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Hon. Orie S. Ware, a scion of one of the honored pioneer families of Campbell county, has been engaged in the practice of law at Covington for nearly a quarter of a century and is accorded a position of prominence in his profession. He is a member of congress from the sixth Kentucky district and has creditably filled the offices of postmaster and commonwealth attorney. He is a descendant of Isaac Ware, a Virginian, who was one of the early settlers of Campbell county, Kentucky, and who was the father of Daniel Ware. The last named, who was born in Campbell county, became a Baptist minister and one of the strong individual forces in the spread of that religion throughout the Blue Grass state. He was the father of William Ware, who was born in 1818 and passed away in 1888, having been a lifelong resident of Campbell county and one of its leading agriculturists. His wife, Nancy Grizzell, was a daughter of Solomon Grizzell, of Kenton county, in which she was born, and her demise occurred on the homestead in Campbell county.

Her son, Solomon Grizzell Ware, was born July 4, 1855, near Alexandria, in Campbell county, in which he was reared and educated, attending a noted seminary at Cold Spring conducted by Dr. Pettit. After his marriage Mr. Ware opened a general store at Peach Grove and also cultivated a farm in Pendleton county, Kentucky. He spent five years in that county and in 1886 returned to the homestead near Alexandria. He lived on the place for three years and in 1889 moved to Covington, where he was connected with commercial affairs for five years. For three years thereafter he resided on the Petty homestead in Kenton county and next became a salesman for the Moore Oil Company at Covington, acting in that capacity for a considerable period. He was a Royal Arch Mason and a deacon in the Baptist church. He was an adherent of the democratic party and served as city auditor of Covington from 1912 until 1914. He was married in Kenton county, December 18, 1878, to Miss Ida F. Petty, who was born near Independence, Kentucky, in 1860. She resides in Covington, but Mr. Ware died in this city on the 30th of March, 1916. To their union were born seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the second. William Haden, the eldest, is operating a farm in Kenton county. Vernor Edwin is a building contractor and one of the successful business men of El Paso, Texas. He is associated with his brother, Howard Thomas, who received the degree of Civil Engineer from Yale University and who during the World war was a first lieutenant in the quartermaster's department. His sister, Beulah, is the wife of Norbert H. Gainey, a commercial artist living at Tampa, Florida. Elmer Petty is a successful lawyer, and during the conflict with Germany he was a second lieutenant in the United States army. Arthur Eugene, the youngest member of the family, was attending the training school at Lexington when the armistice was signed, and he is now representing the National Cash Register Company in northern Kentucky.

Orie S. Ware was born May 11, 1882, in Peach Grove, Pendleton county, and was about seven years old when the family settled in Covington. He attended the public schools of the city and a private academy conducted by Professor George W. Dunlap at Independence, Kentucky. He was graduated at the age of seventeen and for a year was a clerk in a store at Covington. He was employed as a stenographer in the office of W. McD. Shaw, who later became circuit judge of Kenton county, and worked for him for four years. During that period he took a three years' course in the Cincinnati Law School and was graduated with the class of June, 1903. He immediately opened an office in Covington and followed his profession independently until January 1, 1910. He then formed a partnership with Judge Shaw, his former preceptor, and this relationship was continued until the death of the Judge, November 27, 1912.

The subject of this sketch practiced alone for about seven years and since January 1, 1919, has been associated with his brother, Elmer Petty Ware, who is the junior partner. They maintain a suite of offices in the First National Bank building and have successfully handled much important litigation, enjoying a large and lucrative clientele. Orie S. Ware is a director of the First National Bank of Latonia, Kentucky, and his home at the corner of Fifth and Garrard streets in Covington is one of the city's attractive residences.

During the World war Mr. Ware devoted much of his time to patriotic work, acting as secretary of the Kenton County Council of Defense, and was general campaign chairman of the War Savings Stamps drive. A staunch democrat, he takes a keen interest in politics and for five years was clerk of the board of election commissioners. On September 1, 1914, he assumed the duties of postmaster of Covington and in July, 1918, was reappointed for a second term of four years. He tendered his resignation July 1, 1921, in order to make the race for commonwealth attorney of the sixteenth judicial district of Kentucky, which comprises Kenton county, and on November 8, 1921, won the election by the unprecedented majority of six thousand, one hundred and four. He acquitted himself with honor and distinction in this responsible office and served until February 1, 1927. He then resigned, having been elected a member of the seventieth congress, and assumed his office March 4, 1927. Mr. Ware brings to the office ripe experience as a public servant, ability of a high order, a broad grasp of state and national affairs, as well as a keen sense of his responsibilities, and is thoroughly qualified to represent his district in the national halls of legislation.

Mr. Ware has been honored with the thirty-third degree in Masonry, and his activities in behalf of the order constitute one of the most important chapters in his life. He served for two terms as master of Covington Lodge, No. 109, F. & A. M., and has been high priest of Covington Chapter, No. 35, R. A. M. He is past thrice illustrious master of Kenton Council, No. 13, R. & S. M.; past commander of Covington Commandery, No. 7, K. T.; and a member of Indra Consistory, A. A. S. R., at Covington; and Kosair Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Louisville. He was elected grand master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, later becoming chairman of its committee on jurisprudence. He also belongs to Covington Lodge, No. 314, of the Elks; Myrle Lodge, No. 5, of the Knights of Pythias; Old Kentucky Lodge, No. 1359, of the Loyal Order of Moose; and Covington Aerie, No. 329, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Mr. Ware is president of the Kenton County Children's Home Society, an organization of two thousand members, each of whom pays five dollars annually to carry on the work of this fine auxiliary of the Covington Protestant Children's Home. His professional connections are with the Kenton County, Kentucky State and American Bar Associations and he is also a member of the Kenton County Historical Society, the Covington Industrial Club and the Fort Mitchell Country Club. He is a deacon in the First Baptist church and shapes his conduct by its teachings. Mr. Ware is a broad-gauged man whose activities have touched life at many points, and the respect accorded him is well deserved.

On September 19, 1906, in the Madison Avenue Presbyterian church at Covington, was solemnized the marriage of the Hon. Orie S. Ware and Miss Louise Culbertson, a graduate of the local high school and a daughter of Louis and Kate (Huffman) Culbertson. The last named was born in Lincoln county, Kentucky, and is a teacher of art in the public schools of Covington. Mr. and Mrs. Ware have become the parents of three children: William Orie, who was born September 25, 1908; Louise, born February 8, 1911; and James Culbertson, whose natal day was February 3, 1913.

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