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DE FUNIAK SPRINGS—J. J. Ward, 90, died at his residence Sunday morning at Bruce.

Mr. Ward was a native and life-long resident of Bruce.

He held many public offices in Walton County, serving for 20 years as county commissioner, 4 years as a member of the school board, and for more than 24 years as chairman of the Walton County Democratic Executive Committee, retiring from this position only in the past year.

He served for many years as assistant game commissioner of Florida and as postmaster of Bruce. From 1908 to 1929, he operated one of the largest general mercantile stores at Bruce. For many years he was in the turpentine business.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Ila L. Ward; two daughters, Mrs. Malzie Pate, Bruce, and Mrs. Mazie Rossell, Choctaw Beach; three sons, Mano, Willie N. and Guy Ward, all of Bruce; two sisters, Aunt Becky Ward, Freeport, and Mrs. Apsey Hayes, Pensacola; fourteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. from the Bruce Methodist Church with Rev. W. J. Ward and Rev. B. N. Guy officiating.

Burial will follow in the Dead River Cemetery with Page-Clary Funeral Home directing.