

# Ward Payne (1834-1908)

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky., 1987-1989

9 Nov 1987

Mr. Jerry Long  
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Dear Jerry Long:

I sent the enclosed page to the KY Room of the Owensboro Public Library and they returned it, and sent your name and address as a local researcher.

Please advise your cost and what your cost would be to find the information I'm seeking of marriages, deaths and obituaries.

My great grandmother was a sister to Ward Payne; she died in 1859 in Owensboro and I have information about her. Now I'm trying to learn something about her brother's line.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,  
Marian Waters Challenger

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23 Nov. 1987

Mr. Jerry Long  
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Dear Mr. Long,

Thank you for your letter of 16 Nov 1987 about Ward Payne research.

I don't know how much time would be needed to research marriages, deaths and obituaries in Owensboro, but suggest we start with two hours research. Enclosed is my check for \$8.

Enclosed is a printout of information already accumulated for Ward Payne, which you might find useful in your research.

My priorities in this search are:

- 1) obituaries - Ward Payne 1908-- don't know his death date  
    Bettie Payne - maybe 1920-1922; don't know her death date  
    Ada Lee Payne - d. 19 Jul 1893 (unconfirmed)  
    McFarland Payne, d. 11 Mar 1905 or 1906 (unconfirmed)

I don't believe daughters 1, 2 and 5 stayed in Kentucky; I know Emeline moved to Wisconsin; we'll find out about Mary Virginia as we learn more about the family, I'm sure.

- 2) Marriages of children 1, 2, 3, and 5. It's my understanding that child #4 never married.

Do you know whether I could obtain a copy of the death record for Ward Payne, and how much it costs?

It's my understanding that there are no living descendants of this family in Daviess Co., KY. If we learn otherwise from obituaries, etc., we'll take that matter up later. I would like to find living descendants, but they're probably in Wisconsin or Iowa or some other state.

Children referred to above are listed by number on the second page of the enclosed printout.

Thank you for your help.

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5 December 1987

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Dear Ms. Challender:

Here is the information, that I was able to uncover in the research time you requested, I located the marriages for all of Ward & Bettie Paynes' children. As well as the dates of death for all of their family, except for Ward Payne and his daughter, Emeline Ward Smith. I have not, yet, been able to find the complete date of Ward Payne's death in 1908. I went to Elmwood Cemetery and located the family lot of Ward & Bettie Payne hoping to find it but his gravestone only had his birth & death years, 1834-1908. The cemetery's burial records do not start until 1914 and the

state of Kentucky did not begin recording death certificates until 1911. At the Daviess County Courthouse I found no will or administrator bond recorded for Ward Payne. There is no index of obits in the 1908 Owensboro newspapers (the Owensboro Library is working on an index of Owensboro obituaries, they are working their way backwards and are presently into the 1920's and it may be sometime before they get to 1908). Unless a descendant can be located who has some record of his death date about the only other way to find it is to scan the newspapers, which may take from five minutes to two or three hours.

On the enclosed pages are abstracts of the obituaries of Bettie McFarland Payne and of five of her children. The Owensboro Library has a microfilm copy machine but last week it was broke down and also it would have taken longer to transfer them to the copier. If you would like to have a complete copy of the six obits the library charges 20 cents a copy and I could probably do it in about 30 minutes. Emeline Ward (Payne) Smith in 1942 was living in Superior, Wisconsin, and if she died under the Smith name no obituary appeared in the Owensboro newspapers for her between 1942-1979.

Of the four children of Ward & Bettie Payne who married only two, Virginia Reeves & Emeline Smith, had children. When Bettie G. Payne died in 1921 she was survived by five grandchildren. Virginia Payne Reeves, d/o Ward & Bettie, continued to reside in Owensboro and when she died in 1941 she had a granddaughter, Mrs. Shelby McIntosh, who was living in Owensboro. Thus it is possible that Ward & Bettie Payne may have descendants still living in Owensboro. Would you like me to spend some time checking on the Reeves family or searching further for the obituary of Ward Payne.

Do you know what happened to Ward Payne's brother-in-law, Jedediah Johnson (& his wife, Mary E. Payne Johnson). If you have any information on him & his wife (birth, parents, death, burial, etc.) would you consider sharing it. Jedediah Johnson and his brother, John N. Johnson ("of New Orleans") during the years of 1844-1850 owned a tract of land (300 acres) in Daviess County, Ky. this tract was known as "Cornland" and was quite famous in the history of Daviess County, having been the home of Joseph Hamilton Daveiss, for whom Daviess County was named, and of several other notables in the early 1800's. On 1 April 1850 Jedediah Johnson, as agent for Sally Grayson, and Jedediah Johnson for himself, and his wife Mary E. Johnson, all of Louisville, Ky. sold the Cornland tract in Daviess County.

Thank you for your request. Yours truly,  
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Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky.:

Ward Payne family plot, southeast end of section C - lot #10

Ward Payne	1834	1908
Bettie G. Payne	1839	1921
Ada Lee (d/o Ward & Bettie G. Payne)	12 Feb 1874	19 Jul 1893
Mack D. Payne	27 Aug 1871	11 Mar 1906

David C. Robert	1852	1912
Mary P. Robert	1865	1942

Daviess County. Ky. marriages:

Book Y-p321 John D. Reeves to Virgie G. Payne 29 October 1890 at Owensboro. Bond by Ward Payne.

Book 6-p234 David C. Robert to Mary Payne 5 October 1898 at Owensboro. Bond by Ward Payne.

Book 11-p602 McFarland Payne to Anna Belle Hall 11 Feb. 1903. at Owensboro. Bond by R. S. Hughes.

Book 13-p377 William Robert Smith to Emmeline Ward Payne 22 June 1904 at Owensboro. Bond by Ward Payne.

Owensboro Weekly Messenger, Wednesday, 22 May 1878:

A daughter born to Ward Payne on the 7th.

Owensboro Messenger & Examiner, Wednesday, 28 April 1880:

Adelia Payne, two year old daughter of Ward & Settle G. Payne died the 24th.

Owensboro Messenger, Sunday, 20 July 1893:

"Miss Ada tee Payne died yesterday afternoon at the residence of her father, Mr. Ward Payne, She had been ill six months, and the cause of her death was peritonitis. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3\*30 o'clock from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Miss Payne was 19 years old, and leaves a large number of friends to mourn her untimely death."

Owensboro Daily Messenger, Tuesday, 13 March 1906:

(abstract) - Mack Payne died at 7 o'clock Sunday morning at the home of his father, Mr. Ward Payne. In ill health for over a year. He was 34 years old. He sold his interest in the Payne Printing Co. four months ago and went to Texas for his health, but not improving he returned to Owensboro only a week ago. He was married to Miss Anna Bell Hall three years ago. Besides his wife he is survived by his parents; three sisters, Mrs. D. C. Robert of Springfield, Mass., Mrs. W R. Smith of Superior, Wis., and Mrs. J. D. Reeves of Owensboro. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery.

Daviess County Ky. Administrator Bonds:

On 26March 1906 Anna Belle Payne was appointed administrator of McFarland Payne, deceased. Bond by W. P. Small. (No will was recorded for McFarland Payne)

Daviess County Ky. Wills and Administrator Bonds:

No will was recorded by Ward Payne (died 1908) and in the administrator bond books no record of an administrator being appointed for his estate appears.

Owensboro Messenger, Tuesday, 2 August 1921:

(abstract) - Mrs. Bettie G. Payne, widow of the late Ward Payne, died at 1:30 Sunday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John D. Reeves, in Walnut St. She was 82 years old. The daughter of John G. and Delia Griffith McFarland she was born 26 May 1839. She is

survived by three daughters, Mrs. Mary P. Roberts, Mrs. J. D. Reeves and Mrs. W. R. Smith; five grandchildren and one great grandchild. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery.

Daviess County, Ky. Will Book G, page 217:

Will of Bettie G. Payne, of Owensboro, Ky., was written 16 March 1918 and was probated on 4 August 1921. To my granddaughter, Bettie Ward Smith, of 415 W. 5th St., Superior, Wisconsin, my gold thimble. All the residue of my estate is to be divided between my daughters: Mary Payne Robert of Great Neck Station, New York; Virginia Payne Reeves of Owensboro, Ky.; and Lena Ward Payne Smith of 415 W. 5th St. (East end) Superior, Wisconsin. Appoint my son-in-law, John S. Reeves, of Owensboro, Ky., my executor.

Owensboro Messenger, Saturday, 1 November 1941:

(abstract) - Mrs. Virginia G. Reeves, of Owensboro, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Johnson, at Andalusia, Ala., Friday night. She was the widow of J. D. Reeves. Surviving are a son, W. W. Reeves of Hazard, Ky. a daughter, Mrs. J. H. Johnson; two sisters, Mrs. W. R. Smith of Superior, Wisc. and Mrs. Mary Payne Robert of Owensboro; six grandchildren, including Mrs. Shelby McIntosh of Owensboro, and one great-grandson. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro.

Owensboro Messenger, Saturday, 18 April 1942:

(abstract) - Mrs. Mary P. Robert, widow of D. C. Robert, died at 1326 St. Ann St. Thursday night. The daughter of Ward and Bettie McFarland Payne, she was born and reared in Owensboro. Married to D. C. Robert of Superior, Wisc. in 1898, she came back to Owensboro to reside three years ago. She was a sister of Mrs. J. D. Reeves. Surviving are a sister, Mrs. W. R. Smith, of Superior, Wisc., and several nieces and nephews. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro.

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16 Dec 1987

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Dear Jerry Long,

Thank you for your letter and report of 5 December about the Ward Payne family. You certainly research well. I appreciate all the good information you found; and if it wasn't for your diligence, the fact of a child Adelia wouldn't be known to the family.

I didn't mean for you to have to make a special trip to Elmwood Cemetery to check a death date for Ward Payne. I guess I would have done the same thing under the circumstances. I'll just let 1908 suffice for his death info for now – and someday when the Owensboro Library completes the obituary index, I would like to have a copy of his obituary.

Thus, someday I would like copies of the following obituaries -

Ada Lee Payne, d. 29 Jul 1893  
McFarland Payne, d. 11 Mar 1906  
Bettie G. Payne, d. 31 Jul 1921  
Virginia G. Reeves, d. 31 Oct 1941  
Mary P. Robert, d. 16 Apr 1942  
Ward Payne, d. 1908

It might be more convenient to wait and make all the copies at the same time once the death date for Ward Payne is known. I understand the cost of 20 per copy, and that you could probably do it in 30 minutes. (I'm wondering if you're underestimating your time) I won't send payment until I know for sure how much time it takes.

The day before your letter came I received a copy of the obituary for Emeline Payne Smith from the Historical Society of Wisconsin. She died in Feb 1951 at Libertyville, ILL, where her daughter lived - but it sounds as though Emeline lived in Superior (even at that time), and was buried there. She had two children - Betty Ward Smith (m. Edward D. Coy) in Libertyville, ILL, in 1951; and William P. Smith in Lawrence, KS, in 1951; and five grandchildren.

Thanks for finding out there are probably living descendants in Owensboro. Some family info (from 1943) indicated that Virginia Payne was married to a Reeves and they had three children - Willis (in Hazard, KY), Ada (deceased), and Virginia (in Andalusia). I see that Hazard is across the state from Owensboro, and didn't know where Andalusia was until you sent obituary information. I wonder which family Mrs. Shelby McIntosh descends from.

It sounds like Mrs. Shelby McIntosh should be researched. I would think she would still be living, and might be in the phone book. Do you know her, or something about her? I don't know how much time it would take you to find out something about her, but am enclosing a check for an hour of your time to find out about her. Let me know if more is needed.

I don't know much about Jedediah Johnson-- except he married Mary Eliza Payne in Louisville, KY, 18 Dec 1844, and he is buried in Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville - burial 28 Dec 1853. I have record of the family lot in Cave Hill Cemetery, but the only other burial you would probably be interested in is his wife who was buried 4 Oct 1889 next to him.

They are enumerated together, with three children, in the household of Mary's aunt Sally Grayson on the 1850 Jefferson County census - in Louisville.

How interesting that Jedediah, his wife, and his wife's aunt were parties in a land transaction in Daviess County that same year.

I started to put some early-day Daviess County family information together, but it is sounding so complicated and confusing that I don't know if you're interested in it or not. Let me know if you are, and if you're interested in sharing or trading some land information.

I've been able to find quite a bit of information about my family in Daviess County because some Daviess Co. records are on microfilm and I've been able to research them in the LDS genealogy library in Salt Lake City.

My husband and I are retired - and part of the trailering public. We go south, with trailer, every winter (this year will leave Bozeman about mid-January) and stop in Salt Lake City for a week of genealogy research on our way southward, and again when we return home in May. Works very nicely for me! The LDS genealogy library is open and available to everyone regardless of religious preferences - we happen to be Methodist.

About Daviess County land tracts - you mention "Cornwall" - and there are the names "Sunny Home" and "Aspinwald" connected with my family - in Daviess County. I've wondered if these are names that are recorded someplace - or just names that families gave their land.

I'll quit for now, but look forward to hearing from you again soon. I'll provide you with more detail about my Daviess County roots if you are interested.

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24 January 1988

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Dear Mrs. Challender:

Sorry it has taken me awhile to get this new research to you. I did not get any work done before Christmas. When I got started again my typewriter broke down. It took them two weeks to tell me they could not fix it (these are the first pages I have typed on my new typewriter). Also since the first of the year I have been working 40 hours a week on a new job.

At this time it appears that Ward & Bettie McFarland Payne no longer have any descendants residing in Owensboro, Ky. They had a great-granddaughter who lived here until her death in 1980. Their daughter, Virginia Griffith Payne and her husband, John D. Reeves, had three children: Willis Ward Reeves lived at Hazard, Ky., he died in 1971; Virginia Reeves Johnson in 1971 was living in Andalusia, Ala., if she is still living she would be about 86; and Ada P. Reeves Lee died in 1927. The later had two children, Elsie, age 4, died at the same time her mother died, and Virginia born 1917 or 1918. Virginia Lee married Shelby McIntosh and she died 4 March 1980 in Owensboro. Her husband died in 1982. They were survived by one son, David S. McIntosh, who at the time of their deaths lived in Detroit. When Shelby & Virginia Lee McIntosh died they lived at 820 Cottage Dr. in Owensboro. I contacted four of their neighbors on Cottage Dr. They had known David McIntosh but none knew where he was presently living and they knew of no relatives here who might know. Mrs. Patrick Hayden, of 819 Cottage Dr., Owensboro, said her son bought the McIntosh home at 820 Cottage Dr. from David McIntosh

about 1983. At that time, David McIntosh, was living in Detroit and his phone number was 1-313-540-4455, she did not have his full address and did not know if he could still be reached at the same phone number. I checked, a 1986 Detroit phone book and I found no David McIntosh and no McIntosh residence with the above number. I did not try the phone number. Possibly Directory Assistance could tell you if the number is still listed for David McIntosh. Sixteen years ago two children of Willis W. Reeves were living in Lexington, Ky., possibly they may still be there.

Enclosed are copies of the obituaries you requested: Ada Lee Payne (1893), McFarland Payne (1906), Bettie G. (McFarland) Payne (1921), Virginia G. (Payne) Reeves (1941), & Mary (Payne) Robert (1942), as well as copies of the obituaries of Ada P. (Reeves) Lee (1927), Willis W. Reeves (1971) and Virginia (Lee) McIntosh (1980). In all I spent three hours researching. I received payment for one hour (\$4.00), thus I request \$8.00 plus \$2.00 copying expenses or a total of \$10.00. Thank you again for contacting me.

Yours truly,  
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1900 Daviess County, Ky. census, Owensboro, p.117

831 Walnut St., #227-233:

Reeves, J. D.	head	Dec 1862 (37) m 9yrs	Ky-Ky-Ky rents
Virginia	wife	Nov 1867 (32) m 2c-2L	Ky-Ky-Ky
Willis W.	son	Dec 1891 (8) s	Ky-Ky-Ky
Ada P.	dau.	May1894 (6)s	Ky-Ky-Ky

823 Walnut St., #228-234:

Payne, Ward	head	Aug 1834 (65 )m 35yrs	Ky-Va-Ky owns house
Bettie	wife	May 1839 (61) m 7c-4L	Ky-Ky-Ky
McFarland	son	Aug 1871 (28) s	Ky-Ky-Ky
Lena W.	dau.	Apr 1881 (19) s	Ky-Ky-Ky
McFarland, Murrell	nep.	Dec 1874 (25) s	Ky-Ky-Ky

[occupations: Ward Payne, Lena Payne & Murrell McFarland - bookkeeper; McFarland Payne - printer]

1910 Daviess County, Ky. census, Owensboro, p.252

831 Walnut St., #208-225:

Reives, John D.	head	46 m1 11 years	Ky-Ky-Ky rents house
Virginia	wife	42 m1 3ch-3liv	Ky-Ky-Ky
Willis W.	son	18 s	Ky-Ky-Ky
Ada	dau.	15 s	Ky-Ky-Ky
Virginia	dau.	9 s	Ky-Ky-Ky
Payne, Bettie G.	M-I-L	70 m1 46 years	Ky-Ky-Ky



[occupation of John D. Reeves - manufacturer of sewer pipe]  
823 Walnut St.: William M. & Amanda Weldon

Daviess County, Ky. marriages:

- Book Y-p.321 John D. Reeves to Virgie G. Payne 29 Oct. 1890 at Owensboro, Bond by Ward Payne.
- Book 27-p.410 Gilbert Franklin Lee to Ada Reeves 30 Dec. 1916 at Owensboro. Groom age 25, 1st, b .Daviess County, Ky., parents: S. B. & M. Lee. Bride age 22, 1st, born Owensboro, Ky., parents: J. D. & V. Reeves.
- Book 38-p.72 Willis W. Reeves to Effie Duke 29 May 1920 at Owensboro. Groom age 28, 1st, born Owensboro, Ky., residence Hazard, Ky., parents: John D. & Virginia Griffith Reeves. Bride age 28, 1st, born Hartford, Ky., parents: Thomas W. & Adeline S. Duke. Occupation of groom Attorney at Law.
- Book 54-p.77 Joseph Helm Johnson to Virginia Reeves 26 Aug. 1924 at Owensboro. Groom age 25, 1st, teacher, born & residence Auburn, Ky., parents: T. T. & Elizabeth Johnson. Bride age 23, 1st, born & residence Owensboro, Ky., parents: J. D. & Virginia Reeves.
- Book 91-p.467Shelby McIntosh to Virginia Lee 1 June 1939 at Owensboro. Bride age 21, 1st, born & residence Daviess County, Ky., parents: Gilbert F. Lee & Ada Reeves.

Daviess County, Ky. Wills:

- Book G-p.616 Will of John D. Reeves, "of 831 Walnut St., Owensboro, Ky.", written 24 Aug. 1914, probated 28 March 1927. To wife, Virginia Griffith Reeves, all my property and estate, & appoint her my executrix
- Book I-p.365 Will of Virginia G. Reeves of Owensboro, Ky., written 28 Sept. 1927, probated 4 Nov. 1941. Estate to be divided into three equal parts: 1/3 to son Willis Ward Reeves, 1/3 to daughter Virginia Reeves Johnson, and 1/3 to be held by Willis W. Reeves in trust for granddaughter Virginia Lee.
- Book 7-p.658 Will of Virginia McIntosh of Owensboro, Ky. written 27 April 1978, probated 14 March 1960. Names husband, Shelby McIntosh, and son, David S. McIntosh.
- Book 11-p.133 Will of Shelby McIntosh of Owensboro, Ky. written 27 April 1978, probated 1 Dec. 1982. Names wife, Virginia McIntosh, and son, David S. McIntosh.

Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky.:

John D. Reeves family plot, northeast end of section D, Lot 24

John D. Reeves	1862	1927
Virginia Reeves	1867	1941
Ada Reeves Lee	28 May 1894	15 Aug 1927
Elsie Reeves Lee	1 Jul 1923	15 Aug 1927

Owensboro Messenger, Tuesday, 16 August 1927 & Thursday, 18 August 1927:

(abstract) - Mrs. Ada Reeves Lee, age 32 & her 4 year old daughter, Elsie, died Monday (15 August) near Chatham, Ontario, Canada. Burial Friday at Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro. Survived by husband, Gilbert Lee, eight year old daughter Virginia, mother Mrs. John D. Reeves, sister Mrs. J.A. Johnson of Asheville, N.C., and brother Willis Reeves of Hazard, Ky.

Owensboro Messenger & Inquirer, Sunday, 14 February 1971:

(abstract) - Word was received by Mrs. Shelby McIntosh of the death Saturday morning of her uncle, Willis W. Reeves, 78, of Hazard, he was a native of Owensboro. Survived by his widow, Mrs. Effie Duke Reeves; daughter Mrs. Robert Kinnaird and son Dr. John T. Reeves, both of Lexington, Ky.; sister Mrs. J. H. Johnson of Andalusia, Ala. Burial in Hazard.

Owensboro Messenger & Inquirer, Thursday, 6 March 1980:

(abstract) - Virginia Lee McIntosh, 62, of 820 Cottage Dr., Owensboro, died Tuesday, March 4, at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital. Born in Daviess County. Survived by husband, Shelby McIntosh; son David McIntosh of Detroit (also survived by two half brothers, obit erroneously stated she was survived by her mother Mrs. Ada Lee), burial in Owensboro Memorial Gardens.

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18 Feb 1988

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Dear Jerry Long,

Thank you for your letter of 24 Jan with copies of obituaries, and results of your Ward Payne family research. I appreciate the kind of research that you do.

Enclosed is my check for \$10.59 (includes postage).

I'm sorry to be this late sending the payment. We are in Arizona for awhile, but our last mail packet reached us in Blythe, CA, when we were attending a Hobo Rally there (RV gathering); we didn't have electricity for me to use the typewriter, and after I read your research results, I knew there were more leads to pursue and other things I wanted to talk to you about.

What kind of work do you do? It must be difficult for you to manage genealogy research when you're working 40 hours a week on a new job. I will understand if you cannot do further genealogy research at this time; however, I'll enclose a few problems in case you do have time for them. If not, please return.

Thanks to you, it looks like we have gone about as far as we can with the Ward Payne family. Someday I would still like a copy of his obituary (once his deathdate is known). ALSO - if there is an obit for John D. Reeves, I would like a copy (d. Mar 1927; bur. 24 Mar).

Do you have access to a Lexington phone book to check for addresses of Mrs. Robert Kinnaird and Dr. John T. Reeves? I would like to write to them to see what additional family information they have. Maybe they can provide a lead for David McIntosh - you put a lot of effort into trying to locate McIntosh - I'll let you know if I find him!

Next, I want to research Ward Payne's sister Mary Eliza Payne. I've prepared two Family Group sheets for her (one for each marriage); sorry I don't have the good FGS's with me, so I've used the LDS free FGS's that I use for work copies. Same information, but I like the format of others better.

Anyway, if you have time and want to take this family on, I would like to start with getting as many obituaries as possible, and with some census info:

- 1) Frederick Grayson & Phoebe (Field) Johnson census 1880
- 2) Francis "Frank" & Patie (Jones) Johnson census 1880 1900, 1910.

Limit to 3 hours research on the family to start with.

Thank you for your help.  
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28 May 1988

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Dear Mrs. Challender:

Here is my report on what you outlined in your letter of 18 February 1988. You probably have long given up on me by now. I had the research done some time ago but have been unable to find the time to write you a report. It takes as long to write up a report as it does to do the actual research. I charge for only actual time researching and not for time spent studying the problem and compiling the data.

In regards to the family of Ward Payne I have enclosed a copy of the obituary of his son-in-law, John Davidson Reeves. It appeared in the Owensboro Messenger on Thursday, 24 March 1927, on page one. He was born on 29 December 1862 in Elkton, Todd County, Ky. His father, Willis B. Reeves, was a Circuit Court judge in Todd County. John D. Reeves died in Owensboro, Ky. on 23 March 1927. Listed in a recent phone book of Lexington, Ky. are the following: John Reeves, 1720 Wyatt Parkway, Lexington, phone 1-606-252-6337, Robert Kinnard, M.D., 176 Cherokee Pike, Lexington, phone 1-606-278-2890. Mr. Reeves and Mrs. Kinnard are probably the children of Willis Ward Reeves and grandchildren of John D. Reeves & Virginia G. Payne.

The following is what I have been able to find on the family of Mary Eliza (Payne) Johnson Wood (1827-1889):

1. Following the death of Mary E. Payne Wood, 1 October 1889, no obituary or death notice was found in the Owensboro newspapers.
2. Ada Payne Wood, born 1858, listed with her mother in the 1860-1870-1880 censuses of Daviess County, Ky. Her marriage to D. C. Robert (after 1880) was not recorded in Daviess County, Ky. In the will books of Daviess County D. C. or Ada Robert are not listed. They are not listed by these names in the records of Elmwood Cemetery (Owensboro), beginning in 1914, or in the Owensboro obituaries after 1920. No D. C. Robert is in the 1880 Daviess Census and no D. C. or Ada Robert is in the 1900 Daviess census. I believe that D. C. Robert could be the David C. Robert who married Mary Payne (d/o Ward) in Owensboro in 1898 and is buried in the Ward Payne family lot at Owensboro's Elmwood Cemetery, his monument has the dates 1852-1912. In the obit of Mary Payne Robert in 1942 it was stated that when she married her husband he was a resident of Superior, Wisc. (where her sister, Lena Smith, also lived). If Ada Payne Wood was David C. Robert's first wife, possibly they were married in Superior, Wisc. and she died there between 1880-1898.
3. Francis "Frank" Johnson, born 1 October 1845, married Cleopatra Jones in Daviess County, Ky. on 3 February 1874. She was born in Daviess County, Ky. about 1856; her parents, Thomas Jones and Frances Griffin, were married in Daviess County on 20 June 1850. Her family is listed in the 1860 (section 1, #831) & 1870 (2nd ward of Owensboro, p.285, #134) censuses of Daviess County. Frank & Cleopatra Johnson were not found in the 1880 Daviess County census. Frank Johnson apparently died on 31 October 1881. I checked for mention of his brother, Frederick Grayson Johnson's death on this date, which you had listed on your chart. In the Owensboro Semi-Weekly Messenger on Tuesday, 1 November 1881 "Frank" Johnson's death was reported, it was stated that he was 35 years old and was buried at Elmwood Cemetery (the same notice, word for word, was also published in the Owensboro Messenger & Examiner on Wednesday, 2 November 1881). On the basis of the birthdates you have for Frank & his brother, Grayson, they would have been 36 and 27 years of age at the time. I checked the obit of Phoebe Johnson, wife of Grayson, in 1910 and it was stated that she was survived by her husband. On the basis of these facts it appears that Frank and not Grayson died on 31 Oct. 1881. However, to complicate things more, in a listing of some monuments from the Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, Ky. published in the Kentucky Ancestors (vol.14), the following was listed: Frederick G. [Grayson] Johnson 27 April 1854 - 31 Oct. 1881, Phoebe C. [Field] Johnson 18 Oct. 1859 - 3 Nov. 1910 (md. 28 Oct. 1875). Either this listing is wrong or the two obits are. I am more inclined to believe this listing is. I have found numerous mistakes in the work of the gentleman who made this listing. Could Frank and Grayson be buried near each other and he copied the birth of one and the death of the other. I need to locate these monuments in the cemetery, which would clarify whether Frank or Grayson died on 31 October 1881. Cleopatra or Patie Johnson is not shown as remarrying in Daviess County and she is not listed in the 1900 Daviess census. No will or administrators bond was recorded in Daviess County for Frank or Cleopatra Johnson. I notice on your chart you have that Frank & Patie had two children, could I ask your source for this?

4. Sallie Grayson Johnson, according to your record was born 4 September 1847. She married in Daviess County, Ky. on 25 December 1877 Alexander Hamilton Ayer. The son of Dr. Alexander Outlaw Ayer and Esther Durham Johnson, he was born in Daviess County on 2 May 1834. He resided near Glenville, in McLean County, Ky., just across the Daviess-McLean County line. By his first wife, Mary Jane Duke (21 August 1834 - 2 July 1873), he had eight children; he and Sallie had no children. I have previously done research on the Ayers and while doing so I made a note that it was mentioned in the Owensboro newspaper that Mrs. Sallie Ayer visited her sister, Mrs. Pate Johnson of Owensboro (I do not now have the date the item appeared). I believe this was probably her sister-in-law, Mrs. Patie Johnson, that she had visited. A. H. Ayer and Sallie Johnson Ayer are buried at the Glenville Methodist Church Cemetery in Daviess County. He died on 19 April 1906 and she on 1 March 1896. In a published listing of this cemetery her monument was listed as "Sallie W. Ayer (w/o A. H.) 19 Sept. 1837 - 1 May 1896". The latter death date is wrong, according to the Owensboro Messenger of Saturday, 7 March 1896, her death occurred on the previous Sunday, which would have been March 1st. In this issue the following appeared: "Mrs. A. H. Ayer, whose death occurred at Glenville last Sunday, was formerly Miss Sallie Johnson, daughter of the late Mrs. May E. Wood and niece of Mr. Ward Payne, of Owensboro" (copy enclosed).
  
5. Elizabeth "Lina" Johnson, born in 1850, married William Davis in Daviess County, Ky. on 17 October 1870, and died on 9 November 1889. In the Owensboro Messenger on Sunday, 10 November 1889 the following appeared: "A telegram was received in the city yesterday announcing the death of Mrs. Lina Davis, at her home in Argentine, Kansas. Mrs. Davis was the daughter of the late Mrs. Mary E. Wood, and has many relatives and friends in the country" (copy enclosed).
  
6. Frederick Grayson Johnson according to a selected listing of some of the monuments of Owensboro, Ky.'s Elmwood Cemetery, published in the Kentucky Ancestors (vol.14), was born on 27 April 1854 and died 31 October 1881. This death date as previously stated may be in error. In Daviess County, Ky. on 28 October 1875 he married Phoebe Field. A daughter of Willis Field and Louisa McFarland, she was born in Daviess County on 18 October 1859. Grayson Johnson and his family are listed in the Masonville Precinct (p.31 #16) in the 1880 Daviess County, Ky. census. Their household was listed as: Johnson, Grason 27 (Ky.-Minn.-Minn.), Pheby 22 wife (Ky.-Ky.-Ky.), James 2 son (Ky.-Ky.-Ky.), Frances 9/12 son (Ky.Ky.-Ky.) and Frank Howard 20 Black was listed as residing at their residence. Grayson & Phoebe Johnson are not listed in the 1900 Daviess County census and no wills or administrator bonds for them are recorded in Daviess County. Frederick Grayson Johnson's wife, Phoebe, died on 3 November 1910 and an obituary for her appeared in the Owensboro Messenger on Friday, 4 November 1910 (copy enclosed). According to her obit she died at her home in Roswell, New Mexico, was survived by her husband and three children (not named), and was to be bought to Owensboro for burial in Elmwood Cemetery. Could I ask you were you got the death date of 31 October 1881 for Frederick Grayson Johnson?

That is all I have to report for now. I did more than three hours of research but since you requested three hours that will be what I request payment for, \$12.00 for the research and \$2.00

for copying expenses or a total of \$14.00. I will still try to locate the Johnson's monuments at Elmwood Cemetery. I would like to find them in order to satisfy my own curiosity about which brother died on 31 October 1881. Thanks again for your patronage.

Yours truly,  
Jerry Long

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15 June 1988

Jerry Long  
1701 Alexander Avenue  
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Dear Jerry Long,

Thank you for your letter and report on Mary Eliza Payne Johnson Wood of 28 Nay. I appreciate all the work you've done.

Also, thanks for addresses of Reeves descendants in Lexington, and a copy of the obituary for John Davidson Reeves. I'll be working on the Ward Payne family again later this summer.

Enclosed my check for \$20.45 - which may account for a 'sort of' compromise between the number of hours I requested of you, and number you nut in plus postage.

I know what you mean about reports. I do research for others at Salt Lake City; I only charge for my research time, but reports take quite awhile to prepare too. I don't spend much time studying the problem and compiling data, the; most of the researching I do is for more specific items and I don't know the backgrounds.

I've been entering the new Johnson—Wood data into the computer, and will enclose copies of some pages - which will serve to answer some of your questions.

Death dates were obtained from VIRGINIA GENEALOGIES for both Frank and Grayson Johnson, I don't know: validity of that material - and was surprised to find same info in Tyler's Quarterly Magazine (sorry I don't know volume or issue) The Ward family material was apparently researched by a Mrs. Doremus in the early 1900's and she submitted her report to at least two places. I sure would like to see the David Long Ward Bible.

Perhaps the VIRGINIA GENEALOGIES are in your local library too.

I've wondered Where Jedediah Johnson died - Owensboro or Louisville. They are in Louisville on 1850 census with "Aunt Grayson" but notice that Sallie Grayson Johnson (who married A. H.

Ayer) was supposedly born at Cornland Daviess - which I'm presuming is in Owensboro. Also, the Power of Attorney L/305 (copy in Mary Eliza's sketch) was written less than a month after Jedediah died - I've wondered also what kind of person James Weir was - he is a main character in the lives of some of my ancestors. Why would Mary Eliza give him such a complete Power/Attorney in her affairs; she is probably distraught about the death of her husband being left with four small children, and pregnant with Grayson.

Don't spend anytime researching in regard to above paragraph; however, if you happen to know anything which applies to the case, I would appreciate hearing about it.

1. ADA PAYNE WOOD - her sketch enclosed. I've also wondered if she married the same D.C. Robert as her cousin Mary Payne - but Mary Payne Robert died in 1942; so that would mean that Mary Payne Robert and D. C. Robert were divorced. However, it could be the other way - that Ada Payne Wood was married to D. C. Robert first and died before 1898 when Mary Payne married him. Perhaps someone at the Superior, Wis. genealogy society can help clarify that situation. I'm going to try to trace her son Ralph Robert, which might answer some questions about Ada. You mention that D. C. Robert is buried in the Ward Payne family lot at Elmwood Cemetery - apparently died in 1912. Was there an obituary notice for him in any of the Owensboro newspapers?
2. I think the birthdate for Sallie Grayson Johnson on her monument is wrong. My determination is based on the Bible entry about her birth, and census records.
3. I hope to eventually find more info about both Mary Eliza Payne Johnson Wood and her daughter Elizabeth "Lina" Johnson Davis in Kansas.
4. I hope to find something about Frederick Grayson Johnson from Roswell, NM. I agree with you that his deathdate must be an error, since he is listed as a survivor when his wife died.

Notice that his deathdate is the same in VIRGINIA GENEALOGIES and the listing of some monuments from the Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, published in KENTUCKY ANCESTORS. It's a curious situation.

I guess that's all I have for now. I'll be interested in hearing your opinion after you read the enclosed reports, and suggestions as to what further research could be done about any of these people in 1-2 hours. I can research census myself - but I have no source for obituaries and vital statistics in 1900's.

I can also research land deeds myself because they are on microfilm at SLC - up to early 1900's.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,  
Marian Waters Challenger  
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Bozeman, MT 59715

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3 July 1988

Marian W. Challender  
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Dear Mrs. Challender:

After reading your letter I decided to go on and do a couple of more hours of research, which you referred to. I was able to find some more information on the family of Frank Johnson and Cleopatra Jones.

In order to find the obituary of David C. Robert I tried to find the complete date of his death but was unable to. His monument at Elmwood Cemetery only gives the year of his death, 1912. The cemetery office records do not start until 1914. The state of Kentucky started to record death certificates in 1911 and no David C. or D. C. Robert(s) is listed in the index for the state. At the Daviess County courthouse could find no will, administrator bond, or estate records for him.

Cleopatra Jones, wife of Frank Johnson (1845-1881), is apparently buried at Owensboro's Rose Hill Cemetery, which is across the road from Elmwood Cemetery. I had assumed earlier that she was buried at Elmwood, since her husband's obit indicated he was. In a published listing of Rose Hill Cemetery is: "Clepatia Johnson, sister of Vitula Jones" but the dates accompanying her name, 1854-1937, are those of her sister Vitula Jones. In the Owensboro Messenger, Tuesday, 14 June 1932 is an obituary for Mrs. Patie Johnson, copy enclosed. She died 13 June 1932 at the Owensboro Hospital. She was listed as being 75 years old, born in Daviess County, was survived by one son, F. E. Johnson of Dayton, Ohio, and was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery. She resided at the home of her sister, Miss Vitula Jones, who was a noted Owensboro school teacher. The two sisters probably have the same monument.

In the Daviess County, Ky. marriages found the marriage of Ada G. Johnson recorded in book 8, page 338. On 31 October 1900 she married Sam Taylor at Philpot. Bond for their marriage was by Vitula Jones, and witnesses were Julia B. Birkhead and Ned Johnson. In the listing for Rose Hill Cemetery found: Samuel W. Taylor 24 May 1878 - 23 May 1924 and Ada C. Taylor (wife of Samuel N.) 4 June 1876 - 17 May 1924. Enclosed is an obit for Ada Johnson Taylor published in the Owensboro Messenger & Inquirer, Tuesday, 20 May 1924. She died at Philpot, Daviess County, Ky. at the age of 46, she was survived by her mother, Mrs. Patie Johnson, of Philpot, and one brother, F. E. Johnson, of Indianapolis, Ind., and was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery.

F. E. (Ned) Johnson died in Owensboro on 9 January 1945. A copy of his obituary from the Owensboro Messenger & Inquirer, Wednesday, 10 January 1945, is enclosed. No age was given, his only survivor was his wife (name not given), and he was buried at Elmwood Cemetery



in Owensboro. Checked for and found no marriage for "Ned" Johnson recorded in Daviess County, also checked all Edwards, but did not check for "F. E." Johnson. Frank & Cleopatra Jones Johnson apparently have no living descendants. In the obit of Mrs. Patie Johnson no grandchildren were referred to and in the obits of her two children no surviving children were listed. In the burials at Elmwood Cemetery (after 1914) & in the Owensboro obits (after 1920) checked for and did- not find Jedediah, Frank & Alfred, sons of Grayson & Phoebe Field Johnson. For the two hours of research (\$4/hr) & the three obits I request \$8.60. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,  
Jerry Long

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Owensboro, KY 42301

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9 July 1988

Mr. Jerry Long  
1701 Alexander Avenue  
Owensboro, KY 42301

Dear Mr. Long,

Thank you for your report of 3 July and obituaries for Mrs. Patie Johnson, F. E. Johnson and Mrs. Ada Taylor.

Enclosed my check for \$9.05.

It looks like we've exhausted the leads for this family in Daviess County and it's time to put the Johnsons aside for awhile. Thus, I have no more questions about them at this time, but I hope you'll keep me in mind should you run across anything about them that should be included with their story. You have copies of my compilations to date for reference.

Perhaps someday I'll learn why and when Nary Eliza Payne Johnson went to Owensboro, and why she stayed there. I have the feeling that she had a lot of trials and tribulations, and went from a comfortable kind of life to rather poor conditions.

Thank you for checking further into David C. Robert. He must have died elsewhere, with his body getting shipped to Owensboro for burial. I think he had descendants, but their whereabouts is a puzzle for the time being.

One interesting note - my uncle (will be 99 years old next week) went to school at Pleasant Valley and Ned Johnson (F. E. Johnson) was his teacher.

I'm involved in finishing a family history about my grandfather this summer. His Daviess County years were approximately 1856 to 1903. I'm also trying to go back farther in time with my Ward and Long lines.

Sincerely,  
Marian W. Challender

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10 January 1989

Marian W. Challender  
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Dear Mrs. Challender:

I finally found the obit of Ward Payne. He died on 10 February 1908 in Owensboro, Ky. & his obituary appeared in the Owensboro Daily Messenger, Tuesday, 11 February 1908.

Also enclosed are copies of a couple of pages from the Owensboro Monitor regarding Ward Payne I thought you might like. In an issue of the Owensboro Monitor, Wednesday, 26 July 1865, I found an article about a robbery of Ward Payne's grocery (in left column of this sheet there are two separate pieces on Ward Payne). And in the Owensboro Monitor, Wednesday, 20 Sept. 1865, I found a large ad for Ward Payne's grocery. In your last letter, dated 30 October 1988, you requested I check for the obit of Pearl Willie Waters Ware, who died 17 May 1903. I checked the Owensboro Messenger from the 18th May through the 24th May of 1903 and found no obit or death notice for her.

For my copies and time I will request \$6.00. Thank you again for your patronage.

Yours truly,  
Jerry Long

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Owensboro, KY 42301

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13 Jan 1989

Mr. Jerry Long  
1701 Alexander Avenue  
Owensboro, KY 42301

Dear Jerry Long,

Thank you for your letter of 10 January and the copies concerning Ward Payne - his obituary and newspaper articles about him in business. I'm glad to have these to add to his history.

Enclosed my check for \$6.00.

Sincerely,  
Marian W. Challender

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Owensboro Daily Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Tuesday, 11 February 1908:

RESPECTED CITIZEN  
Ward Payne Dies of Pneumonia at Midnight  
Had Been in Ill Health for the Past  
Two Years. Seventy-Three Years of Age.

Mr. Ward Payne died of pneumonia, at midnight last night at his home at 823 Walnut street. He had been in bad health for the past two years but his condition was not serious until about four days ago. He was seventy-three years old and a widow and three children survive him. The children are: Mrs. D. C. Robards, of Springfield, Mass., Mrs. W. R. Smith, of Superior, Wis., and Mrs. J. D. Reeves, of Owensboro. The deceased was a member of the Trinity Episcopal church and was a highly respected citizen. The funeral services have not been arranged.

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Ward Payne, son of William Douglas Payne & Emmeline Elizabeth Ellen Ward, born 17 August 1834 Louisville, Jefferson County, KY and died 10 February 1908 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. He is listed in the 1850 census of Louisville, KY, 1870, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Daviess County, KY. He married Bettie Gazelle McFarland, 23 June 1864 Daviess County, KY. Bettie, daughter of John G. McFarland & Delia B. Griffith, was born 26 May 1839 Daviess County, KY and died 31 July 1921 Owensboro, KY. The 1900 census recorded that Bettie was the mother of seven children, three of whom were then deceased. Ward & Bettie were buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, KY. Their children were:

1. Mary Payne, born 9 May 1865 Daviess County, KY; married David C. Robert (1852-1912), 5 October 1897 Owensboro, KY; died 16 April 1942 Owensboro, KY; buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, KY. She left no children.
2. Virginia Griffith Payne, born 15 November 1867 Daviess County, KY; married John Davidson Reeves (29 December 1862 - 23 March 1927), 29 October 1890 Owensboro,

KY; died 31 October 1941 Andalusia, Covington County, AL; buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, KY. They had three children – Willis Ward, Ada P. & Virginia.

3. McFarland Payne, 'Mack D.', born 27 August 1871 Daviess County, KY; married Anna Belle Hall, 11 February 1903 Owensboro, KY; died 11 March 1906 Owensboro, KY; buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, KY. He left no children.
4. Ada Lee Payne, born 12 February 1874 Daviess County, KY; died of peritonitis on 19 July 1893 Owensboro, KY; buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, KY.
5. Adelia Payne, born 7 May 1878 Daviess County, KY; died 24 April 1880 Daviess County, KY.
6. Emeline Ward Payne, born 17 April 1881 Daviess County, KY; married William Robert Smith, 22 June 1904 Owensboro, KY; died February 1951 Libertyville, IL; buried Superior, WI. They had two children – Bettie War and William P. Smith.
7. One other child died during infancy

