

Elisha Ward Jr. & Elizabeth Meeks Family Bible Transcription

Elisha Ward Jr. (2- Apr 1823–3 Oct 1898) and his wife Mary Elizabeth Meeks (21 Jun 1824–6 Feb 1916) married in Union Parish, Louisiana on 28 September 1843. Both had recently migrated to the region with their parents from Alabama. Elisha was the son of Elisha Ward Sr. () and Jane Washington Neeland, while Elizabeth was the daughter of Mark Meeks Sr. (12 Jul 1795–7 Mar 1891) and Ann Chambers (c1802–1 Apr 1857).

Elisha and Elizabeth farmed in eastern Union Parish near Elisha's siblings until the mid-1850s, when they followed Elizabeth's parents to Claiborne Parish, which adjoined Union to the west. They lived there until the mid-1870s, when they moved north into Nevada County, Arkansas.

The following is a precise transcript of the information recorded on the family pages of the Family Bible of Elisha Ward Jr. and Elizabeth Meeks. On 19 August 2000, this Bible was in the possession of Mrs. Katherine Kinniell of Austin, Texas. Mrs. Kinniell is a granddaughter of Mr. Nacy Evans Ward, the youngest son of Elisha and Elizabeth Ward. This Bible was published and sold in 1829 by Daniel D. Smith, 190 Greenwich Street, New York.

This transcription retains all of the original punctuation and spelling.

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Page 1: Births

- *Elisha Ward was born the 21st day of Feby 1773.*
- *Jane W. Neeland was bor the born the 15th of October AD 1784.*
- *Elisha Ward Jnr. Was born the 20th of April AD 1823.*
- *Theodotia*

Mary T. Redick was born the 18th of October AD 1828.

Note: This is precisely how the entry was recorded in the original Bible, with the crossed-out "Theodotia" written above the name "Mary T. Redick."

Page 2: Births

- *John Washington Ward was born the 21st of July 1845.*
- *Theodotia Ann Ward was born the 10th of September 1847.*
- *Joseph Hubbard Ward Born Feb 4th 1850.*
- *William David Ward Born July 28th 1852.*
- *Elisha Michael Ward Born Septem 30th 1854.*

- *Henry Taylor Ward Born October 27th 1857.*
- *Harty Jane Ward Born March 17th AD 1860.*
- *Nacy Evans Ward was Born Nov 22th 1863.*
- *Mary Eliza Ward was born Aug 7th 1867.*
- *Nannie Ward was born the 23 day of Oct. 1898.*
- *Mary Ward was born Aug 7th 1901.*
- *Katherine Elizabeth Parker was born Sept. 7, 1931.*

Page 3: Marriages

- *Elisha Ward and Elizabeth Meeks was married the 28th of September 1843.*
- *N. E. Ward and Dora Dillon was married 17th of Oct 1889.*
- *N. E. Ward and Kate Dillon was married the 26 day of June 1895.*
- *Leonard Smith & Nannie Ward were married 6th day of Sept 1919.*
- *Nannie Ward Smith and Alfred Cumming were married May 26, 1924.*
- *Mary Ward and Fletcher Parker were married June 8, 1924.*
- *Katherine Parker & Wm. T. Kinneill, Jr. Aug 10, 1952.*

Page 4: Deaths

- *Dora Ward died the 11day of Dec 1893.*
- *Fletcher Parker died April 16, 1946.*
- *Kate Dillon Ward died June 27, 1949.*
- *N. E. Ward died August 11, 1950.*
- *Joseph Hubbard Ward departed this life June 22d, 1855 aged 5 year and 3 months.*
- *Mary Eliza Ward departed this life May 2nd 1876.*
- *Elisha Ward died the 3rd of Oct 1898.*
- *Harty Jane McClure died the 20 [or 2d] day of March 1899.*

Note: Every other date has "th" or "rd" or "nd," so this date could be "2d" instead of "20".]

- *Elizabeth Ward died the 6th day of Feb 1916*

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