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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 59 WARD Family Papers**

½ box. 5 folders. 141 items. 1824-1947. Originals.

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Hezekiah Ward (1802-1874) was born in Shelby County, Kentucky, and married Eleanor Owen (1801-1878) in 1827. Hezekiah and Eleanor had four children: William E. (1832-1917), John B. (b. 1834), Richard Admiral (1841-1890), and James. Ward purchased a farm in the No Creek area of Ohio County from Joseph Barnett; a small settlement called Wardtown developed.

Following the death of Hezekiah, his farm was divided among his children. Five male generations of the Ward family resided in the house which was supposedly built shortly after Hezekiah bought the farm. The generations were Hezekiah, Richard A., Fleetwood (1870-1930), Lloyd E., and his sons, Gene, Donald, and Dale. The house was last occupied in 1944.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

Tinsley, Harry D. *History of No Creek, Kentucky with a Genealogy and Biographical Section*, 1953.

**COLLECTION NOTE**

The legal papers of the Ward family relate chiefly to Hezekiah, John A., Fleetwood and wife Annie, dating from 1873 to 1939, but receipts and promissory notes comprise the major portion of the collection. Included are Hartford toll bridge receipts, 1857-1868; Ohio County tax receipts, 1864-1884; a school tuition receipt, 1878; a school tax receipt, 1908; and telephone receipts, 1913-1934.

Additionally, there is an essay and a play, both written on stationery that has printed on it "No Creek school" and "Lydia Ward, Assistant Principal, 189?."

## ***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>WARD Family Papers</b>	<b>1824-1947</b>	<b>141 items</b>
Folder 1	Promissory notes and receipts	1824-1947	79 items
	1a – Promissory notes	1857-1879	14 items
	1b – Tax receipts	1864-1884	21 items
	1c – Receipts, miscellaneous	1824-1947	44 items
Folder 2	Legal papers	1873-1939	14 items
Folder 3	Essay and play written on stationery of No Creek School	189?	2 items
Folder 4	Telephone receipts	1913-1934	44 items
Folder 5	Genealogical data	n.d.	2 items

## ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

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Papers chiefly of Hezekiah and Richard Ward of Ohio County, Kentucky. Promissory notes, 1857-79 (14 items); tax receipts, 1864-68 (4), telephone receipts, 1913-34 (44), and miscellaneous receipts, 1824-1947 (40); legal papers, 1873-1939 (14); essay and play, 189?; and genealogical data (2).

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## ***SUBJECT ANALYTICS***

Essays, 189? F3  
Estates – Ward family – Ohio County F2  
Horses – Breeding – Ohio County, 1873 F2  
Louisville – Warehouses – Tobacco, 1886-87 F1c  
Mortgages – Cattle, 191? F2  
No Creek – Ohio County  
Ohio County – Bankruptcy, 1832 F2  
Ohio County – Coal industry and trade – Receipts, 1873, 1939 F1c  
Ohio County – Licenses – Horses – Breeding, 1873 F2  
Ohio County – Mortgages F2

Ohio County – Petroleum industry – Leases, 1927, 1939 F2  
Ohio County – Petroleum industry – Oil and gas wells – Well drilling, 1928 F2  
Ohio County – Schools, 1878, 1908 F1c,3  
Ohio County – Tax receipts, 1864-1884 F1b  
Ohio County – Telephone receipts, 1913-1934 F4  
Ohio County – Toll bridges – Receipts, 1857-1868 F1c  
Owensboro – Warehouses – Tobacco, 1947 F1c  
Plays, 189? F3  
Tobacco – Warehouses, 1886-87, 1947 F1c  
Ward, Hezekiah K., 1802-1874  
Ward, Richard Admiral, 1841-1890