

Permelia Lavincy Lee Ward
(1834–1869)

of

Snow Hill, Wilcox County, Alabama

& Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana

Daughter of Martin Batte Lee & [Levincy Albritton](#),

Wife of [Elijah Hubbard Ward](#)

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Permelia Lavincy Lee Ward

Permelia Lavincy Lee (6 Jan 1834–29 Dec 1869) was the ninth child of Martin Batte Lee (22 Apr 1798–28 Mar 1884) and [Levincy Albritton](#) (15 Mar 1800–12 Jun 1864). She was born while her parents resided in Snow Hill, Wilcox County, Alabama [1]. Permelia's paternal grandparents were Cato Lee (1757–26 Sep 1832), who served as a private in the North Carolina Militia during the Revolutionary War, and his wife, Nancy Holland (1760–19 Oct 1838) [2]. Her maternal grandparents were [Enoch Albritton](#) (c1771–14 Feb 1834) and Penelope Frizzle (27 Jan 1772–aft. 1860) [3].

Permelia Lavincy Lee married on 5 February 1852 in Union Parish, Louisiana to [Elijah Hubbard Ward](#) [Hub] (13 Jul 1830–7 Aug 1887), son of [David Ward](#) (1806–4 May 1882) and Cynthia Seale (c1813–27 Mar 1857) [4]. After their marriage, Permelia and Elijah settled on a farm adjoining his father's, where he developed a lucrative planting operation. He significantly increased the size of his farm over the next decade. Unlike their parents, Permelia and Hub Ward did not own slaves but cultivated their fields with their own or hired labor [5].

In April 1862, Hub Ward enlisted in a company of soldiers who volunteered for Confederate military service. His unit became Co. G, 31st Regiment Louisiana Infantry. Upon their official entry into the Confederate service on May 6th, the men elected Ward as the company's 2nd Lieutenant, a rank he held for the duration of the War. His mustering officer reported that he had hazel eyes, dark hair, a dark complexion, and stood 5'11" tall.

Ward's unit operated in northeast Louisiana during most of 1862 but received orders to travel to Mississippi via train in November, where they participated in the Vicksburg Campaign, including the Battles of Chickasaw Bayou (December 27–28) and Grand Gulf (29 April 1863). The 31st Louisiana covered the Confederate Army's retreat into the Vicksburg defenses and then participated in the Siege of Vicksburg, surrendering on July 4th. Lt. Hub Ward and the other men went home on parole to await exchange, and he reported to parole camps in early 1864 before receiving his official exchange in July 1864. For the remainder of the War, the 31st Regiment helped man the garrison guarding the Red River at Alexandria, and then marched northwest to Bayou Cotile, where the Confederate Army surrendered in May 1865 [6].

After the Civil War, Elijah H. Ward returned to Farmerville and resumed operation of his farm. He and Permelia managed to avoid the chronic financial problems that plagued some of their close relatives. On the contrary, the records show that the Wards enjoyed a high standard of living during the Reconstruction period and substantially increased the size of their planting operation

between 1867 and 1870. In 1867, Hub Ward owned 992 acres of land, with forty acres in cultivation, including ten acres planted in cotton and 30 planted in corn. By 1870, he owned 1,260 acres of land, with 134 acres in cultivation, including sixty-three acres planted in cotton and seventy-one in corn [7].

After having six children who survived infancy, Permelia Lavincy Lee Ward died prematurely of “*consumption*,” or tuberculosis, in December 1869, just one week shy of her thirty-sixth birthday [8]. With six young children, including one infant, Hub Ward remarried about six weeks after Permelia’s death to the widow of a Confederate soldier, and in 1870, his blended family lived on his farm east of Farmerville [9].

During the 1870s and 1880s, Ward spent much of his energy on public service duties. He began serving as Union Parish Deputy Surveyor in 1875 and as a Justice of the Peace in 1876. In November 1876, he ran for the office of Union Parish Recorder but lost to the long-time incumbent.

At the election held on 5 November 1878, local citizens elected Ward as their police juror, and he served as one of several deputy tax assessors in 1880. Union Parish citizens elected Elijah Hubbard Ward as their Parish Surveyor in 1880, and he was reelected in 1884 [10]. On Friday, 12 June 1885, former Judge Thomas C. Lewis published this notice in his Farmerville newspaper [11]:

Our very efficient 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.

In late November 1885, one of Ward’s sharecroppers who lived on his place was “*charged with making an assault on Mr. Ward with a dangerous weapon*.” Although neither the precise details of the attack nor the extent of Ward’s injuries are known, the event seems to have begun a decline in his health leading to his death in August 1887 [12]. Permelia Lavincy Lee and Elijah Hubbard Ward are buried in the Wards Chapel Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

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Children of Permelia Lavincy Lee Ward

Permelia Lavincy Lee and [Elijah Hubbard Ward](#) had seven known children [1]:

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/Wilcie 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).

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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 throughout 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 incumbent, 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 election 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 Wess's 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). Myrtle 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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Notes

Permelia Lavincy Lee Ward

1. Martin Batte Lee family records (the Lee *"slat-book"*). [1830 Dallas County AL Federal Census, p. 76](#): line #3: Martin B. Lee. [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").
2. Martin Batte Lee family records (the Lee *"slat-book"*). Old Snow Hill Cemetery (Furman, Wilcox County AL), tombstone of "Cato Lee" (1757–26 Sep 1832). The name of Martin B. Lee's mother and her dates of birth and death come from Lee family records.
3. For details on the parents of Levincy Albritton Lee, see the [Enoch Albritton Biography](#). For more details on the ancestry of Levincy's mother, Penelope Frizzle, see the biography of her father, [John Frizzle](#).
4. Ward's Chapel Cemetery (Farmerville, Union Parish LA), tombstones of "Permelia Lavincy Lee... Wife of E. H. Ward" (6 Jan 1834–29 Dec 1869), "Elijah H. Ward" (13 Jul 1830–7 Aug 1887), "David Ward" (1806–4 May 1882), and "Cynthia Seale Ward" (1812–27 Mar 1857). Union Parish LA Marriage Book 1 (1850–1852), p. 121 (Elijah H. Ward to "Pamela L. Lee," 5 February 1852. 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.
5. [1860 Union Parish LA Federal Census, P.O. Farmerville, p. 631/126](#): Dwelling #807, line #1: E. H. Ward.
6. Compiled Military Service Record, Elijah H. Ward (2nd Jr. Lieutenant), Co. G, 31st Louisiana Infantry (Confederate), Civil War.
7. Union Parish LA Tax Assessment Rolls, 1867–1870, Louisiana State Archives and Records, Baton Rouge, LA.
8. [1870 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Mortality Schedule, Ward No. 1, p. 361](#): line #27, Dwelling #341, Parmelia L. Ward.
9. [1870 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward No. 1, P.O. Farmerville, p. 22b/50](#): Dwelling #333: Elijah H. Ward.
10. 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.
 - p. 110: E. H. Ward, Ward 1 Police Juror, 6 January 1879.
 - p. 150: Elijah H. Ward, Deputy Assessor, 2 July 1880.
 - p. 152: Elijah H. Ward, Parish Surveyor, 10 August 1880.

"The New Orleans Daily Democrat," 2 February 1877 (p. 3, column 6) and 7 December 1878 (p. 6, column 1). "The Times-Democrat" (New Orleans, LA), 13 January 1882, p. 5, column 5. "The Home Advocate" (Farmerville, LA), 27 February 1885, p. 1, column 1.
11. "The Home Advocate," 12 June 1885, p. 3, column 1.
12. "The Home Advocate," 27 November 1885, p. 3, column 2.

Children of Permelia Lavincy Lee 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, Hillory [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 *"Ratliff,"* 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, "*Trespassing*." 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 Roy, 3 April 1889. "The Gazette," 21 January 1931, p. 1, column 7: "Mrs. L. A. Ward." Fannie Roy 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. Muriel 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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