

Order by Isabell Blessing

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MY DESCENT FROM A HENDRICKS CO. PIONEER

Ward Family

1. JULIA ANN BLESSING B. July 12, 1959 M
 (Name of Applicant) R.R. # PENDLETON IND. Tel. No. _____
 (Street and No.) (Town) (State) (Zip)
 2. JOHN WARD JR. B. FEB 6, 1789 M. DEC 15, 1810 D. MARCH 22, 1853
 (Pioneer Ancestor's Name) B-birth date: M-marriage date: D-death date:
AUG 21, 1827 Brown Twp. SW/SW/36/17N/1E
 SS-settlement date in Hendricks Co.; (SS Place)

Line of Descent

1. Parents: H. CHARLES EDWIN BLESSING B. AUG 31, 1922 M. AUG 25, 1954 D. _____
 H-husband: W. MARTHA JEAN RAMP B. 1931 M. _____ D. _____
 W-wife:
 2. Grand Parents: H. WILLARD BLESSING B. SEPT 1900 M. AUG 1921 D. NOV 18, 1934
 W. ISABELLA WARD B. AUG 1903 M. _____ D. _____
 3. Great Grand Parents: H. GEORGE O WARD B. MAY 1878 M. 1899 D. DEC, 1945
 W. MILLIE J EWHISS B. NOV 1877 M. _____ D. OCT 23, 1963
 4. Gr. Gr. Grand Parents: H. HENRY N WARD B. 1845 M. _____ D. OCT 20, 1920
 W. LETTIE J BRADSHAW B. 1850 M. _____ D. FEB, 1936
 5. Gr. Gr. Gr. Grand Parents: H. WILLIAM WARD B. 1817 M. OCT 13, 1839 D. _____
 W. LEAN CAYWOOD B. APRIL 1816 M. _____ D. _____
 6. Gr. Gr. Gr. Gr. Grand Parents: H. JOHN WARD JR. B. FEB 6, 1789 M. DEC 15, 1810 D. MARCH 22, 1853
 W. NANCY BILLINGTON B. 1796 M. _____ D. _____
 7. Gr. Gr. Gr. Gr. Gr. Grand Parents: H. _____ B. _____ M. _____ D. _____
 W. _____ B. _____ M. _____ D. _____

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Verification of above may be found (check at least one); County Clerk's office; Old Bible; Church Records; Voting Records; Cemetery records; others - CENSUS, WAR RECORDS, BOUNTY AND RECORDS, WILLS, ETC.

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2. How many deeds? _____ For how many acres? _____ To whom issued? _____
3. How many of these acres have been held continuously in the family? _____
4. Indicate line of descent of ownership.

ANCESTOR - DECENDANT COMMITTEE

P. O. 154 DANVILLE, INDIANA 46122

Number of Our Citizens to the Great Beyond

Armstead Ward

Armstead Ward died at the family residence two miles south east of Hidalgo, Thursday, January 20, aged 87 years, ten months and twenty-five days.

The deceased came of a long line of brave men. His grand-father, John Ward, was a Revolutionary Soldier, and was honorably discharged at the end of the war. He and his wife both lived to be very near one hundred years old. John Ward, Jr., father of Armstead was in war of 1812 and French and Indian war, and was at one time captured by the Indians and was to be shot, but by his showing so brave a spirit they relented and kept him prisoner for about six months. A brother, who was so badly wounded that he could not walk, was scalped and kept to perish in an old building that he had taken refuge in, which was burned. The captive was treated with kindness, especially by the women, and when in their war dances they would decide to kill their prisoners the women would conceal him. One of these Indian women fell in love with him but when the captive told her that he had left a wife and little child among his people she left him and did not return. His Indian name was Brave Chief.

Armstead Ward was born in Bourbon County, Ky., March 5, 1814. October 17, 1837 he married Celia A. Billington who passed away in 1852. In 1851 he settled on a tract of 500 acres of land in Jasper county, entered the year previous. On a part of this he continued to live up to the time of his death.

The deceased was married a second time in 1859 to Malinda Hendricks, and was the father of 17 children.

The deceased was a man of sterling integrity, held many offices of trust and responsibility in the county where he lived more than 50 years. He was a member of the Christian church, an Odd Fellow, and in politics he was a Democrat. He passed away last Thursday to the higher life. "Like a shock of corn fully ripe ready to be gathered into the garner." He left a large number of relatives and friends who do not mourn as those who have no hope.

Rev. McCash conducted the funeral services at the family residence and the remains were buried at the Ward-Andrews cemetery.

(Written for the Mentor.)

Armstead Ward, one of the early settlers of Crooked Creek township, was born in Bourbon County, Ky., March 5, 1814, and was a son of John and Nancy Billington Ward. His father was born in South Carolina, and his mother, in 1796, at Losantville, now Cincinnati, Ohio. They were married in Bourbon county, Ky. When the deceased was seven years of age he was sent to school in Ohio. When about twelve he returned to Kentucky where he attended school and worked on a farm for a time, and then moved to Indiana, where he also engaged in farming.

In 1851 our father came to this township (Crooked Creek) and settled on 500 acres of land that he had entered the previous year, which constituted as fine a farm as was in the township. He also dealt largely in stock.

In 1852 his wife, a member of the Christian Church, died, leaving him with eight children:—Tilitha Ann, America Ann, John William, Sarah Ann, Nancy Jane, Martha Ellen, James Henry, and Richard Madison. One child, Phoebe Jane, died previous to the death of the mother. Those surviving from his first marriage are John William, Sarah Ann, James Henry and Richard Madison. His last wife died in 1893, leaving him the father of eight children, four deceased as follows: Merilda J., Janeah, Daniel and Dorsea. Those living are: Mary F., Judson K., Samuel A., and Lulu.

The subject of this obituary had served as county judge, justice of the peace and school treasurer, was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, and of the Christian Church.

He had been gradually going down in health for several years, but was able to get around and to visit his children and friends until about three months ago, when he was confined to the house, but was yet able to wait upon himself with the exception of the last twenty-five or thirty days, when at times he had to be helped. For five days he was helpless and at last unconscious. His death occurred at 4:15 a. m., January 30. On the day following at 11 a. m., his funeral was held, Rev. McCash, of near Hazel Dell preaching the sermon. His text was Psalms, 23d chapter: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Deceased was a faithful believer in the Bible and a worker in the cause of Christianity all of his life. He joined the New Lights in his younger days, and was baptized in that church in Indiana, and, afterwards transferred his membership to the Disciples, or Christian Church, remaining a consistent member until death. Father was not a loud professing Christian. He didn't believe so much in talking Christianity as in doing it. He delighted in feeding the poor, and he was never known to turn a traveler or a hungry man from his door. In his dying hours he said that his blessed Savior was with him. We followed him to his last resting place, and seeing the beautiful tomb that kind friends had decorated with evergreens, we can not help but repeat our thanks to you again for the goodness and kindness you have shown to

Last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. James H. Ward and daughters, Mrs. Mort M. James and Miss Daisy, and Master Lyle Ward attended a birthday dinner at Uncle Jim's father, Armstead Ward, on the farm place between Hidalgo and Rose Hill—where this venerable gentleman has made his home since 1851, and where Uncle Jim served at the plow handles in his boyhood days.

The dinner was a complete success and was a source of much pleasure to all present, who numbered 61—8 children, 14 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 26 other relatives.

The history of Jasper county contains the following interesting biography of Armstead Ward:

Armstead Ward was born in Bourbon county, Ky., March 5, 1814, and is the son of John and Nancy (Billington) Ward. His father was born in South Carolina, and his mother in 1796, in Losantville, (now Cincinnati), Ohio; they were married in Bourbon county, Ky. When our subject was seven years of age he was sent to school in Ohio, at about twelve he returned to Kentucky and attended school and worked on a farm for a time, and then moved to Indiana, where he also engaged in farming. October 17, 1837, he married Celia A. Billington, who bore him nine children, of whom four are living—John, William, Sarah A., James H. and Richard M. In 1851 Mr. Ward came to this (Crooked Creek) township and settled on 500 acres he had entered the previous year, and subsequently dealt largely in stock. Of the 500 acres wild prairie land he has retained 200, which constitute as fine a farm as there is in the township. In 1852 his wife died a member of the Christian church, and June 9, 1859, he married Malinda (daughter of Samuel and Mary) Hendricks, who bore him eight children, five of whom are yet living—Mary F., Judson K., Samuel A. and Lulu. Mr. Ward was county commissioner and a justice of the peace; he is an Odd Fellow, a democrat and a member of the Christian church.

Obituary.

Armstead Ward was born in Kentucky on March 5th, 1814; died January 30th, 1902, aged eighty-seven years, ten months and twenty-five days. He was the father of seventeen children, James H. and Richard being residents of Greenup. He was married to Celia A. Billington on October 17th, 1837, who passed to the great beyond in 1852; was married again on June 9, 1859.

In 1851 he located in Jasper county, Illinois; entered 500 acres of land, 200 acres of which he owned at his death. He held many positions of trust—County Commissioner, Justice of the Peace, etc. He was an Odd Fellow and a member of the Christian church. The writer was well acquainted with Brother Ward. He was very liberal in his views on the subject of religion. He passed into the life "like a shock of corn carefully ready to be gathered into the garner." He left a large number of relatives and friends who do not mourn as those who have no hope. His gain is eternal. Brothers and sisters, do not think of your father as dead, for he is not; only the body which served him so long is dead. May the God of all grace comfort us while we journey to the land where the

Post-4th of July feature

Revolutionary War vet farmed near Brownsburg

By NORMA SWISHER
Staff Writer

Poring through The Guide's newspaper archives can lead to surprising information about Brownsburg history. For example, the community can boast that a Revolutionary War veteran once lived here.

Studying possible new tid-bits for the weekly column "Do You Remember?" for a recent issue, this reporter discovered a photo-story involving a Girl Scout troop tidying the gravesite of a Revolutionary War veteran at the north edge of town.

The story was originally printed in the May 25, 1961 issue of The Guide's predecessor, The Brownsburg Record. It detailed the clean-up efforts that Troop 1050 and leader Mrs. Jeri Ruse accomplished at the burial site on the farm property of Keith Garner.

The account told how the girls spent several weeks of spare time sprucing the grave into "first-class condition." About 10 hours was used on the project.

Overlooking Big White Lick Creek, the grave was described as being a quarter of a mile west of Garner's home in the 1961 story. The site could apparently been

seen from SR 267 near I-74 if the motorist saw the white fence posts surrounding the grave, then.

Since 1961, the landscape has changed drastically. Garner, a Lincoln Township Trustee that year, has since moved to rural Brown Township and farming is no longer a viable monetary operation in the area.

Approximately two years ago, RTF Realty initiated its early stages for construction of White Lick Village commercial development by bulldozing the ground to meet the center's specifications.

THE SEARCH

Realizing a major change in landscape had occurred in the 20 years since the grave site was revitalized, this reporter wondered about its existence. An attempt to locate the site was unsuccessful.

Publishing a plea for assistance, The Guide received many wonderful responses.

The former Scout leader telephoned with an immediate offer to locate the site; Legion Post 331 chaplain Gordon Yearwood volunteered his services and Winston Coffman, a Brown Township native who visits the grave yearly, also contributed his help.

The Guide reporter also contacted the former Lincoln Township Trustee who described a route to the site.

Finally, after all the generous offers, Mrs. Ruse, her companion Sally DeSpain, and this staff writer met near Mobile Oil Station, south of I-74 on Green Street.

Parking our cars, the women trekked back through muddy fields, climbed over fencing and after a 50-minute search, Mrs. Ruse was the first to sight the burial plot. By the way, the month of May ended up with almost nine inches of rainfall.

Mrs. Ruse once lived as a child immediately north of I-74 and told about exploring the area when she was growing up. Later as a leader, she recalled the site was becoming neglected and suggested the service project to the Scouts.

The troop, consisting of her daughter Rita Sue, Billie Jo Porter, Carla Cook, Nancy Cornett, Donna Garner, Sandy Lovell and Nancy Brill, was described by their leader as normal 10-year-olds. Boisterous at meetings, their mood changed to awe as they worked industriously

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War veteran

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and reverently at the grave.

Infrequently, they would wonder about the man's life, whether he died as the result of the War, by Indian action or as an old man of natural causes, Mrs. Ruse recalled a few weeks ago.

The leader explained that she attempted to answer the girls' questions by asking Russell Ward about the veteran. Ward in 1961 was the president of the Brownsburg Town Board.



REVOLUTIONARY WAR veteran John Ward whose burial site is at the north edge of Brownsburg migrated with his family to Hendricks County almost 154 years ago.

As shown above, the stone is engraved JNO. WARD, U.S. SOLDIER, REV. WAR but in The Guide's search, we learned that his name was John Ward, Sr.

See the related story elsewhere in this edition.

Ward family

Clipping from

Clifford B. Spears 1103 Forest Drive
Brownsburg In. 46112

The official could only tell her that he was distantly related; however, that was all the information. So in 1961, the troop provided their labor of love and service but very few details were known.

Early in June, another Brownsburg woman called The Guide and suggested that this staff writer contact Dorothy Ward, Pittsboro. The woman seemed positive that Mrs. Ward had information.

The search was like a stroke of luck!

VETERAN'S LIFE

At this point, July 1981, Ward's ancestors can only speculate about the role that John Ward, Sr. (engraved JNO Ward, U.S. soldier Rev. War on the the tombstone) performed in the War for Independence.

Quite simply, they've traced his lifetime back to Wilkes County, North Carolina after the War. The Revolutionary War years were 1775 to 1783.

Ward's arrival with his son's family in Hendricks County has been tracked down by Doris Hubble of Coatesville (a Ward descendant) and later Dorothy (Harris) Ward of Pittsboro, whose children and grandchildren are also descendants of Ward. They came mid-1827.

The Pittsboro beautician recalled that Ward was born during 1750, served in the War and married Hannah Petty in 1778. Their records show the couple probably had three sons, John, Jr.; Armistead and William. Mrs. Ward wasn't positive of a fourth son, Curtis and his connection.

During 1827, John (the son) moved his family and his parents to Brown Township, Hendricks County from Montgomery County, Kentucky.

They settled on a 40-acre tract purchased Aug. 21 of that year. The purchase was recorded in a Hendricks County tract book as southwest, southwest section 36, township 17 north and range one east.

The Guide contacted Hendricks County Recorder Marcille Abbott who verified the information. She explained that the 40 acres was in the southwest corner of a 640-acre tract.

EARLY BROWN TOWNSHIP

What was the countryside like during 1827? Brown Township at that period encompassed a large section of northeastern Hendricks County taking in the area later known as Brownsburg and Lincoln Township.

In actuality, there was no town in this area when the Wards moved in.

A near-by village was plotted only eight years later, 1835 and Lincoln Township wasn't organized until 1863.

Harrisburg, as the little town was named, was laid out by William Harris but when a post office application was requested, Harris and the village officials discovered another town existed by the same name.

Fayette County also claimed a Harrisburg.

Consequently, they renamed the hamlet "Brownsburg" in honor of an early settler, James Brown. According to Mrs. Abbott, Brown first acquired land on April 23, 1824 in an area later to be Lincoln Township.

Incorporation for Brownsburg occurred in 1848.

(Information of Brownsburg, the townships, county seat and county organization was provided by the Brownsburg Public Library.)

It seems that very few towns were established in this general area. The county seat, Danville, was organized in 1824 by Thomas Hinton. He named the village for Daniel Wick whose brother William Wick was the Judge for Hendricks County at that time.

Danville was incorporated 11 years later.

The same year, 1824, saw the organization of the county, eight years following Indiana's statehood in 1816.

Even the new state capital of Indianapolis was not laid out until 1821; the General Assembly first met there in 1825. Corydon in southern Indiana served as the state's first capital.

PIONEER LIFE

An excerpt from "The Hoosier State-Readings in Indiana History" published June, 1981 by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company in Grand Rapids, MI, describes the life of those early pioneers. L.C. Rudolph, in telling about the settlers, wrote that they migrated from the back country of Virginia but mostly North Carolina. Some stayed in Kentucky and others moved into Indiana.

He writes "Moving to the woods of Indiana meant an outlay of several hundred dollars if one held a Yankee farmer's standard of comfort and equipment. There had to be money for horses, a wagon, boat transport, land, cabin, barn, and subsistence, both for the trip and until the first crop could be harvested." He continues by saying that many people couldn't afford such an outlay.

"They strapped the articles which they felt must be moved upon the backs of their family and animals and set off 'jingly bang.'" If they had money they bought land or "squatted," hoping to purchase later.

Rudolph explains "the way of the frontier farmer was most often hard. He was sick or his horse was lame or the squirrels were eating the corn."

But the settlers most often shared, like housing with travelers or generally helping each other.

WARD'S FAMILY

The senior Ward's demise in 1845 came after a lifespan covering 90 years. However, another 90 years apparently sped past before a military marker was placed at the gravesite.

According to Coffman, a Brown Township resident whose ancestry goes back to 1837 in this area, he remembers seeing a "non-descript" rock with Ward's name on it at the site while he was a "kid" roaming and exploring the banks of White Lick Creek.

Hannah's resting place is unknown by this writer.

In 1850, Ward's son John, Jr. and his family moved on to Illinois to claim a military grant given him for service during the War of 1812. He and his wife are buried there, Jasper County, IL.

The senior Ward's grandson, William Ward and his wife Leah Caywood also left Indiana the same year with his father.

After the grandson died, Mrs. Leah Ward returned to the Tilden village vicinity southwest of Brownsburg with her seven children, to be near Leah's parents.

DESCENDANTS

Many of the Hendricks County descendants came from Leah and William including Claude Ward of Avon and Russell Ward, deceased, who were first cousins.

Russell Ward, who died Feb. 2, 1966, attended school first at Tilden then at Brownsburg, according to his widow, Irene (Hopper) Ward. She resides locally.

The latest descendant in Dorothy Ward's family is part of the eighth generation from John, Sr., born just over a month ago on May 31.

The infant was named Brent Allen Ward whose parents are Rex and Virginia (Alford) Ward, the beautician said.

Readers may wonder about other Ward families who settled in the Brownsburg area. One of them is Ted F. Ward whose father's name was Jasper. Answering a question about any related connection, Ted responded, "None whatsoever that I know of. He (Jasper) came from Tennessee."

Area residents may recall that Ted Ward serves as Brownsburg's Public Works Superintendent.

*"Revolutionary War Vet
Farmed near Brownsburg"
from
The Guide July 8 1981
Clipping from
Clifford B. Spears
1103 Forest Drive
Brownsburg, In. 46112*

Gold

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only one sent*

*2nd made to Doris Ward
Hubble*

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MY DESCENT FROM A HENDRICKS CO. PIONEER

299-6341

1. **Mrs. Bessie Susan (Ward) Hardin** 24-Sept-1920 M 31-Aug-1940

(Name of Applicant) 299-6341

6436 Bananza Lane, Indianapolis, Ind. 46254 Tel. No. 291-5763

(Street and No.) (Town) (State) (Zip)

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(Pioneer Ancestor's Name) B-birth date; M-marriage date; D-death date;

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SS-settlement date in Hendricks Co.; (SS Place)

recorded on card 8/27/72

Line of Descent

1. Parents:	H <u>August William Ward</u>	B <u>12-Aug-1889</u>	M <u>29-Nov-1911</u>	D <u>2-Mar-1958</u>
	W <u>Emma Lois Watson</u>	B <u>15-Aug-1891</u>	M	D <u>19-June-1964</u>
2. Grand Parents:	H <u>George William Ward</u>	B <u>4-Mar-1849</u>	M <u>1-Mar-1871</u>	D <u>30-Mar-1916</u>
	W <u>Henrietta Smith</u>	B <u>29-Feb-1848</u>	M	D <u>14-Mar-1928</u>
3. Great Grand Parents:	H <u>William Ward</u>	B <u>c1817</u>	M <u>13-Oct-1839</u>	D
	W <u>Leah Caywood</u>	B <u>c1821</u>	M	D
4. Gr.Gr. Grand Parents:	H <u>John Ward, Jr.</u>	B <u>8-Feb-1789</u>	M <u>15-Dec-1810</u>	D <u>22-Mar-1853</u>
	W <u>Nancy Billington</u>	B <u>c1796</u>	M	D <u>1859</u>
5. Gr.Gr.Gr. Grand Parents:	H <u>John Ward, Sr.</u>	B <u>c1750</u>	M <u>c1778</u>	D <u>1845</u>
	W <u>Hannah Petty</u>	B <u>c1760</u>	M	D
6. Gr.Gr.Gr. Gr. Grand Parents:	H	B	M	D
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HUSBAND *William Ward* WILLIAM WARD
 Born 1817-19 Bourbon Co. Ky.

Chr. 13 Oct. 1839 Place Hendricks Co. Ind.
 Marr. (c) 1853 Place Jasper Co. Ill.

Died Ward-Andrews Cemetery - Rose Hill, Ill.
 Bur. HUSBAND'S FATHER John Ward, Jr.
 HUSBAND'S MOTHER Nancy Billington

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

WIFE *Leah Caywood* LEAH CAYWOOD
 Born (c) 1820 Place Probably Montgomery or Bath Co. Ky.

Chr. 1895 Place Hendricks Co. Ind.
 Died On a farm near Tilden, Ind.

WIFE'S FATHER Asa Caywood (1790-1884) WIFE'S MOTHER Margaret Fuller

HUSBANDS OTHER

SEX M F	List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names	CHILDREN SURNAME	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	DAY	WHEN DIED MONTH YEAR
			DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY			
	Nancy Ward		c.	1840		Hendricks Co. Ind.					
	John Ward		c.	1843		Hendricks Co. Ind.					
	Henry N. Ward			1845-46		Hendricks Co. Ind.				24 Oct. 1920	
	Aaron Ward			1846-47		Hendricks Co. Ind.					
	Margaret Ward		c.	1848							
	George William Ward			4 Mar. 1849		Jasper Co. Ill.					
	Howard Ward			1851/52		Lived in Jerome, Idaho (c) 1920					

Marion Sparks
 1 March 1871 30 March 1916
 Henrietta Smith

Letty Bradshaw

March 25, 1969.

Dear Cousin Doris,

There is no proof that our John Ward (Sr.) is from South Carolina. The source is family history. I agree with you that Lieut. John Ward of South Carolina is not our John Ward. Family history has it that he married Hannah Puddy; it could be Petty.

JOHN WARD....WAR 1812 (-Jr.) Ed.

The micro-film index in the National Archives Lists 5...John Wards from Kentucky WAR 1812. Send for his Pension and Bounty Land Record. He served in...George Pught's Co. of Inf. 1 Reg. Kentucky Vol. Milita.

Expiration of Service was March 4, 1813.

I dont have a Bounty Land Record..sending for one. The Pension Record consists of 16 or more pages.

1814 Montgomery County Kentucky.

Deposition for Pension; "...that said John Ward complained of a wound which he said he received in the Battle of the 10th January or February at the River Raisin, as he was stooping to help up a wounded soldier, his brother who was massacred on the 22nd of the same month being wounded badly, That said Ward then desired this deponent to look at his wound which he did and it appeared a musket ball had entered on the left side of his back just below the shoulder blade and passed through his chest and came out at his left nipple...."

1827 Jefferson County Indiana.

Deposition: "...that he now resides in the State of Indiana and where he intends to remain and wishes his Pension to be there payable in future and that his reason for remaining in the State of Indiana was that he might be able to get a piece of land that in Kentucky he was unable to do."

1830 Application for increase of Pension.

"You will please return him his certificates (direct to John Ward, Versailles, Riply Co. Ind.)

Sent for the Bounty Land Record last week.

Discovered - ROSTER of Soldiers from U.C. in the American Revolution, in the St. Petersburg Library; will send you what I can find.

WEBB'S CITY, IND.
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Sincerely yours,

Ward

Lyle W. Ward
GREENUP, ILLINOIS

EARLY LAND DEEDS--GRANTEE & GRANTOR-- WARD
Henricks County Indiana.

JOHN WARD - PATENT BOOK...PAGE 33 (This book is not numbered. It is a big black book with a red seam binding. About 13" wide and 24" long and 1" thick. In 1960 it was ~~kept~~ kept just above the Grantee & Grantor Books #1, 2, 3.)

John Ward Jr. bought or was granted from the Government -- 21-Aug.-1327
40 acres-Twp. I7 N.- Range I E.- Sec. 36--SW $\frac{1}{4}$ -- SW $\frac{1}{2}$.
... ..

Deed Bk. # 6 - page 653 ----- 2- March - 1338

William Ward bought from John Ward the above described land. 40 acres.
Twp. I7 - N.-Range I E.- Sec.-36 -SW $\frac{1}{4}$ --SW $\frac{1}{2}$.

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I could not find where William Ward bought another 40 acres in this section, but when he sold the above mentioned land, it is recorded as 30 acres.

Deed Bk. # 9...page 533-----23, Aug. 1344.

William Ward sold to William Pegg...30 acres.
Twp. I7 N.- Range I E- Sec. 36-- SW $\frac{1}{4}$ --SW $\frac{1}{2}$ --Warrantee Deed.
Signed by William Ward & Leah Ward

(William Ward pd. tax on 4 lots in Pittsboro Ind. in 1344. & personal and poll tax in Brown Twp. 1343. And was in Jasper Co. Ill in 1343 where George Ward was born.

Deed Bk. # 9- page 352 ----- 5, Sept., 1343.

John Ward Jr. bought from David H. Cassity...40 acres.
Twp. I6, N--Range I E- Sec. 2--NW $\frac{1}{4}$ --NE $\frac{1}{4}$. Warrantee Deed. Recorded
21, Mar. 1344.

I didn't find any other deeds to John Ward in this location, but in the years of 1343 & 1350, it is recorded he sold 120 acres.

DEED Bk. # 12- page 99 ----- 12, April, 1343--War. Deed.

John Ward Jr. sold to James Carter - 40 acres.
Twp. I6 N- Range I E- Sec. 2 --NW $\frac{1}{4}$ --NE $\frac{1}{4}$. Recorded 25-June-1343

DEED Bk. # 14- page 49 ----- 4, Dec. -1343.

John Ward Jr. sold to Jonathan McDaniel ----- 30 acres.
40 acres SE $\frac{1}{4}$ - NE $\frac{1}{4}$ -- Twp. I6 N--Range I E--Sec. 2
40 acres NE $\frac{1}{4}$ -SW $\frac{1}{4}$ -- Twp. I6 N--Range I E--Sec. 2. Recorded 25, Mar. 1350.

Signed by John Ward & Nancy Ward
his mark her mark

This is the land that John Ward Sr. is buried on
owned by Keith Garner

Dorris Mayd Hubble

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM HENDRICKS CO. COURT RECORDS

DEEDS

John Ward bought 40 acres Aug. 21, 1827.
Armstead Ward bought 40 acres Nov. 1, 1834.
Armstead bought another 40 acres Nov. 1, 1834
Armsted Ward bought ~~###~~ a third 40 acres Nov. 1, 1834
Armstead Ward sold to John Ward 80 acres- June 5, 1837. James Ward was J.P.
William Ward bought from John Ward 40 acres- Mar. 2, 1838. Rec. Jan. 19, 1839.
A.C. Ward bought 40 acres- Oct. 31, 1842. Rec. Jan. 14, 1843.
Reuben S. Ward bought from Almanzer Ward, 40 acres- July 24, 1849.
Jeniah Ward Ward bought 61 acres- Aug. 6, 1852.
Thomas Ward bought 70.95 acres - 1841. (insouther part of Hendricks Co.)
Thomas Ward bought a lot in Morrisville (Now Amo, in southern part of Co.)
Thomas Ward pd. tax on 160 acres in Washington Twp.- 1841.
Thomas Ward Pd. poll tax and personal tax in Franklin Twp.- 1841- 42- 43.
Thomas Wards will, Pro. Oct. 3, 1898- Hendricks Co. mentions only
a daughter Mary, wife of Martin Hart.

William Ward- pd. tax on four lots & poll tax in Pittsboro, Ind. 1844. Middle Twp.
William Ward- Pd. personal & poll tax in Brown Twp.-- 1843.
Hardy Ward- pd. tax in Brown Twp. - 1841 & poll tax in 1844

Almanzer C. Ward- Pd. tax on 80 acres in Marion Twp. in 1843- 44.

Will of John Ward- dated 25- Nov.- 1876. Probate- 20- Dec.- 1876. Mentions
his wife Ellen, his brother Thomas Ward, sister Mrs. Catherine Logan and a
sister Mary# Ward (\$100.) who lives in Ireland.

WARDS MARRIED IN HENDRICKS CO. INDIANA.

6-- May- 1837- Frances Caroline Ward to James M. York.
24- Sept- 1839- Irene Ward to Jonathan Priest.
9-- May- 1839- Jerriah Ward- to Susan Patterson.
9- May- 1839- Jeniah Ward- to Sarah Patterson.
28- May- 1839- Sarah Ward - to John Bawsack.
13- Oct.- 1839- William Ward- to Leah (or Lear) Caywood.
2- May- 1840- Hannah Ward- to John W. Lockhart.
13- Mar.- 1843- Jemima Ward- to Arthur Duncan.
12- June- 1846- Sarah Ann Ward- to Reuben Ward--he died -29-May-1878

26-- Dec.-1850--David Ward - to Caroline Cain or Coin.
14-- Aug.-1861--Margaret Ward- to George W. Wells.
3-- Nov.-1869--Henry Ward to Lettie Bradshaw.
16-- Sept-1871--Mary Ann Ward-- to William Plummer.
15-- May- 1872--Lettie Ward - to James Hunter.
12-- Oct- 1880--Elize Jane Ward-- to Joshua Rushton.
15-- 1880-Oct.-Mary C. Ward-- to John Wheeler.
1--June- 1892-- Jacob M. Ward to Florence Byerly.

Rufus Ward son of Issac Ward d- 1- May- 1885- age 49, at Monrovia,
Ind.-Morgan Co.

The above copied from material sent me by Mrs. Dorris (Ward)
Hubble- Jan, 14, 1960

John Ward Sr. was buried on the farm of John Ward Jr.
Keith Garner was told that another body is buried there,
probably Hannah, wife of John Ward Sr. (Ed)

Lyle W. Ward
GREENUP, ILLINOIS

War 1812... John Ward Jr. & Armstead Ward (1) Brothers

John Ward Jr. and His brother Armstead were in the battle of The River Raisin (Jan 22, 1813). Both were wounded; Armstead seriously with a broken thigh, John was able to walk... Taken prisoners by the Indians. John was saved by an Indian squaw; by signs he made her understand he had a wife and children. Armstead was scalped, tomahawked and his body burned.

This tradition was given by my grandfather Armstead Ward (2). As a boy I often heard my father, James H. Ward tell this.

This family history is borne out by the war record of Armstead Ward (1); reported "missing in action 22, Jan. 1813"; and the pension application of John Ward Jr.

Battle of the River Raisin....Jan.22,1813...Kentucky Riflemen..

"But the Kentuckians, who formed the most important element in Northwestern Army, were unwilling to serve under anybody but Harrison, the hero of Tippecanoe, and the Government bowed to their wishes. General Winchester, who commanded a part of Harrison's army, was defeated on the River Raisin, in Michigan. He surrendered his men to the British General, Proctor, a very brutal man, who to his eternal infamy, left the wounded Americans to be massacred and plundered by the Indians of his army.
....Eggleston...U.S.History

Battle on the River Raisin....Barnes - U.S.History

"Proctor, however, immediately returned to Malden with the British, leaving no guard over the American wounded. There-upon the Indians, maddened by liquor and the desire for revenge, mercilessly tomahawked many, set fire to the houses in which others lay, and carried the survivors to Detroit, where they were dragged through the streets and offered for sale at the doors of the inhabitants. Many of the women of that place gave for their ransom every article of value they possessed...."

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Pvt. Capt. Geo. Pugh's Co. of Inf.,
1 Regiment (Scott's) Kentucky Vol. Militia

Lyle W. Ward -- Greenup, Illinois -- 7/8/63.

WARD FAMILY.

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1840 PensionersDodge City Library
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Roster -Soldiers & Patriots of AR #200 D.C. Library.
D.A.R.

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cemetery..the only grave, insc. on stone reads:
"John Ward U.S. Soldier Revolutionary War".

Collected by Mrs. J. Harold Grimes, Danville, Ind.

There is a John Ward in 1790 Census ..South Carolina, Camden
district, ~~Lancaster Co.~~ Fairfield Co. Also a Robert Ward.

William Ward, -- Camden Dist. Lancaster Co.

~~Also in~~
John Ward, Dist 96 --Pendelton Co. Also Sarah, Thomas, Samuel.

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JOHN WARD Jr. War 1812.

John Ward Jr. Born in South Carolina, April 1791..Died At
April 12, 1853. Buried Ward Cemetery, Jasper Co. ILL.
Married Nancy Billington, daughter of Wm. Billington and
Elizabeth Bert Ward Billington in 1809. Nancy Billington
was born 1796, Died 1858. To this union were born seven
boys & six girls. Armstead, Jeniah, William, Henry (Mexican
War), John (Mex. War), James H. (Civil War), Daniel P. (Civil
War), Jemima, Sarah, Hannah, Nancy Ann, Cinthia Ann, Lucinda
(Harker).

Hannah married J.W. Lockhart -Buried Ward Cem.
Cinthia " a Vaughn

SIXTH CENSUS

1840

Hendricks County Indiana

	5	10	20	30	40	80	5	10	20	30	40	80	
under	un	un	un	un	un	un	un	un	un	un	un	un	
5	10	15	30	40	50	90	5	10	15	30	40	50	
MALE							FEMALE						

Armstead Ward (Son of John Jr. - Ed.)	1						2		1			
John Ward (Jr. - Ed.)	2	1		1	1		1	2			1	1
Thomas Ward			1							1		
William Ward (Son of John Jr. - Ed.)			1							1		
Westwood Ward			1							1		
Hardy Ward	2		1				1	2	1		1	

PENSIONERS

John Ward

90

Hendricks County Census Book was in the main reading room of the National Archives Building.

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INSCRIPTION ON TABLET...!Erected by the Society of Sons of the Revolution in Indiana To the memory of the Soldiers of the Revolution Buried in Hendricks County"

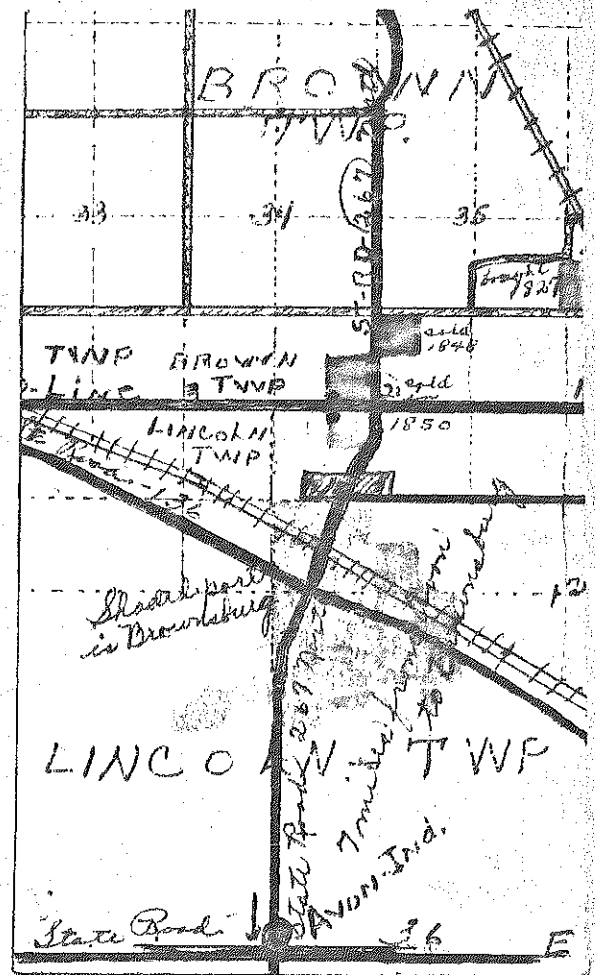
John Ward Sr. and Hannah Ward lives with John Ward Jr.

John Ward...Rev. War

The land on which John Ward is buried is owned by Keith Garner (1960). Located about 1 1/2 miles north of the center of Brownsburg, Ind., on the west side of St. Road 267. The grave is located several hundred feet west of a Mobile gas station.

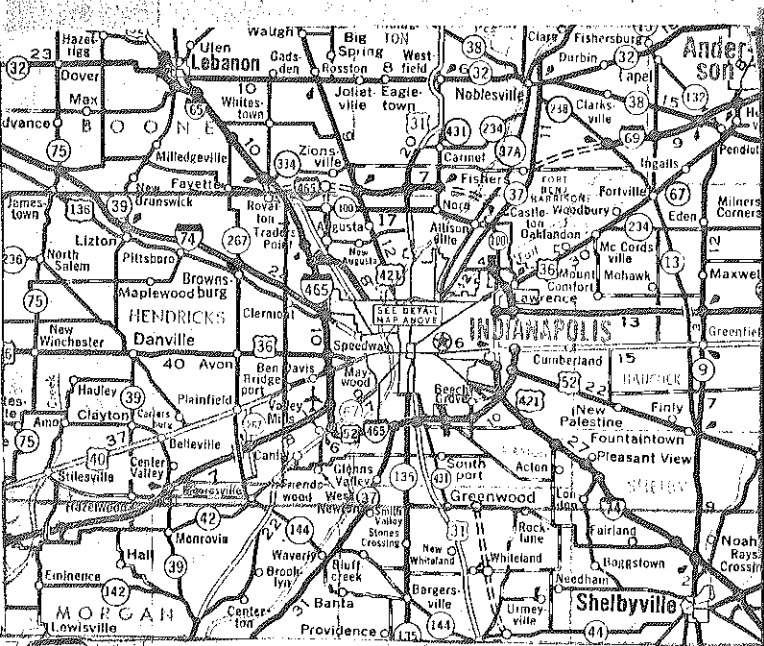
The stone reads: Jno Ward-Revolutionary War - Soldier

(Jno., John. from Websters Dict.)



The blue part is Greenlaw Cemetery at the north edge of Brownsburg.
 The red part and penciled in sqs. are land owned by John Ward at one time.
 The blue dots on the red part, marks as near as we could determine where Jno. Ward R.M.S. is buried. We couldn't decide on which side of the line it is located.
 At the present time they are building a new concrete bridge a few hundred ft. north of the drive to this farm.

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The stone, a Government stone, was secured and
placed on the grave by his grand-son Armstead
Ward who lived in Jasper Co. Illinois.

"1790 Census South Carolina"

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"Roster of Soldiers from North Carolina in the
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"Kings Mountain Men", by Katherine Keogh White.
Published by Joseph K. Ruebusch Co.