

Record of the Woodward Family of Ohio County, KY

Jerry Long made the following transcription in 2005 from four bible record pages in the possession of Warren Woodward (12615 East Apache Road, Spokane, WA 99206-8327). Mr. Woodward is the son of Wayne Wayland Woodward (1881-1973) & Jessye G. Barnard, grandson of James Benjamin Woodward (1845-1888) & Harriet J. Williams, great-grandson of John Milton Woodward (1806-1877) & Charlotte Ann Simmons and great-great-grandson of John Woodward (-1817) & Elizabeth Drain/Drane (1780-1861). Data in brackets added by J. Long:

Births

This is the record of John & Elizabeth Woodward's children:

Delilah Woodward was born August 28th, A.D. 1797

Benjamin Woodward was born December 11th, 1798

Thomas [Berry] Woodward was born January 14th, 1801

Ashford Woodward was born April 12th, 1803

Ann [Nancy Ann] Woodward was born March 1st, 1805

John Milton Woodward was born Dec 22nd, 1806

James Harvey Woodward was born March 15th, 1811

William Romain Woodward was born Feb 22nd, 1814

Stephen Drain Woodward was born Feb 18th, 1815

Matilda [J.] Woodward was born May 31st, 1817

Elizabeth Woodward died in her infancy

[Record of family of John Milton Woodward & Charlotte Ann Simmons]

John M. [Milton] Woodward was born December 22nd, A.D. 1806

Charlotte [Ann Simmons] Woodward was born August 5, A.D. 1805

Cynthia S. [Shane] Woodward was born February 25th, A.D. 1829

Elizabeth Drain Woodward was born March 5, 1830

America S. Woodward was born October 6th, A.D. 1831

Delila A. [Ann] Woodward was born August 14th, A.D. 1834

Cordelia W. Woodward was born March 29, A.D. 1836

Mary E. Woodward was born Dec. 10, A.D. 1837

Thomas B. [Berry] Woodward was born Aug. 6, A.D. 1839

Milton D. Woodward was born July 2nd, A.D. 1841

James B. [Benjamin] Woodward was born August 6, A.D. 1845

[Record of family of James Benjamin Woodward]

Lillie Ellis was born April 14th, 1852

Ella Viola Woodward was born Nov. 6th, 1871

Susan E. [Pirtle] Woodward was born March 17, 1854

Hattie J. [Harriet Williams] Woodward was born July 26, 1857

Wayne W. Woodward was born August 30, 1881
Verna Woodward was born Sept. 15, 1883

Children of Wayne & Jessie Woodward:

Arnold B. Woodward born Nov. 20, 1907
Marjorie Helen Woodward born Jan. 14, 1913
Wayne W. Woodward, Jr. born Jan. 15, 1914
Warren C. Woodward born July 28, 1928

Marriages

John M. Woodward and Charlotte Simmons were married October 4th, A.D. 1827
Cynthia S. Woodward and Reuben A. [Allen] Bennett were married January 1, 1846
America S. Woodward and William P. Thomasson were married March 8, A.D. 1852
Delila A. Woodward and John F. [Franklin] Wallace were married Aug. 15, A.D. 1854
Cordelia W. Woodward and Mason Hedrick were married Nov. 1, A.D. 1854
M. E. [Mary E.] Woodward and Shelby Baker were married Mar. 13, 1856
Lillie Ellis and J. B. Woodward were married Jan. 5th, 1871
J. B. Woodward and Sue E. Pirtle were married March 21, 1877 by Rev. W. W. Cook
Hattie J. Barnett and J. B. Woodward were married November 16th, 1880 by Rev. J. G.
Freeman
Jessye Barnard and Wayne W. Woodward were married March 24, 1907

Deaths

Elizabeth Drain Woodward departed this life 1840, December 10
Thomas Berry Woodward departed this life 1863, August 9
Charlotte [Simmons] Woodward May 16, 1847
M. D. [Milton D.] Woodward died May 18, 1847
Cordelia Hedrick May 26, 1861
Lillie [Ellis] Woodward died March 1st, 1874
John M. [Milton] Woodward died March 31, 1877
Susan E. [Pirtle] Woodward died June 13, 1879
Hattie J. [Williams] Woodward died January 16, 1886
James Benjamin Woodward died January 15, 1887 [22 Feb 1888 issue of the "Hartford
Herald", p3, indicates that he died in Ohio County, KY on 15 Feb 1888]
R. A. Bennett Oct 9, 1855
Delilah Woodward Wallace died February 10th, 1904
Verna Woodward died June 6, 1907
Marjorie Helen Woodward died March 27, 1927
Wayne Wayland Woodward died Oct 1, 1973
Jessie Barnard Woodward died Oct 14, 1985
Arnold Barnard Woodward died Sept. 7, 1994

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Additional notes by Jerry Long. Owensboro, Ky.:

John Milton Woodward, his wife Charlotte Ann Simmons and 8 of their 9 children are buried in the John Milton Woodward Cemetery (see transcription of cemetery in Ohio County, Kentucky Cemeteries Update 1982-2002, Ohio County Genealogical Society, 2002, p338; also see Kentucky Family Records, West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, Vol. 15, 1991, pp90-91 & Vol. 10, 1983, p12). Additional death dates of children of John Milton Woodward not in preceding family record: Cynthia Shane Woodward Bennett died 16 April 1877; America S. Woodward Thomason died 3 Nov 1882; Mary E. Woodward Baker died 12 Dec 1865 Their other daughter, Delilah Ann Woodward Wallace (1834-1904) is buried at the Carson Cemetery in Ohio County. James Benjamin Woodward married 4 times: Lillie Ellis in 1871, Susan E. Pirtle in 1877, both in Ohio Co., KY, Harriet J. (Williams) Barnett in 1880 in Barren Co., KY (she married 1st Finley Barnett, 15 Nov 1877) & Emma Sparks, 1886-1888. Ella Viola, daughter of James Benjamin Woodward & Lillie Ellis, married Daniel Altmire and they latter lived at Carrier Mills in Saline Co., IL. Ella died 29 June 1946 West Frankfort, Franklin Co., IL; had four children Raymond W., Cecil E., Carl L. & Harold P. Altmire.

John Woodward married Elizabeth Piles Drane in Prince George's County, MD on 9 Nov 1796. They moved to Shelby County, KY 1800-1803 and to Ohio County, KY in 1807-1808. John Woodward died in May 1817 while on a trip to New Orleans and was buried along the banks of the Mississippi River. His widow married John Bennett, Jr. in Ohio County on 15 Aug 1823. She died in Ohio County in 1861. Additional notes on their children:

- Delilah, married Asa Bennett, 10 Feb 1817 Ohio Co., KY and died 7 Jan 1881 Fairfield, Wayne Co., IL. They had 11 children: Amelia Ann, Lucinda, Mary E., James B., Joseph L., America J., Nancy, Lillburn D., Matilda Vitula, Artelia & Alfred L. Bennett.
- Benjamin, married Mary Ann Bennett, 23 May 1820 Ohio Co., KY and died in 1822 Ohio Co., KY.
- Thomas Berry, married Ann (McGill) Pruden, 12 Jan 1820 Ohio Co., KY and died 9 Aug 1863 in Ohio Co., KY. Their children were: Letticia Jane, Elizabeth M., Sally Ann, Delila Bennett, John M., Thomas H. & Martha E. Woodward.
- Ashford, married Dollie D. McCrocklin, 13 Feb 1821 Ohio Co., KY and died 31 July 1881 Ohio Co., KY, where he was buried in the Woodward's Valley Baptist Church Cemetery. Their children were: Eliza M., John Lindsey, Salley Ann, Stephen Drane, Isabella M., Lydia E., Laura, Frances Elton, Lucy E., Ashford, Mary Zirelda & James H. Woodward.
- Nancy Ann, married 1st Silas Dexter, 5 July 1825 Ohio Co., KY (divorced 10 Mar 1843) & married 2nd Samuel Everly, 18 Apr 1859 Ohio Co., KY. In 1860 she was living Ohio Co., KY. Her children included: John W., Amanda & Benjamin Dexter.
- John Milton, see above family record.

- James Harvey, married Elizabeth Crow, 11 Apr 1833 Ohio Co., KY and died 12 July 1887 Ohio Co., KY, where he was buried in the Woodward Cemetery near Beda, Ohio Co., KY. Their children were: Benjamin C., Sarah Mary, Judith Helen, George W. & William T. Woodward.
- William R., married Elizabeth McKenzie Lucas, 23 Feb 1836 Ohio Co., KY and died Feb 1901 McHenry, Ohio Co., KY, buried Patterson Cemetery, Ohio Co., KY. Their children were: Granville M. & Felix G. Woodward.
- Stephen Drane, married Sarah Ann Crow, 27 Oct 1836 Ohio Co., KY and died 17 Sep 1893; buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, KY. Their children were: Elijah Crow, John A., Dora A., Mary Elizabeth, Romulus P., William H., Sarah Frances & Willie Blanche Woodward.
- Matilda J., married Joseph Talbott Benton, 26 Feb 1835 Ohio Co., KY and died 28 Aug 1888 Hartford, Ohio Co., KY; buried Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, KY. Their children were: E. Vitula, W. G. (son) & Mary Blanche Benton.

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WOODWARD CEMETERY
Ohio County, Kentucky

On east side of Highway 231, about 4 ½ miles north of Hartford, and just north of the intersection of Highways 231 & 71 (Beda Road). On the farm of Waltrude Tichenor Himes. Turn into lane near sign "Waltrude's Antiques", follow lane back to its end at an old house & barn. From back of barn walk, to the north, across a field several hundred feet, cross creek. Cemetery is in a wooded area to the left (a large trunk of a dead tree stands in the center). Only one inscribed monument remains (the first listed below); copied 4 February 1991 by Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky. Harry D. Tinsley, of No Creek, Ohio County, Ky., copied the cemetery circa 1952, at that time four monuments were found. Mr. Tinsley listed these as follows:

Woodward, Lizzie P. (d/o W. T. & L. D.)	28 Aug 1874	9 Sep 1874
Woodward, James H.	15 Mar 1811	12 Jul 1887
Woodward, James H.	1811	1887
Elizabeth (w/o J. H.)	1816	1898
"Elizabeth, daughter of A. & E. Drane, wife of John Woodward & late J. Bennett, born in the state of Maryland."	1780	30 Jan 1861

signs of at least 6 other unmarked graves, among these are:

Woodward, Sarah Mary (c1836 - 1880-98; d/o J. H. & E.) unmarked

Lucas, John (died 1848), an early owner of the farm on which the cemetery is located, & several members of his family, are believed to be buried here.

Note: Elizabeth Piles Drane, daughter of Anthony Drane & Ann Smith, married John Woodward, 9 November 1796 in Prince George's County, MD. They moved to Shelby County, KY during 1800-1803 and in 1807-1808 to Ohio County, KY. John Woodward died in May 1817 while on a trip to New Orleans; he was buried along the banks of the Mississippi River. His widow married John Bennett, Jr., 15 August 1823, in Ohio County, KY.

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John Milton Woodward Cemetery
Ohio County, Kentucky

On farm of John Tichenor about a mile west of the No Creek Methodist Church. About 50 feet off of north side of Hartford-Livermore Road (Highway 136); on right side of gravel lane & east of Tichenor home. Copied by Jerry Long, Owensboro, KY, on 26 October 1988.

Altinire, Carl L. (s/o D. & E. V.)	26 Jul 1899	16 Nov 1899
Aitmire, Cecil E. (s/o D. & E. V.)	13 Apr 1897	22 Oct 1897
Baker, Mary E. (w/o Shelby) [nee Woodward]	10 Dec 1837	12 Dec 1865
Bennett, Cynthia S. (w/o R. A.) [nee Woodward]	25 Feb 1829	16 Apr 1877
Bennett, Reuben A.	2 Jun 1824	9 Oct 1855
Bennett, James D. (s/o R. A. & Cynthia S.)	24 Nov 1846	22 Dec 1862
Hedrick, Cordelia (w/o M.) [nee Woodward]	29 Mar 1836	26 May 1861
Howley, ? (d/o Charles & Ruth A.)	31 Aug ?	11 Apr 1891
Rowan, Elbert N. (s/o S. O. & F. A.)	29 May 1900	23 Feb 1901
Thomasson, America S. (w/o Wm. P.) [nee Woodward]	6 Oct 1831	3 Nov 1882
Thomasson, Hallie A. (d/o Joe & Fanny)	1 Nov 1884	4 Jun 1890
Thomasson, Forest D. (s/o Joe & Fanny)	8 Feb 1888	28 May 1890
Thornasson, Mollie S. (w/o Joseph) [nee Ellis]	14 Dec 1860	3 May 1879
Wiliford, Alice Bell (d/o J. D. & S.)	28 Mar 1872	11 May 1872
Woodward, John N.	22 Dec 1806	31 Mar 1877
Woodward, Sharlott [only name readable; w/o John M.; nee Simmons]		
Woodward, Elizabeth D. (in the 10th year of her age)		10 Dec 1840
Woodward, Milton D. (in the 6th year of his age)		18 May 1847

Woodward, Thomas [only name readable; s/o John M. & Charlotte]		
Woodward, Lillie (w/o J. B.) [nee Ellis]	14 Apr 1852	1 Mar 1874
Woodward, James Benjamin [1845-1888]	unmarked	
Woodward, Verna [Miss]	unmarked	

Cephas Simmons, father of Charlotte Ann wife of John Milton Woodward, is also believed to be buried here in an unmarked grave.

About 20 feet to the east is a slave cemetery. There are two monuments with the following inscriptions:

"In memory of Harry's son Marion who departed this life in the 4 year of his age"
 "In memory of Harry's son George Washington who departed this life in the 9 month of his age"

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17 September 2005

Dear Mr. Long,

My name is Warren C. Woodward and I am attempting to determine the grave-site of my grandmother who was married to my grandfather, James Benjamin Woodward, who according to cemetery records compiled by yourself, is buried in the John Milton Cemetery. (He's was my great grandfather)

My wife and I attended a cousins (Barnard) reunion in Hardinsburg this last May. My other was a Barnard from the Ceralvo district. While there we obtained Harry Tinsley's book, "The History of No Creek" last the Hartford Court House, which I have found very interesting.

I have the Woodward family Bible records beginning with John & Elizabeth and carried on through John Milton's family.

My grandfather was married 3 times – the first to Lillie Ellis. They had a daughter, Ella Viola, who married Dan Altmire – Do you know of any descendants? Lillie died on 3/1/1874.

His second marriage 3/21/1877 to Susan E. Pirtle who died 6/13/1879. I don't believe they had any children

His 3rd marriage 11/16/1880 was to Harriett (Williams) Barnett (the widow of Morris Finley Barnett). My father Wayne W. Woodward was born on Aug 30, 1881 and a sister, Verna on Sept 15, 1883.

Mr. father (Wayne) was orphaned when he was 4 and 5 years of age. Harriett died 1/16/1886 and James Benjamin 1/15/1887 and he was subsequently reared by his aunt, Delila Ann Woodward, the wife of John F. Wallace. My father did not recall where his parents were buried.

I obtained a copy of your record of the John Milton Woodward Cemetery (page 338) while in the Hartford court house or library. Unfortunately we did not have travel time to visit the cemetery. (Hopefully another time.)

Helen McKeown assisted me in obtaining the attached page from the Hartford Herald dated Jan 27, 1886 which listed the death of the wife of Ben Woodward – The date is very near to Harriett’s death.

I obtained a marriage certificate for James B. marriage to Harriett which was issued in Glagow, Ky. I also found out that death certificates were not issued by the state nor in Bowling Green at that time.

At this point I don’t know whether she was buried in the John Milton Cemetery, in Bowling Green or possibly in a Williams family plot in Glasgow or Fountain Run.

My purpose in writing to you is to ask whether you might have any suggestions. I have had several telephone conversations with Mr. Tinsley and he has said that there is a Thomasson relative living in the No Creek area but he has forgotten to send her address. Do you know of this person? As I would like to correspond with her.

Please excuse my jerky writing as I have arthritis in my hands and I see it gets worse the longer I write.

My parents left Ohio County in 1907 and moved to Colorado where my two brothers and a sister were born. Then in 1944 we moved to the Spokane, Wa. area. My parents one brother and sister have passed away.

I am 77 and in good health (considering my age) and only recently began to delve into my “roots”. It has been quite fascinating. Especially to learn that my G.G. grandfather John Woodward was buried along the banks of the Mississippi river.

I would appreciate any suggestions that you might have. I understand that you are very knowledgeable about Ohio Co. history.

My Best Regards,
Warren C. Woodward

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23 September 2005

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Dear Mr. Woodward:

I am sorry to report that I was not able to find any indication of where your grandmother, Harriett Williams Woodward, was buried. I have gone through all of the old Ohio County newspapers and indexed then for any deaths. You have a copy of the only death notice I found for her (27 January 1886 issue of the Hartford Herald, page 3). The death notice

gives no clue as to her burial place. If she died in Bowling Green, KY (sometimes the old papers just mean in the vicinity of) she might have been buried in the city cemetery there - it is called Fairview Cemetery. You might want to try and write the cemetery's office at 1209 Fairview Ave, Bowling Green, KY 42103-1651, Phone: (270) 393-3607.

In the 14 March 1888 issue of the Hartford Herald (page 2) the following notice of the death of your grandfather appeared: "Well Known in Barren", from 'Glasgow Times' - J. B. Woodward, Beda, Ohio County, Ky. Died of typhoid fever and pneumonia Feb 15. Mr. Woodward is well known in this county, he having married for his fourth and last wife, Miss Emma Sparks, of the Randolph country." The microfilm copy of the original newspaper was so light I could not get a legible copy to mail you.

The State of Kentucky started to continuously record vital statistics in 1911. Before that there were just a few years that they tried to record some deaths, including the years of 1852-1861 and 1874-1878. In the latter there was a death record recorded for your great-grandfather, John M. Woodward. This record indicated that he died of pneumonia in Ohio County on 31 March 1877, he was age 71, widowed, and was the son of John & E. Woodward.

Daniel & Ella V. (Woodward) Altmire left Ohio County and later lived at Carrier Mills, Saline County, Illinois. I have enclosed copies of their family from the 1910 & 1920 censuses of their family at Carrier Mills. Ella V. Altmire died on 29 June 1946 at West Frankfort, Franklin County (an adjoining county to Saline), IL. She had four children, two of whom (Carl & Cecil) died infancy and have monuments in the John Milton Woodward family cemetery. The other two were Raymond Woodward (born 18 May 1894 and died 21 January 1973 at Harrisburg, Saline County, IL) & Harold Pearl (born 6 October 1904 and died 22 January 1959 West Frankfort, Franklin County, IL).

I hope this helps a little bit.

Best wishes,
Jerry Long

1701 Alexander Ave.
Owensboro, KY 42303

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1 October 2005

Dear Mr. Long:

I want to thank you for the information you provided concerning my grandparents.

I have written to the Fairview Cemetery in Bowling Green to determine whether my grandmother was buried there. There were also some of the Williams relatives buried

in the Fountain Run Cemetery as well as in Glasgow, and perhaps she was buried in an unmarked grave. At this point, only the Lord knows.

The information concerning my Grandfather – J. B. conflicts with our family Bible record which indicated J. B. died Jan 15, 1887. It appears that the newspaper item is more accurate.

My father Wayne W. did not have any recollection of the 4th wife, Emma Sparks, nor did the Bible record mention her. (He was pretty busy.)

I am especially grateful for the death notice from the Hartford Herald of J. B.'s funeral. I have a picture of my father, Verna and Ella Viola (a formal picture) perhaps made at the time of the funeral as their ages correspond to the date.

I also have pictures of Lillie Ellis his first wife, Harriett Williams Barnett – the third, as wells as J. B., and his father, John Milton.

If you have any interest in any of these or the Bible record, I will be happy to send copies.

Again, thank you so much. I'm enclosing a small check for your efforts.

My Best Regards,
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8 October 2005

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Mr. Woodward:

I have the name of the Ohio County cousin you asked about. Her name is Grace (Thomason) Campbell (110 Toms Branch Road, Hartford, KY 42347, phone 270-2983068). The daughter of Earl Thomason & Ethel Vance she was born about 1925. She is a direct descendant of America Woodward Thomason (1831-1882), a sister to your grandfather. I believe she would be your nearest relation on the Woodward side of the family still here in this area. Harry D. Tinsley, however, said she did not know much about her family on back, thus she probably wouldn't be able to tell you much about your grandparents.

Yes the Kentucky Room would be very interested in a copy of the Woodward family bible for our files. I was wondering if it would be possible for our genealogy society here in Owensboro to publish the data in it so it will be preserved for other historians. If so, in addition to copies of the family record pages copies of the bible's title and/or copyright page would be helpful for documentation.

Best wishes,
Jerry Long

Kentucky Room
Davies County Public Library
450 Griffith Ave.
Owensboro, KY 42301

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29 October 2005

Dear Mr. Long:

I want to thank you for the information you sent. All of it was very interesting. I certainly did not know that my Grandfather, J. B. was married for the 4th time. He was certainly a busy fellow. I guess that wives were cheaper than house-keepers.

I have written to Mrs. Grace (Thomasson) Campbell, but have not received a response to date.

The "Founders of Anne Arundel & Howard Counties, Maryland" was very interesting and perhaps William the son of William Jr. "who went West" may have been the father of John Woodward, who was born in Md. The further a person delves into his ancestry the plot only darkens, but it has been very interesting. I only wish I had pursued it while my father was alive. He used to correspond with Mary Catherine (Wallace) Ward (p.251 Tinsleys book, his cousin) and with Ernest Bennett.

I am enclosing copies of the Bible record, which I believe was first recorded by John or Elizabeth, then I suspect that John Milton or, Charlotte did the family printing. I have the original but is pretty fragile.

I'm enclosing copies of all the information I have been able to compile about the Woodward family in my direct line, which might be of interest to someone.

You mentioned that Emma Sparks was from the Randolph country, but I have been unable to locate that area. Do you know of any John F. & Delila Wallace relatives in the area? According to several census records they cared for my dad, Verna, Ella Viola and others, including J. B. when he was between wives. They must have been very gracious people.

I'm still searching for my grandmothers gravesite – Not at the Fairview Cemetery either. Perhaps she is in an unmarked grave in the J. M. W. cemetery.

My many thanks to you. If I ever get back to Ky. again I would like to meet & visit with you.

My Best regards,
Warren Woodward

P. S. There was not any documentation of the family record – only these four pages – but they are certainly copies of the original.