

CAUSE NO. G08256

GUARDIANSHIP OF  
RICHARD E WARD

AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

IN THE COUNTY COURT

AT LAW

BOSQUE COUNTY TEXAS

STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas:

YOU ARE HEREBY commanded to cause to be posted at the County Courthouse, Meridian, Bosque County, Texas, at the place in or near where public notices customarily are posted, a copy of the following notice:

STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE WELFARE OF THE PERSON OF  
RICHARD E WARD, AN INCAPACITATED PERSON.

A APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON, filed by FRIENDS FOR LIFE has been entered in the records of said Court; cause number G08256 on the 03/27/2023.

Applicant requests that FRIENDS FOR LIFE be appointed Permanent Guardians of the Person of RICHARD E WARD.

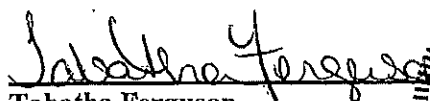
Hearing on said APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON will be held on or after the APRIL 10, 2023 at the Bosque County Judicial Annex, Bosque County, Texas.

All persons interested in said cause are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting said request if they so desire.

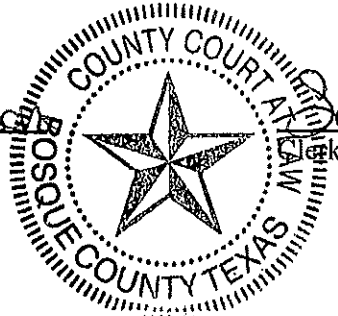
You are notified that you have the right under Texas Estates Code Section 1051.252 (Texas Probate Code Section 632 (j)) to file with the clerk a written request that you be notified of any or all specifically designated motions, applications, or pleadings filed by any person, or by a person specifically designated in your request, relating to the application for the guardianship that has been filed or relating to any subsequent guardianship proceeding involving the ward after the guardianship is created, if any. If you make such a request, you are responsible for the fees and costs associated with furnishing you the documents specified in the request. The clerk may require a deposit to cover the estimated costs of furnishing you with the request notice.

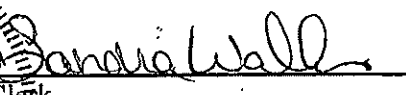
The officer executing this Writ shall promptly post the same and make due return as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in Meridian, Texas the 28th day of March, 2023.



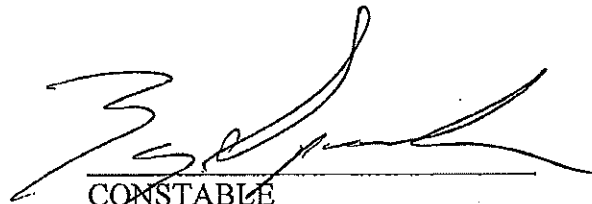
Tabatha Ferguson,  
Bosque County Clerk





## OFFICER'S RETURN ON CITATION

Came to hand on the 28 day of March, 2023, at  
1047 o'clock A.M. and executed on the 28 day of March, 2023  
by posting a copy of the within citation for ten days, exclusive of the day of posting,  
before the return day hereof, at the County Courthouse door of Bosque County,  
Texas, or at the place in or near the said courthouse where public notices customarily are  
posted, that is from March 28, 2023 through April 10,  
2023, inclusive.



CONSTABLE  
BOSQUE COUNTY, TEXAS

Printed name: Jay Spelkover



IV.

Applicant is not related to the Proposed Ward and its address is 5000 Lakewood, Waco, McLennan County, Texas 76710. Applicant desires to be appointed Guardian of the Person of Proposed Ward. Applicant's interest in the appointment of a guardian is as a non-profit guardianship program serving Bosque County, Texas. Applicant is eligible by law to act as Guardian.

V.

This Court has venue over these proceedings because Richard E. Ward permanently resides in this county.

VI.

Proposed Ward is an adult, and is incapacitated because of a mental and physical condition. The Proposed Ward is totally without capacity, as provided by the Texas Estates Code, to care for himself, to manage his property, to operate a motor vehicle, vote in a public election and make personal decisions regarding residence and marriage. Applicant states to the Court that the following facts and reasons support the request for appointment of a Guardian and the granting of the requested powers: A Physician's Certificate of Medical Examination conducted November 30, 2022 finds the Proposed Ward incapacitated because of Dementia and Bi-Polar Disorder, his incapacity is total, the degree is moderate and the prognosis is poor with no possibility of improvement.

VII.

Applicant requests the Court find Proposed Ward incapacitated for all purposes and requests the Court appoint it as Guardian of the Person and grant the appointed Guardian the following powers and duties over the Proposed Ward's person:

- A. The right to have physical possession of Proposed Ward and to establish Proposed Ward's legal domicile;
- B. The duty of care, supervision, and protection of Proposed Ward;
- C. The duty to provide Proposed Ward with clothing, food, medical care, and shelter;
- D. To review, to take possession of, and to consent to the disclosure of Proposed Ward's medical or dental records;
- E. To apply for, arrange for, and consent to any and all psychological, psychiatric, or medical examinations, tests, or evaluations for the Proposed Ward, other than the in-patient psychiatric commitment of the Proposed Ward;
- F. To consent to or object to medical and dental treatment of the Proposed Ward, including surgery;
- G. Pursuant to §§ 166.039 and 166.088 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, the power to make a treatment decision that may include a decision to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining treatment from the Proposed Ward;
- H. To apply for, to consent to, and to enroll Proposed Ward in non-residential aging or Alzheimer's programs and services, educational, vocational, and recreational services which are reasonably required and needed by Proposed Ward and which are operated by public and private agencies and facilities;
- I. To make application for, to consent to, and to enroll Proposed Ward in private and public 24 hour care facilities or nursing home facilities;
- J. To consent to or object to Proposed Ward's marrying or the Proposed Ward's employment;
- K. To employ and to discharge from employment nurses, sitters, caregivers, tutors, therapists, and other persons engaged to assist Proposed Ward;

- L. The authority to purchase pre-need funeral services with assets of the Proposed Ward and authorize use of same upon need;
- M. The right to cancel the Proposed Ward's driver's license and prohibit the Proposed Ward from obtaining a driver's license.
- N. The right to apply for and to receive funds from governmental sources for Proposed Ward, including, but not limited to, Social Security, Medicare, Supplemental Security Income Benefits (SSI), HUD Section 8 Rent Subsidies, Childhood Disability Benefit under the Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Program, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and Veterans Benefits;
- O. The right to establish a Qualified Income Trust in accordance with 42 U.S.C. Section 1396p(d)(4)(B), and direct that the income of the Proposed Ward as defined by that section be paid directly to the trust, solely for the purpose of the Proposed Ward's eligibility for medical assistance under Chapter 32 of the Texas Human Resources Code.

Applicant requests the Court impose those limitations on the Proposed Ward consistent with the foregoing powers including, but not limited to the following that the Proposed Ward no longer has the right to:

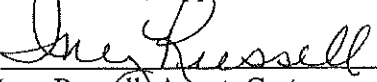
- a) operate a motor vehicle;
- b) consent to marriage;
- c) execute a trust or power of attorney or make an amendment to any existing trust;
- d) make decisions or give consent to medical or surgical treatment;
- e) choose his domicile or residence;
- f) personally seek employment without approval of the guardian, or obtain government assistance or access government benefits or fund;
- g) own, possess, purchase, or use a firearm or ammunition;
- h) manage property, finances, or benefits;
- i) execute a will, or make a codicil or amendment to any existing will; or
- j) execute a power of attorney or make an amendment to any existing power of attorney.

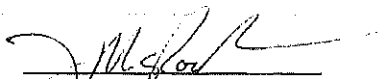
#### VIII.

Applicant prays that the Court appoint an attorney and/or guardian ad litem, if they have not already been appointed to represent the Proposed Ward's Person; that a hearing on this Application be set; that Applicant, Friends for Life, be appointed Guardian of the Person of Richard E. Ward, an Adult; that the Court Order appointing Friends for Life as Guardian be effective upon its taking the Oath as required by law; that upon the Guardian's qualification, the Clerk of this Court shall issue Letters of Guardianship to Friends for Life; and that the Court enter any other Orders it deems necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Friends for Life, Applicant

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STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF MCLENNAN

**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Inez Russell, on behalf of Friends for Life, Applicant in the foregoing Application for Appointment of Guardian of the Person of Richard E. Ward, an Adult, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the above and foregoing Application and stated under oath that such Application contains a correct and complete statement of the facts and matters to which it relates and all the contents thereof are true, complete and correct to the best of Applicant's knowledge.

**SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME** on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.



Micki Bowman  
Notary Public, State of Texas