

Biography of Judge Allen (Worden) Warden

The attached pages give a biography of Judge Allen (Worden) Warden of Barton County, Missouri that were taken from *History of Hickory, Polk, Cedar, Dade and Barton Counties, Missouri* (1889). Published by Goodspeed, pages 959 and 960. It gives some interesting information about his ancestors.

Judge Allen Worden was born in Auburn, New York on 8 April 1821, as the son of Bucklin and Ana (Francisco) Worden, who were natives of Vermont and New Jersey, respectively. His parents were married in New York, where Bucklin followed the trades of farming and blacksmithing. It is claimed that Bucklin Worden served as a Lieutenant in the War of 1812, and that he was of Scotch descent. It is claimed that the paternal grandfather was "one of the immortal eighty-three who captured Ticonderoga under Ethan Allen". The paternal grandfather of Allen Worden was Judah Worden, based on the undated *Worden Genealogy (The ancestors, kin and descendants of John Warden and Narcissa (Davis) Warden, his wife)*. Records do exist to indicate that Judah Worden did indeed serve as a Sergeant in the Vermont Militia during the American Revolution. But, published records of listings of the 83 Green Mountain Boys who captured Fort Ticonderoga with Ethan Allen do not include the name of Judah Worden.

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HICKORY, POLK, CEDAR, DADE
AND BARTON COUNTIES,
MISSOURI.

FROM THE EARLIEST TIME TO THE PRESENT, INCLUDING A
DEPARTMENT DEVOTED TO THE PRESERVATION OF
SUNDRY PERSONAL, BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL, AND
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mother and sisters in Illinois, and in 1868 came back to Barton County, where he has since been engaged in farming and merchandising. January 28, 1869, Mr. Ward married Mary, a daughter of Dr. John Logan, who was a cousin of Gen. John A. Logan, and a colonel of the Thirty-second Illinois, Federal Army. She was born in Illinois, July 8, 1844, and is the mother of six children: Edward L., Annie, William B., George E., Lillian and John R. Mrs. Ward is a member of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Ward is a Royal Arch Mason.

Judge Allen Warden, public administrator for Barton County, was born in Auburn, New York, April 8, 1821, and is the son of Bucklin and Anna (Francisco) Warden, natives of Vermont and New Jersey, respectively. They were married in New York, and here the father followed farming and blacksmithing. He was a lieutenant in the War of 1812, and was of Scotch descent. He passed his last days in New York, as did also the mother, who was of Spanish origin. They were the parents of five children, two sons and three daughters. The paternal grandfather was one of the immortal eighty-three who captured Ticonderoga under Ethan Allen, hence the name Allen is a favorite in the Warden family. While growing to manhood Judge Allen Warden acquired an academic education, and, after finishing the same (1842), he went to Lafayette County, Wis., where he opened a farm, but soon turned his attention to merchandising and milling. In 1846 he married Miss Lucinda Miller, a native of Indiana, and to them were born seven children, five sons and two daughters. Mr. Warden was the first presiding judge of Lafayette County, and that before he was twenty-four years of age. He was a member of the constitutional convention of Wisconsin, in 1848, was presidential elector in 1864, and again in 1868, and, when the late war broke out, he used all his eloquence and influence for the Union cause. He raised two companies, and was elected captain of each, but, his family not consenting to his going, another led them to the field. In recognition of the services rendered by him, Governor J. T. Lewis tendered him the colonelcy of the Thirty-first Wisconsin Infantry, but the consideration that deterred him from becoming captain, also influenced him in this matter. To induce young men to enlist that a draft might not come on the county, he got the county to offer \$300 bounty to those who would enlist, and, being presiding judge of the court, he issued county warrants that soon dropped to a few cents on the dollar, thus foreboding financial ruin to the county. Seeing how the government credit was strengthened by issuing United States bonds, he made a personal appeal to the Wisconsin Legislature to permit him to issue county bonds and exchange them for warrants. The result was that the bonds kept almost at par, and thus saved the county.

In 1875 Judge Warden came to Barton County, Mo., and in 1882 was chosen presiding judge of Barton County Court. Two years later he was made probate judge. He is a Democrat in politics, and is a Knight Templar in Masonry.

Crawford H. Warford, a butcher of Lamar, Mo., was born in Howard County, of this State, October 8, 1853, and is one of twelve children, who lived to be grown, in a family of thirteen, born to John and Mary (Baxter) Warford, who were born, reared and married in Kentucky. They were among the early settlers of Missouri, and, on coming to this State, had all their worldly goods in a wagon, and, when he died, having been a tiller of the soil through life, he owned a fine farm of 400 acres. He was a Democrat, and, at the time of his death, was seventy-six years of age. His wife was seventy-seven. They were members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Crawford H. Warford, the thirteenth of his parents' children, was reared on a farm, and, in order to receive his education, was obliged to walk three miles to school. When nineteen years of age he began farming for himself, and, on the 19th of February, 1874, was married to Parthenia E. Humphrey, a Virginian, by whom he became the father of seven children, two sons and five daughters. They resided in Howard County, Mo., until they came to Barton County, and Mr. Warford has since been engaged in his present business in Lamar, being with L. Mouser the first five or six years. He is a Democrat, a member of the A. O. U. W., and he and wife belong to the Missionary Baptist Church.

H. T. Wells, D. D. S., was born in Dade County, Mo., July 6, 1852, and received his literary education in the public schools. In 1875 he graduated from the Pennsylvania Dental College, practiced for some time in Philadelphia, and then came to Greenfield, Mo., where he practiced his profession until 1881, after which he came to Lamar, Mo. Here he has practiced continuously ever since. He is secretary of the Southwestern Dental Association, and is an active member of the Masonic order, being eminent commander of Mt. Olive Commandery; past master of Lamar Lodge; past high priest of Lamar Chapter; past commander of Constantine Commandery, Greenfield, Mo. Politically he is a Democrat. October 5, 1874, he married Miss Ella M. Bennett, a native of New York, and the fruits of his union are three children, two sons and one daughter. For seventeen years Dr. Wells has practiced his profession, and is accounted one of the leading dentists of Lamar, or, in fact, in this portion of the State. He is one of nine children, two now living, born to his parents, John and Harriet M. (Taylor) Wells. The father was born in Otsego County, N. Y., in 1810, and the mother in Philadelphia, Penn., in 1820. In early days the father came to St. Louis, where he engaged in commercial merchandising, and to