

Edward Ward (1765-1857)

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky.

Research report prepared for Terry Lowe, 901 School House Ln., Lincoln, NE 68512 by Jerry Long in November 1986:

Edward Ward, the ancestor of the Ward family of Wardtown, No Creek and Beda area of Ohio County, Ky., was born 29 September 1765 in Maryland. Recent research indicates he was originally "Edward Browning" (source: research sent to Harry D. Tinsley of Ohio County, Ky. by Carolyn F. Blount, 2026 Tenth Ave. East, Seattle, Wa. 98102). He appears by that name in the 1790 census of Montgomery County, Md. In that same year he had a son, Rezin, whose mother was Miss Marcey Hobbs. The son went by the name of Rezin Hobbs, he was born in Montgomery County, Md. on 23 February 1790, married Elizabeth Ramsower on 25 December 1815 and died 24 July 1875.

On 22 April 1791 Edward Browning married Priscilla Soaper in Frederick County, Maryland. She was born 1770 in Maryland, her father Basil Soaper wrote his will 28 February 1825 and it was probated 30 April 1825. Her mother, Mary Busey, was the daughter of Samuel Busey. Edward Browning & Priscilla had a daughter, Priscilla Browning, circa 1794. Before 1800 Edward Browning changed his name to Edward Ward.

After their marriage Edward and Priscilla resided in Frederick County, Md. for several years. Between 1796 and 1800 they left Maryland and joined the westward migration into Kentucky. For a short time they made their home in Shelby County, Ky., where they were in 1800-1802. About 1803 they moved to Ohio County, Ky. On 26 November 1806 Edward Ward purchased a farm of 100 acres in Ohio County from Ignatius Pigman for \$200 (deed book B, page 195). Around this farm a small settlement grew up and in later years became known as Wardtown. The farm was located about 3 miles northwest of Hartford and a short distance south of the No Creek Church on the Hartford and Livermore Road.

Edward Ward's wife, Priscilla, died during the birth of their son, John S., in 1812 at Wardtown. In Ohio County on 28 May 1814 Edward Ward remarried. His new wife, Sarah Render, was the daughter of Robert Render and Sarah Rowe of Culpeper County, Va., she was born about 1792.

Edward Ward, known by the name of "Neddie", lived to be 92 years old. He died at the home of his daughter, Nancy Hatfield, near Utica in Daviess County, Ky., where he was buried in the Hatfield Cemetery. His monument reads "Edward Ward aged 92 died 26 September 1857". He died at the home of his daughter, Nancy Ward Hatfield (wife of Elijah Hatfield). There is only one other monument in the Hatfield Cemetery, that of Emeline Hatfield (Emeline Morgan 1st wife of Elijah Hatfield), who died 1 July 1843 at the age of 22 years and 6 months, there are

however signs of five or six more graves. The cemetery is in Daviess County about 4 miles east of Utica and ½ mile off the Greenbrier Road on the Raymond Phelps farm. Edward Ward second wife, Sarah, died sometime after 1840. No marked grave has been found for either Priscilla Soaper Ward or Sarah Render Ward.

Edward Ward by his two marriages had twelve children. By his marriage to Priscilla Soaper her had Priscilla, Reubin, Jesse, Samuel, Bazzel, Hezekiah K., Sarah, Martha, Ezra and John S., by Sarah Render he had Nancy and Matilda L., it is not known for certain, which marriage his daughter Elizabeth was born to. Three of his sons, Bazzel, Ezra and John S. became ministers of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. After coming of age most of his children left Ohio County; his sons, Bazzel and Hezekiah and daughters, Elizabeth Midkiff and Martha Bennett continued to reside in Ohio County where they reared families and have descendants.

Edward Wad's children were:

Priscilla Browning, born about 1794 Maryland

Reuben Ward

born about 1793 in Maryland; married Mary Hardin, 28 June 1814 Ohio County, Ky.; left Ohio County and lived in Indiana; died May 1833 Pike County, Ind.; some of his children returned to Ohio County; his children included:

1. Lucretia Henrietta (1815-1900) m. Charles Foushee White
2. John (c1817-) m. Elizabeth Ann Hardin
3. Delilah (1819-1854) m, Michael Ambrose
4. Hiram Blackwell (1824-1886) m. Martha Elizabeth (Ward) Moseley
5. Commodore Perry (1826-1897) m. Helen Zurella Ambrose
6. Albert E. (1829-1879) m. Martha M. Harrell
7. Louisa E. (c.1833-)

Samuel Ward

born 22 November 1795; married 1st Isabella McCampbell, 22 July 1822 Shelby County, Ky., 2nd Sarah Ann Musgrove, 2 April 1840 Parke County, Ind., and 3rd Mary Ann Shanks, 12 August 1858 Parke County, Ind.; left Ohio County at the age of 16; died 13 January 1878; buried Zackmire Cemetery, Wallace, Fountain County, Indiana. Children:

1. John E. (1824-1858) m. Margaret E. Mulhallen
2. Julia A. (c1825-)
3. Robert A. (c1826-)
4. Mary Agnes (1827-1861) m. William Alexander Stuart
5. Eliza Jane (1828-1892) m. Thomas Robinson Mount
6. Ann Isabella (1834-1863) m. Elbert S. Keller & William M. Roach
7. Samuel McCampbell (c1836-) m. Mary A.
8. William Fielding (c1841-)
9. Elizabeth (1843-1934) m. Frederick Shanks & James Watts
10. Mattie J. (1848-1943) m. Noah David Myers
11. Margaret Elizabeth (1850-1889) m. John Wesley Sowers

Jesse Ward

born 25 February 1796 in Frederick County, Md.; married 1st Mahala Ford, 3 June 1825 Ohio County, Ky., 2nd Elizabeth Raley, 8 September 1836 Ohio County, Ky. and 3rd Exeline (Cason) Baltimore. 29 January 1850 in Arkansas; worked as a flat boatman on the Mississippi River, in 1853 went to Oregon, one of his sons wrote a book about the family's experiences on the Oregon Trail; died 27 December 1871; buried Stipp Cemetery, Waldo Hills, Salem, Oregon. Children:

1. Hester Louretta (1822-1897) m. Thomas Dickerson Mercer
2. Basil (1826-1890) m. Sarah Jane Starbuck
3. Dillis Burgess (1838-1922) m. Sarah Isabella Byles
4. Kirkwood Clay (1851-1900) m. Elizabeth Jane Dunbar
5. Mark

Sarah Ward

born about 1798 Ohio County, Ky. died 1850-1864

Bazzel Ward

born 15 December 1800 Shelby County, Ky.; married Cassandra Ford, 1 April 1822 Ohio County, Ky.; Cumberland Presbyterian minister and farmer; died 11 February 1847 Ohio County, Ky.; buried Ward Cemetery, Beda, Ohio County, Ky. eleven children.

Hezekiah Karroll Ward

born 12 December 1802 Shelby County, Ky.; married Ellender Owen, 18 November 1827 Ohio County, Ky.; farmer, lived at Wardtown in Ohio County, Ky.; died 22 February 1874 Ohio County, Ky. Information on his descendants was published in the book, History of No Creek, Ohio County, Kentucky by Harry D. Tinsley (Roberts Printing Company, Frankfort, KY, 1953, pp.167-176). Children:

1. William Edward (1832-1917) m. Minerva J. (Wallace) Brown
2. John B. (1834-1909) m. Saviile Green Bennett & Mary Jane Benton
3. James Wilson (1839-1915) m. Mary Elizabeth Lindley
4. Richard Admiral (1841-1890) m. Martha Somers Bennett

Martha Ward

born 1 February 1807 Ohio County, Ky.; married Nathan Bennett, 31 December 1831 Ohio County, Ky.; died 3 February 1865 Ohio County, Ky.; buried ? Ward Cemetery, Beda, Ohio County, Ky. Children:

1. Basil Mansfield (1832-1922) m. Ellen Tweddell
2. Charlotte Jane (1835-1901) m. Samuel T. Wallace
3. Delila Ward (1837-1861) single
4. Isaac McDonald (1837-1926) m. Amanda Jane Tinsley
5. Stephen Albert (1840-1923) m. Eliza Neal Barnett
6. Amanda Matilda (1843-1908) m. Raphael P. Crabtree
7. Norris (1846-1929) m. Susan Tabor
8. Martha Evaline (1848-1924) m. William Curtis Ambrose

Ezra Ward

born 8 February 1808 Ohio County, Ky.; married 1st Elizabeth McCoy, 16 January 1839 and 2nd Mehitabel Eleanor (Thomas) Duncan; in The History of Henderson County, Kentucky, (by Edmund L. Starling, Henderson, KY, 1887, pp.784-786), the following is said about Ezra Ward "When about eighteen years old joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, was soon after licensed to preach, and, until his death, July 10th, 1864, no man was more widely or favorably known in connection with the ministry of that church." He left Ohio County at an early age after marrying he settled in Hardin County., Ky., where he owned a farm near Stephensburg. He had eight children, two of them Thomas E. and Ezra Calhoun Ward, practiced law in Henderson County, Ky., the later served as judge of the Henderson County court. Children:

1. Eliza Ann (1840-c1872) m. Albin S. Higdon
2. Martha Jane (1841-1895) m. Henry Townsend Higdon
3. Thomas Edward (1843-1911) m. Sarah Isabel Stapp
4. Milton Bird (1846-1876) m. Ann Golah Nichols
5. John Quate (1848-1904) m. Sarah Frances Nichols
6. William Ezekiel (1852-1911)
7. Ezra Calhoun (1854-1939) m. Florence Walker
8. Bettie Ellen (1858-1926) m. Oswald Sweeney Fray

John Soper Ward

born 15 February 1813 Ohio County, Ky.; married Minerva E. Bennett, 17 June 1835 Ohio County, Ky. and 2nd Nancy McClure, c1836; Cumberland Presbyterian Minister; died 9 June 1896 Caneyville, Grayson County, Ky.; buried Wilson Cemetery, Ready, Grayson County, Ky. Children:

1. Ezra McDonald (1842-1885) m. Catherine Elliott
2. Sarah T. (1846-1917) m. William G. Willis
3. Minerva Elizabeth (1849-1913) m. William P. Sirles
4. John Edward S. (1852-1929) m. Sarah Elizabeth Sirles
5. America (c1855-)
6. Hannah J. (c1864-)
7. Ida J. (1866-1950) m.

Elizabeth Ward

born 1810-1819 Ohio County, Ky.; married Benjamin Franklin Midkiff, 15 March 1834 Ohio County, Ky. died 1862. Children:

1. Samuel Linsey (1835-) m. Lucretia (Metcalf) Barnett
2. Thomas Davis (c1837-)
3. Lydia Charlotte (c1841-) m. William Day & Tilman Kelly Tatum

Nancy Render Ward

born 11 October 1816 Ohio County, Ky.; married Elijah Hatfield, 28 December 1843 Ohio County, Ky.; lived near Utica, Daviess County, Ky. died September 1891; buried Richardson Cemetery, Eureka, Spencer County, Ind. The town of Hatfield in Spencer County, Indiana was named for Samuel B. Hatfield (1841-1890), who laid out the town in 1883; Samuel was a son of Elijah Hatfield & his first wife, Emeline Morgan. Children of Nancy & Elijah Hatfield:

1. Sarah Elizabeth (1849-1905) m. Milton Trailkill
2. Fannie (1850-1907) m. Uriah McCoy

3. Elijah (1853-1935) m. Josephine Scamahorn
4. Caroline (1849-)
5. Matilda Emeline (1854-1917) m. Leonidas Hamlin McCoy
6. Susan M. (1859-1898) m. Jacob Scamahorn

Matilda Ann Ward

born 22 July 1824 Ohio County, Ky.; married James Sampson Wallace 24 May 1840 Ohio County, Ky. died 26 October 1863 Gibson County, Ind.; buried Forsythe Cemetery, Oakland City, Gibson County, Ind. Children:

1. Theopolis Alonzo (1844-c1883)
2. Franklin M. (1846-1906) m. Abigail V. Lowe
3. Lemuel Brazzle (1846-1931) m. Allie J. Wood & Eliza Jane McClellan
4. Giles Smith (1847-1928) m. Isabella Alice Mead
5. Martha J. (1850-1855)
6. George Thomas (1853-1925) m. Mary Harmon
7. Anna M. (1855-1859)
8. Julia Rachel (1857-1937) m. Frederick I. Allen
9. infant son (1859-1859)
10. Laura Ellen (1860-1864)

Bazzel Ward, son of Edward Ward and Priscilla Soaper, lived on a farm near Beda in Ohio County, Ky., about one mile north of his parents home at Wardtown. He was buried in a family cemetery on this farm, The Ward Cemetery is located a short distance off of Highway 231, on the west side of road, near its intersection with the Old Hartford Road about ¼ mile south of Beda, the farm is now owned by Grace M. Bell. His monument bears the inscription - "Sacred to the memory of the Rev. Bazzel Ward, Minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, who departed this life February 11th, 1847, aged 46 & one month & 27 days". Cassandra Ford wife of Bazzel Ward survived her husband by 17 years and died in 1864. She does not have a monument in the Ward Cemetery but it is believed she was buried there beside her husband. When she died she was about 62 years of age. A native of Maryland, she was the daughter of Samuel Ford and Ann Bennett, and the granddaughter of Governor John Bennett, one of the first settlers of the No Creek area of Ohio County.

Bazzel and Cassandra Ward reared a family of eleven children, their names are recorded on a land deed in Ohio County involving the settlement of their father's estate. Their children were:

Priscilla Ann Ward

born 25 September 1824 Ohio County, Ky. married Samuel Ford Hoover 20 June 1841 died 8 January 1883 Ohio County, Ky.; buried Hoover Cemetery, Clear Run, Ohio County, Ky. Children:

1. Elizabeth Ann (1842-1915) m, Jacob Hoover & Walker Stevens
2. George Washington (1844-) m. Mary Prudie Parks
3. Basil Ward (1846-) m. Mary Patterson
4. Jacob Fletcher (1849-1926) m. Arvena Herring
5. Sarah Jane (1852-1936) m. John R. McCoy

6. Samuel Elijah (1854-1938) m. Dorothy Ann Keown
7. John L. (c1856-)
8. Cassander (1858-1917) m. Robert B. Stewart & David Allen
9. Matthew (c1861-)
10. Mary (c1863-)
11. Susan M. (c1867-) m. A. C. Evans

John Fletcher Thomas Ward

born about 1827 Ohio County, Ky.; married Martha A. Lowe, 25 December 1853 Ohio County, Ky. died 20 October 1896 Ohio County, Ky.; buried Patterson Cemetery, Ohio County, Ky. Children:

1. Mary E. (1854-1913) m. John S. Newcomb
2. Maude (1857-1905) m. Wesley Maples
3. Fidelia (1866-1938) m. Elmer E. Tinsley
4. Alonzo K. (1872-1902) m. Inez King

Martha Elizabeth Ward

born 7 January 1829 Ohio County, Ky. married 1st John A. Moseley 26 December 1844 Ohio County, Ky. (no children) and 2nd Hiram Blackwell Ward, 2 January 1849 Ohio County, Ky.; died 28 April 1900; buried Ward Cemetery, Beda, Ohio County, Ky. Children:

1. Leroy B. (1849-1913)
2. Velarous Corvis (1851-1926) m. Hannah Delilah Wallace
3. John B. (c1853-)
4. Preston A. (1854-)
5. Frances H. (1857-1919) m. Jesse B. Dodson
6. Samuel W.
7. Ezra M. (1861-1925) m. Caroline Smith & Sarah Mary Brand
8. Hiram S. (1862-1918) m. Mollie R. Westerfield
9. Joseph Mc (1864-1944) m. Augusta Caroline Fields
10. Charlotte C. (1868-1918)

Henrietta Jane Ward

born about 1832 Ohio County, Ky.; married Edward Fountain Smith, 1 December 1856 Ohio County, Ky.; died 1904; buried Bell's Run Cemetery, Ohio County, Ky. Children:

1. Caleb (1857-1922) m. Mary E. Hunter
2. Cassandra (1857-1916) m. John Merritt Rhodes
3. Caroline (1860-1892) m. Ezra M. Ward
4. Matilda (1861-1943) m. Alonzo F. Yates
5. Louisa (1861-1927) m. Christopher Columbus Moseley
6. Kirby (1862-1930) m. Henrietta Smith
7. Nancy J. (1865-1914) m. John Reuben Yates
8. Edmond Fountain (1866-1953) m. Minerva Ellen Greer
9. Lawrence (1869-1941) m. Nancy Jane Ward

Sarah Eleanor Ward

born 27 April 1833 Ohio County, Ky.; married William Fletcher Stevens, 7 February 1854 Ohio County, Ky. died 13 May 1871, lived near Wichita, Kansas; buried Eldridge Cemetery, Colwich, Sedgwick County, Kan. Children:

1. Isaac R. (1855-1879)
2. Priscilla A. (1857-1930) m. John Merkle
3. Charles W. (1860-1882)
4. Matha Louisa (1862-1934) m. Francis Thomas Little
5. Samuel Morton (1865-1923) m. Beatrice Hoath
6. Arthur C. (1868-1873)
7. George W. (1871-1871)

Samuel E. Ward

born about 1834 Ohio County, Ky. died 20 September 1863 Battle of Chickamauga, Tenn., soldier in the Union Army, burial location unknown.

Basil Lynn Ward

born 9 July 1835 Ohio County, Ky.; married Martha Jane Wallace, 19 December 1854 Ohio County, Ky. lived on his father's farm at Beda until his death after his death in 1886 his family moved to Bloomington, Ill, died 14 March 1886 Ohio County, Ky.; buried Ward Cemetery, Beda, Ohio County, Ky. Hartford Herald, Hartford, Ky., Wednesday, 17 March 1886 – “B.L. Ward, one of our most esteemed and substantial citizens, residing about three miles north of Hartford, died at his home on last Sunday night. He was suffering from kidney trouble and partial paralysis of the lower limbs. The remains were interred at the home burying ground, on Monday at 2 o'clock P.M.” Children:

1. Mary Cordelia (c1856-) m. Felix V. Barnett
2. Fielden Luther (1858-1945) m. Martha Eleanor Barnett
3. Emma Lincoln (1861-1934) m. William H. Humphrey & George C. Krack
4. Henry B. (1865-1935) m. Elvira Elizabeth Stevens
5. Martha Anna (1867-1935) m. William Obed Chapman
6. Talbott Humphrey (1872-1958) m. Mary Emma Blankenship
7. Wallace (c1877-)

Ezra Whitfield Ward

born 12 October 1838 Ohio County, Ky., known as "Doc" Ward; married 1st Tabitha Matilda Bennett, 22 December 1859 Ohio County, Ky. and 2nd Georgia Ann Long, 20 September 1870 Ohio County, Ky. died 25 April 1904; buried Mt. Hermon Cemetery, Ohio County, Ky. Children:

1. Pendleton W. (1867-1918) m. Katherine Ann Kuykendall
2. Savilla Green (1868-1940) m. William Smith
3. Claude Burk (1872-1939) m. Anna Bell Dooley
4. Edward Basil (1873-1936) m. Lillian May Crabtree
5. Emanuel L. (1877-1959) m. Magnolia Lake & Laura Chinn
6. James Dudley (1878-1941) m. Icy May Dooley
7. Nathaniel (1884-1951) m. Myrtle Lee Harper
8. Alice Ethel (1885-1966) m. Samuel Ernest Allen
9. Alvin (1888-1978) m. Dixie Moseley

Hezekiah Clayton Ward

born 6 March 1840 Ohio County, Ky.; married Mary E. Bryant 15 November 1860 Ohio County, Ky.; died 4 July 1916 Vermilion County, Ill.; buried Danville National Cemetery, Danville, Vermilion County, Ill. Children:

1. Lucy (1860-1936) m. Achilles Lashbrook Bennett
2. Leslie Clayton (1865-1943)
3. Annie (c1868-) m. Thomas McArthur
4. infant son (1871-1871)
5. Caroline (1874-1943) m. Charles Edward Grandon
6. Walter Ronald (1877-1943) m. Myrtle Orilla Rigg
7. Amy L. (c1879-)

Minerva Louise Ward

born 29 January 1842 Ohio County, Ky.; married George B. Benton, 19 February 1863 Ohio County, Ky; died 3 February 1922 Washington County, Oregon; buried Hillsboro Pioneer Cemetery, Hillsboro, Washington County, Ore. Children:

1. Mary Cassandra (1865-1929) m. Albert Gower Howard & Sherman Sheridan Bentley
2. Herbert G. (1867-1936) m. Anna Sophia Jess
3. Ulysses A. (1869-1922)
4. Ruth A. (1874-1928) m. Charles Thomas W. Desmond
5. Henry Hezekiah (1881-1945) m. Emma E. & Margaret V. Huriaux

Joseph Benjamin Ward

born 19 October 1843 Ohio County, Ky.; married Alice A. Long, 30 October 1888 Ohio County, Ky. died 26 April 1927 Centertown, Ohio County, Ky.; buried Centertown Cemetery, Ohio County, Ky. Children:

1. Charter David (1889-1958) m. Lucy Ellis
2. Arl Benjamin (1894-1966) m. Nola Tate
3. Susan Agnes (1899-1979) m. Leon Franklin Dempsey

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Owensboro-Daviess Co. Library
Kentucky Room

Dear Librarian:

I've been researching the Ward family of Ohio and Daviess Counties for three years now and just discovered in an old trunk of my grandmother's old family letters that led me to additional correspondence in the Manuscript Collection at the University of Washington here in Seattle. Thus I have finally proved the children of "Neddie "Ward, of Wardtown, Ohio County, buried in the old Hatfield Farm near Utica. In September of 1984 we visited your area and actually located the grave, and spent a couple of days with Mr. Tinsley, and several Ward descendants with whom I've continued to correspond.

Here a draft copy of my latest efforts on a Family Group Sheet for Neddie for your collection. I wonder if you could help me locate tombstone records for Nancy Ward, daughter of Neddie and Sarah Render, b. 1815 d. after 1872. We did not find her tombstone on the farm, but only two were remaining so it may have been lost, or she may have been buried elsewhere. I am hoping that it may have been earlier recorded, providing me with a marriage and death date.

I also now know that the early KY John Ward was father to James, Priscilla and Rebecca, the daughters marrying Burton brothers in Ohio County. I believe that John may be Neddies brother, or more likely, half brother, for Neddie married as Edward Browning, but assumed later the Ward name. A John Ward is descendant of Edward Ward, d. 1820, Frederick Co. MD whose family came from Anne Arundel County, and I believe this John really descends from that family, but I'm still not sure about old "Neddie!" If you have other information on this John, or have other Daviess County researchers working on the family, I'd be so happy to share information.

I understand from Mrs. Anna Lee Midkiff descendant of Bazzell, son of Edward, that a Kentucky History in the Kentucky Room of your library tells of the Ward family coming to KY from MD. She did not tell me the title or source, but I could find no such reference here in Seattle. Would it be possible for you to also copy the Ward related pages of that reference?

Enclosed is a check for postage and copy costs. My request is really three in one, realize, so I'm Very grateful for your help, and will happily remit more if this amount is insufficient.

Thank you so very much for your help. I'm descended from Edward through Jessie who brought his family over the Oregon Trail in 1853. His son, Dillis Burgess Ward married a student, Sarah Isabella Byles, daughter of the Rev. Charlie Byles, also from Kentucky. They made Washington history by being the first Wagon Train directly over the Cascades and Naches Pass directly into Puget Sound. Their son, Charles Clarence Ward was my grandfather; my mother, Elizabeth Ward Fix died suddenly the day after we returned from our Kentucky trip, just two years ago, so perhaps it is in her memory that I am now trying to connect the family.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Fix Blount

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Anna L. Hamilton
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Dear Ms. Hamilton:

Just today I received from the Owensboro. Daviess County Library a copy of several pages of your book "The Ward Family" in response to my query about a cemetery record indicting a death date for Nancy Render, daughter of Edward Ward and Sarah Render. I was surprised to know that there was another Edward Ward so near the family of the Edward Ward,

b. 1765 in MD d. 12 September 1857, bur. at the home of his daughter, Nancy Ward Hatfield, three miles off the Greenbrier Road, near Utica in Daviess Co. KY. Perhaps together we can separate the 2 families.

Already, you will see the problem I believe you had in sorting out the families of these two Edward Wards! I believe you have incorrectly attached many members of the Maryland Edward, called Neddie, 1765-1857 to your family. I have been tracing this family for four years, I am not a professional at all, just a home economist very interested in family history. We visited Ohio and Daviess counties in September of 1984 and spent three days visiting with Ward family members, as well as Harry B. [sic – should be D.]Tinsley, author of The History of No Creek, Ohio County KY which mentions this family. I have also been corresponding with a dozen distant cousins, descendants now of four of Edward's children. Additionally, I have copies of a number of old family letters, dating from the 1850s, shared by these cousins, plus some from my own own family, and additional ones from the archives in Bowling Green and from the University of Washington here in Seattle that substantiate the family connections. It is difficult and confusing because both families used many similar names. Because of those difficulties, we still have not proved just who was this Neddie Ward in Maryland.

According letters from KY to Dillis Burgess Ward in Seattle, Neddie had the following children Jessie, my GG grandfather, Reubin, Samuel, Bazzell, Hezekiah, Sarah/Sally, Elizabeth, Martha, Ezra, John S. and Nancy. It is our Edward who married secondly Sarah Render, proven both by family records, and because he is buried on the farm of their daughter, Nancy Hatfield. I had read of that tombstone, and Mr. Tinsley helped us find it. The tombstone says he was born in MD, d.12 Sept.1857, age 92, supporting the family letters. Letters provided a birthday of 29 September, ages ranging from 91 in 1864 to 106 by 1915! You are correct that James, and Susan are daughters of a John Ward. So is Rebecca m. Allen Burton, 16 March 1820, Ohio Co (A, p42) I have copies of the Ohio County marriage records and both are listed as daughter of John. I had thought that this John might be the John Ward, son of yet an earlier Edward Ward who died in Maryland in 1820 and is mentioned in his will because the family came from Anne Arundel Co MD, All Hallow Parish in the late 1600's and very early 1700's because of the continuation of the names Susan and Rebecca ____ Edward ____, but I have not proved that hunch, so you may be correct. I had thought the Ohio County marriage (Ohio County in the Olden Days, p. 186) of Reubin Ward to Polly Hardin/Harding was our Reubin, and did not know that he was James Reubin You cite the same date, but state that it is Daviess Co. That marriage is also listed in the Morman IGI just as Reubin. Hezekiah and Martha are both children of our Neddie. Loyd Ward, and the Humphreys who still live near No Creek are descended of that family line. Most of the family letters were mailed back to Hezekiah who stayed on at Wardtown, Ohio Co. Bowling Green University has a large file on Hez's family. Thus there may be difficulties with at least three children of your first generation.

In the second generation, Nancy Ward who did marry Elizah Hatfield is the only child of Neddie/Edward Ward b. in Maryland, and Sarah Render. I'm not sure about the others so they may be children of your Edward, but certainly not of Sarah Render as you state.

For your third generation, Hezekiah Ward was b. in Shelby County KY 12 Dec. 1802, d. 11 February 1847, son of Edward Ward and Priscilla Soaper, not John and Polly. I believe you have correctly listed the children of Hezekiah and Ellendor Owen but of course they are thus connected to the wrong grandfather and grandmother. Commadore Perry and Hiram were certainly not sons of our Neddie, nor could they have been sons of your Edward and Sarah Render, as you suggest.

On Page 15 mention Dulls E. Ward. He is Dills Edgar, son of James, of Hezekiah, son of "Neddie" Ward. I have copies I made of letter from him, now at the University of Washington Manuscript Collection, to my G. Grandfather, Dulls Burgess Ward. Both men wondered the source of their unusual name, but neither had learned that from his own father. Mr. Tinsley suggests that it is from Dillis Dyer, an early Ohio County attorney. (Wonder what trouble he got them out of?!)

Please understand that I'm not trying to be so critical of your efforts as I must sound. It is just that I've been working so hard to sort out this family, and know how easy it is to come to the wrong conclusions from insufficient data. I'm prone to typos myself, and just found a silly one tonight on the chart made on Edward/Neddie Ward only last week after I found more information on the elusive brothers Samuel and Reubin. I have now traced Samuel to Parke Co. IN., but lost Reubin in the 1820 census and thought I had then found him in Indiana in 1830, but the ages don't fit, and wonder if I've got the "wrong man," Maybe I didn't persist long enough with "Ruffin" KY in 1850, RJ 1840. That is why I wondered about your James Reubin. Supposedly our Jesse, b. 1796 was eldest brother. That would leave Reubin about 1798 if he is second, as listed, but Samuel's census records seem to indicate also a 1796/7 birthdate. Thus, you see, I don't have all the answers either. But, hopefully if we share sources, you may join the rest of the "Ward Cousins" and together we may get both families sorted out yet.

I have found the following reference that might be helpful to you; I first thought that this woman was wife of our Neddie, but she is not. Perhaps she is wife of your John Ward. Mary Ward, b. 1768, d. 2 September 1857, age 89 of scarlet fever (tomb stone reported Daviess Co by KY Historical Society Register, v.47). Again, you need proof of the marriage to accept her.

Mr. Tinsley didn't know yet of Neddie when he wrote his history of No Creek, and it was not until this summer that I found the letter actually listing all of the children of Neddie, so I can understand how easy it was to be confused. For some time I thought that James, Prisosilla and Rebecca were children of our Neddie, until I wrote for the actual marriage records which lists the girls' father as John.

Our problem gets more complicated too, because Neddie married as Edward Browning in Frederick Co. MD, and a couple of years later was fined £40 to indemnify the State of MD against a "base born child by the said Edward Browning/alias Edward Ward on the body of a certain Marcey Hobbs." Just this summer I made contact with a descendant of that child, Rezin Hobbs. Neddie married Marcy's cousin, Priscilla Soaper. Yet another child, Priscilla Browning is named in the will of her grandfather, Basil Soaper Sr who d. in Maryland in 1825 appears to be another child. Thus, you see, you may not want to claim old Edward/Neddie Browning/Ward at all! The Edward Ward's will, 1819, Frederick Co. MD was witnessed by Basil Soaper, our Neddie's father-in-law. Was he really a Browning or a Ward?

How did you trace your Edward Ward line to the Hessians? That must have been difficult. Please do write. And do not hesitate to challenge my assumptions too, for I likely have errors too. I especially have a difficult time catching my own typos. Anna Lee Midkiff, 2633 St. Ann St, Owensboro, KY 42301, 683-2804 is another Neddie Ward descendant through Bazzel and also your James Ward, so you may wish to work together, since you are so much closer. But please do keep me informed of your findings, and I'll promise to do the same. Someday, when I've got it sorted out, I too hope to do a book. My mother died suddenly, the day after we returned home from KY, so researching the Wards has become a personal.

Best wishes on your research, I tried to call you September 16, but no answer.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Fix Blount

2026 Tenth Avenue East
Seattle, WA, 98102

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e-mail from Helen McKeown to Jerry Long, 29 April 2007:

Good morning. In one of the Kentucky Ancestors, it is on the list there is reference to where grave of Edward Ward is located b 9-25-1765 d 9-12-1857. Vol 6 Number 2 page 89 Oct 1970. This article tells whose farm off Greenbriar Road that the cemetery is located. Can you give me directions to this cemetery. I need to know whose door to knock on. If you do not have these directions, then I will need to trace the property ownership to current. Do I go to Owensboro courthouse to do this, etc.? Have descendants coming from Bowling Green and a further east town in Ky, forgot exactly which and they want to make pictures. Thanks Helen

e-mail from Jerry Long to Helen McKeown, 30 April 2007:

The cemetery that you referred to is known as the Hatfield cemetery. It was on the farm formerly owned by Raymond Phelps. He, however, died in 1990 and his widow, Maxine, is no longer living there. I talked to Mrs. Phelps and she said that she did not know who is living there now and doubted that they would know about the cemetery. Chester Ward Jr. of Owensboro (phone 684-2769), a descendant of Edward Ward, visited the cemetery about 15 years ago. He gave directions as - at Utica turn east onto Highway 140 go about 1 mile to second road on right, the Greenbriar Road, on this road go about 3 miles until you pass the Greenbriar Baptist Church, a short distance come to brick house on left, the home of the farm's owner, to side of house is a gravel lane, go to second field, on opposite side of road (on right) is a tree line or hedge row and cemetery is just inside this. When you find this house the owner may be able to give further directions. I have been able to find someone else to work on typing the 1910-1919 Owensboro newspaper chronologies. I have still searching for another volunteer to work on the 1890's. Best wishes, Jerry Long, Kentucky Room

e-mail from Helen McKeown to Jerry Long, 2 May 2007:

Thank you so much for the directions. I will take the people there in the next weeks. While I am not typing that is!!! Have a great day, Helen

e-mail from Helen McKeown to Jerry Long, 8 May 2007:

Hello Jerry, Directions worked wonderfully. You can save this revision after Greenbriar Baptist Church, a short distance come to Coleman Road on the left, trailer on corner of Coleman and Greenbriar, then a newer brick house on Greenbriar, then another brick house also on the left. Turn in this driveway and walk out behind the house past the lake and look to the right just in the treeline and there are the markers. Thanks, Helen

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See "Across The Plains in 1853", by D. B. Ward, "Lineage Lines, column of Harry D. Tinsley, Ohio County, News, Hartford, KY, 1987: Aug. 27, Sep. 3, Sep. 10, Sep. 17, Sep. 24, Oct. 1, Oct. 8, Oct. 15, Oct. 22, Oct. 29, Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Nov. 25, Dec. 3, Dec. 10, and Dec. 17.

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History of Henderson County, Kentucky (Edmund L. Starling, 1887, pp.784-786):

THOMAS E. WARD was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, on the fifteenth day of July, 1844. His great-grandfather settled in Maryland prior to the Revolution, and he and four of his sons were members of the famous Maryland line during the struggle for independence. After the war, his grandfather, Edward Ward, married Miss Elizabeth Soaper, and, in 1789, removed to Kentucky and finally settled in Ohio county, where he died in January, 1856, at the advanced age of ninety-seven years, having raised a large family. His eighth child, the Rev. Ezra Ward, the father of the subject of our sketch, was born in Ohio County, February 8th, 1808, and, when about eighteen years old, joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, was soon after licensed to preach, and, until his death, July 10th, 1864, no man was more widely of favorably known in connection with the ministry of that church.

Mr. Ward's great-grandfather on the maternal side, Captain Thomas McCoy, had held the rank of Captain in the British Army, and had participated in the French and Indian wars prior to the Revolution. At the close of those wars, he sold his commission and settled in South Carolina. He, also, was from Ireland. When the Revolutionary War broke out, he joined the patriots, raised a company and served under General Marion, and was sent by that officer with recruits to General Sumpter, who was defeated, and Captain McCoy and his son made prisoners. They were carried to Augusta, Georgia, where one Colonel Brown was commanding. Brown had served with McCoy and recognized him. A court martial was immediately summoned and Captain McCoy was tried for treason, condemned and hung on the same day. His son, a youth of sixteen, a prisoner, was executed at the same time. Mrs. McCoy, having heard of the capture of her husband and son, set out immediately for Augusta to see them. She arrived while they were still hanging, and had them taken down, put in rude coffins, placed them in her wagon, and carried and buried them. Three months afterwards, Thomas McCoy, the maternal grandfather of our sketch, was born. He remained in Carolina until 1800, when he moved to Breckenridge County, Ky., where he settled and lived until his death in 1862. Elizabeth McCoy was the sixth child born of this marriage, and was married to Rev. Ezra Ward on the sixteenth day of January, 1839. They settled in Hardin County, where they lived up to their death, she dying October 17th, 1855. There were seven children born of this marriage, of which Thomas E. was the third. His childhood was passed on his father's farm, near Stephensburg, in Hardin County, where he enjoyed the usual chances of securing an education at a county school taught three months in a year. The ups and downs of life were his, and, through multiplied trials, gained his education. So anxiously was he upon this point, he hired himself to Rev. James Vinson, of Wolf Springs, Hardin County, to work during mornings and evenings and on Saturdays, during ten months, for his board and tuition. This school was broken up by the war, and, soon thereafter, young Ward enlisted as a private in the Forty-eighth Kentucky Federal Regiment, infantry, commanded by Colonel Burge, a Methodist clergyman. He remained in the service four months, mostly on detached duty, when, on a final organization, his Captain was left out, and he, with others, declined to be mustered in. He then returned to Hardin County, and again entered Rev. Vinson's school, upon the previous

terms, and there remained for seven months, up to June, 1864. Carrying away the honors of the class of thirty-four, he returned to farming, where he remained until January, 1865, when he took charge of a school at Longgrove, Hardin County, and taught three months. He quit teaching, and, in November, 1865, entered the employ (as man of all work) of Hon. W. L. Conklin, at Litchfield. He commenced the study of law and so applied himself that, upon his examination in May, 1866, he received the compliments of the examining judges, and a license to practice. He prosecuted his studies to 1867, when he entered into partnership, in Grayson County, with Judge Martin H. Cofer and continued with him to his election as Circuit Judge, Mr. Ward continued to practice in Grayson until November, 1872, with great success. Having married Miss Isabel Stapp, of Henderson, in June, 1872, he closed his business in Grayson with a view of removing to Wichita, Kansas, but abandoned the idea on account of his wife's objection of going into a new country so far from home and friends. January 1st, 1873, he came to Henderson, and, without influential friends, money, or acquaintances, he went quietly to work, and has succeeded as few young lawyers would or could have done.

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A Volume of Memoirs and Genealogy of Representative Citizens of Seattle and County of King, Washington, Including Biographies of Many of Those Who Have Passed Away, New York & Chicago, Lewis Publishing Company, 1903, pp.445-449:

Forty-one years have passed since Dillis Burgess Ward came to Washington. This state was then a wild district, its land unclaimed, its resources undeveloped. A few courageous frontiersmen had dared to locate within its borders, but the work of progress and improvement remained to the future and there was little promise of early development. In the years which have since passed Mr. Ward has not only witnessed a wonderful transformation but has largely aided in the labors which have resulted in the upbuilding of this great commonwealth. He has been particularly active in the work of progress in Seattle, his business affairs contributing to the general prosperity as well as to his individual success.

Mr. Ward is a native of Kentucky, his birth having occurred in Ohio county, on the 30th of June, 1838. The family is of English and Irish line age and was early founded in Maryland, where the grandfather of our subject was born. He removed to Kentucky in 1798, only six years after the admission of that state to the Union. There he improved a large farm and reared his family of eight sons and two daughters. He attained to an advanced age and was an important factor in the pioneer development of the state. The father of our subject, Jesse Ward, was born in Maryland in 1797, and was therefore but one year of age when his parents removed to Kentucky, where he was reared to manhood and married Miss Elizabeth Ford, by whom he had three children. After her death he wedded Miss Elizabeth Railey, a native of Kentucky, who became the mother of our subject. When only eighteen years of age Jesse Ward volunteered for service in the war of 1812 and fought under General Jackson in the battle of New Orleans. After the cessation of hostilities he engaged in trading, in the winter constructing flatboats, which in the spring he loaded with pork and tobacco and floated down the Mississippi river to the Crescent city. He would then sell his produce and boat in New Orleans and return to his Kentucky home. He made a trip each season for eighteen years, sometimes making the return trip on foot — a long and hard trip. After he abandoned that pursuit Mr. Ward turned his attention to farming, which vocation occupied his attention throughout the remainder of his business career. For eight

or ten years he filled the position of constable of his district, an office similar to that of sheriff now. Eventually he removed to the Indian purchase in Kentucky and after two years went to Arkansas, where he remained for seven years. He had married a third time and on the 29th of March, 1853. He started with his wife and nine children across the plains to Oregon, locating near Salem, arriving at his destination about the 1st of October.

The subject of this review was then about fifteen years of age. His father had given him a saddle horse and he was in the saddle throughout the entire journey, assisting in driving the stock which made quite an extensive herd. He had a __ keen delight and interest in everything that transpired and vividly remembers the incidents of the long trip. After they had proceeded on their journey several hundred miles they passed the only United States fort on the western plains that they saw on the trip. Some little distance before reaching the fort they noticed Indians and the night before going into camp they were met by a detachment of six United States soldiers who informed them of the proximity of the fort and advised them not to camp where they were but escorted them to the fort. Several thousand Indians were there and were holding a council, and the soldiers thought it unsafe for the travelers to remain any ways distant from the protection of the army guns. They also told them not to turn their cattle out, but to corral them, fastening them to the wagons, the fort furnishing them with hay. This was done to keep them from the Indians. The emigrants remained at the fort until the red men had gone and then moved on as before. They crossed the North Platte river when it was a raging torrent. Securing a rope they managed to fasten it across the stream and then fastened two of their wagons on boxes together, in which they ferried their provisions and outfit across and swam their stock. Just previous to this time they had come across a party of Indians who had been on the war path against the Crow tribe. They had secured a number of scalps, which were tied to the bridles of their horses. The chief made them a speech, interpreted by a renegade white man who was with the Indians. He said they had made a treaty with the government which they displayed. From this the emigrants concluded that they were all right and started on, going down the side of the butte. At this the Indians became very hilarious, shouting and waving their blankets. It seemed to be their intention to stampede the cattle and teams. As they got to the foot of the butte three hundred warriors were drawn up in line in front of the emigrants. The latter had with them a buffalo calf which they had captured and which one of the cows had adopted and fed. The Indians, however, claimed it and took it out and killed it. They then demanded pork and flour, saying they needed food. As there were but twenty well armed men in the company they decided to divide with the Indians who outnumbered them so greatly and when this was done they were permitted to pass on. The Indians, however, saw a young white woman with red hair in the company and another bright young woman, driving a pair of mules, and fancied and wanted the young ladies. The emigrants put the two girls in a covered wagon out of sight and said they would shoot the first Indian who molested them and they were let alone. In such ways the party were annoyed at various times. Other hardships and difficulties had to be encountered and they had much trouble in crossing the streams. Later they lost many of their cattle from drinking alkali water and on the Snake river their stock was all stampeded. They were amid hostile Indians, far from civilization and without means of going forward. The outlook was indeed a very dark and dreary one, but after getting breakfast the following morning they saw one of their horses returning, which gave them hope, and a number of the men then went on the trail and succeeded in recovering considerable of their stock with which to proceed. Mr. Ward's father, however, was obliged to leave one of his wagons with its load. The family made their way into Oregon and located on a farm, where the

father continued to reside throughout his remaining days with the exception of a year spent in Seattle. He was a devout Christian man, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, and died in that faith at the age of seventy-six years. His third wife had five children by a former husband and of the nine children Mr. Ward, a step brother and step sister are all that survive.

The subject of this review continued his education, begun in the east, by study in Salem, Oregon. He also assisted in the arduous task of developing the new farm and cultivating its fields. For twenty-two years he engaged in teaching in the territory of Washington and left the impress of his individuality upon the intellectual development of the communities with which he was connected. He was a most capable instructor, inspiring his pupils with the zeal and interest which he had in the work. For a time he had charge of an industrial school for Indian boys and girls at the Sko-komish Indian reservation. He also became connected with journalistic work in the west and for two years was manager of the old Post, afterwards consolidated with the Intelligencer, now the Post-Intelligencer, published in Seattle. Since 1880 he has engaged in dealing in real estate and in mining brokerage business, with an office in the New York block, and in this line he is meeting with well deserved success, having an extensive clientage. He served his state as emigration agent for five and a half years, his term ending on the 1st of April, 1901. In this regard he rendered valuable service.

On the 24th of September 1863, Mr. Ward was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Isabella Byles, a daughter of the Rev. Charles Byles, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister, who crossed the plains from Kentucky in 1853. Mr. and Mrs. Ward have six children, five daughters and a son. Sarah Elizabeth, the eldest daughter, is the wife of Professor Edmond, of the state university; Kate W. is the wife of James S. Bushnell, formerly of Poughkeepsie, New York; Maud W. married W. A. Dickey, a graduate of Princeton College, formerly a resident of Manchester, New Hampshire; Agnes W. married Karl V. Lively, of Portland, Oregon; and Mable, whose husband is Charles A. Penington, of Seattle. The son is C. C. Ward, a civil engineer of note, who is now in charge of the construction of the Wenatchee high line irrigation ditch.

For years Mr. Ward has been a strong temperance man by precept and example, laboring to promote the cause. For thirty-four years he has been a member of the Good Templar's society and has served in all the offices of the order from the lowest to the highest in his jurisdiction. He also has membership relations with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and has filled all the official positions in subordinate lodge in that fraternity. Through a long period he has been an acceptable member of the Methodist Protestant church and his influence has ever been on the side of the right, the true and the beautiful. Since attaining his majority he has given his political support to the Republican party, has been an active worker in its ranks and his influence and labors have proven a potent element in its advancement in this state. He was honored with an election to the general assembly and during his term supported all legislation which he believed would redound to the good of the commonwealth. Thus along political, educational, moral and business lines he has contributed to the upbuilding of the state. He came to this city when it contained but eleven families and from that time forward has put forth every effort in his power for its advancement, rejoicing in its growth and aiding in shaping its policy along those lines which bring the greatest good to the greatest number. High on the rolls of honored pioneers is his name inscribed, and the pages of Seattle's history are adorned with the record of his work.