 59–60.

27 Oct 1870 For $550, **Elijah H. Ward** sold 160 acres of land to **Patison Rogers**. Rogers paid $300 cash and for the balance of $250, Rogers made paid by his promissory note due 1 January 1872 with 8% interest.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record N, pp. 265–266. Ward sold Rogers this property:

- N½ of SW¼, & S½ of NW¼ of Section 8, Township 20 North, Range 2 East

Witnesses: **George Rossitter**, **James W. Auld**

Comment: Ward was the son of David Ward and grandson of Elisha Sr. Patterson Rogers married Mary Jane Reddock/Solomon, the daughter of David's sister Elizabeth J. Ward Solomon. James W. Auld was Hub Ward's first cousin, the son of David's sister Margaret Jane Ward Auld. Several of Rossitter's children married into the Ward and Auld family.

12 Dec 1870 **Elijah H. Ward** petitioned the Union Parish court that **Rachel J. Auld** had died intestate leaving eight minor children, all the issue of her marriage to **John R. Auld**, deceased. The minor children were named as: **Cynthia Jane**, **Eliza Ann**, **Julia Annis**, **Mary Alice**, **Permelia Elizabeth**, **Sarah**, **John Wesley** and **James D. Auld**. Ward requested that he be appointed administrator of Rachel J. Auld's estate and tutor to her minor children. After the legally required advertising and delays, on December 23rd, Union Parish Judge T. B. Tompkins appointed Ward as Auld's administrator and the tutor of the minor children.

Reference: Union Parish LA Succession Book G, pp. 287–301 and Succession Book A-1, pp. 48–50. I also have photocopies of the original succession papers from the Union Parish courthouse.

3 Jan 1871 In the Town of Farmerville, **E. Hubbard Ward**, Curator of the Estate of **George W. Solomon**, deceased, auctioned the property of the estate. The highest bidder was **Jacob L. Gates**, who bought the 400 acres for $160.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record N, p. 395. Ward sold this property belonging to Solomon's estate in T20N, R2E:

- E½ of SE¼, & SW¼ of NW¼ of Section 5, &
- SE¼, & S½ of NE¼, & NE¼ of NE¼, all in Section 6

For some unexplained reason, Ward had this sale recorded a second time in Conveyance Record O, p. 23, dated 1 February 1871. The witnesses of this latter document were J. E. Trimble and Wade A. Hoskins.

Witnesses: **J. E. Trimble**, **W. W. Guthrie**

Comment: Hub Ward was Solomon's nephew, as Hub's father David and Solomon's wife Elizabeth were siblings.

3 Jan 1871 For $200 cash, **Jacob L. Gates** sells the 400 acres of land he just bought to **Elijah H. Ward**.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record N, p. 327. In this individual sale, Ward bought from Gates the real estate belonging to the Solomon estate that he had just sold to Gates as the estate's curator. See the description given above.

Witnesses: **J. E. Trimble**, **W. W. Guthrie**

Comment: Notice that Ward sold the Solomon property to Gates for $40 less than he paid Gates for it. This may explain why the Solomon heirs sued Ward for how he handled the estate.

4 Jan 1871 **Elijah H. Ward** sold the personal property of the estate of **Rachel Jane Auld**, deceased. Purchasers at the estate sale included **E. H. Ward**, **J. S. Auld**, **John T. Ward**, **J. M. Odom**, **J. W. Auld**, **E. M. Auld**, **and D. S. Auld** (all close relatives of either Rachel or her deceased husband John R. Auld).

Reference: Union Parish LA Succession Book G, pp. 287–301 & Succession Book A-1, pp. 48–50.

23 Jan 1871 A family meeting of relatives of the minor heirs of **John R. Auld** and **Rachel Jane Auld** was held to decide what to do with the property belonging to the estate. The family members involved included **Elijah H. Ward**, **John T. Ward**, **James Wyatt Auld**, **Michael Auld**, **John J. Auld**, & **David Auld**. After taking the legally required oath and deliberating, they decided it was in the best interest of the minors to sell the land belonging to Auld's estate to pay the debts owed by the estate.

Reference: Union Parish LA Succession Book G, pp. 287–301 and Succession Book A-1, pp. 48–50.

31 Jan 1871 For $400 cash, **Elijah H. Ward** purchases 200 acres of land in Union Parish from **Jefferson B. Rossitter**.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record N, pp. 396–397. Rossitter sold Ward this property in T21N, R2E:

- SE¼ of NE¼ of Section 33, &
- N½ of SW¼, & NW¼ of SE¼, & SW¼ of NW¼, of Section 34

Witnesses: **C. C. Coleman**, **F. C. Manning**

Comment: In 1865, Jefferson Blankenship Rossitter married Martha Ann Odom, the daughter of Mary Caroline Ward and granddaughter of Elisha Ward, Sr. Thus, Hub Ward and Jeff Rossitter were first cousins. The Rossitters here sold their Union Parish farm and moved to Ouachita Parish, where they both died prematurely in the early 1890s.

25 Feb 1871 For $700, **Elijah H. Ward** sells the remaining 440 acres of his father's old plantation to **James A. Dean**.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record N, p. 386. Ward sold this property to Dean in Township 21 North, Range 2 East:

- E½ of SE¼ of Section 23, &
- NW¼ of SW¼, & E½ of W½, & N½ of SE¼, & W½ of NE¼ of Section 24

Witnesses: **F. H. Cann**, **S. W. Ramsey**

9 Aug 1871 For $150 cash, **Elijah H. Ward** purchases 120 acres of land in Union Parish from **Mary D. Hardy**, now the wife of **Thomas A. Honeycutt** residents of Bradley County Arkansas.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record N, p. 545. Honeycutt sold Ward this property in Township 21 North, Range 2 East:

- N½ of NE¼, & SE¼ of NW¼ of Section 34

Witnesses: **Martha J. Louisdale**, **Sarah L. Louisdale**

1 Feb 1872 For $600, **Elijah H. Ward** sells 320 acres of land to **D. Stein & Co.**, *"a commercial firm doing business in the town of Farmerville and composed of **Daniel Stein**, **Emmanuel Brunner** & **Jacob Shlenker**, **D. Stein** being present and accepting for said firm…"*

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record O, p. 22. Ward sold Stein this property in Township 20 North, Range 2 East:

- SE¼ of NE¼ of Section 33, &
- S½ of NW¼, & N½ of NE¼, & N½ of SW¼ & NW¼ of SE¼ of Section 34

Witnesses: **T. F. Gilbert**, **T. E. Seale**

Comment: Thomas Elmore Seale was Hub Ward's first cousin, the son of his Uncle Thomas Jefferson Seale.

25 Apr 1873 **Elijah Hubbard Ward** mortgaged his 1873 crops to **H. Brown & Co.** for $500 worth of Groceries:

*"…Be it Remembered that I **E. H. Ward** for and in Consideration of the sum of Five Hundred Dollars worth of Groocries* [sic] *and other Merchandise supplied and to be supplied during the current Year of Eighteen hundred and seventy three 1873 Do hereby give this into the firm of H. Brown & Co. a Lien and privelege* [sic] *upon my Entire Crop of Cotton, Corn and & to be raised on my Place Known as my own in this Parish & State. This Farmerville La. April 25/73…"*

Reference: Union Parish LA loose court papers.

Witnesses: **J. Marx**

11 Aug 1873 For $250, $95 in cash and a note for $100 due 1 Jan 1875 and a note for $55 due 1 Jan 1876, **Elijah H. Ward** sells 200 acres of land in Union Parish Louisiana to **James F. Dumas**.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record O, p. 384. Ward sold this property near his home in Township 20 North, Range 2 East:

- SE¼, & SE¼ of SW¼ of Section 6

Witnesses: **J. H. Thompson**, **J. E. Trimble**

4 Sep 1873 For $160, **Elijah H. Ward** sells 160 acres of land in Union Parish Louisiana to **John S. Meeks** of Union Parish. Payment made with one note for $60 due 1 Jan 1874 and another for $100 due 1 Jan 1875, both with 8% annual interest.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record O, pp. 391–392. Ward sold this property located in Township 20 North, Range 2 East:

- SW¼ of NW¼ of Section 5
- E½ of NE¼ & SW¼ of NE¼ of Section 6

Witnesses: **J. T. Mayes**, **James F. Dumas**

Comment: This appears to mark the approximate date that John S. Meeks moved from Union County, Arkansas to eastern Union Parish, Louisiana. Soon after purchasing this portion of Ward's plantation, Meeks married Ward's daughter Martha J. Ward, probably in 1874.

12 Nov 1873 For $150, **Elijah H. Ward** sells 80 acres of land in Union Parish Louisiana to **Patterson Rogers**.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record O, pp. 454–455. Ward sold this property in Township 20 North, Range 2 East:

- SW¼ of NE¼, & NW¼ of SE¼ of Section 8

Witnesses: **H. H. Ham, Sr.**, **J. W. Reid**

Comment: Patterson Rogers was the husband of Hub Ward's first cousin, Mary Jane Reddock/Solomon, daughter of Elizabeth J. Ward Solomon. Hillory Herbert Ham (Sr.) was Ward's first cousin, as their mothers were sisters, and J. W. Reid was the clerk of court.

16 Feb 1874 For $540, **Elijah H. Ward** sells 400 acres of land in Union Parish Louisiana to **James C. Manning**.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record O, pp. 557–558. Ward sold Manning this property in Township 20 North, Range 2 East:

- SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 5
- W½ of SW¼, & SE¼ of SW¼ of Section 4
- E½ of NE¼ of Section 8
- N½ of NW¼, & SW¼ of NW¼, & NW¼ of SW¼ of Section 9

Witnesses: **F. C. Manning**, **John M. Defee**

24 Jul 1874 For $155, **Elijah H. Ward** buys back from **James F. Dumas** the 200 acres that **Ward** sold **Dumas** in August 1873. To satisfy the sale price, Dumas accepted

*"…paid in two promissory notes signed by himself payable to **E. H. Ward** or bearer, One for one hundred dollars due Jany 1/75 and a second note for fifty five dollars due Jan 1/76…"*

In other words, Dumas was returning to Ward the land he bought the previous year from Ward and apparently paid only the interest on $155, if anything.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record P, pp. 21–22. The land involved here was the precise land in the earlier record.

Witnesses: **James A. Manning**, **J. Jordan Auld**

Comment: The deed lists the witnesses as 'James Manning' and 'Jordan Auld', but their signatures were given as 'Jas. A. Manning' and 'J. J. Auld' on the deed. Auld was Ward's first cousin, John Jordan Auld, the son of Ward's aunt, Margaret Jane Ward Auld.

22 Aug 1874 For $60 in cash, **Elijah H. Ward** sells 40 acres of land to **John S. Meeks**.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record P, p. 34. Ward sold Meeks this property in Township 20 North, Range 2 East:

- NE¼ of SE¼ of Section 6

Witnesses: **James M. Underwood**, **Wm. C. Smith**

Comment: Meeks had married Hub's daughter Martha J. Ward about 1874. She died in 1876, either in childbirth or shortly after giving birth.

2 Nov 1874 In the pivotal election held in Union Parish on this day despite atrocities committed by a squadron of soldiers from the 7th U.S. Cavalry (a unit that the Lakota and Cheyenne Indians would annihilate at the Battle of Little Bighorn two years later) and attempts by Radical Republican operatives to disrupt the Union Parish election, local citizens elected **William A. Darby** as Ward One Justice of the Peace over **Elijah Hubbard Ward** by a vote of 211 to 177, and they also elected **William A. Darby** as Ward One Police Juror over **Elijah Hubbard Ward** by a vote of 1029 to 517.

Reference: *"New Orleans Republican"* (New Orleans, LA), 23 December 1874, p. 3, columns 1–2.

Comment: It is unclear why so many fewer citizens voted for justice than for police juror, but it seems likely that the justice position was for a smaller region than all of Ward One.

2 Feb 1875 **E. H. Ward** took his oath of office as the deputy surveyor for Union Parish Louisiana:

> *"Oath of Office.*
> *I **E. H. Ward** do solemnly swear or affirm that I accept the civil and political equality of all men and agree not to attempt to deprive any person or persons on account of race, color or previous condition of any political or civil right, privilege or immunity enjoyed by any other class of men that I will support the constitution and Laws of the United States and the constitution and Laws of this State and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties incumbent upon me as Deputy Surveyor for Union Parish La. according to the best of my ability and understanding. So help me God.* ***E. H. Ward****"*

Reference: Union Parish LA Book of Oaths, p. 46.

Witnesses: The witnesses to this record were the District Court Clerk **J. W. Reid** and the Deputy Clerk of the District Court, **W. W. Heard**.

10 Apr 1875 For $100 cash, **Elijah H. Ward** sold 200 acres of land to **David Redden**.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record P, p. 254. Ward sold Redden this land in Township 20, Range 2 East:

- S½ of SE¼ & NW¼ of SE¼ of Section 6 &
- W½ of SW¼ of Section 5

Witnesses: **John M. Lee Jr.**, **James A. Ramsey**

Comments: John Martin Lee Jr., the man who witnessed this deed, was Ward's nephew. His father John M. Lee Sr. was a brother to Ward's first wife Permelia Lavincy Lee, who had died in 1869. James A. Ramsey was a Farmerville attorney. He would later be the opposing attorney in the series of lawsuits involving Hub's father David and Hub's first cousin, Elizabeth F. Gee Bailey. In particular, in May 1881 when Elijah Hubbard Ward testified, Ramsey cross-examined him on the witness stand.

24 Aug 1875 **Elijah H. Ward** filed a homestead application on 78.84 acres of government land in Union Parish Louisiana. He apparently never obtained a final certificate for his property prior to his death in 1887, and his application was canceled on 2 July 1890.

Reference: Monroe, Louisiana Land Homestead Application #621. Ward purchased this property in Township 20 North, Range 2 East:

- SW¼ of SE¼ of Section 5 &
- NW¼ of NE¼ of Section 8

Comments: Technically, former Confederate soldiers were ineligible to receive land from the government via homestead applications. This may have been the reason Hub Ward never receive a clear title to this property through his homestead application. Although the land office canceled his application in 1890 without issuing him a patent for this land, Hub Ward thought that he possessed the property. He sold it to his children in 1887. His son Henry W. Ward applied for a patent on the land in the latter 1890s, and the land office issued one to him in 1901.

3 Jan 1876 **E. H. Ward** took his oath of office as a justice of the peace for Ward One in Union Parish Louisiana:

> *"Oath of Office.*
> *I **E. H. Ward** do solemnly swear that I accept the civil and political equality of all men and agree not to attempt to deprive any person or persons on account of race, color or previous condition of any political or civil right, privilege or immunity enjoyed by any other class of men that I will support the constitution and Laws of the United States and the constitution and Laws of this State and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties incumbent upon me as Justice of the Peace 1st Ward Parish of Union according to the best of my ability and understanding. So help me God.*
> ***E. H. Ward**"*

Reference: Union Parish LA Book of Oaths, p. 61.

Witnesses: The only witness to this record was the Deputy Clerk of the District Court, **W. W. Heard**.

9 Feb 1876 For $235.40 cash, **Elijah H. Ward** buys back from **James C. Manning** the 400 acres of land **Ward** sold **Manning** in 1874.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record P, p. 536. They exchanged the same property as in the 16 February 1874 record above.

Witnesses: **A. T. Lott**, **Benjamin Taylor**

9 Feb 1876 For $225 cash, **Elijah H. Ward** sells to **Benjamin Taylor** the 400 acres he just bought back from **Manning** earlier this day

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record P, pp. 536–537. Ward sold Taylor the same land that he sold Manning in February 1874.

Witnesses: **L. R. Taylor**, **A. T. Lott**

22 Feb 1876 For $175 cash, **E. H. Ward** bought 200 acres of land in Union Parish from **J. Shepherd Auld** of Ouachita Parish Louisiana.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record P, pp. 557–558. Auld sold Ward this property in Township 20 North, Range 2 East:

- E½ of SE¼ of Section 9 &
- SW¼ of SW¼ of Section 10 &
- W½ of NW¼ of Section 15.

Witnesses: **W. A. Darby**, **D. O. Miles**

Comments:

- The grantor here was actually Jeremiah **Sherwood** Auld, husband of Hub Ward's niece, Lavinia Jane Carter, the daughter of his deceased sister, Mary. Auld was also the younger brother of John R. Auld who married Hub Ward's sister, Rachel Jane.
- All indications point toward Auld's middle name being *"Sherwood,"* although on several occasions his lawyer and Union Parish court clerks wrote *"Shepherd."* Since *"Sherwood"* was an Auld family name, it was the correct name. *"Shepherd"* was either a nickname or else the court clerks and lawyer misunderstood his name.
- Auld sold Ward 200 acres of land that his grandfather-in-law, David Ward, bought from Sarah Arons in late 1866 for $200. Following Auld's marriage to Lavinia Jane Carter, David Ward sold the land to Jeremiah S. Auld

for $200. Auld had moved to Ouachita Parish by 1870, so it is unclear if he ever actually resided upon this tract.

6 May 1876 For $80 "value received," **E. H. Ward** bought 40 acres of land from **Nancy J. Hendricks** and **Martin Hendricks**.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record Q, pp. 216–217. The Hendricks sold Ward this land in Township 20 North, Range 2 East:

- NW¼ of NW¼ of Section 11

Witnesses: **John S. Meeks**, **Martin Henkrick**

6 May 1876 For $220, **John S. Meeks** sells 200 acres of land to **E. H. Ward**.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record Q, pp. 132–133. Meeks sold back to Ward the same land he purchased from him on 4 September 1873 and 22 August 1874 (see earlier for the land description).

Witnesses: **Hillory H. Ward**, **John A. Woodall**

Comment: Meeks sold his farm back to his father-in-law Elijah Hubbard Ward one month before the death of his wife Martha J. Ward. I have no explanation for why Meeks sold his farm back to Ward or if the sale had anything to do with the death of Meeks' wife. He apparently remained in the region his entire life, however.

27 May 1876 With the assistance of her husband, **Elijah H. Ward**, **Annis Goyne Ward** auctions the 160 acres of land belonging to the estate of her deceased first husband, **Hiram Davis Goyne Jr.** She purchases all the real estate herself for the price of $319.48.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record Q, pp. 128–129. Annis Ward sold herself this 160-acre tract:

S½ of NE¼, & N½ of SE¼ of Section 29, Township 21 North, Range 2 East.

Witnesses: **E. F. Barlow**, **A. T. Dacus**, **E. H. Ward**

13 Nov 1876 **John Asa Sawyer** sells 80 acres of land to **John Jefferson Auld** for $600, paid by $200 in cash, one note of $263.50 due 1 January 1877, and another note for $136.50 due 1 January 1878, with both notes drawing 8% interest.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record Q, pp. 130–131. Sawyer sold Auld this 80-acre tract: E½ of SW¼ of Section 22, Township 21 North, Range 2 East.

Witnesses: **John Jordan Auld**, **H. H. Ward**

Comment: All parties listed here had Ward connections. Hillory Herbert Ward was the son of Elijah H. Ward, whereas John Jordan Auld was Elijah H. Ward's first cousin, the son of his aunt, Margaret Jane Ward Auld. John Asa Sawyer was John Jordan Auld's son-in-law. Finally, John Jefferson Auld was John Jordan Auld's first cousin, the son of Sherwood A. Auld. After his mother's death and father's remarriage and migration south to the Downsville region of Union Parish, J. Jefferson Auld had lived in the Marion area of northeastern Union Parish with his grandfather George Rossitter. However, in the mid-1870s he and his brother William W. Auld settled near their Uncle Elijah Michael Auld and Hub Ward in eastern Union Parish.

13 Nov 1876 For $250–$175 cash and a note for $75 due 1 November 1877 with 8% interest–**Annis Ward** (formerly **Annis Goyne**) and her husband **E. H. Ward** sell 160 acres of land to **Robert H. Woodall**. She acquired this property from the succession sale of her first husband, **Hiram Davis Goyne** (Jr.).

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record Q, pp, 131–132. The Wards sold the same property she acquired on 27 May 1876.

Witnesses: **John A. Woodall**, **H. H. Ward**

7 Feb 1877 For $200, **Elijah H. Ward** sells 200 acres of land to **V. M. Ford** (female). Ford paid $128.75 in cash, with the remainder paid by a promissory note of $71.25 due 1 January 1878 with 8% interest.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record Q, pp. 218–219. Ward sold Ford this property in Township 20 North, Range 2 East:

- SW¼ of NW¼ of Section 5

- E½ of NE¼, & NW¼ of SE¼, & SW¼ of NE¼ of Section 6

Witnesses: **John A. Sawyer**, **J. M. Ward**

Comments:

- John Asa Sawyer was the son-in-law of Hub Ward's first cousin, John Jordan Auld, Sr.; John M. Ward was Hub's son.
- An error occurred in the land description of the portion of Section 6 Ward sold to Ford. Instead of the NW¼ of SE¼, he meant to convey to her the NE¼ of SE¼; Ward had previously sold the NW¼ of SW¼ to David Redden. See record below dated 14 December 1886.

7 Nov 1876 Union Parish citizens reelected longtime incumbent **William Calloway Smith** as Union Parish Recorder, giving him 1427 votes to only 48 votes for **Elijah H. Ward**.

Reference: *"The New Orleans Daily Democrat"* (New Orleans, LA), 2 February 1877, p. 3, column 6.

Comment: In the election returns, *"E. H. Ward"* received twenty-five votes, while *"Ward"* received twenty-three votes. This gives the forty-eight votes for Elijah H. Ward.

5 Nov 1878 Union Parish citizens residing in Ward One elected **Elijah H. Ward** as their Police Juror. Ward received 161 votes, whereas his nearest competitor, **Francis M. Armstrong**, received 122 votes.

Reference: *"The New Orleans Daily Democrat"* (New Orleans, LA), 7 December 1878, p. 6, column 1.

Comment: In the election returns, *"E. H. Ward"* received 161 votes, while both *"H. Ward"* and *"H. H. Ward"* each received one vote. It seems clear that these are mistakes made by those two voters, who intended to vote for Elijah H. Ward.

6 Jan 1879 **E. H. Ward** took his oath of office as the Police Juror for Ward One in Union Parish Louisiana:

> *"Oath of Office.*
> *I **E. H. Ward** do solemnly swear that I accept the civil and political equality of all men and agree not to attempt to deprive any person or persons on account of race, color or previous condition of any political or civil right, privilege or immunity enjoyed by any other class of men. That I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of this State and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as Police Juror for the First Ward of the Parish of Union according to the best of my ability and understanding So help me God.* ***E. H. Ward****"*

Reference: Union Parish LA Book of Oaths, p. 110.

Witnesses: The only witness to this record was the Deputy Clerk of the District Court, **W. W. Heard**.

Comment: Louisiana governmental structure subdivided parishes into *"wards."* The police jury was the governing body of each Louisiana parish, and each ward elected one representative, called that ward's *"police juror."* This oath proves that the citizens of Ward One (the region including and east of Farmerville) elected Hub Ward as their police juror in 1878.

4 Apr 1880 The first of several tragedies occurred among the black sharecroppers who worked the lands of **Elijah Hubbard Ward** occurred on this Sunday night, this one involving the large family of Solomon Raney or Raines. Born between 1803 and 1809 in North Carolina, Raney and his wife, Rose, appear to have belonged to Judge John Taylor during the slavery era, and they continued to work Taylor's farm in the early 1870s, moving to Ward's place by the late 1870s. On the night of April 4th, two of Solomon's granddaughters left his cabin with a torch to head to the cabin in which they typically slept a short distance away. The girls were young, with the oldest aged eighteen, and they held a torch to light the path ahead. About two hours after they left, the roar of flames awakened Mr. Raney. Seeing that his granddaughter's cabin had become nearly enveloped with flames, he rushed to the door and broke it open. He

> *"…discovered the fear-stricken girls on the opposite side of the building, paralyzed with terror and unable to move. As the door was broken open the flames were forced through the opening and rendered it impossible for the grandfather to enter and save the girls from their horrible fate. The old man and others who were aroused by the shrieks of the poor girls were compelled to remain idle spectators to their terrible death."*

Reference: *"The New Orleans Daily Democrat"* (New Orleans, LA), 12 April 1880, p. 8, column 3. *"The Donaldsonville Chief"* (Donaldsonville, LA), 17 April 1880, p. 1, column 7. 1860 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Slave Schedule, p. 313a/27, line #17, column 2: John Taylor, slaveowner. 1870 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward 1, P.O. Farmerville, p. 5b/17, Household # 100: John Taylor and #101: Solomon Raby. 1880 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward One, p. 406b/35, ED #84, Line #24: Solomon Raner.

Comment:

- The records use various spellings for Solomon's surname, including Raney, Raby, and Raines.
- In 1860, Judge John Taylor owned a slave couple the precise ages of Solomon and his wife, Rose. In 1870, Solomon's family lived in the adjoining household to Judge Taylor. It is unclear whether Solomon and Rose moved their family from Taylor's to Ward's farm during the 1870s, or if they moved after Taylor's death in 1877, or if they moved at all. Ward may have acquired the portion of Taylor's farm that they worked.

2 Jul 1880 **Elijah H. Ward** took his oath of office as a Deputy Assessor for Union Parish Louisiana:

"State of Louisiana.
*I **Elijah H. Ward** do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution and Laws of the United States and the Constitution and Laws of this State and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as Deputy Assessor for and in the Parish of Union according to the best of my ability and understanding. So help me God.* ***E. H. Ward****"*

Reference: Union Parish LA Book of Oaths, p. 150.

Witnesses: The witnesses to this record were District Court Clerk **James M. Smith** and Deputy Clerk **W. W. Heard**.

Comment: Notice the change in wording of this oath as compared to those Ward took in 1875, 1876, and 1879. Those oaths were shrouded in the Reconstruction-era language of the Republican state government. The newly elected Democrats had changed those laws, and hence, the language of the oaths now omitted any reference to race or *"previous condition,"* referring to their status as to former slaves.

10 Aug 1880 **Elijah H. Ward** took his oath of office as the Parish Surveyor for Union Parish Louisiana:

"State of Louisiana.
*I **Elijah H. Ward** do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution and Laws of the United States and the Constitution and Laws of this State and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as Parish Surveyor for and in the Parish of Union according to the best of my ability and understanding. So help me God.* ***E. H. Ward****"*

Reference: Union Parish LA Book of Oaths, p. 152.

Witnesses: The witnesses to this record were District Court Clerk **James M. Smith** and Deputy Clerk **W. W. Heard**.

Comment: This record indicates that the Union Parish citizens had elected Ward as their parish surveyor.

26 Feb 1881 After posting public notices and advertising on the courthouse door, on this day Union Parish Treasurer **William A. Darby**, at a public auction conducted before the courthouse door in Farmerville, auctioned 40 acres of Union Parish public school land. **Elijah H. Ward** placed the highest bid of $10 for the property and paid Darby in cash. Darby auctioned the property on February 26th and made the deed in March 1881.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record S, pp. 242–243. Darby sold Ward this 40-acre tract: NW¼ of NW¼ of Section 16, Township 20 North, Range 2 East.

Witnesses: **J. Marx**, **Sig. Marx**

13 Jan 1882 Union Parish citizens reelected **Elijah H. Ward** as their parish surveyor.

Reference: *"The Times-Democrat"* (New Orleans, LA), 13 January 1882, p. 5, column 5.

23 Dec 1883 In 1880, Joseph and Arena White worked as sharecroppers on **Elijah H. Ward's** farm, and their son, Jeff Sephus White, lived with them in a cabin on Ward's farm. On Sunday night, December 23rd, someone dragged Jeff, then nearly fourteen years old, from his cabin into the woods. They then tied his hands behind his back, pulled his coat over his face and tied it there with a string around his neck.

The scoundrels then shot Jeff in the eye and buried his body in a *"branch bottom."* A search party found his body four or five days later. Farmerville's *"The Gazette"* demanded *"a thorough and searching investigation."* Although Justice of the Peace Abner J. Callaway conducted one, the boy's murderer was not identified.

Reference: *"The Daily Picayune"* (New Orleans, LA), 6 January 1884, p. 3, column 2. 1880 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward 1, p. 407a/36, ED #84, Line #24: Joseph White.

Comment: No subsequent known newspaper article mentioned this case or whether those who murdered Jeff White were identified or caught. In 1880, his parents Joseph (born 1834) and Arena (born 1854) lived next to Elijah H. Ward. Besides Jeff, Joseph and Arena had a daughter, Nettie (born 1872), and a younger son, Mack (born 1879).

18 Nov 1884 **Elijah Hubbard Ward** sells 40 acres of land to **R. H. Woodall** for $40.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record W, p. 86. Ward sold Woodall this 40-acre tract: NE¼ of NE¼ of Section 29, Township 21 North, Range 2 East.

Witnesses: **M. W. Martin**, **John A. Sawyer**

Comments: John Asa Sawyer was Elijah H. Ward's nephew and cousin by marriage. Sawyer's wife was Lavincy Jane Auld, daughter of John Jordon Auld and Louisa Ann Lee. John J. Auld was Ward's first cousin, and Louisa Ann Lee was the sister of Ward's first wife Permelia Lavincy Lee.

Apr 1885 Farmerville's *"The Gazette"* published this notice regarding **Elijah Hubbard Ward**:

> *"Mr. **E. H. Ward** brought to our office a section of a muscadine vine measuring 17 inches in circumference. The section was cut about four feet from the ground for the purpose of making a pair of hames, the vine having the proper curves for the hames. Mr. W. says that at the ground the vine measured over two feet in circumference. This is the largest muscadine vine we have ever seen and think it hard to beat anywhere."*

Reference: Winnfield, Louisiana's *"The Southern Sentinel,"* 1 May 1885, p. 1, column 6. The *"Sentinel"* was quoting from a recent issue of Farmerville's *"The Gazette."* The article about Ward was undoubtedly published in April 1885.

27 Nov 1885 One of the Farmerville newspapers published this notice concerning an attack upon **Elijah Hubbard Ward**:

> *"A negro man named **Wesley Miller**, who lives on **Mr. E. Hub Ward's** place, eight miles east of Farmerville, was arrested and brought to town Saturday, charged with making an assault on **Mr. Ward** with a dangerous weapon. He was placed under the supervision of **Mr. Turnage**, in the brick building, to await a preliminary hearing."*

Reference: Farmerville's *"The Home Advocate,"* 27 November 1885, p. 3, column 2.

Comments: It appears likely that Ward suffered injuries during this attack that may have contributed to his death in August 1887. Certainly, he appears quite active during the 1860s, 1870s, and 1880s up until this attack. However, the following year he began to put his affairs in order by disposing of his massive land holdings to his children and making restitution to his second wife.

1 Dec 1886 In the first of a series of legal transactions he made between this day and mid-March 1887, **Elijah Hubbard Ward** sold 40 acres of land to his son **John Martin Ward** for $20.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record W, pp. 252–253. Ward sold this 40-acre tract: NW¼ of NW¼ of Section 16, Township 20 North, Range 2 East.

Witnesses: **Jesse Dean**, **H. H. Hill**

14 Dec 1886 **Elijah H. Ward** filed this title correction to property he sold some years earlier. He made this record thirteen months after one of his sharecroppers attacked him with a *"dangerous weapon,"* which may have left lingering injuries that contributed to his death the following August. The record states:

> *"Know all men by these presents that I **Elijah H. Ward** a resident of Union Parish La. In order to correct an unintentional mistake in transferring and Conveying the NW¼ of SE¼ of Section Six (6) Township Twenty (20) North of Range Two (2) East to **V. M. Ford** & husband as appears in the deed or act of sale I made them...and it appearing that the same error & mistake is subsequently made in*

*the deeds or acts of sale from **V. M. Ford** & husband to **J. T. White** and from **J. T. White** to **N. B. Wilson**… the said **Wilson** being the last vendee & claiming to be the present owner… by virtue of his said title, I the said **Elijah H. Ward** in order to correct said mistake and error and to carry out the intention of the first sale from to said **Ford** in which it was intended & I should have transferred & conveyed the NE¼ of SE¼ of said Section Township and Range instead and in lieu of the NW¼ of SE¼ as aforesaid (I the said **Ward** having previously sold and conveyed the said NW¼ of SE¼ of said Section Township & Range to **David Redden**…I have this day and by these presents and thus act, bargained, sold, transferred, conveyed and delivered & do grant, bargain, sell, transfer, convey & deliver unto the said **N. B. Wilson** a resident of Gibson County, State of Indiana…forty acres…"*

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record W, pp. 49–50. To reiterate, in this record, Ward corrected the title of the property he sold earlier to V. M. Ford and her husband, stating that he intended to sell the NE¼ of SE¼ of Section 6, Township 20 North, Range Two East. This record stated that Ward had earlier deeds recorded in Union Parish LA Conveyance Book Q, p. 218 (Ward to Ford), Deed Book R, p, 12 (Ford to White), and Deed Book V, p. 345 (White to Wilson).

Witnesses: **C. A. Callaway**, **J. M. Lee Jr.**

Comments: John Martin Lee Jr., the man who witnessed this deed, was Ward's nephew. His father John M. Lee Sr. was a brother to Ward's first wife Permelia Lavincy Lee, who had died in 1869.

10 Jan 1887 Continuing to get his affairs in order prior to his death the following August, **Elijah Hubbard Ward** made a land exchange with his neighbor **Matthew Addison Scarborough**. Ward transferred to Scarborough 160 acres, in exchange for 120 acres Scarborough transferred to Ward.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record W, pp. 56–57. All the property involved in this exchange lay in Township 21 North, Range 2 East. Ward transferred to Scarborough this property:

- E½ of SE¼ of Section 20 & W½ of SW¼ of Section 21

In exchange, Scarborough transferred this property to Ward:

- SE¼ of NE¼ of Section 21 & S½ of NW ¼ of Section 22

Witnesses: **Jesse Dean**, **H. H. Ward**

Comments: The second witness was Elijah Hubbard Ward's eldest son, Hillory Hubbard Ward.

15 Mar 1887 In a transaction conducted at his own residence five months prior to his death, **Elijah Hubbard Ward** filed this record with the Union Parish Recorder. In effect, he gave to his children by his first wife, **Permelia Lavincy Ward**, his share of 560 acres of land that belonged to the community existing between him and Permelia prior to her death (the children already owned one-half interest in the land by virtue of her death). The consideration for this transaction was $993, the value of the community property owned by Permelia Lavincy Lee Ward at her death, money that Ward stated he was due his children:

*"Be it known that on this…day…personally came and appeared before me **W. W. Heard** a Notary Public duly commissioned qualified and acting within and for the Parish of Union State of Louisiana **Elijah H. Ward** a resident of Union Parish Louisiana who declared to me said Notary that he is indebted unto **H. Hubbard Ward**, **John M. Ward**, **Permelia L. Ward** (now **Nolan**), **Lee Andrew Ward**, and **Henry W. Ward**, the last named of whom has been legally and lawfully emancipated by judgment of Court, for their full interest and share in the Succession of their deceased mother, and former wife of appearer to wit: **Permelia Levincy Ward**, which Succession consisted of her interest in the community property which existed between her and appearer at the time of her death and consisted of both real and personal property, the said succession or undivided half interest in the aforesaid community being appraised and valued at the time of her death and after deducting all the debts due by said estate and said community at the sum of…($993.00) Dollars, which amount I am due the aforesaid heirs children of my pre deceased wife **Permelia L. Ward**, and which is due them as their interest in said undivided community by virtue of their heirship to their deceased mother. And now in order to fully settle with said heirs aforesaid he does grant, bargain, sell, transfer, and deliver and by this act and these presents he grants, bargains, settles, transfers, conveys and delivers unto the said **H. Hubbard Ward**, **John M. Ward**, **Permelia L. Ward** (now **Nolan**), herein authorized by her husband **Joe Nolan**, **Lee Andrew Ward**, and **Henry W. Ward** all residents of Union Parish La, the following described land situated in Union Parish La*

and of which the aforesaid parties and heirs are already the owners of One undivided one half interest by virtue of their heirship to their deceased mother, this property belonging to the aforesaid community…(except the crop planted and to be planted and gathered on said land during the year 1887)…

*At the same time also came and appeared **H. Hubbard Ward**, **John M. Ward**, **Permelia L. Nolan (Ward)**, aided and assisted by her husband **Joe C. Nolan**), **Lee Andrew Ward**, and **Henry W. Ward**, acting for themselves who declared and acknowledged that they accepted the above transfer and sale in full settlement as aforesaid of the Nine hundred and ninety three Dollars as due as aforesaid and as full payment of their interest in their deceased mothers Succession due by the said **E. H. Ward**, and we further relinquish all right and title which we may have in and to other lands in whomsoevers name by virtue of heirship to our deceased mother **Permelia L. Ward** in favor of the present holders and owners of said land by virtue of deeds from **E. H. Ward** the payment of the aforesaid debt and the above relinquishment being the consideration of the sale and transfer and the land herein conveyed being the same land belonging to the succession of their deceased mother at the time of her death the same belonging to the community which existed between her and the said **E. H. Ward**. We also understand that the crop of 1887 planted & to be planted on aforesaid land is not herein deeded or conveyed…*

*Thus done read signed and passed at the residence of **E. H. Ward** on the day and date above written in the presents of **John M. Lee Jr.** and **John E. Everett**, two lawful witnesses…"*

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record W, pp. 57–59. Ward collectively gave his children 560 acres of land in T20N, R2E:

- SW¼ of SW¼ of Section 4, & S½ of SE¼ of Section 5, &
- SE¼ of NE¼, & N½ of NE¼ of Section 8, &
- SW¼ of NW¼, & N½ of NW¼ of Section 9, &
- SE¼ of NW¼ of Section 24, &
- E½ of NE¼ of Section 13, &
- E½ of NW¼ of Section 25

Witnesses: **J. M. Lee Jr.**, **Jno. E. Everett**

Comments: It appears that Elijah Hubbard Ward's legal actions between December 1886 and March 1887 resulted from injuries sustained in the November 1885 attack upon him that led to his death the following August. In this record, he clearly placed his property in the names of his children by his first wife, thus eliminating the need for legal succession proceedings for their mother and preventing any court battles between his children and their stepmother. The fact that this transaction occurred at Elijah H. Ward's residence rather than the recorder's office in Farmerville further implies that he suffered from some physical impairment that prevented his traveling to town. It was highly unusual for Union Parish District Court Clerk W. W. Heard to leave his office in Farmerville and travel to a private residence to notarize a legal transaction. The witness, John M. Lee Jr., was Ward's nephew.

15 Mar 1887 Five months prior to his death, the Union Parish District Court Clerk **William W. Heard** and Farmerville lawyer **John E. Everett** traveled eight miles from Farmerville to the residence of **Elijah Hubbard Ward** in order to assist him in making two legal transactions that effectively placed all of his personal property into the names of his wife and children. Ward made this restitution to his second wife **Annis Ward**, acknowledging his indebtedness to her for taking possession and disposing of property valued at $853 that belonged to her at the time of their marriage:

*"Be it remembered that on this…day…before me **William W. Heard** Deputy Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court…Personally came and appeared **Elijah Hubbard Ward** and **Mrs. Annis Ward** his wife…who made known and declared to me… The said **Elijah Hubbard Ward** declared and acknowledged… that he intermarried with his said wife **Mrs. Annis Ward** on the Tenth day of February A.D. 1870 in the said Parish and State and that his said wife brought unto the said marriage the following property which she owned in her own right to wit: 320 acres of land situated in Union Parish La. valued at five hundred dollars, Twelve head of Sheep valued at Eighteen dollars, Three Steers or oxen valued at Seventy five dollars, Ten head of cattle valued at Eighty dollars, Twenty head of hogs valued at Fifty dollars, one horse Valued at One hundred dollars and One Ox wagon valued at Thirty dollars,. Amounting in the aggregate Eight Hundred and Fifty three $853.00 dollars, and the said **Elijah H. Ward** further declares that the aforementioned described and valued property was the separate and individual property of said wife owned by her at the time of the said*

*marriage, that all of said property including the land aforesaid was sold and disposed of by him and the proceeds thereof were and appropriated by him for his own use and benefit and that by reason of the premises further declares and acknowledges himself to be justly and legally indebted unto his said wife **Mrs. Annis Ward** in the said sum… and now in order to pay and Satisfy the said debt thus done by him to his said wife he does hereby restitute, sell, transfer, convey and deliver and give in payment unto his said wife **Mrs. Annis Ward** the following described land situated in Union Parish La…."*

Ward gave his wife a total of 164½ acres with a total value of $720, including 4½ acres

"…lying south of the Farmerville and Port Union middle road as now established… which includes Some ninety bushels of corn and all the improvements and appurtenances situated thereon… and also the following personal property…"

15 head of cattle	$75.00
1 yoke oxen	50.00
claim of hogs estimated to be 15 head	28.00

*"And now appears the said **Mrs. Annis Ward** wife aforesaid who declares and acknowledges that she does hereby accept the herein above conveyed and valued property in full payment and Satisfaction of the debt… due her by her said husband as aforesaid at the price fixed…Thus done, read, signed and passed at the residence of the said **Elijah H. Ward** in Union Parish La. about eight miles from my office on the day and date above written…"*

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record W, pp. 59–60. Ward gave his wife these tracts of land located in Range 2 East:

Township 20 North – 44¼ acres valued @ $400

- NW¼ of SW¼ of Section 4
- 4½ acres in the south end of SW¼ of NW¼ of Section 4

Township 21 North – 120 acres valued @ $320

- S½ of NW¼ of Section 22, &
- SE¼ of NE¼ of Section 21

Witnesses: **J. M. Lee Jr.**, **Jno. E. Everett**

Comments: With this act and the previous one to his children, it appears that Elijah Hubbard Ward placed all of his real and personal property in the names of his wife and children, thereby eliminating the need for a succession or probate on his estate upon his death. Given that he died less than five months after these acts occurred, and moreover, that the parish officials traveled to his house eight miles from town rather than transact them at their offices, it appears that Ward suffered from a fatal illness that he knew would soon bring about his demise.

7 Jan 1888 For the sum of $104 paid in cash, **Permelia L. Nolan**, with authorization from her husband **Joseph C. Nolan**, sells to her brothers **Hillory H. Ward**, **John M. Ward**, **Leander A. Ward**, and **Henry W. Ward**

*"…all my right title and interest in and to the following described tract and parcel of land situated in Union Parish La… It being the same property that I acquired in connection with the venders herein from **E. H. Ward**… The interest that is conveyed herein is an undivided one fifth interest of the whole of the remaining 480 acres…"*

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record Y, p. 118. Despite what the deed stated about the land conveyed being 480 acres, the legal description indicates that Permelia Nolan sold her brothers her entire interest in the 560 acres given to her by her father 15 March 1887. The legal description matches that given in the previous record, except for the fractional portion of Section 24. Permelia's father, Elijah H. Ward stated that he sold the SE¼ of NW¼, but the present deed described it as the SE¼ of NE¼.

Witnesses: **F. T. Malone**, **W. Z. T. Nolan**

Comments: This record indicates that neither Permelia nor her husband could write their names, as both make their mark to this document.

9 Sep 1888 On this day, the heirs of **Elijah Hubbard Ward** exchanged land. **Hillory H. Ward**, **Leander A. Ward**, and **Henry W. Ward** of Union Parish exchanged land with their brother **John M. Ward**. They exchanged

*"…the following tract or parcel of land situated in Union Parish Louisiana and known as a part of the home tract of land formerly belonging to the late **E. H. Ward** deceased, and to which land we **Hillory H. Ward Leander A. Ward**, **Henry W. Ward**, and **John M. Ward** through purchase and heirship became heirs to jointly…"*

Despite their use of the term *"exchange,"* Hillory H., Leander A., and Henry W. Ward all merely relinquished their title to 40 acres of land in favor of their brother John M. Ward.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record X, pp. 95–96. The land relinquished was this 40-acre tract: SW¼ of NW¼ of Section 9, Township 20 North, Range 2 East.

Witnesses: **W. P. Boatright**, **T. F. Gilbert**

30 Mar 1889 **John M. Ward**, **Hillory H. Ward**, **Leander A. Ward**, and **Henry W. Ward** all partition a portion of the property

*"…which we acquired from our father **E. H. Ward** and **Mrs. Permelia L. Nolan**…"*

The Ward brothers stated that they

"…entered into an agreement to divide and partition said land between us and by these presents and this act we do mutually and voluntarily divide and partition said land as follows… each Share or tract received by us aforesaid is estimated and mutually agreed by us to be of equal value, and we do by this act grant, bargain, sell, transfer, convey and deliver and quit claim one to the other the property connected with the opposite our respective names…"

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record Y, pp. 119–120. All land divided here lay in Township 20 North, Range 2 East. This deed divided the fractional sections as follows:

SW¼ of SW¼ of Section 4 .....went to Henr W. Ward
SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 5 .....went to Henry W. Ward
E½ of NE¼ of Section 8.....went to Hillory H. Ward
SW¼ of NW¼ of Section 9 .....went to John M. Ward
N½ of NW¼ of Section 9.....went to Leander A. Ward

Witnesses: **C. A. Callaway**, **W. W. Heard**

Comments: This record shows that, unlike their sister, all of the Ward brothers could sign their own names.

18 Nov 1889 For the sum of $80, **Hillory H. Ward**, **John M. Ward**, and **H. Wesley Ward** and **Mrs. Permelia V. Nolan** being authorized by my husband **J. C. Nolan** sold to their brother **L. A. Ward** their share in 40 acres of land

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record X, p. 621. The heirs of **Elijah Hubbard Ward** to their brother, **L. A. Ward**, this land located in Township 20 North, Range 2 East:

- SE¼ of SW¼ of Section 4

This is **not** property given to them by their father in his deed to them of 15 March 1887. It must have been property he owned but failed to convey to them.

Witnesses: **S. R. Nolan**, **S. Phillips**

Comments: Permelia's middle initial was given as "V" rather than "L" here, probably an error of the clerk or else a corruption of her full middle name of "Levincy."

9 Jan 1890 For $80 in cash, **Henry W. Ward** sells 80 acres of land to **Dr. Saxon Dillard**. Ward sold the 80 acres he received in the division of his father's property with his brothers on 30 March 1889.

Reference: Union Parish LA Conveyance Record Y, pp. 120–121.

Witnesses: **Jas. A. Manning**, **John Donley**

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Curator of George Washington Solomon

The eldest-known sister of Elijah Hubbard Ward's father, David Ward, was Elizabeth J. Ward. She first married about 1827, probably in Butler County, Alabama, to John Reddock, who died in the early 1830s. About 1833, she married George Washington Solomon. They remained in Alabama after all of Elizabeth's relatives all left for Mississippi and Louisiana. In 1840, they lived in Butler County and, and in 1850, they farmed in Covington County, situated along Butler's southern border. In the latter 1850s, Elizabeth and George Solomon left Alabama and followed her relatives to eastern Union Parish, Louisiana. They settled on a farm near her siblings, and George W. Solomon died there in 1863.

Since Solomon's death occurred in the midst of the Civil War, the family took no legal action to manage the affairs of his estate until the latter 1860s. Hub Ward's father, David Ward, paid the taxes on Solomon's estate in 1870, and in November 1870, Elijah Hubbard Ward petitioned the Union Parish District Court to be appointed curator of Solomon's estate. Typically, succession records in Louisiana required an *"administrator"* be appointed for those not leaving a will, and the distinction between *"curator"* and *"administrator"* is unclear.

None of Solomon's heirs objected to Hub Ward's petition, and the Court appointed him as curator. Ward held an auction of the 400 acres of real estate belonging to the estate on 3 January 1871, with Jacob L. Gates bidding 40¢ per acre for a total of $160. Thus, as Curator of Solomon's estate, Ward signed the land over to Gates, who then turned around on that very day and sold it to Ward for $200. This netted Gates a $40 profit for himself. This may have had some bearing on the opposition that Solomon's heirs soon filed to Ward's final account.

When Elijah H. Ward originally petitioned the court, he did not include Jane Rogers as one of Solomon's heirs, but she later joined in the suit with Solomon's other heirs. Family tradition claims that Jane was not Solomon's daughter, but he raised her. Family tradition indicates that her maiden name was *"Redrick,"* which should probably be *"Reddock."* This tradition combined with the Turner Family Bible suggest that Elizabeth J. Ward first married John Reddock and had daughters Mary Ann Theodotia Reddock and Mary Jane Reddock. After Reddock's death, Elizabeth Ward married George W. Solomon.

The records of Solomon's estate were recorded in Union Parish LA Succession Book G, pp. 441–449, Book H, p. 304, and Book A-3 pp. 171–172, and the original succession papers still exist. Book G has faded to the point where it is barely legible, so I have used the original succession papers for the transcriptions below. The arcane spelling used in many of the originals is retained.

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15 Dec 1859

To purchase land after his arrival in Union Parish, Louisiana, **George W. Solomon** signed two promissory notes payable to **James A. Auld**, and **David Ward** signed the notes as Solomon's security. As later evidence shows, Solomon was unable to pay the notes himself when they became due, and so David Ward paid them both in gold in the first part of 1862. Ward apparently kept these notes and presented them to his son for reimbursement from Solomon's estate when Elijah Hubbard Ward was appointed as curator in 1870. The notes were presented as evidence in court when the matter went to trial in 1873:

> *honor by the first day of January 1861 we or Eather of us promise to pay **James A. Auld** or Baror the Sume of one hundred and Twentey five dollars for value Receive of him it baring Eight per cent from dew until paid this 15th of December 1859.*
>
> ***G. W. Solomon***
> ***David Ward***
>
> *honer by the first day of January 1862 we or Eather of us promise to pay **James A. Auld** or baror the Sume of one hundred and Twentey five dollars for value Received of him this the 15th of December 1859 it baring eight per cent from dew until paid.*
>
> ***G. W. Solomon***
> ***David Ward***

The archaic spelling in the above notes, which were written by someone other than Solomon or Ward, indicates limited spelling ability. Certain words are spelled differently in the two notes. The beginning word in both notes, *"honor,"* is a slang term for the phrase *"on or."*

11 Nov 1870

Elijah H. Ward petitioned the Union Parish court that **George W. Solomon** had died back in 1863:

> *To the Honorable the Judge of the Parish Court of the Parish of Union State of Louisiana.*
>
> *The petition of **E. Hubbard Ward** a resident of your said Parish & State with respect shows that **George W. Solomon** died on or about the 28th day of March AD 1863 intestate, leaving a wife **Eliza** as surviving partner in Community and the following heirs **David W.**, **Lidia**, **Margarett**, and **Martha Ann** the issue of marriage with aforesaid wife and deceased.*
>
> *He further represents that deceased left in your said parish a small estate, and that there are debts due unsettled. And further as a creditor of said Estate your petitioner is entitled to the curatorship of said Estate in order to settle and _____ the same.*
>
> *Wherefore your petitioner prays that this his application for the appointment of the Curatorship of said Estate of **G. W. Solomon** decd. be advertised according to law. That an appraisement and inventory of said Estate be made by **W. C. Smith** Parish Recorder & Ex officio Notary Public and due return thereof make and for all other orders and decrees necessay…and further for General and Equitable relief, etc.* ***J. E. Trimble**, Atty. For Pet.*

The judge's response to Ward's petition:

State of Louisiana
Parish of Union

*Premises considered It is ordered that the within application filed by **E. H. Ward** to be appointed curator of the vacant Estate of **G. W. Solomon** dec'd. be advertised according to law and further that **W. C. Smith** Recorder & etc. make an Inventory & appraisement of all the property belonging to said Estate and due return thereof make to this office in ten days from the date herewith. Done and signed in office this the 11th day of November 1870.*

***T. B. Tompkins**, Parish Judge*

<u>26 Nov 1870</u>

In anticipation of being appointed curator of the Estate of **George W. Solomon**, **Elijah Hubbard Ward** takes the legally required oaths of office:

State of Louisiana
Parish of Union *Parish Court*

*I **E. H. Ward** do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties incumbent on me as curator of the vacant Estate of **Geo. W. Solomon** decd. according to the best of my ability and understanding so help me God.* ***E. H. Ward***

*Sworn and subscribed before me this 26th day of November 1870. **J. W. Reid**, Clerk D.C.*

Elijah Hubbard Ward posts bond of $200 to secure his appointment as curator of the estate of **George W. Solomon**, with his brother **John T. Ward** as his security:

*$200.00 Know all men by these presents that we **Elisha*** [sic–Elijah] ***H. Ward** as principal and **John T. Ward** as his security are held and firmly bound unto the Honorable **T. B. Tompkins** Judge of the Parish Court of Union Parish La. and unto his successors in office in the just and full sum of Two Hundred Dollars to the true and full payment thereof we bind ourselves our heirs and assigns firmly by these presents. Dated at Farmerville La. this 26th day of November AD 1870.*

*The Conditions of this obligation is such that whereas the above bounden **E. H. Ward** has been duly and legally appointed curator of the vacant Estate of **Geo. W. Solomon** decd. and he has taken the oath required by law. Now therefore if the above bounden **E. H. Ward** as principal shall faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties incumbent upon him as curator aforesaid and render to the Judge of said court a full and complete account of all his acts and doings in and about said Estate and shall when legally required so to do pay over all the money and deliver all the property belonging to said Estate to the proper person or persons to receive the same then this obligation to be null and void else to be and remain in full force and virtue against the principal and his securitys in solido.* ***E. H. Ward***
J. T. Ward

Done signed and acknowledged before me this 26th day of November AD 1870.

***J. W. Reid**, clerk Dist. Court*

After the oath and bond were posted, Union Parish Judge **T. B. Tompkins** appointed **E. H. Ward** as the curator of the vacant Estate of **G. W. Solomon**. Tompkins also authorized an inventory and appraisement of the estate to be made. The oath of office of the appraisers:

> *I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially appraise all of the property that may be presented to me belonging to the succession of **G. W. Solomon** deceased at its cash value, to the best of my judgment and understanding, so help me God.* ***J. M. Anderson***
> ***John T. Ward***
>
> *Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 26 day of November AD 1870.* ***W. C. Smith****, Recorder*

On this day, Smith made the inventory of the property of Solomon's estate:

> *Be it remembered that on this the 26th day of November AD One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy, pursuant to an order of the Honl. Parish Court in and for the Parish of Union State of Louisiana and to me **William C. Smith** Recorder and Ex officio Notary Public in and for said parish directed authorizing me to make an inventory of the property rights & credits belonging to the succession of **G. W. Solomon** deceased late a resident of said Parish and whereas being assisted by **James M. Anderson** and **John T. Ward** two good and lawful male citizens of said parish who being duly appointed and sworn by me as appraisors* [sic] *, and in presence of two lawful & competent witnesses proceeded to make said inventory and appraisement as herein after set forth…*

The only property belonging to the estate was 392.42 acres of land, valued by the appraisers at $156.96 and described as these tracts located in Township 20 North, Range 2 East:

157.03 acres

- SW¼ of NW¼ of Section 5
- SE¼ of NE¼, & E½ of SE¼ of Section 6

235.39 acres

- E½ of SE¼ of Section 5
- NE¼ & SW¼ of NE¼, & W½ of SE¼ of Section 6

> *Thus done and signed in my office in the Town of Farmerville on this the 26th day of November AD 1870 in presence of **J. B. Ivey** and **E. H. Ward** lawful & competent witnesses who sign with said apprasors* [sic] *& me Recorder day & date above written.* ***J. M. Anderson***
> *Attest:* ***J. B. Ivey****,* ***E. H. Ward*** ***John T. Ward***

1 Dec 1870

Elijah Hubbard Ward petitions the court for an order to sell all property of the estate of **G. W. Solomon**:

To the Honorable the Judge of the Parish Court Union Parish La.

*The petition of **E. H. Ward** Admt. Of the Estate of **G. W. Solomon** decd. resident of your said parish & state with respect represents that there are debts against the said Estate which in order to their settlement will require the sale of all the property belonging to the said Estate of **G. W. Solomon** decd. consisting of a certain tract of land in your said parish.*

*Wherefore petitioner prays that an order issue from your honorable court authorizing him to sell the real Estate belonging to the Estate of **G. W. Solomon** after due advertisement and legal delay. And that petitioner be directed to sell the same at the Court House door in the town of Farmerville. And for all other orders & decrees necessary in the premises. And for general relief, etc.* ***J. E. Trimble**, Atty. for Admtr.*

The court responded by authorizing E. H. Ward to sell all property of the Solomon estate after the legally required advertisements.

7 Dec 1870

Elijah Hubbard Ward pays the advertising bill of **George W. Solomon's** estate to the editors of Farmerville's *"Union Record."* This receipt is on pre-printed stationary of that newspaper:

*Farmerville, La., Estate **G. W. Solomon** To **Union Record**:*
1870

Nov. 12	*To Adv. Applica. For Admr. 2 sqrs. 2 times .....*	*$4.50*
Decr. 3	*To Adv. Suc Sale 2 sqrs. 5 times.....*	*9.00*
		$13.50

*Recd. Payment of **E. H. Ward** admr. on 7 Decr. 1870*

***Tompkins & Lewis**, Eds. Union Record*

3 Jan 1871

Elijah Hubbard Ward conducts the sale of the property belonging to **George W. Solomon's** estate:

State of Louisiana
Parish of Union

*Be it remembered that on the Third day of January AD One Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy One that I **E. Hubbard Ward** Curator of the Estate of **George W. Solomon** decd. in pursuance of an order from the Honorable the Parish Judge in and for the parish of Union State of Louisiana. I have in the town of Farmerville of the Parish and State aforesaid proceeded to offer for sale after the usual advertisements made according to law, the following described tract or tracts of land situated in the Parish of Union and State of Louisiana, to wit….in all containing Four Hundred Acres more or less said land to be sold for cash. When after the usual formalities and due proclamation in an audible voice, **Jacob L. Gates** a resident of Union Parish and state aforesaid became the purchaser, he being the highest and last bidder, at Forty Cents per acre. Making in the aggregate the sum of One Hundred and Sixty dollars the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.*

*In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name on this the 3d day of January AD 1871 in the presence of **J. E. Trimble** and **W. W. Guthrie** lawful witnesses:* ***E. H. Ward***

J. E. Trimble, W. W. Guthrie *Curator Estate of* ***Geo. W. Solomon*** *decd.*

The sale described the land of the Solomon real estate as 400 acres consisting of these fractional sections in Township 20 North, Range 2 East:

- E½ of SE¼ & SW¼ of NW¼ of Section 5
- SE¼ & NE¼ of NE¼ & S½ of NE¼ of Section 6

1 Feb 1871

For some unexplained reason, Elijah Hubbard Ward makes another report to the court about his sale of the land on January 3rd. The report is identical to the one above, except it was witnessed by Trimble and **Wade Hawkins** instead of Guthrie.

1 Mar 1871

Elijah Hubbard Ward pays the court costs associated with the estate of **G. W. Solomon**:

Estate of ***G. W. Solomon*** *decd.* *1870*
To ***J. W. Reid*** *Clk D.C.*
To fil [sic- file] *pet. 10¢ order to advertise* ..... *$ .60*
Advertising *1.00*
Order for Inventory ..... *.50*
Commission *1.00*
fil [sic- file] *Inventory* ..... *.10*
order appt. adm. ..... *.50*
oath of adm. ..... *.40*
Adms. Bond *1.00*
Letters & Copy of Adm. *2.00*
fil [sic- file] *pet. For sale* ..... *.10*
order ___ sale ..... *.50*
order oath adm. to make ..... *.50*
fil [sic- file] *P.V.* [process verbal] *sale* ..... *.10*
fil [sic- file] *final acct. & vouchers* ..... *.20*
order to advetise ..... *.50*
advertising by Posting *1.50*
Judgt. Homologation ..... *.50*
Entire Judgt. ..... *.50*
Recording Proceedings *6.00*
$17.60

Recd. payment of ***E. H. Ward*** *adm. March 1st 1871.* ***J. W. Reid****, Clerk Dist. Court*

8 Mar 1871

Elijah Hubbard Ward pays the recorder's fees owed by **George W. Solomon's**. Union Parish Recorder **W. C. Smith** wrote this receipt on lined paper, not letterhead:

*Estate of **G. W. Solomon*** *To **W. C. Smith** Dr.*

1870		
Nov.26	*To making inventory*	*$5.00*
March 4	*Recording process verbal of sale*	*1.50*
1871		*$6.50*

Recd. payment in full
March 8th 1871 ***W. C. Smith**, Recorder*

23 Sept 1873

Elijah Hubbard Ward, curator of the Estate of **George W. Soloman**, submits his final account as curator to the Union Parish Court:

***E. H. Ward** Curator of the Estate of **George W. Solomon** decd.*

The Curator charges himself with the amount received for land sold see process verbal of sale $160.00

The Curator acknowledges the following debits due by the Succession:

*One note in favor of **Jas. A. Auld** or bearer for one Hundred & Twenty five Dollars due Jan 1/62 with 8% interest from due 125.00*

*One note in favor of **Jas. A. Auld** or bearer for One Hundred & Twenty five Dollars due Jan 1/61 with 8% interest from due..... 125.00*

250.00

The Curator claims credit for the following law charges paid to wit.

*Account of **W. C. Smith** Recorder Marked A*	*6.50*
*Account of **J. W. Reid** Clerk D.C. Marked B*	*17.60*
*Account **Tompkins** & **Lewis** Marked C*	*13.50*
*Account of **J. E. Trimble** Marked D*	*25.00*
Union Record Advertising final Account	*9.00*
Commissions on $160 @ 2½%	*4.00*
Fee of Attorney for absent Heirs	*10.00*
	$85.60

Recapitulation	*Credits*		*Debits*	
	Privileged debts	*$85.60*	*Amt. red. for land*	*160.00*
	Ordinary debts	*250.00*		

Deducting the privileged debts from the amount received at sale there is a balance in the hands of the curator of Seventy four 40/100 dollars with while to satisfy the claims against the estate amounting to Two Hundred and fifty dollars ($250) paying Thirty three cents and six mills on the dollar.

To the Honorable the Judge of the parish Court in and for the parish of Union State of Louisiana.

*The petition of **Elijah H. Ward**, Curator of the Estate of **George W. Solomon** decd., of your said parish respectfully represents that he has administered the Estate of the said **G. W. Solomon** decd. and that he herewith files his full and final account of his acts and doings as curator of said vacant estate.*

From the account it appears that the land belonging to said estate sold by order of your honorable court brought the sum of One Hundred sixty dollars. Your petitioner has paid the privileged and law debts out of said proceeds of land when amount of Eighty five 60/100 dollars leaving a balance of Seventy four 40/100 dollars with which to pay the ordinary debts. The amount of debts presented to your petitioner amounts exclusive of interest to Two Hundred fifty dollars. The Estate therefore is insolvent and pays thirty three cents and six mills on the dollar which proportionment [sic] *your petitioner has paid and taken up the two notes each of one Hundred twenty five dollars on the face and _____ exclusive of interest to Two Hundred fifty dollars. Petitioner avers that no other claims of any nature have been presented.*

Wherefore your petitioner prays that his final account be approved and homologated after legal advertisement and delay and that his bond be cancelled and he discharged. He further prays for all such orders and decrees as may be necessary and required in the premises and for general relief, etc. ***Jno. L. Barrett****, Atty. for Curator*

Premises considered it is ordered that the within final account be advertised according to law. This done and signed in office the 23rd day of September AD 1873.

Thos. C. Lewis*, Parish Judge*
Union Parish La.

13 Oct 1873

The heirs of **George W. Solomon** file their opposition to the final account of curator **Elijah Hubbard Ward**. The name 'Solomon' was repeatedly spelled *Sollaman* by their attorney, Frederick Mayo in the following petition:

To the Honl. The Judge of the Parish Court in and for the Parish of Union State of Louisiana.

The petition of ***David W. Sollaman*** *a resident of Butler Texas,* ***Lidia Sollaman*** *Wife of* ***Elisha Carter*** *herein aiding and assisting his said wife both residents of Freestone County Texas****, Martha Sollaman*** *herein aided and assisted by her Husband* ***Benj. Smith*** *both residents of Huston* [sic]*Texas &* ***Jane Sollaman*** *herein aided and assisted by her Husband* ***Patterson Rodgers*** *both residents of the Parish of Union & State of Louisiana as with respect represents that they are the Sole Heirs of their Father* ***G. W. Sollaman*** *Decd. & that their Father's Estate was administered in the parish & State first aforesaid* [written] *by* ***E. Hubbard Ward*** *and that on the 23d of Sept. 1873 the said* ***Ward*** *as admr. filed his final account of his administration of the Estate of the Said* ***G. W. Sollaman*** *To which said account your petitioners beg leave to file this their opposition to the Homollogation* [sic - homologation] *of said account and especially to certain items of said account hereinafter set forth & on the grounds & for the following reasons to wit:*

1st They oppose the allowance of ($10) ten dollars as fees for Atty. of Absent Heirs they alledge [sic] *that no such appointment has been made & if so made done not appear of record therefore should be rejected & stricken from said account.*

2nd They oppose the note for ***James A. Auld*** *or bearer for One Hundred & Twenty Five Dollars due Jany. 1/62 with Eight per cent Interest for this that said note is on as prescribed and that the*

acknowledgment & alledged [sic] *payment was illegal & contrary to Law and they then plead the prescription of Five years against said note and the payment of the same.*

3rd They oppose yet another note for ***James A. Auld*** *or bearer for One Hundred & Twenty Five Dollars due Jany. 1/61 with Eight per cent Interest from date for this that said note was & is prescribed and that the acknowledgment & payment alledged* [sic] *was illegal & contrary to Law and they now plead the prescription of Five years against said note & the payment of the same.*

Premises considered petitioners pray that it be ordered adjudged & decreed that the final account of ***E. H. Ward*** *of his Administration of the Estate of* ***George W. Sollaman*** *Decd. be amended & changed by Striking out from said account the sum of Ten Dollars for fees for Atty for Absent Heirs–also the two notes made payable to* ***James A. Aulds*** *or bearer Each for the sum of One hundred and Twenty Five Dollars with Eight per cent from due one payable 1st Jany 1861 the other the 1st day of Jany 1862 that they be rejected as illegal & not due against Said Estate and that the plea of Prescription against said two notes be sustained and that there be Judgment in favor of petitioners in opposition for the Sun of Eight Five 40/100 dollars with five per cent Interest from date of filing account by said* ***Ward*** *admrs. as aforesaid till paid & for all costs of these proceedings & for genl. relief.* ***F. C. Mayo***

Atty for Petitioners in Opposition

8 Dec 1873

Elijah Hubbard Ward's attorney **John L. Barrett** files this response to the opposition against Ward's final account:

Parish Court of

Union Parish La In the matter of the Final acct. of Ad. of Estate of ***Geo. W. Solomon*** *decd. Leave of the court first had and obtained the curator files this his amended acct. wherein he alleges that the amount of Two hundred and fifty Dollars which Adr. Claims as a credit is not for the notes themselves but for the amount due to* ***David Ward*** *who as security on the said notes at the maturity of the last note took up the said notes and paid their face value and it is this obligation to said security that the administrator has satisfied and for which asks a credit and that he settled the claim without Interest simply because the Estate was insolvent. It is further averred that said notes were given as the price of land the same land sold as the property of the estate. Wherefore the curator prays that his account be approved and homologated adopting the former prayer as to his account in full & for costs.* ***Jno. L. Barrett*** *Atty.*

The heirs of **George W. Solomon**, deceased, file their first amended opposition:

Parish Court

Union Parish In the matter of the Succession of ***G. W. Solomon*** *decd. with leave of the court first had obtained the Heirs in opposition to curator, account files this their amended opposition to the amended account filed by Admr. in which they plead the prescription of 5 five years against said notes as alledged* [sic] *to have been paid by said* ***David Ward*** *& they Specially plead prescription of 5 years against any and all claims coming from said notes and adopting the pleas _____ of the original opposition prays that said payment as per account be rejected as illegally*

made & that opposers have a judgment for the sum of Eighty five dollars 40/100 with 5 per cent Interest from date of filing said op. & all costs & for relief. ***F. C. Mayo***
Atty for Opposers

The heirs filed a second amended opposition–it is very similar to the one above:

Parish Court
Union Parish In the matter of the final account of the Curator of the Estate of ***G. W. Solloman*** *decd. leave of the court being first had and obtained the Opposers to said final account now file this their amended opposition to said final account & to the amended final account of the said Curator and now plead specially the prescription of ten years to & against the payment of the amount alledged* [sic] *to have been paid to & due to one* ***David Ward*** *who curator alledges* [sic] *paid said notes as Security & your opposers alledged* [sic] *that if said Curator did pay the Said* ***D. Ward*** *as set forth in his amended final account that he did so after prescription had run & that said payment was illegal & made in his own wrong. Your opposers therefore pray that this their plea of prescription of ten years be sustained and addopting* [sic] *the prayer of their original & amended opposition ask for judgment for the Sum of Eighty five Dollars & all costs and for the amendment of said final account & for relief.* ***F. C. Mayo***
Atty for Opposers

For some unexplained reason, Union Parish Judge **Thomas C. Lewis** apparently excused himself from this case and a special judge was appointed to decide this matter. The special judge appointed was **W. R. Roberts**, former captain of Co. E, 19th Regiment Louisiana Infantry, the *"Stars of Equality,"* and former parish judge. On this day Special Judge Roberts conducted a hearing at which **David Ward** testified. This is apparently the only testimony offered in this case:

Estate of ***G. W. Solomon****, decd.*
Note of Evidence.
1st ***David Ward*** *sworn states*

> *"I recognize the signatures to the two notes saw them written & signed & the signatures thereto are genuine. The notes were given as the purchase price of land that* ***Mr. Soloman*** *bought from* ***Mr. J. A. Auld****. I signed the notes as security. I have paid the notes in gold. I paid them about the first of the year 1862. The notes offered in court* [are] *the same notes that I signed as security & that I paid as security. The land for which the notes were given is the same land that was sold by the curator."*

I hereby certify that the above is all the evidence addressed to writing on the trial of the opposition to the final account of the curator of the vacant Estate of ***G. W. Solomon*** *decd. Given under my hand officially this 8th day of December 1873.* ***W. R. Roberts****, Special Judge*

<u>9 Mar 1874</u>

Special Judge **W. R. Roberts** issues his ruling in the case of **G. W. Solomon's** heirs against the curator **Elijah Hubbard Ward**:

Parish Court of
Union Parish La } *In the matter of the Final acct. of Admr. of Estate of* ***G. W. Solomon*** *decd.*

By reason of the Law and evidence in this case against the opponent on the final trial of the opposition it is hereby ordered adjudged and decreed that the opposition of the Heirs of the Estate be dismissed at opponents costs and further that the Final Account of Adr. be [missing word] *and the same is hereby approved and homologated and that the Adr. be discharged and his bond cancelled.*

Done read and signed this March 9th 1874 in open court. ***W. R. Roberts****, Special Judge*

undated receipt

Elijah Hubbard Ward pays the legal bill of **George W. Solomon's** estate to **James E. Trimble**:

E. H. Ward *Curator Est.* ***Geo. W. Solomon*** *decd.:*
To ***J. E. Trimble***
To fees for professional Services.....$25.00

Rd. Pymt. ***J. E. Trimble***

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Administrator of Rachel Jane Ward Auld

Elijah Hubbard Ward's second eldest sister was Rachel Jane Ward. She married Benjamin Franklin Hall about 1849, but he perished in the apparent epidemic that struck down several Ward family members in the late summer and early fall of 1852. About 1854, Rachel remarried John Robert Auld, the son of James Alexander Auld and Elizabeth Ann Hester. Rachel and John had lived near each other as toddlers in Lowndes County, Alabama, and their families were well acquainted given the marriage of Rachel's aunt, Margaret Jane Ward, to John's uncle, Elijah Michael Auld. But while Rachel's family moved to north Louisiana in 1837, John's remained in Alabama.

About 1845 or 1846, when Rachel was about thirteen and John about twelve, James A. Auld moved his family to Union Parish and settled on land that adjoined his brother, Elijah Michael Auld, and near David Ward's plantation. After their marriage, John and Rachel primarily lived near David Ward in eastern Union Parish, although in the 1850s, Auld owned property near Downsville where his maternal grandmother resided.

During the Civil War, John R. Auld served as a sergeant in the same unit in which Elijah Hubbard Ward served as a lieutenant. After the war, Auld suffered from the similar financial problems that plagued so many in the South, including Rachel's brother, John T. Ward, aunt, Mary Caroline Ward Odom, and several first cousins. John R. Auld died of pneumonia in May 1870. Seven months later, in December, Rachel died giving birth to their youngest son, James D. Auld.

Since their deaths left their eight children orphans, Louisiana law required succession proceedings be conducted to protect their property. Elijah Hubbard Ward petitioned the Union Parish District Court to be appointed administrator. He spent the next several years settling his sister's estate.

These documents are recorded in Union Parish LA Succession Book G, pp. 287–301 and Succession Book A-1, pp. 48–50. The original loose court papers also exist. I transcribed all the items above from the original succession papers. These papers contain the original signatures of all the parties involved.

There is a discrepancy between these court records and the date inscribed on the tombstone of the youngest son of Rachel Jane Ward and John Robert Auld. Hub Ward's petition to the court concerning Rachel's death was dated December 12th, meaning she was clearly already deceased by that date. On the other hand, the tombstone of Rachel Jane Auld's youngest son, James D. Auld, was inscribed with a birth date of December 16th. Clearly, one of these dates is incorrect. It seems probable that the tombstone was inscribed with the wrong date. Perhaps his birth occurred on December 6th rather than 16th, but it is impossible to determine this for certain.

12 Dec 1870

Elijah H. Ward petitioned the Union Parish court that **Rachel J. Auld** had died intestate leaving an estate and eight minor children:

To the Honorable the Judge of the Parish Court of the Parish of Union State of Louisiana.

*The petition of **Elijah H. Ward** a resident of the Parish and State above written respectfully shows that **Rachel J. Auld** late of your said Parish & State departed this life intestate leaving a small estate consisting of Land & personal property rights debts and credits also leaving eight minor children to wit. **Cynthia Jane**, **Eliza Ann**, **Julia Annis**, **Mary Alice**, **Permelia Elizabeth**, **Sarah**, **John Wesley** and **James D. Auld** all issue of the marriage of Decd. with her late husband **John R. Auld**. It is alleged that the estate is so much in debt that it will be necessary to sell all the property to pay the debts of the estate.*

*Petitioner further represents that it is necessary that a tutor should be appointed to the aforesaid minors. That he is as near as any other and nearer than any except his father and brother. Wherefore petitioner prays that this his application to be appointed administrator of the estate of Rachel J. Aulds and Tutor of her aforesaid minor heirs be advertised according to law. That an appraisement and Inventory of the estate be made and after the legal delays and formalities are completed with that her be appointed administrator of said Estate and Tutor to said minor children and that **John T. Ward** the brother of petitioner and uncle of said minors be appointed under Tutor for all further orders and decrees necessary and for general relief, etc.*

***Jno. L. Barrett**, Atty.*

The judge's response to Ward's petition:

*The premises considered It is hereby ordered adjudged and decreed that the within and foregoing application of **E. H. Ward** to be appointed administrator of the estate of Rachel J. Auld dec'd. and Tutor to her minor children **Cynthia Jane**, **Eliza Ann**, **Julia Annis**, **Mary Alice**, **Permelia Elizabeth**, **Sarah**, **John Wesley** and **James D. Auld** be advertised according to law that **William C. Smith** notary public do make an Inventory and appraisement of said estate and make due return of the same to this court. Done and signed in chambers on this the 12th Day of Dec. 1870.*

***T. B. Tompkins**, Parish Judge*

23 Dec 1870

After the required advertising, Union Parish Judge T. B. Tompkins appoints Elijah H. Ward as the administrator of the estate of Rachel J. Auld:

*Premises considered and by reason that the proper and legal advertisement has been made and no opposition has been filed to the same. It is hereby ordered **E. H. Ward** be appointed admr. of the Estate of **Rachel J. Auld** dec'd. and upon his taking the oath required by law and giving Bond with good security that letters of administration issue to him according to law. Done and signed in office this the 23rd day of December 1870.* ***T. B. Tompkins**, Parish Judge*

Elijah H. Ward's administrator's bond is transcribed here. Note that his name was misspelled as *"Elisha"* throughout this document:

STATE OF LOUISIANA
Eleventh Judicial District Court–Parish of Union

$2225.00

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT WE, ***Elisha H. Ward*** *as principal, and* ***John T. Ward*** *&* ***John J. Auld*** *Securities, are held and firmly bound unto the Honorable* ***T. B. Tompkins*** *Judge of the Parish Court in and for Union Parish, La., for the time being, or to his successors in office, in the just and full sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred & twenty five Dollars, to the true and full payment thereof we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives, firmly and in solido, by these presents.*

The condition of this obligation is such, that whereas, the said ***Elisha H. Ward*** *has been duly and legally appointed and confirmed as Administrator of the Estate of* ***Rachel J. Auld*** *Deceased, and he has taken the oath required by law.*

Nor, therefore, if the said ***Elisha H. Ward*** *shall faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties incumbent on him as Administrator of the said Estate, and shall render to the Judge of said Court, a true and correct account of all his acts and doings in and about said Estate; and shall, when legally required so to do, pay over all sums of money, and deliver all the property belonging to the said Estate to the proper person or persons to receive the same, Then this obligation to be null and void, Otherwise, to be and remain in full force according to law.*

Done, signed and acknowledged before me, this the day and date above written.

J. W. Reid*, Clerk Dist. Court* ***E. H. Ward*** ***J. J. Auld*** ***J. T. Ward***

4 Jan 1871

Elijah H. Ward, administrator of the estate of **Rachel J. Auld**, sells the personal property of the estate.

State of Louisiana
Parish of Union

Be it remembered that pursuant to an order of the Parish Court authorizing the sale of all the property both real and personal of the Estate of ***Rachel J. Auld*** *decd. having advertised the same for more than 10 days according to law on the fourth day of Jany. 1871 I proceeded to sell at public auction for cash to the highest & last bidder the following property to the following purchasers to wit:*

J. S. Auld Bot
500 lbs pork @ 8 cts ..... $ 40.00
1 cast Plough..... 2.75

W. P. Smith Bot
897 lbs pork @ 8 cts ..... $ 71.76
1 Lot hides 9.00 [and] *1799 lbs cotton @ .13 ..... 248.87*
$320.63

Jacob Gates Bot
1 Roane horse ..... *$ 60.00*
1 writing desk @ 2.75 [and] *Broad axe 4.50* *7.25*
$ 67.25

E. H. Ward purchased
1 Mule ..... *$ 80.00*
1 side board 6.70, 1 spinning wheel 3.50 ..... *10.20*
1 Ruler .50, 1 Bridle 2.00 ..... *2.50*
Plow gear 5.00, shot gun 10.00 ..... *15.00*
1 Rifle 20.00, 1 Lot geese [guns ?] *15.00* *35.00*
56 bushels corn 1.10, Lot Hay 25.00 ..... *86.60*
cow & yearling 11.00, fodder 1.80 ..... *12.80*
$242.10

G. N. Gun Bot
Pine Bedstead ..... *$ 3.50*
1 Pistol *10.00*
$13.50

J. T. Ward Bot
Pine Table ..... *$ 3.50*
4 chairs 6.20, wheel 2.50 ..... *8.70*
Lot sunds [sundries ?] 17.50, Loom 10.00 ..... *27.50*
$39.71

J. T. Ward Bot
Sundries ..... *$ 4.50*
50 bush corn 1.10, cow & calf 12.00 ..... *67.00*
4 head cattle 17.50 ..... *17.50*
$89.00

J. F. Malone Bot
1 Reel ..... *$ 2.00*
1 Pail .50, Bbl. Peas .50 ..... *1.00*
cross cut saw 5.00, 1 sweep (?) 1.25 ..... *6.25*
$9.25

D. Nolan Bot 6 chairs & jug 7.50 ..... *$7.50*

B. Brantley Bot Sundries *$1.70*

S. Tucker Bot
Lot Hardware ..... *$ 9.00*
1 Jar 1.00, Saddle .75 ..... *1.75*
$10.75

M. Hendrick bot smoothing irons *$1.40*

J. M. Defee bot ___ bill & Peas *5.50*

J. Rabun Bot sundries *7.57*

J. W. Coleson Bot 3 plows *9.37*

Dr. R. C. Burch Bot sundries *4.37*

G. N. Gun bot axe & adse *1.75*

J. B. Rossiter Bot
blacksmith tools &c $37.50
64½ .bs. nails @ .10 (6.45), Cow & calf (15.00) 19.45
sundries 7.50

J. M. Odom Bot washpot 3.25

J. W. Auld Bot
1 Grindstone ..... $ 3.60
1 Jug ..... .50

D. S. Auld Bot 1 cow & yearling 20.00

Sam Tucker Bot lot Lard 3.45

Dr. Clemends bot sundries 1.37

E. M. Auld Bot shot gun 10.00

Jenney [Jeremy ?] *Tucker bot one handsaw 1.00*

The following items not bringing the appraisement at the cash sale Jan 4 1871 were again offered on a 12 months credit Jany 24th 1871 to wit.

1 mule sold to J. J. Aulds for 70.00

1 Bedstead sold to Jenney Tucker for 1.25

1 Bedstead sold to Audy Arons for 3.00

1 Table sold to Sam Tucker for 3.50

1 Lot of Iron to Jno. M. Gully for 7.50

Amt. Credit Sale $85.25

All the purchasers having complied with the terms of sale I turned over the property purchased to each. In testimony whereof I have hereto signed my name officially on this the 1st day of March 1871. ***E. H. Ward*** *Admr.*

23 Jan 1871

As required by Louisiana law, a family meeting of relatives of the Auld minors was held to decide what to do with the real estate belonging to the estate. The legal oath required of the participants in the family meeting:

State of Louisiana
Parish of Union

I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially give my advise [sic] *to the best interest of the minor heirs of the estate of* ***Rachael Jane Auld*** *decd. with regard to the sale of the real property belonging to said Estate to the best of my judgment and information so help me God.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 23d day of January AD 1871.

W. C. Smith*, Recorder*

E. H. Ward ***E. M. Auld***
John T. Ward ***J. J. Auld***

J. W. Auld ***D. S. Auld***

The results of the family meeting:

State of Louisiana
Parish of Union

Be it known, That on this the 23rd day of January AD One thousand eight hundred and seventy one, by virtue of an order from his honor ***T. B. Tompkins****, Parish Judge, I caused to come before me at my office in the Town of Farmerville the following persons to wit:* ***Elijah H. Ward****,* ***John T. Ward****,* ***James Wyatt Auld****,* ***Michael Auld****,* ***John J. Auld****, &* ***David Auld*** *males of lawful age and residents of the Parish of Union and relatives of the minor heirs of the Estate of* ***Rachael Jane Auld*** *Decd. convoked as a family meeting for the purpose of advising and recommending with regard to the sale of the Land belonging to said Estate, that minors aforesaid being the sole heirs said parties being first sworn according to Law proceeded to deliberate and advise on the subject matter as above stated and after mature deliberation they advise and recommend that all of the property both real and personal belonging to the Estate of* ***Rachael Jane Auld*** *decd. situated in the Parish of Union be sold and further recommend that the sale be made for cash at not less than the appraised value, and that* ***E. H. Ward*** *be authorized to make said sale according to Law.*

Thus done and signed in my office on this the 23d day of January AD One thousand Eight hundred and seventy one in presence of _____ and _____ witnesses called for the purpose who sign with said family & Parish Recorder.

E. H. Ward ***E. M. Auld***

Attest: ***F. C. Manning****,* ***F. B. Glasgow*** ***John T. Ward*** ***J. J. Auld***

J. W. Auld ***D. S. Auld***

W. C. Smith*, Recorder*

21 Nov 1871

Jeremiah Sherwood Auld petitioned the Union Parish court to be appointed tutor of the minor heirs of his brother, **John R. Auld** and **Rachel Jane Auld**. Attorney John L. Barrett gave Auld's name as **J. Shepherd Auld**, but other sources indicate that he was actually named **Jeremiah Sherwood Auld**. The given name of "Sherwood" was an Auld family name:

To the Honorable the Judge of the Parish Court of Union Parish State of Louisiana.

The petition of ***J. Shepherd Auld*** *of the Parish of Ouachita La. respectfully shows that the following minors, the children of* ***John R. Auld*** *a brother of petitioner, are without a Tutor. That the administration of the estate of* ***Rachel J. Auld*** *their mother is nearly completed and it becomes necessary that said minors should have a Tutor appointed to represent them. Petitioner _____* [missing word] *that he is the paternal uncle of the said minors to wit.* ***Cynthia J.****,* ***Eliza Ann****,* ***Julia Annis****,* ***Mary Alice****,* ***Permelia E.****,* ***Sarah****,* ***John Wesley****, and* ***James D. Auld*** *and that there* [is] *no person who has a better right to the Tutorship except their Grandfather* ***David Ward*** *but said* ***David Ward*** *being quite old & infirm (over seventy years of age)is not willing to take upon himself the duties & responsibilities of said Tutorship wherefore petitioner prays that this his application*

be advertised according to law and after the legal delays and due compliance on his part with all legal provisions that he be appointed Tutor to the said minors and letters of Tutorship do issue to him accordingly and that _____ be also appointed Under Tutor for all orders & decrees necessary in the premises and for general relief, &c. ***Jno. L. Barrett****, Atty for Pet.*

The judge's response to Auld's petition:

By reason of the law, it is ordered that the within application for appointment of Tutor to the minors herein mentioned be advertised according to law. Done and signed in Chambers this the 21st Day of Nov. 1871. ***T. B. Tompkins***
Parish Judge

1 Feb 1872

Union Parish Judge T. B. Tompkins orders that **J. Shepherd Auld** be appointed tutor to the minor heirs of **R. J. Auld**, decd. Note again that Jeremiah S. Auld's middle name was actually *Sherwood*, but the court on various occasions misspelled it as 'Shepherd'.

Premises considered. It is ordered that ***J. Shepherd Auld*** *be and is hereby appointed Tutor to the minor heirs of* ***R. J. Auld*** *decd. he having complied with the law by having his Bond duly Recorded in the Recorders office of Union Parish La. It is further ordered that* ***J. M. Underwood*** *be appointed Under tutor to said minors…*

1869–1872

Various notes and receipts of debts owed by John R. Auld and Rachel Jane Ward Auld were included in the original succession docket in the Union Parish courthouse but not all recorded in the succession books. These scraps of paper contain the original handwriting of John and Rachel Auld. His handwriting is firm and distinctive, and it appears that he was used to writing frequently and had a substantial vocabulary. However, Rachel's writing is less distinctive and her spelling much more archaic, suggesting she had a much more limited education. As earlier, the archaic (mis)spellings are retained as in the original documents:

- *On or by the first day of October next I promised to pay* ***Van R. Funderburk*** *or barror the sum of Seventy Dollars for Value Recd. With 8 percent Interest from date untill paid. This November the 6 1869.* ***John R. Auld***
  Interest 6.63
- *Union Parish La. December th 24th AD 1869.* ***John R. Auld*** *Dr. to Benjamin Brantly Five Dollars for Work don on Chimney and cutting fier wood.*
  March the 26 AD 1871 Received Payment in full.
- *April the 1870.* ***R. J. Auld*** *Dr. to* ***Primus*** *For Work in Farm..... $10.75*
  Cash paid Primus 1.75
  yet Due.....$ 9.00

State of Louisiana
Parish of Union

Before me the undersigned legal Authority personally appeared ***Primus Parmer*** *who after being by me sworn deposes and sayes that the annexed account of nine dollars is just due and sum paid. Sworn to and subscribed before me this January the 9th 1872.*

Primus *X* ***Parmer*** [his mark]

W. C. Smith*, Justice of the Peace*
First Ward Parish of Union *Recc. Payment Jan 9th, 1872*

- ***Mrs. Jane Aulds*** *in Accompt* [sic] *with A. G. Aros* [sic] *to one month work don in the month of January AD 1870. Twenty Dollars*
  - *February to twelve days plowing twelve Dollars*
  - *do* [also February] *six days work in the shop at seventy five cents per day*
  - *do to fore days gining at one Dollar and 25 cents per day*
  - *do to one half bushel of corn fifty cents*
  - *do to Eleven hundred three foot Bords at fifty cents per hundred $5.50:* [total of] *$47.50*

March the 2 1871, Recive payment act. In Full

Andy Arons

- *Oner befor the first day of January nex I promis to pay to* ***S. W. Clamands*** *or bar the Sum of thirtey four Dolars for value received of him with Eight percent intrus from dew untill paid. This July the 8. AD 1870.* ***R. J. Auld***
- *One day after dait I promis to pay to* ***J. C. Cargill*** *or bar the Sum of Four Dolars and fortey cts. for value received of him with Eight pr. Cent intrus from dait till paid. This Aug. the 15. AD 1870.* ***R. J. Auld***

  $4.40 + .49 = $4.89
- *One day after date I promise to pay* ***S. L. Bruton*** *or bearer Fifty Six Dollars & thirty three Cents for Value received bearing 8 pr. Cent Interest from date to until paid this 16th August AD 1870.*

R. J. Auld

$56.33 + 6.38 = $62.71

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Elizabeth H. Brigham & George W. Brigham
vs.
John T. Ward & Elijah H. Ward
1860–1866

This lawsuit stemmed from a promissory note dated 11 October 1860 signed by John T. Ward, the younger brother of Elijah Hubbard Ward. Jack Ward never paid this note, and since he signed it as his brother's security, Hub Ward was a party to this suit. The Ward brothers both appeared in court when Brigham's lawyer filed the suit, when they both signed a statement acknowledging service of the petition. Moreover, John T. Ward confessed in court that he indeed owed this money to Brigham. The court rendered its official judgment about six weeks after Brigham filed her petition, yet Ward did not pay the $200 he owned her.

The Civil War delayed legal items such as this, and seven years later, Mrs. Brigham signed her rights to the cou rt judgment to William P. Smith of Union Parish. Smith did not receive his payment for the money the Wards owned him until 1873.

Unlike his younger brother, Hub Ward was solvent and even appears to have enjoyed a fairly high standard of living in the postwar period. Since he could clearly have afforded to pay, it is unclear why officials did not force Hub Ward to pay the judgement since he co-signed the note.

This suit is Union Parish Civil Suit #1851, also recorded in Union Parish Mortgage & Judgment Book AA, p. 144. The papers involved in this suit are transcribed here.

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11 Oct 1860

John T. Ward and E. H. Ward sign a promissory note payable to Simeon Slawson or bearer for $200. The note appears to be in the handwriting of John T. Ward, as it is in the same handwriting as Ward's signature. Elijah H. Ward's signature is in a distinctly different handwriting:

> *On or by the first day of January Next we or Eather* [sic] *of us promised* [sic] *to pay* ***Simeon Slawson*** *or barror* [sic] *the sum of Two Hundred Dollars for Value Recd. of this October the 11 1860. baring* [sic] *Eight per cent from due untill* [sic] *paid.*
>
> ***John T. Ward, E. H. Ward***

13 Sept 1866

Elizabeth H. Brigham and her husband George W. Brigham file suit against the Ward brothers to recover the sum of $200 plus interest:

> *To the Honourable* [sic] *the Judge of the 11th Judicial District Court in & for the Parish of Union State of Louisiana.*

*The petition of **Elizabeth H. Brigham** wife of **George W. Brigham** (who joins in this petition for the sole purpose of authorizing and assisting his said wife to stand in judgment in the same) both residents of the Parish of Morehouse La. respectfully shows that **Jno. T. Ward** and **E. H. Ward** both of Union Parish La. are justly and legally and in soldio indebted to your petitioner **E. H. Brigham** in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars with 8% Int. from Jany 1st 1861 as will fully appear from the certain promissory note made signed and delivered by themselves on 11th October 1860 payable to **Simeon Slawson** or bearer whole note is the property of one of your petitioners **E. H. Brigham**. She alleges amiable demand and entire failure of Payment of the said note which is hereto annexed for certainty and made a part of this petition.*

*Wherefore they pray that the said **John T. Ward** and **E. H. Ward** be duly cited to answer hereto and upon a final hearing that there be judgment against them in solido and in favor of **E. H. Brigham** for the sum of Two Hundred Dollars with 8% Int. from Jany 1st 1861 for costs of suit and for general relief, &c.* ***Jno. L. Barrett**, Atty.*

John T. Ward and Elijah H. Ward were in court when the suit was filed, for they acknowledged service of the suit by signing the following document on the same exact day that this lawsuit was filed:

Service acknowledged citation waived and I hereby confess Judgment as prayed for in the foregoing petition for the sum of two hundred Dollars with 8% Int. from Jany 1st 1861 subject to a credit of forty Dollars Feby 11th 1861 and for costs of suit this Sept. 13th 1866.

John T. Ward

*Attest: **Jno. L. Barrett*** ***E. H. Ward***

1 Oct 1866

Union Parish 11th District Court Judge **J. D. Watkins** rendered this judgment in this case:

*By reason of the confession of Judgment of Defts. duly prayed in open court it is hereby ordered adjudged and decreed that there be judgment against **John T. Ward** & **E. H. Ward** in solido for the sum of Two hundred Dollars with 8% Int. from Jany 1st 1861 subject to a credit of forty Dollars Feby 11th 1861 and for costs of suit. Done, read, and signed in open Court on this Oct 1st 1866.*

***J. D. Watkin** Judge 11th Dist. La.*

4 Mar 1873

Apparently, despite the judgment she won against John T. Ward, E. H. Brigham had not yet recovered her money by this time. By her attorney John L. Barrett, she signed over her rights to this judgment to William P. Smith:

*For value rec'd. I hereby transfer this Judgment to **Wm. P. Smith** at the same time subrogating him to all the rights & privileges therein that I myself possess.*

Farmerville La March 4th 1873 ***E. H. Brigham** by **Jno. L. Barrett** Atty.*

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Elijah H. Ward, Administrator vs. John T. Ward
1872

This lawsuit shows that Jack Ward's continued financial problems affected his relationship with his older brother, Elijah Hubbard Ward, and others of his immediate family. Hub and Jack's brother-in-law, John R. Auld, died of pneumonia in May 1870, leaving their sister, Rachel Jane Ward Auld, two months pregnant. Rachel's baby, James David Auld was born in December 1870, and Rachel died either giving birth to him or shortly afterwards.

Elijah Hubbard Ward assumed the responsibility of administering Rachel's estate, which was deeply in debt. Jack assisted his brother with managing the estate, serving as Hub's security on his administrator's bond and as a part of several family meetings held to decide upon various matters relating to Rachel's orphaned children. Due to the financial condition of Rachel's estate, Hub Ward immediately requested that the court allow him to sell Rachel's personal property to pay her debts. The court authorized the sale, with all items to be sold for cash. Hub conducted the estate sale on 4 January 1871, and Jack Ward purchased around $130 worth of property, including a pine table and chairs, a wheel, 50 bushels of corn, five cattle and one calf. The court ordered that the sale be held for cash only, yet Jack could not pay cash for his purchases. Probably due to their relationship, Hub allowed his brother to take possession of the items without paying cash or giving his promissory note for the items. Jack did pay $19.05 of what he owed.

By signing his administrator's bond, Hubbard Ward had a legal obligation to collect all property and debts due to his sister's estate to properly protect the financial assets of Rachel's children. Were he not to collect on Jack's debt, Hubbard would forfeit his bond and be held financially accountable. Thus, when Jack failed to pay his debt, Hubbard filed suit with the Union Parish District Court against his brother, claiming that Jack Ward disposed of his property in an attempt to defraud his creditors. Actually, Jack had already disposed of his property between 1866 and 1868, selling a portion of his real estate to Hubbard himself! By 1868 Jack owned no property in his own name, for he had placed his farm in the name of his wife, Betsy. Jack had already disposed of his property in a successful attempt to defraud his creditors in January 1872 when Hub filed this suit. Thus, when the suit was filed, Jack had no property left to his name other than livestock.

Given these facts, which were obviously well known to Hubbard, this lawsuit appears to have been merely a legal means necessary to protect Hubbard's administrator's bond. Although we cannot know for certain, it does not appear that we should draw any rash conclusions regarding animosity between the Ward brothers based upon this lawsuit. In fact, later records suggest Hubbard continued to assist his financially troubled brother in the latter 1870s.

The materials below constitute Union Parish Civil Suit #383.

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13 Jan 1872

As administrator of the estate of his sister **Rachel Jane Ward Auld**, **Elijah Hubbard Ward** filed suit against their brother **John T. Ward**:

To the Honorable the Judge of the Parish Court of Union Parish Louisiana.

*The petition of **E. Hubbard Ward** a resident of the Parish and State above written respectfully shows that **John T. Ward** of the same residence is justly and legally indebted to petitioner for the use of the Estate of Rachel J. Auld decd. for this that about the first of Jan 1871 the said **Jno. T. Ward** purchased property at the succession sale of **R. J. Auld** Decd. To the amount of one hundred and eighty eight 70/100 Dollars which was a cash sale but the said **Jno. T. Ward** did not pay for the said property although the same was duly delivered to him at the time by petitioner who was & is the administrator of said Estate. It is alleged that said **Jno. T. Ward** afterwards gave his note for the said amount payable to said Estate without any date. Petitioner alleges that the said amount is still due & unpaid though amiable demand has been made in vain, except the sum of $19.05 which has been allowed as a credit on the said claim on the first of Jan 1871 or from its date. It is further alleged that this amount is due to petitioner as admin. and for the use of said Estate of **R. J. Auld** decd. Petitioner further alleges that the said **Jno. T. Ward** has disposed of his property or some part thereof or that he is about to dispose his property or some part thereof with the intent of defrauding his creditors or giving an unfair preference to some of them.*

*Wherefore petitioner prays that the said **Jno. T. Ward** be duly cited to answer hereto and upon a final trial that there be Judgment in favor of petitioner use of Estate of **R. J. Auld** decd. for the sum one hundred and sixty nine 65/100 Dollars with 8% Int. from Jan 1 1871 and for costs of suit. And further that an attachment issue from your honorable court directing the Sheriff of the Parish of Union to Seize and take unto his possession all the property or an amount sufficient thereof of said defendant to satisfy Plaintiffs demand and costs of suit. Plaintiff further prays for general relief &c.* ***Barrett & Trimble**, Attys. For Plf.*

On the same date his attorneys filed the suit, **Elijah Hubbard Ward** appeared in court and swore to the truth of the petition:

State of Louisiana
Parish of Union

*Before me the undersigned legal authority personally appeared **E. Hubbard Ward** who after being duly sworn says that he is the administrator of the Estate of **R. J. Aulds** decd. and that the sum of One Hundred and Sixty Nine 65/100 Dollars is due said Estate of **R. J. Aulds** by **John T. Ward** deft. as set forth in foregoing petition. And that the said **J. T. Ward** is about to mortgage, assign, or dispose of his property or some part thereof with intent to defraud his creditors or give an unfair preference to some of them or that he has converted or is about to convert his property*

into money or evidences of debt. with intent to place it beyond the reach of his creditors

E. H. Ward

Sworn & subscribed to before me this 13th day of Jan A.D. 1872. ***J. W. Reid*** *Clerk Dist. Court*

Elijah Hubbard Ward posts bond to secure his writ of attachment on the property of his brother, **John T. Ward**, in regard to John T. Ward's debt to the Estate of their sister **Rachel Jane Ward Auld**:

STATE OF LOUISIANA

$300.00 *ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT–Parish of Union.*

Know all men by these Presents, That We Elijah H. Ward *adm. Est.* ***J. R. Auld*** *as Principal, and* ***Jefferson B. Rossiter*** *as Security, are held and firmly bound unto* ***J. W. Reid*** *Clerk Dist Court in & for Union Parish La. and unto his successors in office in the just and full sum of Three hundred Dollars, to the payment whereof, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our Heirs and Assigns, and legal representatives, firmly by these Presents.*

Dated this the 13th day of January A.D. 1872.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That Whereas, the above bound ***Elisha*** [sic–Elijah] ***H. Ward*** *admr. Est.* ***J. R. Auld*** *this day sued out a writ of attachment against the property of* ***J. T. Ward*** *in the suit entitled* ***E. H. Ward*** *admr. vs.* ***J. T. Ward*** *in the Parish Court for the Parish of Union.*

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said ***E. H. Ward*** *adm. as Principal, shall well and truly pay all such damages as shall be decreed against him, in case it should be decided that this writ of attachment was wrongfully sued out or obtained; Then and in that case this obligation to be null and void, otherwise to be and remain in full force, according to law.*

E. H. Ward*, Adm.*

Acknowledged before me, this 13th day of Jany. A.D. 1872. ***J. B. Rossiter***

J. W. Reid*, Clerk D.C.*

In response to the above petition, Parish Judge T. B. Tompkins made this ruling:

By reason of the law pertaining to the case herein set forth and the plaintiff having made oath and given bond as required by law it is ordered that a writ of attachment do issue directed to the Sheriff of Union Parish authorizing and commanding him to attach and seize a sufficient amount of the property of Defendant to satisfy plaintiffs demand as herein set forth and costs, and the same safely kept till further order of this court.

Done & signed in chambers this the 13th Day of January 1872.

T. B. Tompkins*, Parish Judge*

Further court papers issued by the district court clerk on pre-printed forms:

TO THE SHERIFF OF THE PARISH OF UNION, GREETING:

Whereas, due, proof hath been made before the Honorable Parish Court in and for the Parish of Union by ***E. H. Ward*** *administrator of the Estate of* ***R. J. Auld*** *decd. that* ***J. T. Ward*** *is indebted to him as adm. In the sum of One hundred & Sixty nine & 65/100 dollars. And that the said* ***J. T.***

Ward *is disposing of or is about to dispose of his property or some portion thereof with intent to defraud his creditors or give an unfair preference to some of them.*

NOW THEREFORE, You are commanded to seize and take into your possession the goods and chattels, lands and tenements, rights and credits of the said ***J. T. Ward*** *if any you find in said Parish to the amount of what will suffice to discharge the said debt and costs of suit, and that you give notice of this proceeding by leaving a copy thereof at the last place of abode of the said Defendant if in your Parish; and causing a copy thereof to be affixed at the door of the Court-house of said Parish, and make return of this writ and endorse thereon the manner in which you have executed it before our Court on the Second Monday of March next.*

WITNESS the Honorable ***T. B. Tompkins*** *Judge of said Court, this the 13th day of January in the year our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ~~sixty~~ seventy two.*

J. W. Reid*, Clerk Dist Court.*

Subpoena issued by the Union Parish Court to John T. Ward ordering him to appear in court and answer the petition:

E. H. Ward*, admr.*	*PARISH COURT,*
vs.	*PARISH OF UNION,*
J. T. Ward	*STATE OF LOUISIANA,*

To ***J. T. Ward*** *of the Parish of Union. You are hereby summoned to attend at the Clerks Office in the town of Farmerville, and comply with the prayer of the annexed petition, or file your answer thereto in writing in the Parish Court in and for the Parish of Union La, within ten days after the service thereof.*

Witness, the Honorable ***T. B. Tompkins*** *Judge of the said Court, this 13 day of January A.D. 1872.* ***J. W. Reid****, Clerk District Court.*

15 Jan 1872

Union Parish Deputy Sheriff received the court order

Received in office January 15th 1872 and on the Same day and date I executed this within writ by Siezing [sic] *attaching and taking into my posesion* [sic] *the property Specified in the within invintory* [sic] *hereto annext* [sic] *and make a part of this return. I gave notice of these proceedings by Serving a certified copy of this writ of attachment on* ***J. T. Ward*** *personally at his domicil* [sic] *eight miles from office. Service & milage* [sic] *$4.10.*

J. M. Lupo*, Depy. Shff.*

Jan 1872

Union Parish Deputy Sheriff made an inventory of the property he seized belonging to John T. Ward. Unfortunately, my only photocopy of this record is poor and only partially readable. I have retained all of Deputy Sheriff J. M. Lupo's original archaic spellings.

E. H. Ward*, admr.*	*State of Louisiana*
vs. No. 388	*Parish of Union*
J. T. Ward	*Paris*[h] *Court.*

Invintory and appraisment [of] *property attached by me in the* [above] *entitled Sute* [sic] *issued out of the aforesaid Court to wit:*

Four head of horses....$200
Yook of Oxens 80
One Wagon 40
$320

Which I apprais [sic] *to be worth in* [value that I] *Sit opposite each article above… agreeable to my knowledgable* [sic] *officially…valuation of the same.*

This done and signed in presence of… lawful witnesses on this the ___ January 1872.

J. M. Lupo

Attest: ***_____ Barrett, John M. Lee Sr.*** *Depy. Shff.*

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David Redden vs. **Elijah H. Ward & John T. Ward**
1879

The only paper remaining in this file today gives the final court judgment. Thus, we have no precise idea as to why Redden sued the Ward brothers. However, given that Elijah Hubbard Ward had no apparent financial problems during his lifetime, it appears that he became involved in yet another attempt to assist his financially struggling younger brother, Jack.

The only record in this file is an April 1879 judgment by E. J. Armstrong, a Justice of the Peace for Ward Two. This suggests that this was the judgment was issued by the Ward Two Justice Court, not the parish court.

This case is Union Parish Civil Suit #5005-C, with the final judgment recorded in Mortgage Book E, pp. 233–234.

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25 April 1879

Justice of the Peace **E. J. Armstrong** issued his ruling in the case on this day:

Dave Redden
vs.
E. H. *&* ***J. T. Ward***

By reason of the Law and evidence being in favor of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause it is ordered adjudged and decreed that the said plaintiff ***Dave Redden*** *do have and recover of the defendants* ***E. H.*** *&* ***J. T. Ward*** *the sum of twenty nine dollars and 38 cents with eight per cent interest per annum until paid with cost of suit.*

This done and signed on this the 25 day of April AD 1879.

E. J. Armstrong*, J.P. Ward Two*

A True and correct Record May 24th A.D. 1879. ***W. C. Smith*** *Recorder*

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Annis Sawyer Goyne Ward vs. John M. Ward
1889

This suit involves the widow and son of Elijah Hubbard Ward, an apparent *"family squabble"* between a stepmother and her deceased husband's son by his first wife. In this suit, Annis Sawyer Goyne Ward sues her stepson, John Martin Ward.

The original suit papers transcribed here come from Union Parish Louisiana Civil Suit #3507.

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26 Nov 1889

Annis Ward, widow of **Elijah Hubbard Ward**, files this petition with the Union Parish court against her stepson, **John Martin Ward**:

To the Hon. The Judge of the 3rd Dist. Court holding session in and for the Parish of Union La. The petition of ***Annis Ward*** *a feme sole and a resident of Union Parish La with respect would represent unto your Hon. Court that* ***John M. Ward*** *also a resident of your said Parish & State, is justly and legally indebted unto petitioner in the just & full sum of One Hundred and Sixty Five Dollars with 5% inst. From September the 25th 1887. Said indebtedness is for the price of One Gin Stand and one Cotton press which Deft. Bought from Pltff. in Sept. 1887. That there was no price then agreed on but Deft. told Pltff. that he would pay her what was right. She avers that said Gin stand and press was well worth the sum as alleged above, and that Deft. has never paid her anything for it, and that it is post due and unpaid. She avers that on the 15th day of March 1887 petitioners husband who is now deceased passed an act of restitution which is duly recorded on page 59 in Book "W" of the records of Union Parish La. And in said act her husband* ***E. H. Ward*** *now deceased, transferred to her One Hundred and Sixty four acres of land in Union Parish as is described in said act, with all the improvements and appurtenances situated thereon, and the Gin house Gin Stand & press was thereon situated and turned over to petitioner which she accepted.*

Wherefore Petitioner prays that the said ***John M. Ward*** *be duly cited to answer hereto and have service hereof as the law requires, and upon a trial of this case, she have judgment against Deft. For the sum of One Hundred and Sixty Five Dollars with 5% inst. from September 25th 1887.*

She prays for cost and for general relief & etc.

Everett *&* ***Thomas****, Attys for Petitioner*

Service of this petition accepted and citation waived on this the ____ day of Nov. 1889.

The person who wrote the above petition appears to have also wrote the waiver of service at the bottom. However, the waiver was neither completed nor signed by John M. Ward. Instead, the court delivered the following summons to Ward to the sheriff's office, instructing the sheriff or one of his deputies to serve the petition:

Annis Ward — *Third Judicial District Court*
vs. No. 3507 — *PARISH OF UNION*
John M. Ward — *STATE OF LOUISIANA*

*To **John M. Ward** of the Parish of Union:*

You are hereby summoned to attend at the Clerk's Office, in the town of Farmerville, Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, and comply with the prayer of the annexed petition, or file your answer thereto, in writing, in the Third Judicial District Court, in and for the parish of Union, La., within Eleven (11) days after service thereof.

*Witness, the Honorable **Allen Barksdale** Judge of the said Court, this 20th day of November A. D. 1889.* ***Jas. M. Smith**, Clerk District Court*

11 Dec 1889

On this day, Union Parish Deputy Sheriff **J. C. Montgomery** made this return to the court about his service of the summons:

*Received in office on the 26th day of November AD 1889 and on the same day & date I made service of a certified copy of this citation together with a certified copy of petition on **Jno. M. Ward** by handing them to him in person in town of Farmerville Union Parish La.*

J. C. Montgomery
To service of cit & Pet $2.00 *Dy. Sheriff*

20 Feb 1890

Acting on the motion of **Annis Ward's** legal representation, the court dismissed the case:

Annis Ward — *3rd Judicial District Court*
vs. No. 3507 — *Parish of Union*
John M. Ward — *State of La.*

In this case by reason of motion of Plff's counsel made in open court & the law justifying the same it is ordered that this case be dismissed at Plaintiff's cost. Thus done, read & signed in open court on this the 20th day of February A.D. 1890.

***Allen Barksdale**, Judge 3rd Dist of La.*

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Notes

Elijah Hubbard Ward Biography

1. Wards Chapel Cemetery (Farmerville, Union Parish LA), tombstones of *"Elijah H. Ward"* (13 Jul 1830–7 Aug 1887), *"David Ward"* (1806–4 May 1882), and *"Cynthia Seale Ward"* (1812–27 Mar 1857). David Ward Family Bible, p. 3 (Births), *"Eligea H. Ward was Born in the year 1830th 13 day of July in the year of our Lord,"* copies in the collection of the author. Union Parish LA Conveyance Record M, pp. 71–72: Elijah H. Ward, John T. Ward, and David Ward, as *"the legally appointed Tutor for William H. Ward"* appointed Thomas J. Seale as *"…their lawful agent and attorney in fact for them and in their name,"* 21 December 1867. The purpose was for Seale to demand and receive money due them
   "…in their right as heirs of Cynthia Seale decd. late the wife of the said David Ward…who was a daughter and one of the heirs of James Seale decd., late of Butler County Alabama…"
   "The Gazette" (Farmerville, LA), 12 October 1939, p. 1, column 2: *"David Ward Deeds 40 Acres of Land For Church in 1831."* The newspaper article identifies *"E. H. Ward"* as the son of David Ward. For additional details, see the David Ward & Cynthia Seale Biography.
2. David Ward Family Bible, p. 1 (Deaths), *"Elisha Ward Snr. Departed this life on 5th day of Aug A.D. 1838."* Elisha Ward Jr. & Elizabeth Meeks Family Bible, p. 1 (Births):
   - *"Elisha Ward was born the 21st day of Feby 1773"*
   - *"Jane W. Neeland was bor* [sic] *the born the 15th of October AD 1784"*

   Union Parish LA Conveyance Record M, pp. 71–72: Elijah H. Ward, John T. Ward, and David Ward, as *"the legally appointed Tutor for William H. Ward"* gave their power of attorney to Thomas J. Seale, 21 December 1867. Fairfield District SC Deed Book Z, pp. 570–572: Jesse Havis to Elijah Seale, 26 October 1802; witnesses: *"James Seal," "Rachel Seal"*). Fairfield District SC Deed Book U, pp. 16–18: James Seale and *"Rachel Seale the wife of the within named James Seal"* to William Wilson Jr., 9 Jan 1809; Rachel Seale appeared in court to release her dower rights on 9 January 1811. As quoted above, the 1867 document states that Cynthia was the mother of Elijah H. Ward, wife of David Ward, and daughter of James Seale.
3. Union Parish LA Marriage Book 1 (1850–1852), p. 121 (Elijah H. Ward to *"Pamela L. Lee,"* 5 February 1852. Martin Batte Lee family records (the Lee *"slat-book"*). Wards Chapel Cemetery (Farmerville, Union Parish LA), tombstone of *"Permelia Lavincy Lee…Wife of E. H. Ward"* (6 Jan 1834–29 Dec 1869). Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery (Farmerville, Union Parish LA), tombstones of *"Levincy Consort of M. B. Lee"* (15 Mar 1800–12 Jun 1864) and *"Martin B. Lee"* (22 Apr 1798–28 Mar 1884). 1850 Union Parish LA Federal Census, p. 358a, Dwelling #127, lines:
   #20: Martin B. Lee (age: 52; Farmer; born: *"N.C."*).
   #21: *"Louisa Lee"* [sic] (age: 50; born: *"N.C."*) [this is a mistake by the enumerator; other records verify that her name was *"Levincy Albritton"* prior to her marriage].
   #22: Permelia Lee (age: 16; born: *"Ala"*).

   The Martin B. Lee slat-book, a family record for the family maintained by Lee's granddaughter, also has dates of birth and death for Martin B. Lee, Levincy Lee, and Permelia Lavincy Lee.
4. 1860 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Agricultural Schedule, p. 21–22; LDS Film #7857192, Images #473–474: #7: E. H. Ward. The 1860 census marshal for Union Parish did not bother to complete much of the agricultural schedule. It is probably that Ward raised cotton, given that he had 50 acres of improved land and only 200 bushels of sweet potatoes.
5. Compiled Military Service Record, Elijah H. Ward (2nd Jr. Lieutenant), Go. G, 31st Louisiana Infantry (Confederate). Adkins, Kevin Wayne. *"Humiliation and Redemption: The 31st Louisiana Infantry Regiment During the American Civil War."* Master's thesis, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA, 2017. Bergeron, Arthur W. *Guide to Louisiana Confederate Military Units, 1861–1865.* Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1989, pp. 142–144.
6. 1867–1871 Union Parish LA Tax Assessment Rolls Louisiana State Archives and Records, Baton Rouge, LA
7. Union Parish LA Conveyance Record M, pp. 119–120: David Ward to Elijah Hubbard Ward, 16 March 1868. The elder Ward sold his son 520 acres of land located in Sections 13, 23, and 24, Township 21 North, Range 1 East.
8. 1870 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Mortality Schedule, Ward No. 1, p. 361, Dwelling #333 lines:
   #27, Dwelling #341, Parmelia L. Ward.
9. Union Parish LA Marriage Book L/4 (1869–1871), p. 159: Elijah H. Ward to Mrs. Annis Goyne, bond dated 4 March 1870. Union Parish LA Conveyance Record W, pp. 59–60: Elijah H. Ward restitution to *"Mrs. Annis Ward,"* 15 March 1887. Ward stated *"…that he intermarried with his said wife Mrs. Annis Ward on the Tenth day of February A.D. 1870…"* It seems unlikely that they married on 10 February 1870 given that their marriage bond was dated March 4th. Although it is impossible to know for certain, it seems more likely that Ward gave the wrong month of their marriage, with it actually occurring on 10 March 1870.
10. 1870 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward No. 1, P.O. Farmerville, p. 22b/50: Dwelling #333, lines:
    #1: Elijah H. Ward – age: 39; Farmer.
    #2: Anice Ward – age: 41; House Keeper.

11. 1870 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Agricultural Schedule, Ward No. 1, P. O. Farmerville, p. 15; LDS Film #7857194, Image #568: #39: Elijah A. Ward [sic].
12. 1880 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward One, ED #84, p. 407a/36, line #15: Elijah H. Ward. 1880 Union Parish LA Federal Census Agricultural Schedule, Ward 1, ED#84, p. 19; LDS Film #8931506, Image #49: #10: *"Hub Ward."*
13. *"New Orleans Republican"* (New Orleans, LA), 23 December 1874, p. 3, columns 1–2: *"Official: Compiled Returns of an Election held in the parish of Union, State of Louisiana, on the second day of November, A.D. 1874."*
14. Union Parish LA Book of Oaths:
    p. 46: E. H. Ward, Deputy Surveyor, 2 February 1875.
    p. 61: E. H. Ward, Justice of the Peace, 3 January 1876.
15. *"New Orleans Republican,"* 15 December 1876, p. 3, columns 4–5: *"Official. Parish of Union."* *"The New Orleans Daily Democrat"* (New Orleans, LA), 2 February 1877, p. 3, column 6: *"Official. Parish of Union."*
16. *"The New Orleans Daily Democrat,"* 7 December 1878, p. 6, columns 1–2: *"Official. Election Returns of the Parish of Union."*
17. Union Parish LA Book of Oaths:
    p. 110: E. H. Ward, Ward 1 Police Juror, 6 January 1879.
    p. 150: Elijah H. Ward, Deputy Assessor, 2 July 1880.
18. *"The New Orleans Democrat"* (New Orleans, LA), 22 June 1880, p. 2, column 4: *"Appointment."* *"The New-Orleans Times"* (New Orleans), 22 June 1880, p. 7, column 5: *"Executive Appointments."* Union Parish LA Book of Oaths, p. 152; Elijah H. Ward, Parish Surveyor, 10 August 1880.
19. *"The Times-Democrat"* (New Orleans, LA), 13 January 1882, p. 5, column 5: *"Parish of Union."* *"The Gazette,"* 2 July 1884 (p. 1, column 1: *"Parish Officers…Elijah Hubbard Ward…Surveyor…"*); 3 March 1886 (p. 1, column 1: *"Parish Officers…Elijah H. Ward…Surveyor"*); 23 February 1887 (p. 1, column 1: *"Parish Officers…Elijah H. Ward…Surveyor"*). *"The Home Advocate"* (Farmerville, LA), 27 February 1885, p. 1, column 1: *"Parish Officers…Elijah Hubbard Ward…Surveyor"*).
20. *"The Home Advocate,"* 12 June 1885, p. 3, column 1.
21. *"The New Orleans Daily Democrat"* (New Orleans, LA), 12 April 1880, p. 8, column 3. *"The Donaldsonville Chief,"* 17 April 1880, p. 1, column 7. 1870 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward No. 1, P.O. Farmerville, p. 5b/17, Dwelling #101, lines:
    #15: *"Solomon Raby"* – age: 61; black; Farm Labor; born: North Carolina.
    #16: *"Rose Raby"* – age: 55; black; House Keeper; born: South Carolina.
    1880 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward One, p. 406b/35, ED #84, lines:
    #24: *"Solomon Raner"* – age: 77; black; Farmer; born: North Carolina.
    #25: *"Rose Raner"* – age: 69; black; House Keeper; born: Georgia.
    These records spell Solomon's surname in a variety of ways, including Raines, Raby, and Raner. The actual surname may be *"Raney,"* one commonly found in Union Parish in the 1840–1870 period.
22. *"The Lake Charles Echo"* (Lake Charles, LA), 16 September 1882, p. 1, column 6: *"A Distressing Suicide."* Elijah Martin Auld, known as *"Dick,"* was the son of Ward's first cousin, John Jordan Auld Sr. and Louisa Ann Lee, who was the sister of Ward's first wife, Permelia Lavincy Lee.
23. 1880 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward One, p. 407a/36, ED #84, lines:
    #15: Elijah H. Ward – age: 49; occupation: Farmer.
    #24: Joseph White – age: 46; black; occupation: cropper.
    #25: Arena White – age: 26; black; Wife; occupation: *"F. Labor."*
    #26: Jeff White – age: 10; black; son.
    "The Daily Picayune" (New Orleans, LA), p. 2, column 1: *"Murder in Union Parish."*
24. *"The Times-Democrat,"* 7 January 1884, p. 2, column 5: *"Louisiana."* *"Nashville Banner"* (Nashville, TN), 9 January 1884, p. 2, column 4: *"Louisiana."*
25. *"The Southern Sentinel"* (Winnfield, LA), 1 May 1885, p. 1, column 6.
26. Union Parish LA Succession Book H-1, pp. 373–380; Succession Book K, pp. 112–116, 512–516: Succession of Derril B. Carter, filed 8 September 1852.
27. Union Parish LA Succession Book G, pp. 441–449; Book H, p. 304; Book A-3 pp. 171–172: Succession of George W. Solomon, filed 11 November 1870.
28. Union Parish LA Succession Book G, pp. 287–301 and Succession Book A-1, pp. 48–50: Succession of Rachel Jane Auld, filed 12 December 1870.
29. Union Parish LA Succession Book X, pp. 295–311: Succession of David Ward, filed 13 May 1882.
30. *"The Home Advocate,"* 27 November 1885, p. 3, column 2. 1880 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward One, ED #84, p. 403b/29, line #10: *"Westley Miller"* – age: 30; black male; married; occupation: *"cropper."*
31. Union Parish LA Succession Book X, pp. 308–311: *"Final account of E. H. Ward Administrator,"* filed 7 July 1886.

32. Union Parish LA Conveyance Record W, pp. 252–253: Eiljah Hubbard Ward to John Martin Ward, 1 December 1886.
33. Union Parish LA Conveyance Record W, pp. 49–50: Elijah H. Ward title correction for land sold to V. M. Ford, 14 December 1886.
34. Union Parish LA Conveyance Record W, pp. 56–57: Elijah H. Ward land exchange with Matthew A. Scarborough, 10 January 1887.
35. Union Parish LA Succession Book A-3, p. 306: Emancipation of H. Wesley Ward, filed 24 February 1887.
36. Union Parish LA Conveyance Record W, both transactions made 15 March 1887:
    pp. 57–59: Elijah H. Ward to his children by his first wife, Permelia Lavincy Ward.
    pp. 59–60: Elijah H. Ward restitution to his wife, Annis Ward.

Children of Elijah Hubbard Ward

1. Union Parish LA Conveyance Record W, pp. 57–59: Elijah H. Ward to H. Hubbard Ward, John M. Ward, Permelia L. Ward Nolan, Lee Andrew Ward, and Henry W. Ward, *"the aforesaid heirs children of my pre deceased wife Permelia L. Ward,"* 15 March 1887. Elijah H. Ward's household on the 1870 federal census and this deed document the children of Permelia Lavincy Lee Ward who survived to adulthood. The only known child who died young was David Allen Ward (23 Sep 1861–25 Oct 1862), buried in the Wards Chapel Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

Hillory Hubbard Ward

1. Ward's Chapel Cemetery (Farmerville, Union Parish LA), tombstone of *"Rev. H. H. Ward"* (13 May 1853–17 May 1937). Louisiana Death Certificate #12457, 1937, Hillery [H]. Ward, Antioch Community, Union Parish. Ward's death certificate lists his father as *"E. H. Ward,"* his mother as *"Lee,"* and states that he died of *"angina pectoris"* and *"indigestion."*
2. Union Parish LA Civil Suits #2369, 2444 (Elizabeth F. & T. N. Bailey vs. David Ward, 1878–1880). Louisiana Supreme Court Case #987 (T. N. Bailey vs. David Ward, 1879). The Union Parish District Court issued a summons to Hillory H. Ward to testify in case #2369 on 8 August 1878. On 23 April 1879, after the District Court ruled against him, David Ward filed his intention to appeal to the Louisiana Supreme Court, and Hillory H. Ward signed as security on his grandfather's bond. Hillory H. Ward testified in the third District Court trial on 5–6 May 1881, describing the improvements he helped his grandfather make when he lived with him in 1867–1868.
3. *"The Gazette,"* 18 May 1932, p. 1, column 5: *"H. H. Ward Celebrates His 79th Birthday Friday."* The article states, *"Brother Ward has lived his long…life in the same community in which he was born, living now on the forty acres of land adjoining that on which he was born seventy-nine years ago."*
4. *"The Gazette,"* 17 May 1933, p. 1, column 5 (*"Rev. H. H. Ward Celebrates 80th Birthday"*) and 19 May 1937 (p. 1, column 6: *"'Uncle Hilliary' Ward Succumbs to Short Illness"*). The 1933 birthday notice stated about Rev. Ward: *"He delivered his first sermon at old Shady Grove church near his home fifty-five years ago…,"* which would have been in 1878. The 1937 obituary of Rev. Hillory H. Ward described him as a *"veteran Baptist minister…who had preached the Gospel for fifty-eight years…"* This places him beginning to preach in 1878 when he would have been twenty-five years old.
5. *"Lake Charles Echo"* (Lake Charles, LA), 11 December 1886, p. 1, column 8. The article quoted from Farmerville's *"The Gazette:"*
    > *Farmerville Gazette: Rev. H. H. Ward recently performed the marriage ceremony for a widow, not yet 21 years of age, for whom he has officiated in the same capacity twice before within three years. This is three marriages performed within three years. If the last one don't stick, she sticks to Mr. Ward. Her maiden name was Phillips.*
6. *"The Gazette,"* 14 September 1904, p. 3, column 2.
7. *"The Gazette,"* 16 May 1934, p. 1, column 3: *"Antioch."*
8. Union County AR Marriage Book C (1866–1875), p. 343: *"H. H. Ward"* to *"Mollie Ratliff,"* 23 December 1872. They were married by Baptist minister John P. Everett.
9. Union Parish LA Succession Book A-3 (1839–1900), pp. 3–4: Tutorship of minor heirs of John Rabun and of Mary Ann *"Ratcliff,"* filed 12 February 1864 by Catherine Rabun. Catherine petitioned the Court for guardianship of her own children, *"the issue of the marriage of petitioner with John Rabun her late husband who is now dead,"* and that *"Mary Ann Ratcliff is the grand daughter of petitioner and that the father and mother of the said Mary Ann Ratcliff are both dead."*
10. Ward's Chapel Cemetery (Farmerville, Union Parish LA), tombstones of *"Rev. H. H. Ward"* (13 May 1853–17 May 1937), *"Mary A., Wife of Rev. H. H. Ward"* (22 Sep 1855–23 Mar 1879), and *"Mary Abner, wife of Rev. H. H. Ward"* (14 Apr 1853–22 Dec 1912). Lincoln Parish LA Marriage Book B (1877–1885), p. 224 (H. H. Ward to *"Mary A. Calaway,"* 11 December 1881).

11. *"The Gazette,"* 2 September 1896 (p. 2, columns 3–4: *"Democratic Parish Convention"*); January 20 (p. 1, column 1) and 27 (p. 1, column 1), 1897. The paper failed to print the results of the November 1896 election, but Ward assumed his duties as parish surveyor between January 20th, when the newspaper listed J. M. Cooper as the parish surveyor, and the 27th, when it listed Ward as surveyor.
12. *"The Gazette,"* June 27 (p. 3, column 2), and October 10 (p. 3, column 3) and 17 (p. 3, column 3), 1900; 7 September 1904 (p. 2, column 1); February 8 (p. 1, column 1) and August 16 (p. 1, column 1), 1905. Although the newspaper did not publish the results of the November 1904 election, the lists of parish officers for 1905 show that H. H. Ward continued to serve as parish surveyor.
13. *"The Gazette,"* April 12 (p. 3, column 5), and June 14 (p. 3, column 2) and 21 (p. 3, column 1), 1905.
14. *"The Gazette,"* August 14 (p. 3, column 5) and October 9 (p. 2, column 1), 1907; 29 January 1908 (p. 2, columns 3–4).
15. *"The Gazette,"* 16 October 1912, p. 4, column 1: *"List of Commissioners and Clerks to serve at the General Election on Nov. 5, 1912."*
16. *"The Gazette,"* 13 December 1911, p. 5, column 2.
17. *"The Gazette,"* 19 May 1937, p. 1, column 6: *"'Uncle Hilliary' Ward Succumbs to Short Illness."*
18. 1880 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward One, ED #84, p. 402b/27, lines:
    #3: Dudley W. Dawson – age: 40; Farmer.
    #4: Permliel M. Dawson – age: 36; wife; *"House Keeper."*
    #12: Katie Rabun – age: 61; mother in law.
    #15: Lena Ward – age: 7; niece; at school.
19. *"The Gazette,"* 31 October 1900, p. 3, column 3.
20. *"The Gazette,"* 7 July 1904, p. 3, column 1.
21. *"The Gazette,"* 14 September 1967, p. 1, column 5: *"Obituaries: Edgar Lee Ward."*
22. *"The Gazette,"* 23 July 1913, p. 5, column 4: *"Mr. Wess Ward and Miss Venie Pardue Wedded."*
23. *"The Gazette,"* 25 Mar 1948, p. 1, column 3: *"Funeral Rites for H. Wesley Ward Held Yesterday."*

John Martin Ward

1. Ward's Chapel Cemetery (Farmerville, Union Parish LA), tombstone of *"J. M. Ward"* (22 Jan 1855–17 Nov 1905). 1870 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward No. 1, P. O. Farmerville, p. 22a/50, Dwelling #333, lines:
    #1: Elijah H. Ward – age: 39; Farmer.
    #2: Anice Ward – age: 41; House Keeper.
    #4: Martin Ward – age: 16; Farm Labor.
2. 1900 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward 1, Precinct 2, ED #116, p. 22b/4, Dwelling #67, line #68: John M. Ward – born: Jan 1855; age: 44; married 25 years; occupation: Farmer. Union Parish marriage records for the period 1874–1880 are missing.
3. Ward's Chapel Cemetery (Farmerville, Union Parish LA), tombstone of *"Bettie J., Wife of J. M. Ward"* (9 Oct 1856–2 Jul 1937). *"The Gazette,"* 7 July 1937, p. 4, column 5. Louisiana Death Certificate #15365, 1937, Mrs. Bettie Ward, Union Parish. Bettie Meeks Ward's death certificate lists her death as occurring on July 9th, whereas her tombstone and newspaper obituary lists it occurring on July 2nd. Her physician stated that he attended her from July 5th through the 9th, and that she died at 2:30 a.m. on the 9th, with burial on July 10th. Her obituary appeared on July 7th, and it stated that she died on Friday, July 2nd, at 11:00 p.m., with burial on July 3rd. It seems odd that her death certificate would be signed incorrectly in multiple places, but clearly her obituary and notice of burial could not possibly have been published in the newspaper before it occurred. She must have indeed died on July 2, was buried on July 3, and the death certificate dated incorrectly by the physician.
4. 1860 Union County AR Federal Census, Johnson Township, P.O. Hillsboro, p. 237/27, Dwelling #171, lines:
    #15: Mark Meek – age: 38; Farmer; birthplace: Alabama.
    #16: Caroline Meek – age: 24; birthplace: Georgia.
    #19: Elizabeth Meek – age: 3; birthplace: Arkansas.
    1870 Union County AR Federal Census, Johnson Township, P.O. Hillsboro, p. 567a/26, Dwelling #197, lines:
    #1: Caroline Meeks – age: 37; Farmer
    #4: Elizabeth J. Meeks – age: 13, At home.
    Louisiana Confederate Pension Application #743/1799; LDS Film #4120855, Images #209–214: Caroline Meeks, widow of Mark Meeks, filed 21 February 1899. Bettie Ward's death certificate lists her mother as *"Caroline Adams Meeks."* The pension application includes an affidavit in which Bettie Ward states that she is the daughter of Caroline Meeks.
5. 1880 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward One, ED #84, p. 402b/27, line #46: John M. Ward. *"The Gazette,"* 14 March 1888, p. 3, column 1.
6. For a complete description of these events, see the article: Union Parish Family Feud.

7. *"The Times-Democrat"* June 1 (p. 1, column 7) and August 3 (p. 6, column 3), 1891. *"The Guardian-Journal"* (Homer, LA), 5 August 1891, p. 3, column 4. *"The Weekly Times-Democrat,"* 7 August 1891, p. 10, column 5. *"The Meridional,"* 13 June 1891, p. 2, column 1. *"The Daily Picayune,"* 15 June 1891, p. 1, column 4. Union Parish LA District Court Minutes, Book February 1891–August 1892, pp. 503, 525, 549, 578, 589, 599–601, 613–615. Case #1695, State of Louisiana vs. James McGough, James Dawson, Lawrence McGough, William J. Roan and James Auld, *"shooting with intent to murder while lying in wait,"* indicted 10 August 1891. Bond of $2500 on August 14th. The charge against Auld was dropped on October 12th. Jury trial on 4 February 1892, with defendants' counsel of Everett, Thomas, and G. H. Ellis. Verdict of not guilty reached February 6th, and all defendants released. Case #1711, State of Louisiana vs. James Aulds, James McGough, and James Dawson, *"Tresspassing."* Charges dropped against Auld on 12 October 1891. James McGough and James Dawson pled guilty on that date, sentenced to a fine of $12 each plus costs, or 45 days in jail. Case #1718, State of Louisiana vs. S. L. Joiner, *"manslaughter."* Indicted 13 August 1891, bond of $2000. Trial and verdict of not guilty on 8 February 1892.
8. *"The Herald"* (Shreveport, LA), December 10 (p. 1, column 4: *"A Timber War"*) and 17 (p. 3, column 1: *"Monroe's Timber War"*), 1896. *"The Shreveport Times,"* December 10 (p. 2, column 2: *"Called With Guns"*), 12 (p. 2, column 1: *"From Over the State"*), and 17 (p. 2, column 3: *"Back to the Old Home"*), 1896. *"The Gazette,"* December 16 (p. 3, column 2) and 23 (p. 3, column 3), 1896.
9. *"The Gazette,"* 14 December 1898 p. 3, column 4.
10. *"The Gazette,"* 20 August 1902, p. 3, column 2.
11. Although there are no missing issues of Farmerville's newspaper during the months surrounding John M. Ward's death, the papers contain no notice of his death. It must have been unexpected, for he made a real estate transaction with his brother, Leander, just a few weeks prior to his death.
12. John Peyton Roan is easily confused with his cousin, John Pinckney Roan (21 Jan 1861–8 Mar 1923). The son of Elijah E. Roan, John Pinkney Roan married on 11 August 1881 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Mary Elizabeth Heath. They are buried in the Calhoun Cemetery in Calhoun, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.
13. *"The Gazette,"* 5 November 1919, p. 7, column 3: *"In Memory."* The notice of John Emmette Ward's death was written by his cousin, Myrtle Roan. She stated that he died on Monday morning, 27 October 1919. This means that his tombstone was inscribed incorrectly, as it gives his death on October 23rd, which was a Thursday, not Monday.
14. *"The Gazette,"* 29 October 1942, p. 1, column 7: *"Last Rites for Emmett L. Ward Held Tuesday."*
15. *"The Gazette,"* 12 April 1916, p. 4, column 5: *"HOPEWELL NEWS."*

Martha Jane Ward Meeks

1. 1860 Union Parish LA Federal Census, P.O. Farmerville, p. 631/126, Dwelling #807: E. H. Ward. 1870 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward No. 1, P.O. Farmerville, p. 22b/50, Dwelling #333: Elijah H. Ward. Martha J. Ward was listed as a three-year old girl in Permelia Lavincy Lee Ward's household in 1860 and twelve years old in 1870. Her precise dates of birth and death come from Ward Family records, as does the information about her approximate marriage date to John S. Meeks. He was a brother of Elizabeth Jane Meeks Ward, wife of Martha's brother, John Martin Ward.
2. Union Parish LA Conveyance Record Q, p. 351: John S. Meeks to E. H. Ward, 21 September 1877.

Permelia Lavincy Ward Nolan

1. Permelia's precise date of birth comes from family records, although the federal census enumerations of her father's households in 1860 and 1870, and her own households in 1880 and 1900, support this date of birth. See these Union Parish, Louisiana federal census enumerations:
   1860, P.O. Farmerville, p. 631/126, Dwelling #807, lines:
   #1: E. H. Ward – age: 30; gender: male; Farmer.
   #2: E. P. Ward – age: 26; gender: female; *"House Keeper."*
   #6: P. J. Ward – age: 6 months; gender: female.
   1870, Ward No. 1, P.O. Farmerville, p. 22b/50, Dwelling #333, lines:
   #1: Elijah H. Ward – age: 39; Farmer.
   #6: Parmelia Ward – age: 10
   1880, Ward One, ED #84, p. 406b/35, lines
   #28: Joseph C. Nolan – age: 28; Farmer.
   #29: *"Louisa P. Nolan"* – age: 19/20; wife; House Keeper.
   1900, Ward 1, Precinct 2, ED #116, p. 23a/5, Dwelling #77, lines:
   #32: Joe Nolan – born: Apr 1847; age: 53; married: 23 years; Farmer.
   #33: Permelia Nolan – born: May 1860; age: 40; wife; married 22 years; 11 children, 9 living.
2. Union Parish LA Conveyance Book W, pp. 57–59: Elijah H. Ward to the heirs of Permelia Levincy Ward, deceased, including *"Permelia L. Ward (now Nolan),"* 15 March 1887.

3. 1860 Union Parish LA Federal Census, P.O. Farmerville, p. 626/121, Dwelling #775: D. Nolen. Louisiana Death Certificate #14532, 1920, Joseph Nolan, Union Parish. Macon County AL Marriage Book 1842–1850, p. 64 (*"David Nolen"* to *"Catherine Wellington,"* 29 December 1845). The marriage record of Joseph's parents lists his mother as *"Catherine Wellington,"* but Nolan family records insist this is a mistake, with her actual maiden name being *"Worthington."* Joseph's death certificate lists his father as *"David Nolan,"* but his mother was listed as *"unknown."*
4. *"The Gazette,"* 13 February 1901, p. 3, column 2.
5. At her death, Permelia's grave was apparently marked by a wooden or non-descript marker, as she had no legible dates when the Antioch Cemetery east of Farmerville was surveyed by William C. Nolan on 28 February 1976. In his cemetery books, William C. Nolan gave Joseph C. Nolan's date of birth as 4 March 1850, but his tombstone does not include his date of birth. It is unclear where the late Mr. Nolan obtained this date. It may have come from Nolan family records.
6. *"The Bastrop Clarion"* (Bastrop, LA), 20 April 1963, p. 1, column 3: *"Mrs. Ava Slack Succumbs Friday, Funeral Sunday." "Monroe Morning World"* (Monroe, LA), 21 April 1963, p. 10, column 5. The Bastrop obituary identified her as *"Mrs. Ava Nolan Slack, 81, of Jones,"* adding that she *"was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nolan of Union Parish."* The Monroe obituary identified her as *"Mrs. Aver Slack, 70, of Jones."*
7. Bonita Cemetery (Bonita, Morehouse Parish LA), tombstone of *"Aver Slack"* (22 Dec 1875–19 Apr 1963) and *"W. T. Slack"* (16 Dec 1881–8 Apr 1934). Aver's tombstone in the Bonita Cemetery is inscribed with the incorrect year of birth. The 1900–1950 federal census records place her birth about 1887, with the 1900 census giving it in May 1887. Her Monroe obituary and Louisiana death certificate both document her death on 19 April 1963 at the age of seventy, which is too young. Her Bastrop obituary claims that she died at the age of eighty-one, which is too early. Based upon the census records, it appears that she was born about 1887.
8. The 1900 and 1910 census records place her birth in 1896, but her tombstone was incorrectly inscribed with 1892 as her years of birth. Like her youngest sister, she may have decided as an adult to portray herself older than year chronological age. It appears that she may have wanted to push her age closer to her husband's age.
9. *"The Gazette,"* 19 August 1971, p. 2, column 4: *"Mrs. Golden Meeks Celebrates 78th Birthday." "News-Star-World"* (Monroe, LA), 11 June 1982, p. 17, columns 1–2: *"Mrs. Golden N. Meeks."*
10. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918, Union Parish, Louisiana; LDS Film #5152083, Image #2688: Name: *"Joe Eddie Patrick;"* age: 24 years; birthplace: Marion, La.; date of birth: *"Jan 23 1893;"* occupation: *"Farm Laborer."*

David Allen Ward

1. Ward's Chapel Cemetery (Farmerville, Union Parish LA), tombstone of *"David Allen…Son of Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Ward"* (23 Sep 1861–25 Oct 1862).

Lee Andrew Ward

1. Farmerville Cemetery (Farmerville, Union Parish LA), tombstones of *"Lee Andrew Ward"* (16 Feb 1866–5 Mar 1960) and *"Fannie Wincie Ward"* (24 Mar 1857–18 Jan 1931). Louisiana Death Certificate #1297, 1931, *"Fannie Roy Ward,"* Union Parish. Union Parish LA Marriage Book 8 (1889–1894), p. 62: Lee Andrew Ward to Fannie Roye, 3 April 1889. *"The Gazette,"* 21 January 1931, p. 1, column 7: *"Mrs. L. A. Ward."* Fannie Roye Ward's death certificate lists her death as occurring on January 25, whereas the newspaper published her obituary on January 21st, stating that she had died on the 18th. The death certificate clearly contains a mistake.
2. *"The Gazette,"* 21 January 1931, p. 1, column 7: *"Mrs. L. A. Ward."* This obituary identifies Fannie as *"Miss Fannie W. Roye, a daughter of the late John D. Roye of this parish."* These Union Parish federal census records show her in her father's households:
   1860, P.O. Marion, p. 662/157, Dwelling #1036: J. D. Roye.
   1870, Ward No. 6, P.O. Union Cross Road, p. 151a/32, Dwelling #195: John Roy.
   1880, Ward Nº Two, ED #85, p. 418a/8, Dwelling #60: John D. Roye.

Henry Wesley Ward

1. Ward's Chapel Cemetery (Farmerville, Union Parish LA), tombstone of *"Henry W. Ward"* (1868–1941). Louisiana Death Certificate #3303, 1941, *"Henry Wess Ward,"* Union Parish. *"The Gazette,"* 19 June 1941, p. 1, column 6: *"Funeral Services for H. W. Ward Held Yesterday."* Henry's obituary confirms that his death occurred on Tuesday, June 17th. Louisiana state officials misread Dr. J. G. Taylor's handwriting on Ward's death certificate and recorded his death officially as occurring on June 14th, even though Dr. Taylor stated that he attended Ward on June 17th immediately prior to his death. The death certificate gives Ward's date of birth.
2. Union Parish LA Marriage Book 7 (1883–1889), p. 840: Henry W. Ward to *"Lenie Sawyer,"* 30 April 1888. Ward's Chapel Cemetery (Farmerville, Union Parish LA), tombstone of *"Linnie C. Ward"* (1872–1930). These newspaper obituaries from *"The Gazette"* (Farmerville, LA) of Linnie and her parents give their dates and relationships:

- 24 Dec 1919, p. 1, columns 2–3: *"In Loving Memory"* [of Mr. Sam Sawyer, *"A Loving Grand Daughter, Eva Ward"*].
- 27 Jul 1927, p. 1, column 2: *"Mrs. E. B. Sawyer Dead."*
- 4 Jun 1930, p. 1, column 6: *"Mrs. H. W. Ward."*

3. *"The Gazette,"* 14 November 1894, p. 3, column 1.
4. These Union Parish, Louisiana federal census enumerations show Wes and Linnie Ward living near Farmerville:
   - 1900, Ward 1 Precinct 2, ED #116, p. 22b/4, Dwelling #65: Henry W. Ward.
   - 1910, Ward 1, ED #131, p. 9a, Dwelling #40: Henry W. Ward.
   - 1920, Police Jury Ward one, ED #123, p. 231b/8b, Dwelling #153: Henry W. Ward.
   - 1930, Ward 1, Town of Farmerville, ED #56-1, p. 94a/6a, East Street, Dwelling #130: H. W. Ward.
5. *"The Gazette,"* February 14 (p. 2, column 3: *"Proceedings Democratic Executive Committee"*) and March 21 (p. 3, column 5: *"Election Proclamation"*), 1900; 20 August 1902 (p. 3, column 2), 3 August 1904 (p. 2, column 5: *"Primary Election Commissioners"*), 5 December 1906 (p. 2, column 3: *"Proceeding of the Union Parish Democratic Executive Committee"*), 15 January 1908 (p. 3, columns 4–5: *"Proceedings of the Union Parish Democratic Executive Committee"*), and 16 November 1910 (p. 4, column 3).
6. *"The Gazette,"* 29 May 1941, p. 1, column 7: *"Several Masons of Local Lodge Get Mark of Honor."*
7. Union Parish LA Marriage Book 24, p. 582: Henry W. Ward to Ellen Wynn Manning, 18 October 1936. Laran Cemetery (Laran, Union Parish LA), tombstone of *"Ellen Manning Wife of W. A. Manning"* (21 Jun 1880–26 Aug 1943).
8. 1940 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Farmerville, ED #56-1, p. 5a, Dwelling #101: Wess Ward.
9. *"The Gazette,"* 19 June 1941, p. 1, column 6: *"Funeral Services for H. W. Ward Held Yesterday;"* 2 September 1943, p. 1, column 2: *"Last Rites for Mrs. Ellen Manning Held Saturday Afternoon."* Louisiana Death Certificate #665, 1943, Vol. 510, Ellen Manning, Ouachita Parish.
10. *"The Gazette,"* February 6 (p. 2, column 8; p. 3, column 2), 20 (p. 3, column 2), and 27 (p. 1, column 6); April 3 (p. 3, column 1), 1941.
11. Union Parish LA Marriage Book 24, p. 373. The marriage record gives the name of Fred's wife as *"Merle,"* although other records have it as *"Muriel."*
12. *"The Gazette,"* 18 February 1971, p. 2, column 4: *"Obituaries: Fred M. Ward;"* 20 June 1991, p. 4, column 3: *"Obituaries: Mrs. Murirel K. Ward."*
13. Union Parish LA Marriage Book 20, p. 339: Frank Tucker to Clara Ward, 4 October 1922. The marriage record identifies Clara's parents, proving that Henry Wesley Ward's daughter married Tucker.
14. *"The Gazette,"* 10 August 1989, p. 1, columns 1–6: *"Local woman found slain in home on Hill Street."*
15. *"News-Star-World,"* 31 October 1982, p. 27, column 3: *"Deaths: George Samuel Wells."*

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