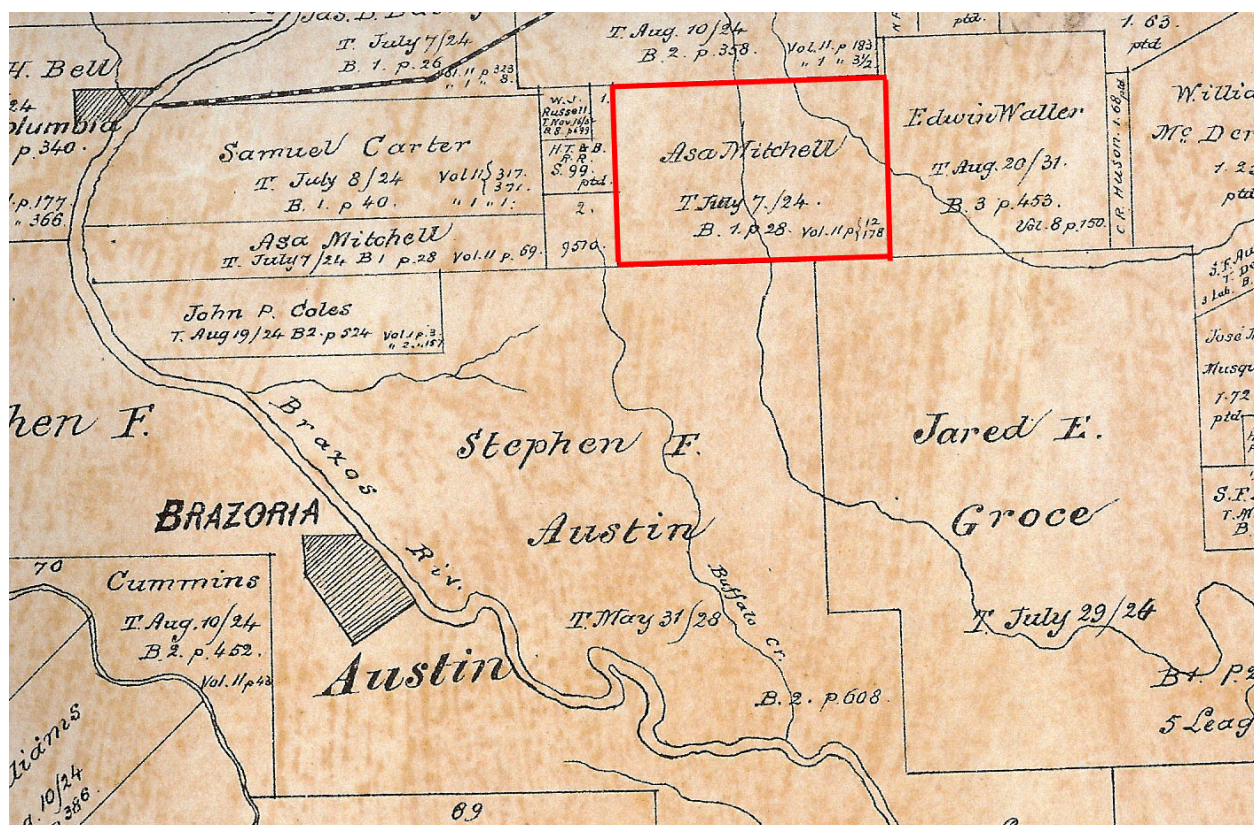


William Ward Plantation Brazosport Archeological Society

The Ward Plantation was developed only a few years before the Civil War, but was turned into an excellent cotton producer by its young owner William Ward. The lands for the plantation were taken from the southern half of the Asa Mitchell Headright League which lay east of the Brazos River on both sides of Oyster Creek just north of the Retrieve Plantation of the James Hamilton family. Originally developed by William Fly the plantation was acquired in 1858 for William Ward by his father Thomas B. Ward's Estate. William Ward did not survive the Civil War and although she remained in Alabama, his aunt Ann Ward, held the property until 1879. The plantation was managed for Ann Ward after the Civil War by Dr. John L. Abrahams, a Confederate veteran. It was bought by his father Probate Judge James Abrahams of Alabama and was shortly transferred back to Dr. J. L. Abrahams. Heirs would hold the property into the 1950's. A development corporation transferred the plantation to the U. M. Harrison family in 1955. The plantation home was damaged in the 1900 hurricane and destroyed in the 1932 hurricane. The property is still part of the U. M. Harrison Estate. The area of the plantation structures is now cattle pasture along Oyster Creek.



1879 Survey Brazoria County, The General Land Office, Austin, Texas

Asa Mitchell¹ with his wife Charlotte Woodmancy and son Nathan moved to Texas in 1822. Asa Mitchell received title to his Headright League of land July 7, 1824. The census of March 1826 classified Mitchell as a farmer and stock raiser with a wife, two sons and a daughter. Asa and his family made their home at the mouth of the Brazos River in an area that would become the port of Velasco. He opened a salt works and became an enterprising commercial importer of household supplies and provisions for Stephen F. Austin's colonists. His wife died September 17, 1830 and was buried at Velasco. He participated in the Battle of Velasco in 1832, but by 1835 he moved to Washington-on-the-Brazos² and by 1840 he and new wife Emily Brisbin were living in Bexar County.³

In 1853-1854 Asa and his son Nathan Mitchell sold the southern half of his Headright League to William Fly from Mississippi for a total of \$16,500[Brazoria County Deed Record⁴: F 544/45 & F 685]. William Fly is listed in the 1850 Census in Madison County Mississippi:

| | | | | |
|------------------|----|---|----------------|---------------------|
| William Fly | 55 | M | North Carolina | Planter |
| Mary J. Fly | 56 | F | North Carolina | |
| Elvira Fly | 17 | F | Tennessee | |
| George W. L. Fly | 15 | M | Mississippi | Student |
| William H. Seat | 25 | M | Tennessee | Methodist Clergyman |
| Sophia L. Seat | 21 | F | Tennessee | (Daughter) |
| Mary F. Seat | 1 | F | Mississippi | |

By 1854 William Fly had moved to Brazoria County when tax records list 2114 acres of land, 80 slaves, 26 horses, and 90 head of cattle. In 1855 records indicate over 1000 more acres of land in other parts of the county, 81 slaves, 58 horses, and 85 head of cattle. The tax record also records two additional family members, John. D. and D. W. Fly had moved to the county with their slaves. William Fly died in ~1855 leaving a large number of heirs.⁵

In 1859 twenty one year old William Ward received title to the plantation from the Fly heirs[BCDR J 20/22 & J25/26]. William Ward had been operating the plantation the year previous as the property had been purchased by his father's estate for \$15,000 in 1858. Thomas B. Ward had brought his two sons William and John H. along with a large group of slaves to Texas from Alabama by 1852. The 1850 Census Lists:

| | | | | |
|------------------|----|---|---------|---------|
| Thomas B. Ward | 44 | M | Georgia | Planter |
| Ann ⁶ | 40 | F | Georgia | |
| William | 12 | M | Alabama | |
| John H. | 10 | M | Alabama | |

The 1852 tax records list 42 slaves and 20 horses in his possession but no land holdings.

From 1852 until his death in June 1855 while in Alabama records indicate Thomas B. Ward rented property from Robert & David G. Mills. His cotton was often loaded out at Bolivar on the east side of the Brazos River which would place his location north of Columbia. After his

¹ Asa Mitchell died in San Antonio, Texas November 6, 1865.

² Asa Mitchell and his son Nathan both fought at San Jacinto.

³ *The Handbook of Texas On Line*

⁴ Brazoria County Deed Record will be denoted BCDR from this point forward.

⁵ Heirs of William Fly include his wife Mary J., John D. Fly, Mary M. Fly Davidson, Elvira Fly Catching, Sophia S. Fly Seat, E. M. Fly, G.W. L. Fly, B. F. Sly and D. W. Fly.

⁶ Believe this to be his sister who would remain in Alabama with the James Abrahams family.

death all his property went to his son William Ward. His younger brother John Holmes Ward had died at their home August 3, 1853:

Aug. 27, 1853

John Holmes Ward, youngest son of Mr. Thomas B. Ward, formerly of this place, died on the 3rd inst. at his father's residence near Galveston, Texas. This promising child died in his 13th year.⁷

George G. Tankersley, who owned a plantation along the Brazos in the northern part of the county, became the guardian of young William Ward and executor of Thomas B. Ward's estate. Tankersley continued to rent land for the estate from Robert & David G. Mills for \$833.33 per year for 1855, 1856, and 1857. In 1856 he employed W. J. D. Way for \$500 to oversee the operation. The next year he earned \$515. Cotton was shipped from Bolivar landing on the Brazos to the Mills brothers in Galveston. Supplies including a variety of medicines for the plantation were being purchased and shipped back to the same location. Sundry supplies were shipped aboard the steamer *Betty Powell* to Bolivar February 7, 1856:

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Shipped per Steamer <i>Betty Powell</i> | | bought by R. & D. G. MILLS, and | |
| for account of G. G. Tankersley Esq | | to Bolivar | |
| | | Admin Est of T. B. Ward | |
| T. B. Ward | 3 Oz Iodine | @ 24 | 12 . . |
| | 1 lb Calomel | @ 24 | 2 |
| | 1/2 Doz Camphor | @ 225 | 1 13 |
| | 1 lb Asafoetida | @ | 1 75 |
| | 1 " Sulphur | | 1 25 |
| | 1 Bot Castor Oil | | 1 75 |
| | 1 " Laudanum | | 1 75 |
| | 1 " Paregoric | | 1 75 |
| | 1 Can Propan | 6 lbs @ 1 35 | 8 1 . . |
| | 3 Sacks Salt | 1 75 | 5 25 |
| | 1 Bale Domestic | 535 yds @ 10 | 53 50 |
| | 2 Bbls Potatoes | | 1 50 |
| | 2 #3 Ho Shear Flour | 65 | 13 . . |
| | 1 Doz Quercorn's Wks #10 | | 6 50 |
| | 2 lb Poping Seeds | 5 | 1 20 |
| | 1/4 Bushel Onions | | 1 65 |
| | 1/2 Cwt Tobacco | 40 @ 15 | 6 00 |
| | | | <u>192 9 8</u> |
| CHARGES: | | | |
| | Drayages, | | 1 . . |
| | Wharfages, | | 90 |
| | Labor, | | .. |
| | Storage, | | .. |
| | Insurance on \$ | at | per cent |
| | Commission buying, at 2 1/2 per cent. | | 4 82 |
| | Cash, Jan'y 18 1856 | | 67 2 |
| | | | <u>\$199 7 0</u> |
| Charged in account, | | | |
| E. & O. E. Galveston | | Feb'y 7 | 1856 |

⁷ Jones, Kathleen Paul & Ganrud, Pauline Jones, eds., *Alabama Records*, Volume 176, Jan. 1958, p.31.

Local merchants and various craftsmen from the Brazoria County area provided supplies and much needed skills in keeping the cotton plantation in operation. T. J. Coffee, George G. Tankersley, and George Dowell provided a variety of skills in blacksmithing while D. H. Dance worked on the cotton gin gear⁹. This bill was submitted in 1855 by T.J. Coffee:

| | | |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1855 | Cal. T. B. Ward in acct. with | 1855 |
| | T. J. Coffee | |
| 6 th | May To Laying 14 turning ploughs 10¢ | 21.00 |
| " | " making 86 fig lions 3¢ | 13.50 |
| " | " " 12 cap rings 3¢ | 4.50 |
| " | " Cutting screws on 8 old bolts | .75 |
| " | " Making 3 bolts 3¢ | 1.13 1/2 |
| " | " " " " " " " " 3¢ | 37 1/2 |
| " | " " " " " " " " 2¢ | 20 |
| 12 | " Making 6 cap rings 3¢ | 2.35 |
| " | " " 4 bolts for plough 3¢ | 1.50 |
| 21 st | Feb. x 14 singletree hooks | 3.50 |
| " | " x 4 bolts | 1.50 |
| 28 th | April x 6 doubletree irons | 2.05 |
| 5 | April Making 5 sweeps | 7.50 |
| " | " " 5 bolts | 2.70 |
| " | " " 3 " " | 1.50 |
| " | " " Sharpening sweeps | .38 |
| 28 | " " " " " " " " " " | .50 |
| 1 st | May Fixing 3 plough shears | 1.13 1/2 |
| " | " " Pointing 4 ploughs | 3.00 |
| " | " " Laying 6 " " | 9.00 |
| " | " " Mending Clevis | .58 |
| 31 | July 3 Coupling bolts & Coupl. bands | 3.00 |
| " | " " Breast Chains | 5.00 |
| " | " 1 bit in March last | 12.00 |
| 22 | Dec. 10 plows laid with steel 12 | 20.00 |
| " | " 6 " sharpened | 2 25 |
| " | " 8 new clevis 1.25 | 10.00 |
| | Credit by \$100. balance in April 3 | 711 8.51 1/2 |
| | Interest 29 mo. 5.33 1/3 | 10 5 33 |
| | Balance Due - | 712.50 10 |

Medical aid for the slaves was provided by F. M. Otis in 1855-1856 and James A. Dowell in 1857. Later in 1858 William Ward purchased additional horses from R. Champion whose plantation was just to the north of the Ward Plantation.¹¹

⁸ Thomas B. Ward Probate Case No.623, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas

⁹ Ibid. September 1856 a gin band was purchased costing \$34.13 and shipped to Bolivar aboard the steamer *Fort Henry*. It was a rubber belt 7 inches wide and 60 feet long.

¹⁰ Ibid. An additional blacksmithing bill in 1857 by George G. Tankersley Jr. noted \$4.00 for ironing two Negroes and there is a ledger notice paying W. D. Way \$69.75 for reclaiming runaway Negroes.

¹¹ Ibid.

Cotton cultivated in the spring and picked late summer to fall was shipped to Galveston being accredited to his account with the Mills brothers (See Appendix). The *Ione*, *Alamo*, *Wasp*, *Falcon*, *Alice*, *Texana*, *Perseverance*, *Brazoria*, *Wilkins*, *Sarah*, *Joe Dart*, *Stephen F. Austin*, *Betty Powell*, *Major Harris*, and *Fort Henry* were a few of the sloops, schooners and steamers which did business at Bolivar. This shipment of cotton traveled the new Galveston Bay Brazos River Canal aboard the steamer *Fort Henry* and was charged \$22.20:

Sales, No. 266 by R. & D. G. Mills, of Sanbury Town, N.H.
 Cotton, received from Bolivar per Fort Henry and
 sold for account of Estate J. R. Ward

W 74 Bales Cotton

34367 lbs

40 Bales 18506 lbs @ 10 7/8 201282
34 " 15861 " @ 10 1/2 166541
367823

CHARGES:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Freight, per Bill Lading | <u>1 50</u> | <u>111 00</u> |
| Charges | <u>Canal toll</u> | <u>22 20</u> |
| Insurance, on | <u>None</u> | |
| Fire Insurance | <u>None</u> | |
| Wharfage | <u>6 66</u> | <u>12 91</u> |
| Drayage | <u>6 25</u> | <u>11 10</u> |
| Weighing | <u>7 40</u> | <u>19 88</u> |
| Mending | <u>2 00</u> | <u>91 96</u> |
| Storage and Labor | <u>16 25</u> | |
| Commission on Sales @ 2 1/2 per cent. | | <u>269 05</u> |

Nett proceeds, cash this date 3409 18

E. E. Galveston. Nov 22nd 1856

R. & D. G. Mills
J. E. Ward

¹² Ibid.

The 1856 crop was bringing 10 ½ to 10 7/8 cents per pound in Galveston. Additional shipments of the 1856 crop would arrive in Galveston adding to the credit of the Thomas B. Ward estate. The average cotton bale at this time weighed ~460 pounds as documented by the above shipment weighed at Galveston:

Galveston. Nov. 13. 1856.

Weights of 74 Bales cotton for R. & S. Mills

Shippers. Refs.

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| W | #76 | #99 | 89 | 121 | 60 | 96 | 79 | 21 | 78 | |
| | 474 | 534 | 444 | 462 | 454 | 490 | 450 | 514 | 474 | 444 |
| 4742 | #119 | 104 | 83 | 118 | 82 | 39 | 110 | 122 | 97 | 101 |
| 4798 | 464 | 505 | 468 | 480 | 461 | 485 | 487 | 465 | 504 | 479 |
| | #27 | 88 | 77 | 69 | 106 | 130 | 65 | 117 | 86 | 66 |
| 4557 | 471 | 484 | 448 | 430 | 462 | 465 | 443 | 475 | 449 | 430 |
| | #94 | 107 | 129 | 91 | 61 | 127 | 88 | 80 | 108 | 100 |
| 4660 | 485 | 460 | 467 | 485 | 497 | 423 | 479 | 450 | 456 | 458 |
| | 70 | 95 | 90 | 103 | 124 | | 126 | 128 | 87 | |
| 4587 | 481 | 485 | 461 | 452 | 421 | 508 | 386 | 480 | 447 | 436 |
| | * | 63 | | 125 | 69 | 82 | 69 | 73 | 98 | 105 |
| 4535 | 475 | 406 | 450 | 495 | 418 | 477 | 404 | 465 | 496 | 449 |
| | #123 | 62 | 72 | 109 | 17 | 85 | 71 | 112 | 120 | 116 |
| 4642 | 440 | 465 | 476 | 444 | 474 | 505 | 472 | 445 | 475 | 446 |
| | 113 | | 115 | 89 | | | | | | |
| 1846 | 1475 | 475 | 478 | 448 | | | | | | |
| 34364 | | | | | | | | | | |

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J. M. Hudson
State Weigher

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In 1858 William Ward asked his guardian George G. Tankersley to purchase a plantation for him as he was about to reach his 21st birthday in the fall. Tankersley selected the Fly Plantation and purchased it with cash from the Thomas B. Ward Estate. After William reached his 21st birthday on November 10, 1858 he wrote a deposition to the court releasing Tankersley from his executor's role acknowledging the receipt of \$11,254.87, all the slaves from his father's estate, and the plantation with stock which had been purchased at his request:

...I have been allowed to have general charge of the business of my estate for the past year, and am well acquainted with all the property and effects rights and claims there to belonging or in any way appertaining to my Estate, and in consideration of the delivery to me by said George G. Tankersly Sr....I do hereby release and forever discharge the said George G. Tankersly Sr. from any liability to me on his Bond as my said Guardian hereby declaring that he has faithfully and kindly discharged his duties as such guardian and is richly entitled to this my thankful acknowledgement of said faithfulness and kindness.

Thirtieth day November 1858

William Ward¹⁴

¹³ Thomas B. Ward Probate Case 623, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas.

¹⁴ William Ward Minor Probate Case 622, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas.

William Ward now owned 2122 acres of land, 56 slaves, and 23 horses according to the 1858 tax records for his father's estate. The probate records indicate that the William Ward had inherited an estate that was quite solvent and profitable.

| Date of Sale | Number of Bales | Price | Year Grown | Location |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Dec. 3, 1855 | 39 Bales | \$1293.14 | 1855 | ? |
| May 3, 1856 | 97 Bales | \$3627.90 | 1855 | |
| Oct. 2, 1856 | 56 Bales | \$2878.48 | 1856 | ? |
| Nov. 22, 1856 | 74 Bales | \$3409.18 | 1856 | |
| May 4, 1857 | 93 Bales ¹⁵ | \$4892.82 | 1856 | |
| May 11, 1858 | 55 Bales | \$2565.65 | 1857 shipped to Liverpool via <i>Stephen F. Austin</i> ¹⁶ | ? |
| April 3, 1858 | 115 Bales | \$4556.06 | 1857 | |
| Oct. 29, 1858 | 69 Bales | \$2899.05 | 1858 | Ward Plantation |

[Thomas B. Ward Probate Case 623 & William Ward a Minor Probate Case 622]

January 18, 1860 he married Roxana Coffee¹⁷. Her parents Thomas J. and Malinda B. Coffee owned a plantation in the northern part of the county near the George G. Tankersley Plantation. The 1860 Census lists his household with property worth \$30,640 and \$59,800 personal value:

| | | | | |
|--------------|----|---|-------------|----------|
| William Ward | 22 | M | Alabama | Planter |
| Anna Ward | 17 | F | Mississippi | |
| W. J. D. Way | 28 | M | Mississippi | Overseer |

The 1860 Slave Census Records indicate 63 slaves in 15 dwellings living on the property. Tax records list 60 head of horses and 100 head of cattle also. Abner Strobel described the property:

...It had a nice two-story frame residence with long galleries on the east and south. The south gallery was latticed in, which made it cool and pleasant in the summer. It had out houses to correspond, a gin house and a beautiful lake in the center...When its prime, the Ward Plantation was a very pretty place...The old residence still stands near the east bank of Oyster Creek...¹⁸

Mr. Russel Stanger, who leased the property in the 1900's described the home to Catherine Munson Foster: "Framed in long leaf pine, it was two-storied, with porches on the south and west supported by scalloped columns extending from ground level to roof. It had the usual wide hall down the center, and the stairs were of walnut. The rooms, with their fourteen foot ceilings and all windows, were plastered, as was the hallway. There were three huge rooms upstairs and three downstairs in addition to the dining room and kitchen."¹⁹

¹⁵ Paid Negroes for extra work in saving and ginning cotton \$82.00 May 27, 1857, Thomas B. Ward Probate Case 623.

¹⁶Charges for freight were \$136.88, William Ward Minor Probate Case 622.

¹⁷ Roxana Coffee was born October 28, 1842 in .Mississippi.

¹⁸ Strobel, Abner J., *The Old Plantations of Brazoria County and Their Owners*, 1930, p. 35.

¹⁹ Foster, Catherine Munson, "Catherine's Comments", *The Facts*, Freeport, Texas. Another mystery is that around the bend of Oyster Creek from where the house stood is a single gravestone near the water's edge. On it beneath sculptured hands is the following inscription: Lucy Henderson—She died as she lived, A Christian.

The turn of fortune would be cruel as William Ward's wife Roxana died August 22, 1860. She would be buried in the Sandy Point Cemetery near her parents' home. August 28, 1861 William Ward made out his last will and testament:

...being about to join the army of the Confederate States of America and leave the state of Texas... Third I will and bequeath to my friend W. J. D. Way the sum of five thousand dollars...Fourth I will and bequeath an undivided one half of the residue of my estate...to my Aunt Miss Ann Ward, who now lives in Livingston, Alabama...Fifth... the other undivided half of my estate ...to my half sister Mrs. C. B(R.). Mason now of Macon County Alabama...²⁰

Shortly after having joined William Ward wrote back to his overseer W. J. D. Way from Houston, Texas where he had enlisted:

Houston, Texas Camp McGreal
Sept. 9, 1861—Mr. Way:

Please let Henry Sharp or T. Bennett have a small mule for a pack, as we shall have to pack our own trunks to New Iberia. One of those Austin mules will do; also an old saddle tree for a pack saddle. We have been here a week today and have taken the town. It is nobody but the "Archer Grays." We have had tolerably good health except a little bowel complaint. We were mustered in on Saturday evening, and took a solemn oath to serve during the war.

We have one hundred and seventeen men in our company and have refused more than forty applications. Leander McNeill and McKenzie came up yesterday but could not get into our company. They will either have to join another or go back home.

Your old comrade Holt stands best chance for Major of the regiment. Wharton refused it and says he will live or die with the Archer Grays. Geo. McNeill is 1st Lieutenant and will, I think; make a good one. Wm. Hoskins came up yesterday. I could come home today but don't want to come back until I go through a few of the trials of war, hoping that I may live to come back to my old home, to the friends whom I have always esteemed so highly, and that a kind and good God may bless and prosper you all.

I must draw to a close, as writing is a difficult operation in this encampment I remain,

Yours truly
Wm. Ward²¹

While serving as a member of Terry's Texas Rangers William Ward was captured at Woodbury, Tennessee in August 1862. He regained the regiment by October 1862 after escaping from Nashville, Tennessee.²² He was reported missing and presumed dead at Murfreesboro, Tennessee December 31, 1862.²³

The executors of his estate F. M. Jackson and Abner S. Lathrop filed an affidavit to confirm his death:

...William Ward late a resident of Brazoria County enlisted as a soldier in Company "B" in the Regiment know as "Terry's Texas Rangers" and left Texas for the seat of war about the first of

²⁰ Probate Case 807 William Ward, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas.

²¹ Ward Plantation File, Part of scrapbook with letter and another short article describing the authenticity of the letter published in a newspaper with unknown date (1915 or 1916?) or reference for newspaper articles, Brazoria County Historical Museum, Angleton, Texas.

²² Letter R. F. Bunting to Editor of the Houston *Tri-Weekly Telegraph* October 17, 1862 "...William Ward, of Company B, who was captured at Woodberry—whilst attending upon Sam Ash, who was wounded—and carried to Nashville and confined in the penitentiary, effected his escape and has safely joined us here. It seems the Yankees cannot hold a Texian prisoner—they always manage to escape by some means...". The Online Archive of Terry's Texas Rangers.

²³ The Online Archive of Terry's Texas Rangers

September 1861...the "Terry Rangers were engaged in conflict with the Public Enemy in the state of Tennessee in which conflict said Ward by universal report from the Rangers participated, and during which conflict said Ward was seen badly wounded and was left upon the field in that condition. That diligent and unremitting enquiry has been with reference to the fate of said William Ward but nothing has been learned. He has never been heard from in any way since that day. Your petitioners are fully persuaded that said William Ward died at or near the place where he was last seen as foresaid about the ___ day of ___ 1862. They are advised this is the uniform belief of his comrades in arms, his kindred in Alabama and Texas and of the community..."²⁴

In addition to 82 slaves listed, his estate also included:

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 2022 Acres of Land out of Asa Mitchell League Brazoria County | \$100,000 |
| 325 Acres of Land on Oyster Creek divided from Coffee Estate | 16,250 |
| 150 Head Stock Cattle \$80 per head | 1,200 |
| 12 Head Stock Horses \$50 per head | 600 |
| 22 Work Mules \$150 per head | 3,300 |
| 3 Wagons \$100 each | 300 |
| Miscellaneous plantation tools | 200 |
| Blacksmith Tools | 100 |
| Household and Kitchen Furniture | 150 |
| 82 Bales Cotton \$60 per bale | 4,920 |
| 21 Bales Cotton in seed supposed at 2 cts | 720 |
| 175 Head Stock hogs \$3 per head | 525 |
| 3500 Bushels Corn \$1 per bushel | 3500 |
| Note on Ellen Kyle | 500 |
| Submitted by F. M. Jackson and A. S. Lathrop February 10, 1864 [William Ward Probate Case 807, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas] | |

W. J. D. Way had been keeping the plantation going in the absence of William Ward and the plantation continued to produce during the war. Shortly after the Civil War the administration of the estate fell to Dr. John Lattimore Abrahams. According to Abner Strobel Abrahams served the eastern theater of the Civil War as a surgeon. His father James Abrahams was a probate judge in the state of Alabama after the war. Ann Ward had been living with the Abrahams family ever since her brother Thomas B. Ward had left Alabama for Texas in the 1850's. Since she inherited the property from the William Ward estate and she also had ~\$7000 worth of notes signed by William owed to her she became the principal owner of the plantation. Dr. John L. Abrahams came to Texas to oversee the estate.

According to probate records in 1867 the plantation produced only 2/3 of 1 bale of cotton for \$26 and Thomas Lynch Hamilton of the Retrieve Plantation had bought 400 lbs. of bacon and rented a wagon and team for a total of \$70.50, only \$96.50 credit for the whole year. During 1867 and 1868 expenses on the plantation amounted to ~\$700 indicating most of the most of the plantation was not under cultivation at that time. In 1868 freedmen helped with the cotton crop and 15 bales were produced selling for \$1553.46 of which they were entitled to half. Another two thousand bushels of corn made \$600. This was only a small fraction of the production that was made before the war.

The estate was sold in Oct 1868 to William A. Wayne. All of the plantation and an additional 350 acres went for \$8500 and he obtained most the livestock for another \$1650. William A. Wayne actually lived in Alabama with his wife and family with the Abrahams

²⁴ Probate Case 807 William Ward, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas.

family. Most of the total amount of assets of \$11,851.30 went to pay creditors and the administrators fees. John L. Abrahams remained in Texas to oversee the plantation.

In 1872 William A. & Sarah Wayne sold the plantation back to Ann Ward. The property passed back into the hands of the Abrahams family in 1879 and remained in the family until 1952. During this period the property seems to have been rented out to various individuals. Catherine Munson Foster related in a newspaper article. The original home had been heavily damaged by the 1900 hurricane and in 1932 the home was occupied by a Negro family, the John D. Burks when a hurricane again hit the coast:

After it was over, Burks described what happened from his bed in the Jefferson Davis Hospital in Houston, where he was recovering from a fractured arm and other injuries.

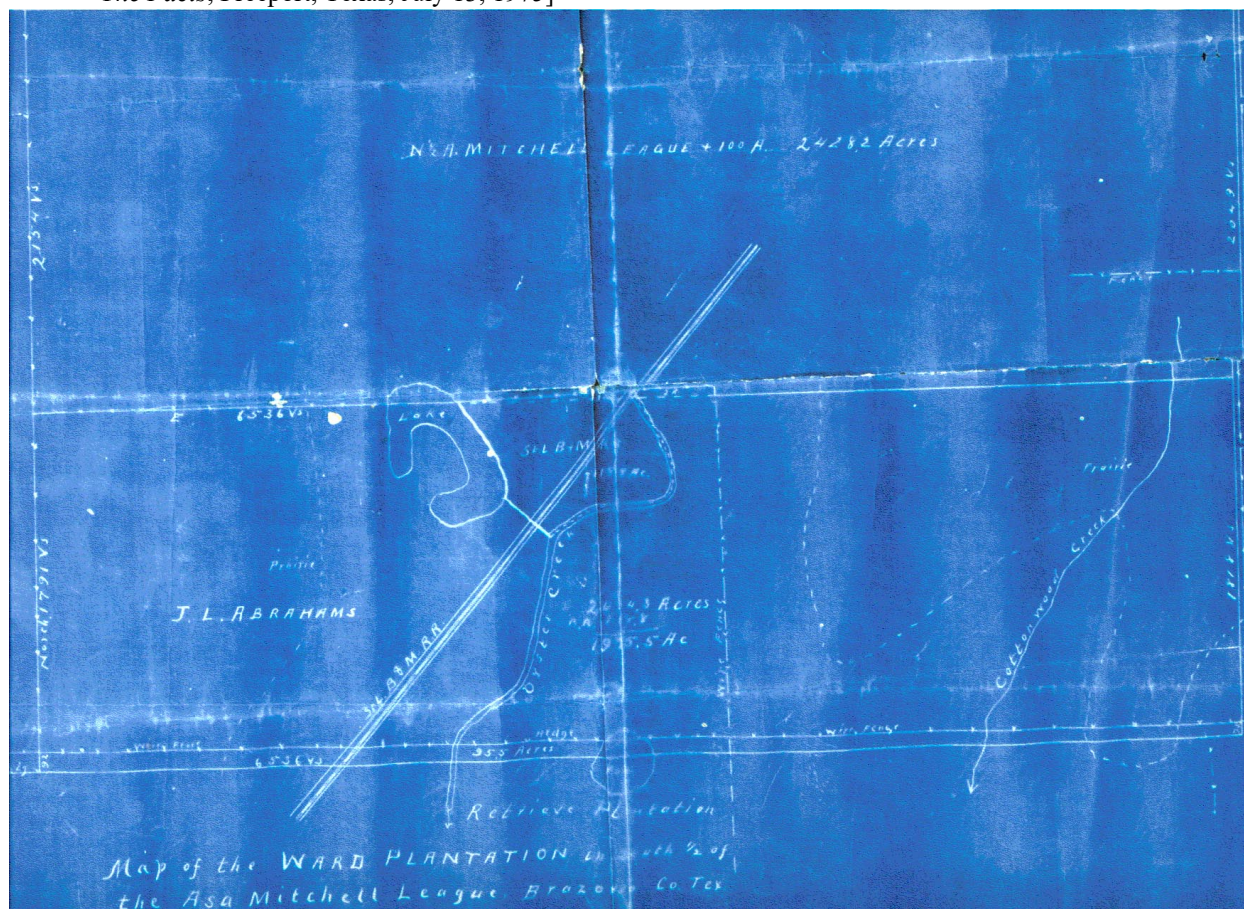
..."We live at the Ward place, four miles south of Angleton—that is, we did before this storm. There were five of us in the house when it fell down on top of us.

My wife and I were downstairs when the crash came. It pinned me down on the floor. My wife was pinned down on the first floor, too.

The others in the house were near the fireplace, and as the floor (ceiling) leaned against it, it didn't pin them down. They left the house to save themselves, and didn't have a chance to do anything for us.

That was about 10 o'clock at night (Saturday). They didn't get us out until 7:30 Sunday morning. My wife Ella May Burks, was worse off than I was, and they didn't move her. I haven't heard any more from her.

During the night I called for help, but it didn't do any good." ["Catherine's Comments", *The Facts*, Freeport, Texas, July 13, 1975]



1908 Survey Cat. Map No. 88-70-195 Brazoria County Historical Museum, Angleton, Texas

In 1955 U. M. Harrison bought the property on which the plantation structures would have stood and the property still remains with the Harrison family heirs. At the present time the property is mainly a cattle pasture.

Appendix A
Thomas B. Ward 1855 Probate Inventory

An Estimative Inventory of the Property belonging to the Estate of Thos. B. Ward

| No. | Name | Relationship | Value |
|-----|----------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| 1 | Little Bob | | \$1000 |
| 3 | Lucky & 2 Children (Liger & Ned) | | 1000 |
| 1 | Bob Deshear | | 700 |
| 1 | Marriah | (his wife) | 450 |
| 1 | Little Rachal | (her children) | 700 |
| 1 | Darkous | " | 500 |
| 1 | Taylor | " | |
| 1 | Tom & Milly | " | 550 |
| 1 | John | | 1000 |
| 1 | Rigs | (his wife) | 800 |
| 1 | Adiline | (her children) | 300 |
| 1 | Jim | " | 300 |
| 1 | Joe | " | 200 |
| 1 | Jerry | " | 100 |
| 1 | Edmond | " | 700 |
| 1 | Betsy | (his wife) | 500 |
| 1 | Ann | (her children) | 400 |
| 1 | Stepp | " | 350 |
| 1 | Armistead | " | 150 |
| 1 | Frank | " | 500 |
| 1 | Little Ead | " | 300 |
| 1 | Ead | | 900 |
| 1 | Beck | (his wife) | 700 |
| 1 | Frances | (her children) | 350 |
| 1 | Taylor | " | 400 |
| 1 | Ellen | " | 200 |
| 2 | Bill & Rick | " | 600 |
| 1 | Squier | | 300 |
| 1 | Rody | (his wife) | 200 |
| 1 | Lewis | (her child) | 600 |
| 2 | Big Rachal & child (Amandy) | | 800 |
| 2 | Lue & her child (Aaron) | | 900 |
| 1 | Ike | | 600 |
| 1 | Dick | | 500 |
| 1 | Jack | | 900 |
| 1 | Henry | | 700 |
| 1 | Ben | | 1000 |
| 1 | Charles | | 900 |
| 1 | Mary | | 600 |
| 1 | Phebe | | 800 |

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| 1 | Ciynth | | 800 |
| 1 | Tamor | | 300 |
| 1 | Harriet | | 700 |
| 1 | Bomar | | 600 |
| 1 | Betsy | | 400 |
| 1 | Jenor | Old age | |
| 1 | Rock | | 200 |

About \$6200.00 dollars in the hands of Messrs. R. & D. G. Mills

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|----------------------------------------|---------|
| 8 Mules at 160 pr head | \$1280 |
| 3 old Mules 25 | 75 |
| 2 Males colts 80 pr horse | 160 |
| 2 Sorrel Gelding 80 pr head | 260 |
| 5 Mares 75 pr head | 375 |
| Lott of hogs | 30 |
| Tin Hand & Colmon Mills | 200 |
| Lott of House hold & kitchen furniture | 75 |
| 2 Shot guns & 1 rifle | 30 |
| 4000 lbs of corn | 2000 |
| Lott of Plantation tools | 150 |
| The Present Cotton Crop | 5000 |
| 1-6 Horse Wagon | 150 |
| 1-4 Horse Wagon | 80 |
| 1-2 Horse Wagon | 30 |
| 3 Stacks of Fodder | 15 |
| | \$35180 |

Appraised by T.J. Coffee, David Burney, and W. Bohnam November 10, 1855[Thomas B. Ward
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Appendix B

Thomas B. Ward Estate Records with R. & D. G. Mills of Galveston

Thomas B. Ward Estate Account with R. & D. G. Mills 1855-1858

| Date | | Account | Interest | Debit |
|----------|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| 1855 | | Debits | | |
| June | 7 | To our Sight draft on New Orleans | \$19.52 | \$525.60 |
| | 7 | To our Invoice of Sundries Chas. Morgan from N. Orls. \$715.55 Exchange 1/2pc \$3.58 | 26.68 | 719.13 |
| July | 28 | To freight to Chocolate paid Schr "Ione" | .70 | 26.75 |
| Nov | 24 | To Cash paid G. G. Tankersley | | 3000.00 |
| | | To Balance of Interest at Credit | 242.31 | |
| | | To Balance to Credit | | 3493.21 |
| | | | \$289.21 | \$7764.69 |
| 1855 | | Credit | | Credit |
| June | 10 | By Balance as pr. Accounting this date \$7525.60 less difference in Interests charged in previous acct. as June instead of Jan 1, 1855 on \$92.80@156days \$3.22 | \$289.21 | 7522.38 |
| Nov | 24 | To Balance to date | | 242.31 |
| | | | \$289.21 | \$7764.69 |
| 1855 | | | | |
| Nov | 24 | By Balance to yr. Credit as Cash this date | | \$3493.21 |
| | | Estate Thos. B. Ward with R.&D. G. Mills | Interest | Debit |
| 1855 | | | | |
| November | 24 | To Balance as pr act. Handed Mr. Tankersley | \$2.64 | \$54.83 |
| Decbr | 21 | To Pd. W. Ward Chk favr A. Coffee | 3.64 | 87.00 |
| 1856 | | | | |
| January | 16 | To Pd. G. G. Tankersley Senr. Admr. | | 325.44 |
| | 1 | To Charges on Sundries ex Louisiana | 12.71 | 24.00 |
| February | 4 | To Paid G. G. Tankersley Ck fav. I.C. Hoskins | 1.29 | 39.69 |
| January | 18 | To Inv. Sundries pr. Betty Powell | 7.15 | 199.70 |
| February | 11 | To Paid frieight on do | 1.08 | 35.00 |
| March | 3 | To G.G.T. Admr draft favr. F.M. Oatis | 2.41 | 93.00 |
| | 13 | " " draft favr. W. Ward | 9.51 | 400.00 |
| | 28 | " " draft favr. W.J.D. Way | 7.62 | 373.15 |
| 1855 | | | | |
| July | 10 | To Chgs Sundries ex Chs. Morgan per "Ione" to Ayres & Davis omitted on this date | 5.25 | 54.06 |
| 1856 | | | | |
| June | 30 | Interest to @ 8% to Balance | 52.22 | |

| | | | | |
|-----------|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| | 30 | To Balance | | 3287.39 |
| | | | \$105.52 | \$4973.26 |
| 1855 | | Credits | | |
| Decbr | 3 | By Proceeds W 39 Bales Cotton | \$59.47 | \$1293.14 |
| 1856 | | | | |
| May | 3 | By Proceeds 97 Bales Cotton per Betty Powell | | \$3608.50 |
| | | Insurance on 97 B/Cotton Chgd in error | 46.05 | 19.40 |
| June | 30 | Balance Int @ 8% at Credit | | 52.22 |
| | | | \$105.52 | \$4973.26 |
| 1856 | | Credit | | |
| June | 30 | By Balance due as Cast this date | | \$3287.39 |
| October | 2 | By Proceeds of 56 Bales Cotton | | \$2878.48 |
| | | | | \$6165.87 |
| 1856 | | Debits | | Debit |
| January | 1 | To Rent for 1 Year 1855 to R. Mills | 83.33 | 833.33 |
| July | 8 | To Invce. Bagg& rope pr "Brazoria" to A. Underwood | 11.27 | \$192.58 |
| | 8 | To Charges on bagging & rope ex "Perseverance" to "Brazoria" to A. Underwood | | 9.00 |
| | 8 | To Invce. Sundries pr. Sloop "Brazoria" to A. Underwood | 5.12 | 87.78 |
| | 19 | To Invce. 4 doz. Blankets ex "Perseverance" | 5.95 | 106.47 |
| August | 5 | To Chgs. On above ex 'Perseverance' | .16 | 2.70 |
| September | 18 | To Invce. Gin Band pr."Fort Henry" to landing | | 34.13 |
| | 18 | To Invce. Coffee " " | 2.32 | 20.09 |
| | 20 | To Pd. Stmr. "Fort Henry" frt on above | .08 | 1.58 |
| | 25 | To Cash Pd. W. Ward | 8.31 | 200.00 |
| November | 10 | To Paid G.G. Tankersley favr. G.W. Miles | 1.79 | 56.75 |
| | 20 | To. Paid " favr. G.L. Nash | | 16.87 |
| | 20 | To Bill Spinning Wheel from Brown & Kirkland | .73 | 8.35 |
| | 21 | To Cash Paid G.G. Tankersley | | 308.35 |
| | 21 | To Invoice Sundries pr "Haines" to Bolivar | | 95.85 |
| | 21 | To Invoice Bagging & Rope pr "Haines" to Bolivar | 15.07 | 113.46 |
| | 26 | To Pd. Your Sights draft to W.J.D. Way | | 365.00 |
| | 26 | To Pd. Your Sights draft to W. Ward | | 550.00 |
| | 26 | To J. Dyer's Bill of Sundries bt by W. Ward | 26.35 | 25.90 |
| | 22 | To Per "Major Harris" Freight on Sundries | .46 | 15.65 |
| December | 15 | To Invoice Sundries pr "Harris" to W.J.D. Way | | 9.59 |
| | 15 | To Freight on Above | .26 | 2.00 |
| 1857 | | | | |
| Jany | 1 | To Freight on Sundries per "Major Harris" | .02 | 1.40 |
| Febry | 26 | To Pd. Check in favr. Brooks & Hanson | .23 | 27.69 |
| Jany | 1 | To Rent for 1 year 1856 due R. Mills | 16.65 | 833.33 |

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|------------|----|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| April | 1 | To Interest to Balance | 234.67 | |
| | | To Balance | | \$5903.07 |
| | | | \$412.77 | |
| | | | | \$9820.92 |
| 1856 | | Credits | | |
| June | 30 | By Balance as pr act. rendered | \$190.69 | \$3287.39 |
| October | 2 | By Proceeds W 56 Bales Cotton | 115.60 | 2878.48 |
| | | By fire Insurance on above returned | | 11.20 |
| November | 22 | By Proceeds W 74 Bales Cotton | 98.48 | 3409.18 |
| April/1857 | | By Balance of Interest to date | | 234.67 |
| | | | \$412.77 | |
| | | | | \$9820.92 |
| | | By Balance Cash this date | | \$5903.07 |
| 1857 | | Debits | | |
| April | 9 | To Mc D M & Co. Invoice Sundries ex Atlantic \$ | 34.15 | 728.32 |
| | | 724 .70 Ex pr % 3.65 | | |
| | 20 | To Chgs on Sundries ex Atlantic pr "Alamo" | 1.43 | 32.46 |
| May | 1 | To Pd. Check in favr G.G. Tankersley | 4.20 | 100.00 |
| | 23 | To Pd. Schr "Alamo" frt on Sundries | 1.56 | 41.60 |
| August | 4 | To Rendrd W. Ward Check on N.Y. \$300 Ex 1% | 6.46 | 303.00 |
| | | 3.00 | | |
| September | 7 | To Pd Chk in favor W.J.D.Way | .97 | 69.75 |
| | 16 | To Invoice Osnaburgs fr Sloop "Wilkins" | .20 | 15.85 |
| | 24 | To pr Sight draft in fvr H. Dance | .21 | 20.00 |
| November | 10 | To Our Acceptance favor M.J. Munson Jany 1/58 | | 75.00 |
| October | 28 | To Charges 55 B/Cotton pr "S F Austin" to Liverpool | | 136.88 |
| November | 10 | To Interest to Balance | 421.30 | |
| | | To Balance | | 9320.63 |
| | | | 470.87 | |
| | | | | 18268.49 |
| 1857 | | Credits | | |
| April | 1 | By Balance as per account | 287.22 | 5903.07 |
| May | 4 | By proceeds W 93 Bales Cotton | 183.65 | 4444.12 |
| November | 10 | By Balance Interest to date | | 42.30 |
| | 10 | By Balance Maturity | | 7500 |
| | | | 470.87 | |
| | | | | 18268.49 |
| 1857 | | Credit | | |
| November | 10 | By Balance as Cash this date | | 19320.63 |
| | | Less G.G. Tankersley in favor I.C. Hoskins April 18/57 | | 58.09 |
| | | | | 19262.54 |
| 1857 | | Debits | | |

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|----------|------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| November | 10 | To Balance Our Acct favr M.L. Munson | \$51.66 | 7500 |
| | | 1Jany/58 | | |
| | 10 | To Rendr W. Ward 30 d/dte ion N.Y. 500 Ex 1% | 12.33 | 505.00 |
| | | 5.00 | | |
| | 12 | To Pd. G.G. Tankersley Chk favor self | | 3413.40 |
| | 12 | To Invoice Bagging & Rope pr "Falcon"pt J.W. Brooks | 64.40 | 138.86 |
| | 12 | To Invoice Sundries pr "Falcon" | | 69.29 |
| | 25 | To Invoice Corn Sheller & Corn Sacks | .35 | 23.47 |
| December | 8 | To Pd Schr "Wasp" frt on Sundries | .05 | 4.80 |
| | 12 | To Pd Schr "Falcon" frt on Sundries | | 7.30 |
| | 12 | To Pd Schr "Falcon"frt on Sundries | .15 | 6.70 |
| | 19 | To Pd William Ward | 2.86 | 300.00 |
| | 23 | To Pd. Drft in favor J.Dyer | .29 | 35.55 |
| | 22 | To Invoice Sundries pr "Alice" to P Durgans | .42 | 48.15 |
| 1858 | | | | |
| January | 2 | To Pd. W. Wards Chk favor Jacob Hayes | 1.00 | 150.00 |
| | 13 | To invoice Oats & Chgs thereon ex Texas From New Orleans | .04 | 9.58 |
| | 18 | To Pd Sloop "Alice" frt on Sudries for W. Ward | .01 | 6.10 |
| February | 1 | Interest to Balance | 34.10 | |
| | | | 167.66 | |
| | | | | 12218.20 |
| 1857 | | Credit | | |
| November | 10 | By Balance per account | 167.66 | 9262.54 |
| February | 1/58 | By Balance of Interest to date | | 34.10 |
| | | By Balance | | 2921.56 |
| | | | 167.66 | |
| | | | | 12218.20 |
| | | To Balance due us as Cash this date | | 2921.556 |
| 1858 | | Debits | | |
| February | 1 | To Balance as per account | 226.49 | 2921.56 |
| | 10 | To Invoice Sundries pr Joe Dart to Bastrop | | 17.02 |
| | 10 | To " " " " | 10.47 | 122.71 |
| March | 11 | To " " " " | 3.53 | 53.56 |
| | 15 | To Invoice Frigments & Pinion pr Schr "Davis" | 3.20 | 49.46 |
| | 22 | To Ivoice Corn pr Schr "Joe Dart" | 5.70 | 90.45 |
| | 31 | To Pd added canal frt on 115 Bales Cotton from Bolivar | 1.77 | 28.75 |
| April | 14 | To Pd you cash | 20.11 | 300.00 |
| | 15 | To Invoice 1 Bale ? pr Sloop "Sarah" | 4.63 | 81.50 |
| April | 16 | To Pd. W. Wards Chk for frt sundries pr "Joe Dart" | | 43.45 |

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|-----------|----|------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| | 16 | To Chgs on Corn Bagging pr "Texas" | 7.97 | 92.57 |
| | 16 | To Chgs on Rope Twine pr "Mexico" | | 4.25 |
| | 22 | To Pd. Your chk favor F.M.Otis | 7.46 | 135.00 |
| | 26 | To Pd Schr "Davis" frt on Sundries | .16 | 3.00 |
| May | 24 | To Pd. W. Wards Chk favor J. Campbell | 4.40 | 95.00 |
| June | 3 | To Favor sight on us favor G. A. Jersey | .95 | 22.00 |
| | 9 | To Pd Chk favor R. Champion | | 1250.00 |
| | | To Pd Chk favor W.J.D. Way | 74.03 | 515.00 |
| | 22 | To Pd W. Wards Chk favor Clawssal | | 64.75 |
| | | To Invoice Coffee & Russetts pr "Joe Dart" | 6.60 | 106.80 |
| July | 13 | To Pd. Chk favor P H Ashe | 2.29 | 70.00 |
| | 16 | To Pd. W. Wards Chk favor E. Edmundson | 2.39 | 75.00 |
| August | 25 | To Pd W. Wards Chk favor J. Edwards | | 38.00 |
| | | To Invoice Sundries pr "Joe Dart" | 3.20 | 113.95 |
| September | 4 | To Pd Wards Chk favor R Champion | 1.71 | 94.50 |
| October | 2 | To Invoice Bagging & Rope & Twine pr "Texana" | 2.23 | 211.98 |
| | 12 | To Pd Schr "Texana" frt on Sundries | .06 | 4.95 |
| November | 10 | Interest to Balance | 83.43 | |
| | 10 | To Balance | | 3981.88 |
| | | | 472.78 | |
| | | | | 10640.11 |
| 1858 | | Credits | | |
| | | By our Ck on NY favor W. Ward Cancelled | 54.56 | 505 |
| | | \$500 Exchange \$5 Oct 12, 1857 | | |
| March | 31 | By Proceeds W 115 Bales Cotton | 280.19 | 4584.81 |
| May | 10 | By Proceeds W 55 Bales Cotton Pr "S.F. Austin" | 128.28 | 2565.55 |
| | 31 | By Proceeds W Bale Moats | .09 | 2.27 |
| October | 29 | By Proceeds W 69 Bales Cotton | 9.66 | 2899.85 |
| November | 10 | Balance Interest to date | | 83.443 |
| | | | 472.78 | |
| | | | | 10640.17 |
| | | By Balance due as Cash | 3981.88 | |

Appendix C
William Ward 1864 Probate Inventory

An Estimative Inventory of the property belonging to the Estate of Wm Ward Deceased.

| | | | |
|------------|------------------|---------|------------|
| One Family | Man Edmund | Aged 50 | Value 1000 |
| | Woman Patsy | 40 | 600 |
| | Boy Stephen | 16 | 1500 |
| | Little Ed | 15 | 1500 |
| | Armistead | 12 | 600 |
| | Girl Margaritte | 5 | 400 |
| One Family | Man Abaraham | 32 | 2000 |
| | Woman Harriet | 22 | 1500 |
| | Boy Daniel | 5 | 500 |
| | Girl Rhoda | 3 | 300 |
| One Family | Man Jack | 30 | 2000 |
| | Woman Alabama | 21 | 1500 |
| | Boy Nelson | 7 | 700 |
| | Infant Adaline | | 100 |
| One Family | Man Lawrence | 22 | 2000 |
| | Woman Cynthia | 22 | 1500 |
| One Family | Man Edwin | 43 | 1500 |
| | Girl Frances | 16 | 1500 |
| | Ellen | 13 | 1000 |
| | Boy Little Bitt | 11 | 900 |
| | Richard | 18 | 1800 |
| | Taylor | 17 | 1800 |
| One Family | Man John | 39 | 1000 |
| | Boy Jim | 15 | 1200 |
| | Joe | 14 | 1200 |
| | Girl Martha | 9 | 750 |
| | Boy Jerry | 11 | 800 |
| One Family | Man Dick Britton | 50 | 1000 |
| | Woman Susan | 45 | 800 |
| | Boy Dan | 18 | 1800 |
| | Robert | 16 | 1400 |

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| One Family | Man Buck | 31 | 2000 |
| | Woman Chancy | 32 | 1500 |
| | Girl Katharina | 13 | 1200 |
| | Louisa | 11 | 1000 |
| | Boy Ross | 9 | 800 |
| | Oscar | 7 | 800 |
| | Allen | 3 | 300 |
| | Nathan (Infant) | | 100 |
| One Family | Man Bob | 35 | 2500 |
| | Woman Lucy | 35 | 1500 |
| | Girl Eliza | 12 | 1200 |
| | Boy Wash | 7 | 700 |
| | Henderson | 6 | 600 |
| One Family | Man Lewis | 21 | 2000 |
| | Woman Becca | 17 | 1600 |
| | Sylva(Infant) | | 100 |
| One Family | Man Peyton | 50 | 750 |
| | Woman Malinda | 50 | 500 |
| One Family | Man Charles | 25 | 1500 |
| | Woman Dorcas | 25 | 1500 |
| | Floyd (Infant) | | 100 |
| One Family | Man Bob | 50 | 200 |
| | Woman Maria | 50 | 200 |
| | Girl Milly | 14 | 1400 |
| | Boy Tom | 12 | 1400 |
| | Elias | 7 | 700 |
| | Eli | 7 | 700 |
| | Girl Celia | 4 | 400 |
| | Emeline (Infant) | | 100 |
| One Family | Man Harry | 45 | 400 |
| | Woman Tanias ? | 45 | 400 |
| One Family | Man Ben | 28 | 2000 |
| | Woman Kitty | 72 | 100 |
| | Girl Amanda | 12 | 1000 |

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| One Family | Man Dublin | 62 | 500 |
| | Woman Louisa | 29 | 1500 |
| | Boy Little Dublin | 13 | 1500 |
| | Aaron | 10 | 1000 |
| | Girl Isabel | 8 | 700 |
| | Boy Wm Henry | 3 | 300 |
| | Mary (Infant) | | 100 |
| One Family | Woman Phebe | 27 | 2000 |
| | Girl Ardonia | 3 | 300 |
| | Squire (Infant) | | |
| One Family | Man Isaac | 55 | 750 |
| | Woman Betsy | 45 | 500 |
| One Family | Man Squire | 55 | 400 |
| | Woman Rhoda | 52 | 250 |
| | Girl Lissy | 3 | 200 |
| | Woman Mary Jane | 23 | 1600 |
| | Child Judy | 3 | 200 |

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| 2022 Acres of Land out of Asa Mitchell League Brazoria County | 100,000 |
| 325 Acres of Land on Oyster Creek divided from Coffee Estate | 16,250 |
| 150 Head Stock Cattle \$80 per head | 1,200 |
| 12 Head Stock Horses \$50 per head | 600 |
| 22 Work Mules \$150 per head | 3,300 |
| 3 Wagons \$100 each | 300 |
| Miscellaneous plantation tools | 200 |
| Blacksmith Tools | 100 |
| Household and Kitchen Furniture | 150 |
| 82 Bales Cotton \$60 per bale | 4,920 |
| 21 Bales Cotton in seed supposed at 2 cts | 720 |
| 175 Head Stock hogs \$3 per head | 525 |
| 3500 Bushels Corn \$1 per bushel | 3500 |
| Note on Ellen Kyle | 500 |

Submitted by F. M. Jackson and A. S. Lathrop February 10, 1864 [Probate Case 807 William Ward, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas]

Appendix D
1931 Aerial Photograph



November 1931 Aerial Survey

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