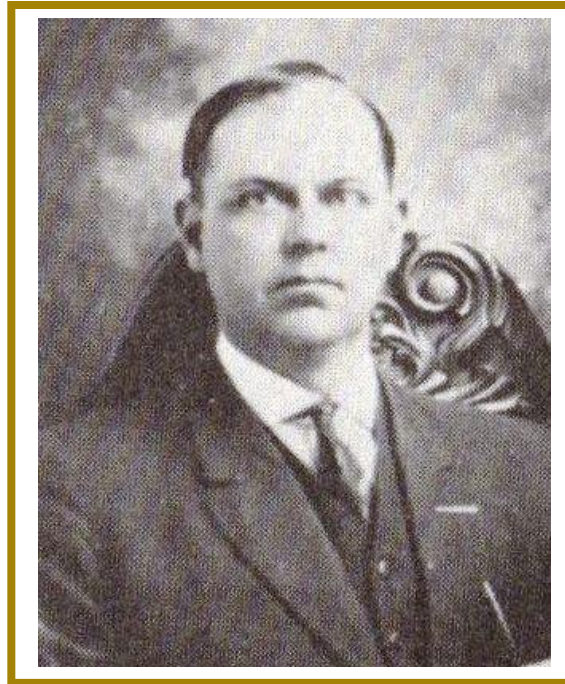




# W. A. WARD

## 21<sup>ST</sup> SHERIFF



**William Andrew (Andy) Ward served as Sheriff from 1914 – 28.**

**William was born August 28, 1879 and married Lemma Mitchell (born August 21, 1890, died February 18, 1990) in 1912.**

**When W. A. Ward announced his intention to run for Sheriff in 1914 the newspaper then described him as “a young man but one of the county’s finest”. Adding “He is Deputy Sheriff now [under A. C. Sowell] and for several years has served well and with considerable ability in this capacity... and would make an excellent Sheriff”.**

**Andy Ward went on to defeat his opponent, Milt Walker, in the Democratic Primary 1,148 votes to 841. In those days there were few candidates running on the Republican ticket thus eliminating concerns for another campaign in the November General Election.**

**A. D. Tingle was identified as one of Sheriff Ward’s Deputies.**

**William A. Ward was a Probation Officer for Henry County in 1929**

**William A. Ward was the Father to John Frank Ward original owner of Ward’s Drug Store in McDonough. John Frank was also a well respected citizen as noted by the street named John Frank Ward Boulevard which runs past the city government buildings and the Judicial Center and ends at the Courthouse in McDonough.**

**W. A. died January 18, 1936 and is buried in grid 26 at the McDonough Memorial Cemetery.**

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