

John Wesley Hubbard

- Born August 1, 1859 in Danville, Montgomery County, Missouri
- Married Laura Emeline Harmon on June 8, 1879
- Served as Sheriff of Webster County 1889-1892
- **1888 Missouri: Webster County's Only Lynching**
In 1888 an angry mob of masked men, armed with sledge hammers, gathered at the jail. Sheriff Hubbard anticipated trouble because his prisoner, Richard Cullen, had incited frightening emotions in the community. Unable to remove his prisoner nor to repel the crowd, Sheriff Hubbard surrendered the keys to the jail. The determined mob lynched Richard Cullen by rope from a maple tree near the courthouse. Cullen, suspected of murdering his adopted brother (by throwing the baby in a well), had been arrested after tracks in the snow revealed the tragic deed.
- Died September 14, 1917 at the age of 58.