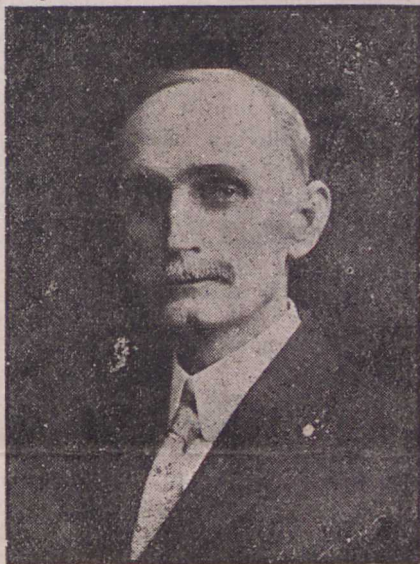




ON Friday, January 26, 1923, from his home in Austin, Texas, the spirit of Rev. W. J. Ward winged its flight to the heavenly mansions.

Brother Ward was born in Bladen County, North Carolina, February 1, 1858. He was converted while yet a very young man and a few years later obeyed God's call to enter the ministry.

He attended school first in Ashpole, N. C.; received his B. A. degree at Wake Forest College in 1888, after which he spent two

years in the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. While attending the Seminary in Louisville he entered his first pastorate at McKinney, Ky.

On October 7, 1890, Brother Ward was married to Miss Hannah May Fair. To this union were born five children, four of whom survive their father—La Nelle, W. T. Ward, Josephine and Virginia.

George, the eldest, died at the age of seventeen months. One of the pathetic incidents in connection with Brother Ward's home-going is that the day of his death was the birthday of this eldest son.

Miss La Nelle is a teacher in the Austin public schools, as well as a faithful worker and Sunday school teacher in the church of which her father was pastor.

W. T. Ward, the only son, is a successful business man of California, where he lives with his wife and two children.

Miss Josephine is a missionary in China, having been sent out by the Foreign Board in September of the past year.

Miss Virginia is a teacher in the public schools of McAllen, Texas.

After seven years spent in Missouri, where he was pastor at Moberly, Shelbina, DeSoto and Maryville, Brother Ward, with his family, moved to Texas.

His first work in Texas was at Devine. One of the outstanding features of his work at that place was the building of a modern brick church. He was then called to be pastor of the East Avenue Church, Austin, where he served five years.

The church, under his leadership, went forward in a remarkable way. His work among the deaf people of Austin deserves special mention. After this five-year period he was called to be pastor of the South Side Church, Austin, in which work he was engaged at the time of his death. The South Side Church, with Brother Ward as pastor, experienced a great growth. The church during the two years that Brother Ward served as pastor doubled its membership and the Sunday school more than doubled its attendance.

The number of people whom Brother Ward has led into active service for the Master is only one of the indications of the far-reaching influence of this good man's life.

On the Sunday before he died, while he was very low, his pulpit was filled by a young man of his congregation who had just yielded to the call to preach the Gospel. One of his neighbor's daughters and formerly a member of his church is fitting herself in the Baptist Sanitarium in Dallas to go as a missionary nurse to Africa. A young Chinese girl of Austin, due to his encouragement, is preparing herself to go as a missionary to China. Three other young women, members of the South Side Church, have indicated their desires to go as missionaries to foreign lands when the way is open. His own daughter, Miss Josephine, is a recruit in the ranks of the Baptist missionaries in China. Peculiarly applicable to this faithful servant are those words from the Book: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

One of the first works of this good man was the leading of his own father to Christ; one of the last works was giving his daughter to the work of the Lord.

Surviving Brother Ward, besides his four children, of whom mention has already been made, are his wife, one brother, Charles Ward of Bladenborough, N. C.; one sister and his mother who resides in North Carolina.

It had long been the desire of Brother Ward that he should die in the harness, and God granted him his desire. He was only sick twelve days with the pneumonia and filled his pulpit on Sunday before taking sick on Tuesday.

Those who are left behind are rich in the heritage of the memory of a noble life, unselfishly spent in the service of his Master; a life whose keynote, could it be summed up in one word, was "others."

With the going of this good and faithful pastor and friend, may we all turn our eyes more steadfastly towards that city "whose builder and maker is God."

"Then shall we know, serene, secure,
Of scenes beyond the set of sun—
That life is but a play begun—
That death is but a change of scene,
A night of rest 'neath rose and bay,
With bright morn but a breath away."

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and Lumberton, N. C.; P. McKinney, Mo., Middleburg, Pleasant
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JOSEPH C. WARD, JR.

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Mrs. J.C. Ward, Jr.
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16 Sept. 1991

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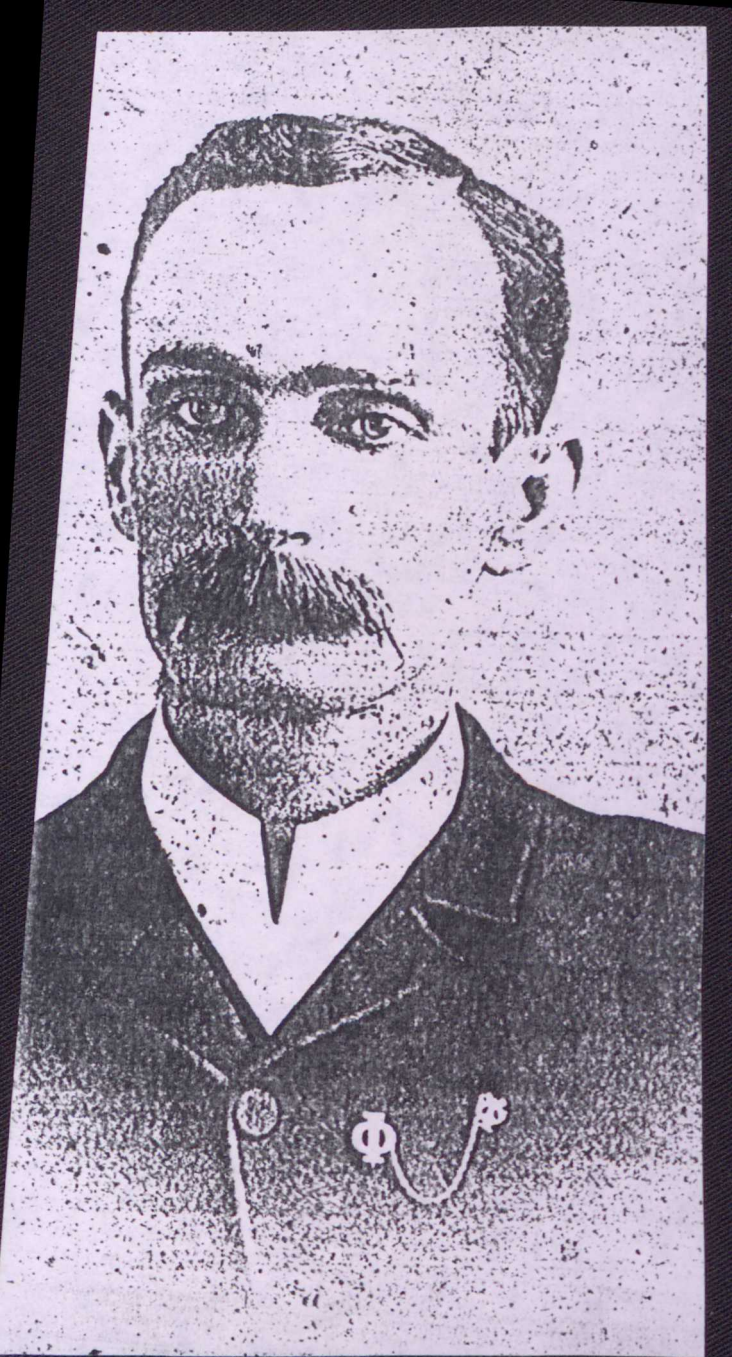
I have been doing research for the past few years on the children of Enos Ward and wife Emily Corcill Rhodes. One son William Jacob Ward b. 5 February 1833 was last found on the 1850 Raleigh Co. Census at age 17 and listed as a student. I have not been able to locate him on any other census after 1850.

The enclosed photograph of a General W.J. Ward has recently been given to me. Would you have any information on a W.J. (William Jacob) Ward in your old files of former students?

Do you have any ideas as to the bin on W.J. Ward's coat. If so, I will enclose an enlargement of the bin.

Sincerely
Mrs Lillian Ward
300 West 34th St.
Lumberton
NC 28358

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NAME: Ward, William Joseph, 1858-

DATA: Biographical sketch

SOURCE: Willis Richard Cullom Papers (PC 26) - Box 74 - Folder 510

23 24 WALTERS, WILLIAM THOMAS. *Y* Pittsylvania Co., Va. 45-8.
A. B., 48, D. D., 71, W. F. Col. Ord., 48. Bap. Min. Teacher. 49-52 Tutor
in W. F. Col. 52-68 Prof. of Math., W. F. Col. 66-9 Cor. Sec. of Bap.
State Con. 72-6 Treas. of W. F. Col. Pastor. Weldon. Littleton.
Died Dec. 31, 76.

WALTERS, WILLIAM THOMAS, JR. Wake County. 81-2.
Planter. Campville, Florida.

WALTERS, WYATT RUFUS. *Ø* Granville County. 78-83.
A. B., 83, W. F. Col. Planter. Granville Co. Wilton.

WALTHAL, WILLIAM HENRY. *Y* Virginia. 34-5.

WARD, DAVID L. *Y* Wilson County. 76-81.
Debater, 81, A. B., 81, W. F. Col. Feb., 83—Lawyer. Marshall, Madison
Co. Wilson. San Francisco, Cal.

WARD, EVERETT. *Ø* Robeson County. 81-5.
Debater, 84, Orator, 85, B. L., 85, W. F. Col. Ord., Aug. 23, 85, Mt. Elias
Ch., Robeson Co. Bap. Min. Teacher. 85-6 Ashpole. Newton, Miss.
Pastor 86-90 Morgan, Texas. Nov., 90—Apr., 91, Meridian, Texas.
91—Brenham, Texas.

WARD, GEORGE WASHINGTON. *Y* Perquimans County. 86-90.
A. M., 90, W. F. Col. 90-1 Teacher. Eliz. City. 91 Law Stud. Eliz. City
and Chap. Hill. Lawyer. Elizabeth City.

WARD, JAMES HENRY. *Ø* Bertie County. 48-51.
Planter. Bertie Co. Dead.

WARD, WALTER LEE. *Y* Wilson County. 85-7.
Planter. Moyton.

WARD, WILLIAM ELIZABETH. *Y* Lenoir County. 59-60.
Co. I., 27th N. C. Inf., C. S. Ar. Planter. Trenton, Jones Co. Died June
20, 88.

WARD, WILLIAM J. *Y* Wilson County. 85-8.
Dental Surg. Moyton.

✓ WARD, WILLIAM JOSEPH. *Ø* Bladen County. 84-8.
B. L., 88, W. F. Col. 88-9 S. B. Theo. Sem. Ord., Aug. 16, 89, McKinney,
Ky. Bap. Min. Pastor. 89-91 McKinney, Ky. 91—Somerset, Ky.

WARD, WYATT MACON. *Y* Wilson County. 76-81.
Planter. Moyton.

WASHINGTON, GEORGE. *Ø* Craven County. 34-6.
Lawyer. Alabama. Dead.

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SOU. BAPT. THEO. SEMINARY, 1859-89, p. 204
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A GROUP OF MINISTERIAL STUDENTS IN WAKE FOREST
COLLEGE, 1886-1892

When I was finishing my work as a student at Wake Forest in 1892 it occurred to me that I should like to have some little account of the lives of the young ministers who had been associated with me during my college course. Accordingly, I wrote a letter to each one of these young ministers requesting that he give me such an account of himself. Most of them responded and their letters were copied in this book. The book is now turned over to our Wake Forest College Library as a contribution toward our Baptist collection.

W. R. Cullom.

Wake Forest, N.C.

March 21, 1931

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