



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Descendants of Joseph Ward and Jane Thomas

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- A. Joseph Ward born ca. 1780, Maryland; died 15 Dec 1850, Harford County, Maryland, married 23 Nov 1801, Harford County, Maryland, to Jane Thomas born ca. 1780, Maryland; died 22 Feb 1839, Harford County, Maryland
  1. John Smith Ward born 2 Sep 1802, St. James Parish, Maryland; died after 1860, Arkansas, married 5 May 1825, Harford County Maryland to Sarah Wells (family tradition calls her “the belle of Baltimore”) born ca. 1805, Maryland.
    - a. James William Ward (twin of next) born 15 Mar 1828, Harford County, Maryland; died 31 Mar 1897, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, married to Adeline Dorinda Butler.
    - b. Margaret Mary Ward (twin of above) born 15 Mar 1828, Harford County, Maryland and perhaps married a Mr. Herring. No further info.
    - c. Susan I. Ward born ca. 1832. No further info.
    - d. Joseph Henry Ward born 5 Oct 1834, Harford County Maryland; died 11 Jun 1904, Pulaski County Arkansas; buried in Mt. Holly Cemetery in Little Rock, Arkansas; married three times. See below for descendants.
    - e. Jane E. Ward born ca. 1836, Harford County, Maryland.
    - f. Martha V. Ward born ca. 1838, Harford County, Maryland.
    - g. John Edward Ward born ca. 1840; married 6 Oct 1870, Pulaski County, Arkansas to Eliza E. Hooks.
    - h. Amelia Ward born ca. 1842, Harford County Maryland.
    - i. Harriett Ward born ca. 1844, Harford County, Maryland.
    - j. Georgiana Ward born ca. 1846, Harford County, Maryland.
    - k. Josephine Ward born ca. 1848, Harford County, Maryland.
    - l. Hall Ward born ca. 1849, Harford County, Maryland.
- d. (from above)  
Joseph Henry Ward married on 17 Jul 1859 in Little Rock, Arkansas, to (1) Mary Rozene Jennings; she died from “paralysis.” No known children from this marriage.

He married on 10 May 1861 to

(2) Sarah F. Ring; she died by 1874.

Two children were born of this union:

1. Lucy E. Ward born 18 Jan 1867, Pulaski County, Arkansas and died 19 Oct 1947, Tarrant County, Texas; buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. No known marriage or children.
2. William "Will" Eugene Ward, Sr. born 19 Jan 1869, Prescott, Hempstead County, Arkansas; died 11 Nov 1949, in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas; married on 20 Oct 1892, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, to Christine Barbara Forshall. Children listed below.

Joseph Henry Ward was married on 11 Nov 1874 in Pulaski County, Arkansas, to

(3) Laura Zacharene Karns.

Five children were born to this union:

3. John Karns "J.K." Ward born 21 Nov 1875, Pulaski County, Arkansas; died 17 Oct 1938, Pulaski County, Arkansas; married ca. 1900 in Pulaski County, Arkansas to Lillian Reid.
4. Mary Beulah Ward born 28 Jul 1879, Pulaski County, Arkansas; died 16 Apr 1880, Pulaski County, Arkansas.
5. Byrde "Birdie" Araminta Ward born 10 Jul 1882, Pulaski County, Arkansas; died 12 Sep 1900; married to Henry A. Kendricks.
6. Anne "Annie" Charlene Ward born 8 Jun 1885, Pulaski County, Arkansas; died Los Angeles, California; married ca. 1905 to Mr. Plath.
7. Georgia Amanda Ward born 4 Dec 1889 Pulaski County, Arkansas; died 7 Jun 1960, Miami, Dade County, Florida; married on 14 Oct 1908 in Pulaski County, Arkansas to Robert Griffin Price.

Joseph Henry Ward was born and lived in Maryland until his parents came to Arkansas around 1854. He would have been about 20 at the time. He was a machinist and a Methodist. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias – Damon Lodge #3. He also served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War as a Pvt. in the Ordinance Branch. His pension record shows he suffered from vertigo. He is not located on the 1900 census with his wife. Perhaps he was living with a child or in a veteran's home. His farm land in Prescott, Arkansas, was excellent for growing and when plowing he would turn up large cannon balls left over from the war. One used to grace his gate pedestal so the story goes. His obituary claims he invented the first steam engine in Little Rock. He is buried in Mt. Holly Cemetery in Little Rock, Arkansas.

2. (from above)

Children of William Eugene Ward, Sr. – oldest son of Joseph Henry Ward:

- a. William "Bill" Eugene Ward, Jr., PhD. born 18 Jun 1894, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas; he died 14 Nov 1984, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas; married on 16 Jun 1919, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas; to  
(1) Ernestine Tatje-May.

He married on 11 Oct 1970, Tulsa, Oklahoma to

(2) Mrs. Billie LaGrande Sherman.

No issue from either marriage.

All are buried Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.

He was a chemistry professor at Texas Wesleyan College.

- b. "Pansy" Barbara Ward born 9 Feb 1896, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas; died 2 Jan 1919 of pneumonia; buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas; married Jun 1918 in Fort Worth Tarrant County, Texas, or Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas, to Edward Hamilton.  
No issue.
- c. "Helen" Marguerite Ward born 1 Jan 1898, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas; died 23 Nov 1983; married 1 Jun 1922 in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas to Roy Overton Fincher. No issue.  
Both are buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.
- d. "Joe" Henry Ward, Sr. born 17 Jan 1900, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas; died 3 Dec 1975 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas; married 24 Dec 1924, Austin, Travis County, Texas to Etta Bain.  
Both are buried in Mission Park North Cemetery in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.  
They had one son now living in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.
- e. Charles F. Ward born 1902, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas; died 7 Jul 1903, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas; buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.
- f. Fredrick James Ward born 10 Sep 1903, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas; married 10 Jul 1925 to (1) Helen Irene Champion.  
They had one daughter.  
He married 10 May 1963, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas to (2) Mrs. Evelyn F. Milburn.  
No issue.  
All buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.
- g. John Russell Ward born 1 Dec 1905, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas; died 22 Aug 1990, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas; married 16 Feb 1927, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas to Lois Marie Coleman.  
They had two daughters.  
John and his wife are buried in Greenwood Mausoleum, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. He was a notable Fort Worth realtor and acted on behalf of the county to purchase all downtown property for the Convention Center project. Earlier he was the purchasing agent for Tarrant County for the I-30 "toll road" project.
- h. "Doris" Christine Susan Ward born 13 Nov 1909, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas; died 31 Jul 2007; buried in Rose Hill Cemetery; married 27 Aug 1929, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas to

Guy DeLaMar.

No issue.

She was a private art teacher until age 90.

- i. “Dayton” Nissler Ward, PhD. born 31 Jan 1912, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas; married 10 Jun 1950 to

Mrs. Betty Catherine Sikes and adopted her daughter.

They had twin daughters and one son.

He was a Fort Worth ISD teacher and later an elementary school principal.

William Eugene Ward, Sr. and sister Lucy’s mother, Sarah F. Ring Ward did not live long and perhaps died in childbirth when Will was born. Her grave has not been located, and the family has not been located on the 1870 census. By the time Will was four or five years old his father had married Laura Zacharene Karns. Family tradition says that Will didn’t like his step-mother and by the time he was fourteen he ran away from home and caught a train to Chicago. It was there he learned to be a steel worker. It is said that after leaving Chicago he worked in a steel mill in East Texas and eventually came to work in Fort Worth, Texas. He stayed in a boarding house on Throckmorton Street downtown and there he met his future wife, Christine Foshall, who was the daughter of the owners. They married in 1892 and lived there for awhile. In the 1900 and 1910 Tarrant County, Texas, census his occupation is listed as “iron molder”. In his later years he owned a concession store in downtown Fort Worth near the boarding house where Christine’s mother and sisters lived.

For his wife’s 50th birthday he built her a new house on the east side of Fort Worth on View Street. It was there he died while tending his garden on 11 Nov 1949. Eventually Christine Foshall Ward returned to the boarding house downtown where she lived with her sister and half-sister until her death on 25 Sep 1958. Will and Christine Ward are both buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth, Texas.



Russell Ward



John Russell Ward married Lois Marie Coleman



William Edward Ward, Sr. and his wife  
Christine Barbara Forshall  
children: (seated L-R) Pansy, Helen and Willie  
children: (back L-R) Charley Ward and Joe Henry



Joe, Helen, Pansy and Willie Ward, with Aunt Lilly



Russell, Fred, Doris and Dayton Ward



Willie, Pansy and Helen Ward, with Aunts, Lily and Fay,  
and a couple of adult friends



Russell Ward was the county's purchasing agent for both the D/FW toll road and the 14 city blocks needed for the convention center in Tarrant County.