

Francis Waller Letter

Monday 6:40 A.M.

September 27, 1993

Dear George and wife,

I have thought about writing this [sic] letter you asked for several times so getting out the Trousdale County History Book made me think of it. I notice in family history by his cousin that Andrew J. Murphy died at the age of 28- And he was born April 29, 1836 so I will say he died in 1864. Another cousin wrote to me he died in the battle of (Resaca).

If you notice in the letter of Andrew J. Murphy, He calls my great grandfather Uncle Bryan. His Mother – Mary Tinley Murphy Ward was a niece of his first wife Mary Wynn. When she died she placed the hand of her niece in the hand of Bryan Ward and asked him to marry her and help take care of her 3 small children, Andrew J., John and Fannie Murphy. She was a very young widow and my great grand father was well in his 60's. He did marry her and then my grandfather James Bryan called (Jimmy) Ward was born in 1850 and died in 1886. Only 36 years. My Daddy Hubert N. Ward used the same name with a T – Bryant in our spelling. But on old deeds in Smith County – I find the spelling Bryant and sometimes Bryan. The same man though. Come back to see me anytime. Will be glad to share my articles. I will get my things this winter and run off some things for you.

Love Francis W. Waller

Note: Bryan Ward is the brother of Lottie Ward Denny – who is Billy Stone (your great grandfather) own grandmother.