

DAY.021      RICHARD CLARK WOODWARD

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Source: Based on information from my research, data from Mrs. Day and a dictated testimony received from Mrs. Peggy Calk of Stoutland, Missouri.

Brief Genealogy: John Woodward 2/ and his brother, Richard Woodward Jr. 2/ came to South Carolina from the area of Bedford County, Virginia. They were both sons of Richard Woodward Sr. 1/ of Bedford County, Virginia.

The testimony given below was said to have come from a child of A.D. Hillard and was told to a person (name not given). In the margin of this typewritten testimony, was the following, wrote in pencil: "Myrtle Ike, 1st Doris had it, cousin to Aunt Luna, sister to--" here it cuts off.

Further on down in the margin is wrote: "told by A.D. Hillard's child (name not given), who was my cousin."

The name of the person this was given was not revealed. The wording of this testimony was wrote in manner that was (to me) often confusing. When they speak of Grandpa Hilliard, it is my understanding that they are talking about Arimstead Dandridge Hilliard and when they speak of Grandma Hilliard they are talking about Survilla Pearson Woodward 4/, daughter of Richard Clark Woodward 3/ and his wife Rebecca.

RICHARD CLARK WOODWARD 3/.

Richard Clark Woodward 3/ married Rebecca Woodward, a first cousin, at Winnsboro, Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Richard Clark Woodward 3/ had two brothers, John Woodward Jr. 3/ and George Woodward 3/, and a sister named Ellen Woodward 3/. Both John 3/ and George Woodward 3/ were prosperous merchants and cotton buyers in Winnsboro and Camden, South Carolina. They had land holdings near Winnsboro, on Jackson Creek.

Now Suvilla Pearson Woodward 4/ was a daughter of Richard Clark Woodward 3/.

Survilla Woodward 4/ "went off" to college, to Charlotte, North Carolina and took a slave named Caroline to wait on her. Survilla 4/ was talented in music and taught in Winnsboro before and after her marriage. She had a beautiful

piano that was given to her as a girl. This she took with her when she married Armistead Dandridge Hilliard at Winnsboro, South Carolina.

Armistead Dandridge Hilliard, we suppose, was born at Winnsboro (S.C.). His father and mother are not knowm but he had three brothers, Bart, Marion and Edwaid.

Bart and Marion were merchants. Each was wealthy and had more than Arimstead Dandridge Hilliard.

The Hilliards scattered. Grandpa Hilliard died four years after mamma and papa married at Brownsville, Georgia, (while) visiting some Hilliards-between 75 and 80 years of age. He was in and out of Drew County (?) from time to time. He went to Grandma Harris' house many times. He wore a derby, fancy vest, a soft tie, went about twirling a gold-handed cane. He had large ears, was short, stocky, handsome, always happy, had a brilliant mind-and outstanding character in a pioneer country-blue eys, fair, (complexion?), dark hair, Holland Dutch by way of England, a dreamer, idealist, impractical, (liked) bright lights, refused to move to a muscle-even if home was burning.

A Woodward is Scotch. A Woodward is tall, very large, very dark (Uncle Isaac Means Woodward) would have passes for a Mulatto), violet blue eyes, wonderful voices, tender hearted, lived in the past, worshipped their children, timid, loved to hunt, loved nature, old things, long on grief, meloncholy, strong, powerful, shrewd, snowy white hair.

Armstead Dandridge Hillard was a merchant in Winnsboro at the time of his marriage to Survilla Pearson Woodward 4/. Suvilla Pearson Woodward 4/ was then twenty-three when she married. Her father, Richard Clark Woodward 3/, was at that time, the Sheriff of Fairfield County, South Carolina. He also operated a hotel (Inn), but the family lived in a private brick home.

There were five Hillard children: Armistead Dandridge II; Rebecca Hillard; Mary Hillard; Suvilla Hillard and William Clark Hillard (Uncle Will).

Armistead Dandridge, known as Dan, and he and his wife, Survilla (Woodward 4/) Hilliard, lived in "a big two-story house" with porches both upstairs and downstairs. All around the house was a big lawn where we children used to play. The house was near a college, and we children were playing on the campus when the Yankees moved in on our lawn.

When they reached the second floor, (of the house) they saw a stairway leading to the attic, but passed it up. In it was stored a few things to eat- all that was left after the raid. Grandma (Survilla Woodward 4/ Hilliard) took a tin trunk full

of confederate money-much gold, and with Hester, buried it on the grounds, but the Yankees found it with a probe and dug it up.

They pillaged and burned Grandpa's (Hilliard) store. They rolled hogsheads of sugar, flour and molasses (West India) into the streets, used what they wanted and stomped on the rest. They took Grandma Hilliard's square piano and fed the horses from it. They took everything they wanted from and around the house, and in the shooting during the raid and while camping about the house, shot the bullet holes in Grandpa Woodward's picture.

Being reduced to virtual poverty, the family decided to move and on the following November, moved to Louisiana. (It does not tell us what year this move occurred).

Now in 1860, people were going West from South Carolina in great numbers. Grandpa Woodward (Richard Clark Woodward 3/) furnished the money and about twenty-five slaves for (his brother) Uncle William (Woodward 3/, a Bachelor) to come to Louisiana and buy land.

A year later, in 1861, Uncle Isaac Means (Woodward 3/) and Aunt Mary Hopkins Woodward moved from Winnsboro, with about ten to fifteen slaves, to Rocky Mount, Louisiana, to join Uncle William (Woodward 3/).

Grandpa Woodward (Richard Clark Woodward 3/) furnished money and slaves in each case. From Rocky Mount, Louisiana, Uncle Isaac Means (Woodward 3/) went to war with the first Louisiana Brigade. While he was gone, little Minnie (his daughter?) was born.

In November of 1865, after the close of the war, Uncle William (Woodward 3/) came to South Carolina and got his only sister, Survilla (Woodward 4/) Hilliard, with five children and his mother, Rebecca Woodward (wife of Richard Clark Woodward 3/).

They traveled by train to Atlanta, and from there by train to Mobile (Alabama). At Mobile, they took a boat to New Orleans, Louisiana. From New Orleans, they went to Shreveport, Louisiana by boat. There, they were met by a wagon train and one carriage and was carried to Rocky Mount, Louisiana. Grandpa Hilliard (Armstead Dandridge Hilliard) and Grandpa Woodward (Richard Clark Woodward 3/) stayed on in Winnsboro, South Carolina for another year, (in order) to settle up their businesses.

In (Within?) five months after Survilla Hilliard arrived at Rocky Mount, Louisiana, Isaac Means (Hilliard) was born. Isaac Means (Hilliard) was born at Rocky Mount, died at mama and papa's house in the spring before Ike was born in

October-age about 21.

(Note: All of this is (hopefully correctly) understood that this was Isaac Means Hilliard, a child of Survilla (Woodward 4/) Hillard and her husband Armstead Dandridge Hillard, who had stayed in South Carolina, to clear up business affairs. Apparently Ike was also a child of their's).

Grandpa Woodward (Richard Clark Woodward) bought a boat, "The Daniel Morton," and he and Grandpa Hilliard (A.D. Hillard) operated it (on th Mississippi River) from Shreveport to New Orleans. They bought and sold goods along the Red and Mississippi Rivers, carrying passangers to and from New Orleans as well as cargo.

The above (Richard Clark Woodward & Armstead Dandridge Hillard) cut quite a dash on Royal Street, with all that Royal Street was in those days-they got in debt and had to mortgage their property to half of New Orleans.

In September o 1867, Grandma Hilliard (Survilla Woodward Hillard) died and was buried at Rocky Mount, Louisiana. When Grandpa Hillard died, Uncle Isaac Means Woodward took popa and Aunt Rebecca. Uncle William Clark (Woodward?) and Grandpa & Grandma Woodward took the other five. Grandpa Woodward (Richard Clark Woodward) died and was buried at Rocky Mount, Louisiana in 1870.

The farm on the Red River at Rocky Mount, Louisiana had 1400 acres of land, 400 were in cultivation. Things went from bad to worse. In 1870 they had a drought and only made 21 bales of cotton. Chaff of New Orleans called for a settlement-Grandma Hilliard was gone (dead). Grandpa Woodward was gone (dead! Most of the property was gone! So the sons, Isaac and William moved to Arkansas, through the influence of John & Mattie Robinson, of Winnsboro (S.C.) who had settled at Rock Springs, Arkansas.

Uncle Isaac (Isaac Means Woodward 4/?) bought 380 acres of land at Rock Springs, Arkansas from Jack Lee for \$ 2200 cash. Uncle William bought 250 acres for \$ 800 from Landingham. Uncle William arrived in February and Mollie Reap, a determined widow, married him in July. He sold his place and moved on her place, (located) a quarter of a mile due east of Grandma Harris (with gandma and the five children).

Uncle Isaac's place was about a mile north of the Rock Springs, Arkansas church. Papa (unknown) lived there for four years. He then went to Cornereville and worked with Martin Maroney, (whose wife was the best woman I ever knew). He farmed and worked in the atore and Post Office. Wjile there some one broke into the atore and Papa was summoned to the trial, which took place in Monticello, under J.G. Williamson. Papa stayed at Corbersville about eight months.

He left there with Uncle Dick and went to Folmore, Louisiana, to an academy-Grinswold was President. They worked their way for one year. They left Folmore at the close of school and went to Rocky Mount and stayed six months with Captain Lyles. They came back to Rock Springs, and popa went back to Martin Maroneys for six month. He then went to Aunt Annie McKeouns (Mamma's only sister). He stayed there and went to Garner's Academy-Mamma was going there at the same time-tho' he had known momma and her family since he came to Arkansas.

In making preparations to marry, Papa bought 162 acres of land adjoining Grandma Harris and Aunt Annie. He cleared land, built a jouse, barn, etc..and made a crop, harvested it, got out wood, etc.

On December 12th (what years?) he and momma were married at Grandma's house by Reverend John Blakely (Methodits of course). They were married late in th evening. After the wedding they had supper-with turkey, boild ham and venison. There was a cake at each end of the table, frosted in white and trimmed in fancy candy.

In the center of the table was a mound of "snowballs" (cake baked in china cups and frosted white). They had boiled custard and ambrosia (her wedding dress and things for the supper came from Pine Bluff). There was a "pidkin" (a poplat tray made by her father) full of ornages and nuts (fieberts and chestnuts). Momma was married in a gray dress.

All of the Bassett-Hilliard-Woodward and Harris families, as well as friends, were present. Sue Shields and Sallie Winningham fixed up the house. After the wedding party momma and popa drove home in grandma's top buggy behind "Old Dolly." They had no children for several years, which gave them lots of time to be together.