













# Francis Ball's Descendants

Or

## The West Springfield Ball Family

From 1640 to 1902.

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## INTRODUCTION.

Genealogy is not what it was a number of years ago, but it has of late been placed, says Dr. Henry R. Stiles, "in the front rank of honorable sciences or studies."

To quote again, he says: "I assume that the genealogist is engaged in the highest form of historical and literary labor. I am certain that the results of his labors have a direct and most important relation to the highest forms of historical literature." And he adds, that "nearly fifty years of experience has convinced" him that true genealogists "are, as a rule, magnificently generous," and that "they will go farther to aid others than" any other class of students with which he has become acquainted.

He gives several qualifications for a good genealogist.

I am glad to be able to give these prefatory statements from one who has had so many years of experience and has written so many works, Henry R. Stiles, A. M., M. D.

I have undertaken to prepare a genealogical record of the Ball family of West Springfield, Massachusetts, the descendants of Francis Ball, who was an early settler in Springfield, and whose date of settlement there is placed at 1640. As one of his descendants, and as one interested in genealogical and historical research and having had

some experience in these lines, I hope to succeed in this undertaking. The earlier material was collected by my grandfather, known as Lieut. Charles Ball of what is now the town of Holyoke, who was thirteen years of age when his grandfather, Benjamin Ball, died. Benjamin was contemporary with his father, Capt. Jonathan Ball, son of Francis Ball, more than fifty years, and so had the means of obtaining all the ancestral knowledge which his father possessed. But there came to my grandfather no tradition of the migration of the family from England. I mean no reliable tradition. I account for this lack of migration knowledge from this fact that our long-lived ancestor, Jonathan, was but three years of age when he lost his father, having only then a mother and a little brother about one year of age. He could gain, therefore, from that father no knowledge as to his father's kindred, or early home, or crossing the ocean, or any valuable fact; and it is not probable that his mother, who soon married again, took any care to instruct him in what knowledge she may have obtained. I take it for granted that she was a good mother, she was of a good family, but she would not be likely to think of the value of a knowledge of ancestry. So I infer that Jonathan had no knowledge of that kind to impart to his son, Benjamin. My grandfather, however, had heard that three by the name of Ball came over from England, one settling in Virginia, two in New England. One of these was Francis. Of their relationship he was not sure.

About seventy years ago, in the state of Georgia, on account of a conversation between my father and a Georgian who had married a Ball, I first heard of our possible relationship to the mother of Washington. My father knew of no proof, and my grandfather placed no reliance on the tradition. So we laid that possibility aside.

Last year, through a not very distant cousin of mine, Mrs. Samuel Edgecombe, whose mother and mine were born in the same parish in the same year, I learned several new facts and saw possibilities becoming probabilities.

This year, through the results of the "Ball International Union," the probabilities are stated as certainties. Not having the evidence before me, and having learned in years of research that much caution is needful in receiving traditions and inferences, I do not feel the full assurance that documentary and positive evidence would give, in regard to the latest statements concerning the Ball ancestry. I quote however, from the "Union Record" of April, 1902, this statement: "William Ball of Wiltshire, Eng., had six sons, who came to America in 1635 on the ship Planter, namely: Alling, Francis, John, Samuel, Richard, and William. They first landed at Boston, and then went to various parts."

I think it will be difficult to find documentary evidence that these came on the ship Planter, in 1635.

But it does not matter particularly when or how they came. As found here somewhere between 1630 and 1650 it is evident THEY CAME.

As I propose to give a quite full record of Francis Ball's descendants, in this introduction will be given a few statements in regard to the descendants of Alling Ball of New Haven, of John of Concord, of Richard, and of William Ball of Virginia.

Of these five families of Balls, there is no room for doubt. That they were brothers, however, some of us, not having the evidence, may be inclined to question. My further sources of information, besides what my grandfather collected, are, "The Union Record" published by the "Ball International Union," (an organization formed last August,) and by Keuka College; also statements given by Mrs. Samuel Edgecombe of Mystic, daughter of Desire Worthington Ball of Agawam; statements of Dr. Horace E. Hayden, a descendant of Francis Ball in the line of his second son, Samuel; also works in the large city library of Chicago, especially "A Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England," by John Farmer, Lancaster, Mass., 1829; "Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England," several volumes; a large old work called "The Original Lists," from 1600 to 1700, lists of ships and passengers leaving England for America, including the passengers on the May Flower, the Planter, and very many others, long, long lists of names, claiming to be from original documents; and other works of similar character. Besides these authorities, gatherings or gleanings from other sources.

## I. ALLING BALL.

He was evidently an early settler in New Haven. Savage mentions him there in 1644 or 1643. Some wrote the name Allen. His wife's name was Dorothy. He is named in connection with the Tuttle family. Seventeen by the name of Tuttle, written in the "Original Lists" Tuttell, embarked on the ship Planter from London for New England in April 1635. These were W. Tuttell, twenty-six years of age, Elizabeth Tuttell, twenty-three years of age, and three children; also Richard Tuttell, age forty-two, Ann, forty-one, Isabell, seventy, and three children; also "Jo:" Tuttell, thirty-nine, Joan Tuttell, forty-two, and four children.

With these, somewhere, and at some time, in England or America, Alling Ball became acquainted. Of his children four sons are named: Edward, born about 1643, but whose relation to Alling Ball as son rests more on circumstantial than on positive evidence, who became the head of a large family, the Union Record saying, "The living descendants of Edward now probably number two or three thousand;" and of whom a genealogist says: Edward Ball was at Branford in 1667, and the same year, 1667, he removed to Newark. His children, or some of his children, bore these names: Caleb, Abigail, Joseph, Lydia, Moses, Thomas; the last of whom, says the genealogist, "was progenitor of a great multitude;" John, born April 15, 1649; Eliphalet, born Feb. 11, 1651; and Alling, born Jan. 27, 1656; and one daughter Mary or Mercy.

John Ball, the first son of Alling whose birth record has been found, was married in 1678 to Sarah Glover, daughter of Henry Glover of Medfield. [Feb. 10, 1676, Mercy or Mary Ball, says Savage a daughter of Alling Ball, and so a sister of this John Ball, was married to George Bordee of Bordee of New Haven. March 12, 1685, Sarah, daughter of John Ball, surely not of this one, probably of his name John, was married to Allen Flagg of Watertown. In 1677 some John Ball, then of Lancaster, married Hannah Rugg daughter of John Rugg. Once more the name of John Ball has been found, as it is on record that Dorothy, daughter of John Ball of New Haven, was married March 21, 1705, to Nathaniel Wadsworth of Farmington, who seems to have been a near relative of that Wadsworth who in 1687 put out the lights and hid the Connecticut Charter. One more unconnected record may be placed here. Ruth Ball, father's name not given, was married Sept. 24, 1679, to David Walsbee, then of Braintree.] One Eliphalet Ball, probably the son of Alling, was married Feb. 13, 1673, to Hannah Nash, who was born July 24, 1645, daughter of John Nash. After her husband's death Mrs. Ball was married, April 2, 1689, to Thomas Trowbridge of New Haven.

Descendants of John Ball and Sarah (Glover) Ball.

Three of their sons are named, John, Eliphalet, and Alling, the parents thus repeating the earlier names. John, born in 1685, was married to Mary Tuttle in 1716. Four sons are named as his children: John, Eliphalet, Timothy, and Stephen.

Of these four, Eliphalet, born in 1722 at New Haven, has the following record. He was graduated from Yale College in 1748, became a Presbyterian minister, founded Ballston called at first Ball's Farm, was married in 1750 to Elisabeth Von Fleming and after her death to Ruth Bucher, entertained General Washington at his home in 1783, and claimed him as a third cousin, and died in 1797. His children were: John Ball, who became Lieutenant in a New York regiment, Marion Willet, Colonel; Flamen Ball, whose daughter, Emily Amanda, was married to John S. Patterson, and was the mother of Andrew Stuart Patterson of Plainfield, N. J; Stephen Ball of whom no record is at hand; and an only daughter, Mary Stuart Ball, who, became the wife of Gen. James Gordon, a member of Washington's staff.

Descendants of other children of Alling Ball not traced, except one.

Alling 2d or Alling Jun., son of Alling Ball of New Haven, was married Nov. 24, 1678, to Sarah Thompson. Their children were: Sarah, born 1679, Lydia, born 1681, Alling who soon died, and Mercy, Mabel, dates of birth not at hand, and another son also named Alling according to a custom of those times.

## 2 FRANCIS BALL.

See his descendants in the body of this work.

Farmer in his "Register" refers, as authority for this Francis to "Sprague's Historical Discourse." It seems a little singular, but the evidence is good, that there was a Francis Ball at Dorchester besides the one who went to Springfield in 1640. What relation to each other, if any, the two were, does not appear.

This Francis Ball of Dorchester in 1664 married Abigail Salter (Abigail must have been a very common Puritanic name.) Their children were: John, born April 15, 1665, who died young; Abigail, born Aug. 14, 1667; Francis, born Feb. 21, 1670; Benjamin, born Aug. 30, 1675.

There are, probably, living descendants somewhere of Francis Ball of Dorchester.

## 3 JOHN BALL.

The first mention found of a New England John Ball is at Concord. He became a freeman of that town in 1650. It is said that he had a brother, name not given, and they came from Wiltshire, England. He died in September, 1655. He had two sons, Nathaniel and John. John Ball 2d was born in England, became a resident of Watertown, married Elizabeth Pierce, daughter of John Pierce. He removed to Lancaster and was killed by the Indians Sept. 10, 1675. He had a son also named John, born in 1644, and daughters named Mary, Esther, Sarah, and Abigail. John Ball 3d whose residence is given at Water-



town, was married in 1665 to Sarah Bullard. Their children were: Sarah, born in 1666, John 4th born 1668, James, 1670, Joseph, 1674, Jonathan, 1680, Daniel, 1683, and Abigail, 1686. John Ball 3d died in 1722.

Nathaniel Ball, son of the John Ball of Concord, born probably in England as was his brother John, settled in Concord. He had four sons, Nathaniel, Ebenezer, Eleazer, and John.

According to "The Union Record" the following is one line from John Ball of Concord to the present time:

1. John Ball 1650. 2. John Ball, who married Elizabeth Pierce. 3. John Ball who married Sarah Bullard. 4. Benjamin Ball who married Mary Brewer in 1704. 5. Thomas Ball who married Hannah Wright in 1739. 6. Zebb<sup>l</sup>abel Ball who married Mary Bruce<sup>(1)</sup>. 7. Zeba Ball who married Anna Hinkley Fairchild<sup>(2)</sup>. 8. Jesse Ball who married <sup>Sarah Adaline Plummer</sup> Drusilla Tanner at Park Ridge, Ill. 9. Arza Myron Ball who married Sarah Adaline Plummer. 10. Jesse Charles Ball who married Eva Etta Lynn in 1861 at Syracuse, N. Y.

These last now living.

#### 4. SAMUEL BALL.

This line not yet found.

#### 5. RICHARD BALL.

One Richard Ball, probably this one, was a resident at Salisbury in 1650. He removed to Dover in 1658. Traces of his descendants not yet found.

1. WILLIAM BALL.
2. Joseph Ball.
3. Mary Ball.
4. George Washington.

These names represent three generations in the line of William Ball of Virginia, and if the statement in regard to the six Ball brothers proves to be reliable, which I hope it will, then not only was Washington, Rev. Eliphalet Ball's third cousin, (as this Eliphalet was the great grandson of Alling Ball,) but he was also the third cousin of Charles Ball and of Moses Ball, who were great grandsons of Francis Ball, brother, according to the statement, of Alling and of William.

The Ball coat of arms, granted in 1613, belonging to Ball of Northamptonshire, seems to have been claimed by Alling Ball, probably the oldest son of William of Wiltshire, and a book-plate of the same is said to be now in the possession of Andrew Stuart Patterson of Philadelphia who is of the seventh American generation, counting Alling Ball as the first. Description:

"Argent, a lion passant sable, on a chief of the second three mullets of the first."

Crest. "A stag trippant proper."

Motto. "Semper caveto."

This same coat of arms, but with a different crest and motto, is claimed also by the Ball family of Virginia, and this is considered by authorities in such matters as a strong

proof that Alling and William Ball were brothers. One more quotation from the April "Union Record" will close this introduction, "The ancestry of William Ball of Wiltshire, England, is not yet clear, but his descendants were certainly the six sons who came to America in 1635;" with this additional remark: that it is not at all needful, in order to establish the relation of brothers as to the six by the name of Ball who have been mentioned, to show that they came over in the ship Planter with the Tuttles. This, according to the "Original Lists" they did not do. But at some time they came, for they are found at Springfield, at New Haven, at Concord, at Newark, at Dover, and in Virginia.

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## THE WEST SPRINGFIELD BALL FAMILY.

It has not been ascertained, unless it has been done recently, in what year Francis Ball, the ancestor of this family, came from England, but there is evidence that as early as 1637 he was at Dorchester near Boston. His more immediate descendants, who were certainly intelligent persons, seem to have possessed no knowledge in regard to his English ancestry, or of any incidents occurring on the ocean, or any knowledge of any kindred with whom he came. And a reason for this want of knowledge has been presented in the Introduction. But their knowledge of some members of this West Springfield family is perfectly reliable from 1690 onward to the present. For in that year he is found as a settler in Springfield, having a location on the west side of the Connecticut River, where still in that home of civilization the ancient cemetery may be found; and in two other cemeteries, the one in what was the north parish and the other in the south, now known as the towns of Holyoke and of Agawam, the memorial stones may be found marking the birth and death of seven or eight successive generations of this family of Balls.

That many of this name in quite early times came to America is evident from the fact that so many of them were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. The names of one hundred and forty-three Balls can be found on the record, among them seventeen by the name of John, and how many of all these were nearby related no one living can tell.

## GENEALOGY.

NOTE. In this record the Arabic characters will be used to denote the generations, and Francis Ball will be marked I, and the Roman notation will be used to denote the number of children in the order, so far as known, of their birth.

I. FRANCIS BALL, a settler in the Connecticut River Valley in 1640, having resided for a time in the vicinity of Boston, was married in 1644 to Abigail Burt daughter of Henry Burt, an early resident of Roxbury, near Boston. The dwelling house of Henry Burt having been burned a grant in his behalf, of eight pounds sterling, was made by the General Court in November, 1639. In 1640 he removed to Springfield and was there appointed Clerk of Writs. The Burt tradition is that his wife when in England was supposed to be dead and her body was even laid in a casket for burial, but she revived, came to America, and it is asserted that she was the mother of eleven sons and eight daughters. Abigail Burt Ball was the second daughter, born probably in England, and whether she had or had not eleven brothers, from her and Francis Ball all of the West Springfield family of Balls have descended.

## Children:

2. i. Jonathan, born in 1645. He is said to have been the first white boy born in what became West Springfield.
2. ii. Samuel, born in 1647.

Francis Ball was drowned in the Connecticut River in

Of 1698-1698, probably not more than 40 years of age. It is understood that Mrs. Ball remarried.

As to the West Springfield Ball family, having members now in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Indiana, and Illinois, also in Alabama and Texas, and also in other parts, are descendants of Abigail Burt as well as of Francis Ball, such knowledge as is at hand of their English origin ought to be preserved.

No pedigree of her can be expected to exist. But there are some facts from which inferences may be drawn.

Her father, Henry Burt, was married in England, and certainly had a large family.

From the known dates, Abigail must have been born in England, but probably her father came to Massachusetts in her childhood. The date of her marriage to Francis Ball, 1644, is quite well established. After his death in 1648, Mrs. Ball, as the MUX record states, "Abigail, widow of Francis Ball, daughter of Henry Burt," was married, in 1647, to Benjamin Munn, who had been a soldier in the Pequot war in 1637, and who had removed from Hartford to Springfield. They had a daughter named Abigail, born in 1650. They had also four sons, John, Benjamin, James, and Nathaniel. The daughter, Abigail Munn, a half sister in course of Jonathan and Samuel Ball, was married, Dec. 21, 1672, to Thomas Stebbins, Jr. Benjamin Munn died in Nov. 1675, and his widow, a second time left a widow and no longer young, was married Dec. 14, 1676, to Lieut. Thomas Stebbins Sen., the father of her daughter's husband.

It may be inferred from this last marriage that she was rather an attractive woman and one with some good personal qualities. One of her sisters, "Sarah, daughter of Henry Burt," had married in 1643 Judah Gregory of Springfield. Another, Mary, in 1654, married William Brooks and had eight sons and eight daughters. A third sister, Elizabeth, in Nov. 1653, married Samuel Wright. A fourth, Patience, in 1667, married John Bliss. A fifth, Mercy, was married Jan. 7, 1667 to Judah Wright. A sixth, Hannah, married in 1657 John Bagg, and had ten children. The seventh and last, Dorcas, was married Oct. 25, 1658 to John Stiles, in which family, relation not given, was the noted Dr. Ezra Stiles.

These marriages are given in the order, evidently, of the ages of the daughters. Henry Burt, whose wife's given name was Ulalia, died April 30, 1662. His wife, Mrs. Burt, died Aug. 29, 1690. Three of their sons were, Jonathan, David, and Nathaniel. Jonathan Burt, the oldest son, born in England, was married at Boston in 1651 to Elizabeth Lobdell. He removed to Springfield. He is called "a man of note." He was a church deacon. Henry Morris, in his early history of Springfield, mentions him as being in 1675 one of the leading men of the town, men "wise and sagacious" but "well advanced in life." Morris says that he was "for a time town clerk." He died in October, 1715. One of his daughters, Sarah, married in

that memorable year for Springfield when on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1675, out of 45 houses in Springfield, 32 were burned by Indians. Benjamin Dorchester of Springfield, who was b. in 1676, she married in 1677 Luke Hitchcock. ✓

So that at these several family lines could be traced out, the descendants of Jonathan and Samuel Ball, would find, through the half sister Mrs. Stebbins, and through the Stebbins many distant relations bearing well known New England names.

And there is probably another connection with the Stebbins family, as Martha Ball, apparently a West Springfield girl, but whose daughter probably no one now can learn was married to Benjamin Stebbins who died in 1748, a grandson of Thomas Stebbins of West Springfield. (See "Centennial Celebration," page 122.) They had six children—Benjamin, Francis, Martha, Miriam, Mary, Mercy. The line of Benjamin Stebbins, son of Martha Ball Stebbins is traced to 1867.

In that same "Centennial Celebration" record, the following appears in the Bagg genealogy: "He married" referring to John Bagg "Oct. 24, 1657, Hannah Burt, (b. April 28, 1641, d. Aug. 1, 1680) dau. of Deacon Henry Burt and Ulalia his wife, who emigrated from England to Roxburgh" — perhaps a misprint for Roxbury — "and thence removed to Springfield in 1640." That genealogy further says that from three of Hannah Burt Bagg's grandchildren "all the Baggs now living in West Springfield [1874] are descended."



The members, then, of the large and noted Bagg family of West Springfield stand in the same relation as do the members of the West Springfield Ball family to Deacon Henry Burt and his wife Ulalia, for Hannah Burt Bagg and Abigail Burt Ball were sisters.

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SUGGESTIONS. 1. As in a short time the young eyes of some of Captain Jonathan Ball's descendants will be searching these records, a suggestion is offered here to awaken their imagination, that they may form some mental pictures of the past. Two little boys, brothers, Jonathan and Samuel Ball, were in a home on the west side of a beautiful river, with a mother, but fatherless, until a step-father came in, and then a half sister and some half brothers came; but there were no Ball kindred that their childhood knew. What to them, if they had them, were cousins in Concord or New Haven or in Virginia, of whom they knew nothing, whom they were never to know? Do the two brothers look lonely? But see them go over the river to their grandfather Burt's home, to their good grandmother Burt, and to their uncle Jonathan Burt's home, and see them petted and cared for by seven good aunts, one of them at least only a few years older than themselves—Hannah, born in 1641—and realize the suggestion here offered, that they had a good many and some very nice kindred. 2. Nothing has been found to enable one to determine as to the amount of property possessed by Francis Ball, our first American ancestor, but the second

suggestion is, that from the fact of his having married into this Bart family, and from a further fact that will soon appear of the large tracts of land in the possession of his son's family, it may be inferred that he was in possession at the time of his marriage and of his death of a fair amount of property. For at least six generations the men of his line have been landholders.

It may also quite readily be inferred from Benjamin Mann's seeking Mrs. Abigail Ball in marriage that she was not then altogether a portionless, dependent widow. 3. A third suggestion is, that no one should expect to find the Ball name in the earlier history of Springfield, for after 1648 there were but two boys to bear the name for twenty-five or thirty years, till they grew into full manhood, and then one of them went to Northampton; and until the French War came the descendants of the other seem not to have mingled much in public affairs. From that time till now the Ball name can be found in the records of the times as they have passed along.

#### GENEALOGY RESUMED.

2. 1. JONATHAN BALL, left without an own father when about three years of age, attained a vigorous manhood, became Captain of Militia, an important position at that time; his sword and spontoon having been taken by his grandson, Noah Ball, to the State of New York, where they may be in existence now—was twice married, his second wife being Mrs. Susanna Worthington widow of Nicholas Worthington; and died May 21, 1741, nearly, perhaps

fully, 96 years of age.

Children:

3. i. Thomas, born 1676.
3. ii. Samuel, born in 1680.
3. iii. Jonathan, born 1683.
3. iv. Francis, born 1687.
3. v. Benjamin, born 1689.
3. vi. Joseph, born 1695.
3. vii. viii. ix. Margaret, Sarah, and Abigail, date of birth not known. Probably born before Joseph, perhaps one before Francis.
3. x. xi. xii. Names not known.

In all twelve children of whom six died when young.

REMARK. When in April, 1707, the land on the west bank of the Connecticut having been divided into "plots of ten acres each" and then assigned by lot to the men of West Springfield who were twenty-one years of age, the number of whom was found to be seventy-three, there were among these only three by the name of Ball, Lest Ball, Samuel Ball, and Francis Ball. The Samuel and Francis were probably sons of Capt. Ball, but who Lest Ball was is a matter of wild conjecture, as no other family of Balls seems to have settled in that town. Yet there is documentary evidence that a man over twenty-one years of age or supposed to be, called Lest Ball, was in 1707 a citizen of what became West Springfield.

A statement for this book has just been sent from Holyoke, found in "Burt's History of Springfield" by Charles

E. Ball and Charles G. Allyn, which purports to be a copy of old town or county records, that "a grant of land west of the falls of the Great River" was made to Jonathan Ball in November, 1702.

Before following up these lines it may be well to insert here what has been learned in regard to the descendants of Samuel Ball.

2. II. SAMUEL BALL, the second son of Francis, born in 1647, married Mary Graves.

Children:

3. i. Francis, 3. ii. Mary, 3. iii. Elizabeth, 3. iv. Abigail. And perhaps among his children was Martha.

Samuel Ball made his home in Northampton. He died in 1689. His widow, Mary Ball, April 11, 1690, was married to Benjamin Stebbins. Either some genealogist has made a mistake, or there was, which is quite probable, more than one Benjamin Stebbins. The one that married Martha Ball was born in 1677. She may have been born about 1680.

The following quotations contain the information now at hand concerning the continuance of this line.

3. "Abigail [Ball] was mother to Moses Parsons."

4. "Moses was father to Abigail Parsons Hayden."

5. "Abigail was mother to E. Parsons Hayden."

6. "E. Parsons Hayden was father of the Rev. Horace Hayden of Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania."

7. Rev. Horace E. Hayden is, according to these quotations which are from good authority, a member of the

seventh generation, calling Francis Ball of 1640 the first. Dr. Hayden is an experienced genealogist.

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Descendants of Jonathan Ball resumed.

3. i. Thomas Ball died young.

3. ii. Samuel Ball became a physician. Was drowned in the Agawam River.

To this Samuel the following statements must surely refer. They are taken from the published account of the "Centennial Celebration" of West Springfield, page 121 under "Genealogy of the Smith Family." That record says, of a son of Benjamin Smith, "Jonathan had a large and stately house erected for his use just east of the brook, on a commanding eminence at the junction of two roads, having married Margaret, the only child of Samuel Ball of West Springfield Center." That record further states, an item of some interest to the Balls, that this Samuel Ball having died and a second wife surviving, "it was found by his will that he had devised his real estate, with the exception of his homestead, to the children of his daughter and the child of his second wife by a former marriage, so that the 'great swamp,' as it was called, now known as Ball's swamp, with other large tracts of land, fell into the possession of the Smith family."

In a beautiful poem of a hundred and thirty or more lines, written by Brainerd, published as early as 1834, called "Connecticut River," are these words in the description of an evening's entertainment:

"And then the chubby grandchild wants to know  
 About the ghosts and witches long ago,  
 That haunted the old swamp."

This true "old swamp" we may without vanity assume to be the real Ball Swamp of the Connecticut Valley.

Surely many of us of this West Springfield line can join in the sentiment expressed by Brainerd, as he writes:

"Stream of my sleeping fathers! when the sound  
 Of coming war echoed thy hills around,  
 How did thy sons start forth from every glade,  
 Snatching the musket where they left the spade!  
 How did their mothers urge them to the fight,  
 Their sisters tell them to defend the right;  
 How bravely did they stand, how nobly fall,  
 The earth their coffin, and the turf their pall."

Leaving poetry and sentiment it seems rather strange that we must needs go to the Smith genealogy of West Springfield to find any information concerning Margaret Ball, an only child, and the great Ball swamp. It seems that this Margaret had six Smith sons and one daughter, the daughter bearing her mother's name of Margaret.

3 III Jonathan Ball, married and settled in Granville

Sons:

4 i Jonathan, engaged in the war of 1775. Became "Major of a regiment of his Majesty's Provincial troops.

He went to Boston to procure the money to pay his troops, and on his return to Springfield was taken with the small pox and died March 7, 1760, in the thirtieth year of his age." According to family tradition he made a very fine appearance on horseback.

4. II. Lybeus Ball, his brother, was Major of a regiment in the Revolutionary War.

The following is his record as taken from a large work, "Soldiers and Sailors of New England in Revolutionary War."

Libbeus [Lybeus] Ball, Capt. of Massachusetts militia, Apr. 20, 1775. Major of Mass. Militia commissioned Nov. 1, 1777. In Continental Army, at Valley Forge ten months, Capt. twenty-six months. Promoted Major Sept. 1778. Major of Col. Shepard's 3d regiment.

No further information of the Granville family at hand except that Major Lybeus Ball removed to the state of New York.

It is probable that Jonathan Ball of Granville had other children.

NOTE. From an intelligent, reliable woman, Mrs. McIntyre, born in 1815, now 86 years of age, I have learned of a family of Balls of Brookfield, New York. Their names are, Justin, Lyman, David, James, Hannah, Betsey, and Mary called also Polly.

Justin Ball was a pensioner of the Rev. War. He may have been a brother of the two majors. Hannah Ball was a daughter of Justin Ball. She was born about 1783. She

lived to be 84 years of age and died in 1866 or 1867. This family of Balls came to Brookfield from the East.

3 IV Francis Ball settled in Springfield. Left no descendants.

3 VI Joseph Ball left a daughter (4. i.) who was married to Capt. Boylston of Springfield.

3 V BENJAMIN BALL, born 1689 name of wife and date of marriage unknown had four sons.

4 i. Benjamin Jr., born about 1723.

4 ii. Charles, born 1725.

4 iii. Noah, date of birth unknown.

4 iv. Moses, born 1733.

Also one daughter.

4 v. Abigail, date unknown.

[According to the "West Springfield Centennial" Benjamin Ball sold in 1738 "three acres of land on the bank of the river" to Obadiah Cooley Jun., who made another purchase "in Springfield" of land "'on the west side of the Great River.'" ]

4 I Benjamin Ball joined the English colonial army in the spring of 1745, and died at Cape Breton Nov. 8, 1745.

NOTE. In this same year his father, Benjamin Ball, removed with his family, to the north parish of what became West Springfield. At that time about six families were in the parish and "they fortified together at night for fear of Indians." In the spring of 1751 Benjamin Ball planted what is now the "great elm tree," and some of his descendants in that old parish, now Holyoke, still reside.



4. II. The line of Charles is omitted for the present.

4. III. NOAH BALL married Anna Granger of Suffield. Their children were in number seven, but three died young. The others were: 5. i. Noah Jun. ii. Sebe, who married a daughter of Maj. Silas Burke of Westminster. iii. Thadeus, and iv. Sarah. Noah Ball at length removed with all his family to Steuben county, New York.

4. V. Abigail Ball married Zephaniah Taylor of Suffield. Line not traced.

4. IV. MOSES BALL married Lucy King. Date of marriage not given. Miss King was a resident of West Springfield.

#### Children:

5. i. Benjamin. 5. ii. Moses. 5. iii. Jonathan. 5. iv. Eli, born April 2, 1764. 5. v. Martin. 5. vi. Sarah. 5. vii. Lucy. 5. viii. Abigail. This order of birth of the daughters is not certain.

5. I. Benjamin Ball. Line not traced.

5. II. Moses Ball Jr. Line not traced.

5. III. Jonathan Ball. Line not traced.

5. IV. ELI BALL, settled on the family estate in West Springfield. He married Lucy Worthington of his native town in 1787. She was then fifteen years of age and he was twenty-three.

## Children:

(Seven sons and seven daughters.)

- 6. i. Norman, born 1788.
- 6. ii. Eli, born 1790.
- 6. iii. Cynthia, born 1791, drowned when 16 years of age.
- 6. iv. Lucy, born 1793.
- 6. v. Benjamin, born 1795.
- 6. vi. Francis, born 1797.
- 6. vii. Betsey, born 1799.
- 6. viii. William, born 1801.
- 6. ix. Desire Worthington, born 1804.
- 6. x. Margaret, born 1806.
- 6. xi. Cynthia 2d, born Jan. 1808.
- 6. xii. Adeline, born 1809.
- 6. xiii. Seymour, born 1812.
- 8. xiv. Samuel, born 1814.

The lines of but few of these fourteen children traced. The following are statements given by one of the grandchildren.

i. ii. Norman lived on the estate with his father and Eli on one adjoining. v. xiii. Benjamin and Seymour died while young men and unmarried. vi. Francis settled in Pennsylvania. viii. William settled in Springfield. xiv. Samuel Ball, the youngest of the children, settled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was for some time connected with the Pierce Match Factory, and was afterwards interested in a fur company.

These named aboved were the seven sons. The descendants of only one of these can here be given.

6. I. NORMAN BALL, born in 1788, was married to Betsey Warriner of Agawam, Oct. 26, 1814.

Children:

7. i. Alfred Leonard, born Sept. 11, 1815.

He adopted the trade of boot-maker. He lived in Springfield and there died, April 29, 1902, eighty-seven years of age. He had been for some thirty years one of the most devoted members of the State street Baptist church of Springfield. He had a remarkable memory, was a great reader, "was familiar" says the Springfield Republican, "with all of the higher interests of the city, and was a keen observer of current events." That paper further says: "His death was due to old age. Until his retirement from active life about five years ago Mr. Ball was known as the most expert boot-maker in town, and he never lacked work."

"He had never married, but leaves a brother, M. W. Ball, father of Lewis J. Ball of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. William C. Clark of Worcester and Mrs. J. C. Hastings of Suffield."

7. ii. Cynthia W., born Feb. 23, 1817, died June 8, 1902, since the sentence above quoted was written.

7. iii. Elizabeth, born Jan. 31, 1819, died Jan. 5, 1899.

7. iv. Norman Jun., born Sept. 16, 1821, died Feb. 20, 1902.

7. v. Meshach W., born July 6, 1825.  
 7. vi. Lucy Jane, born Dec. 1, 1829.  
 7. II. Cynthia Ball was married to Wm. C. Clark,  
 Dec. 1843.

Children:

8. i. Willie, born Nov. 8, 1845, died Jan. 27, 1852.  
 8. ii. Ida E., born March 26, 1852, died Sept. 17, 1898.  
 7. III. Elizabeth Ball was married to Dexter Winter.  
 No children.  
 7. IV. Norman Jun., was married Nov. 15, 1849, to  
 Julia A. Merrill who died Aug. 1890. He afterward, Dec.  
 23, 1896, married Mrs. Nancy B. Hull. No children.  
 7. V. Meshach W. Ball married, Jan. 28, 1857, Ann  
 C. Judson.

Children:

8. i. Lewis J., born Aug. 18, 1858.  
 8. ii. Betsey or Bessie A., born June 22, 1862.  
 8. iii. Norman A., born May 3, 1864, died May 28,  
 1872.  
 8. iv. May J., born July 31, 1870.  
 8. I. Lewis J. Ball married Gertrude Adams of West  
 Derby, Vt., Sept. 23, 1888.  
 Son: 9. i. Raymond Adams, born July 26, 1887.  
 7. VI. Lucy Jane Ball was married to J. C. Hastings  
 of Suffield. No children.

NOTE. In 1834 there were in the Baptist Sunday-school  
 of Agawam, in one class, Meshach Ball, his cousin Edwin

B. Warriner, Timothy H. Ball, Charles Bodurtha, and George King, all born in Agawam in 1825 and 1826. In August of 1881, Meshach Ball, Edwin B. Warriner of Illinois, and Timothy H. Ball of Indiana, the three survivors, met again for an hour in that Sunday-school and revived old and early associations. The three never met again, but two yet live. One writes this note.

6. II. Eli Ball Jun.

William Ball and Henry Ball of New York, by whom the Ball monument soon to be mentioned was erected, must have been his sons, as the line on that monument is Benjamin, Moses, Capt. Eli, Eli Jun., and then there is the name, Orpha Ball, about four years younger than Eli Jun; but of all these no further knowledge has as yet been obtained. As will be seen from the inscription, this Orpha Ball lived from 1793 to 1878.

Of the seven daughters of Capt. Eli Ball, two died in infancy, one was drowned in girlhood, two found homes in Springfield, Lucy Ball marrying Wm. Dewey, and the following are the records of the other two.

6. VII. Betsey Ball, born in 1799, became in 1833 or 1834 the second wife of Warren Chapin of Holyoke whose first wife was Merab Ball of the north parish, born in 1797, both of these great granddaughters of Benjamin Ball.

Son:

7. i. Judson Chapin. Not now living. For many years a business man in New York City.

He married a quite wealthy lady of that city, but the writer of this has failed to learn her name or any facts

concerning their children. This he regrets but cannot help.

6 IX. Desire Worthington Ball was married to Palmer Gallup, called "Scholar, Mathematician, Teacher, Musician," of Groton, Conn., May 22, 1828. Of her husband this note is given: "Palmer Gallup was a descendant of John Gallup and of Walter Palmer, pioneers of Boston Bay and Stonington. He died at Mystic River, his native place, Dec. 31, 1880, in his 80th year." His wife died Feb. 20, 1869.

"Children and Grandchildren of Palmer and Desire Ball Gallup"

7 i. Mozart Gallup, born May 25, 1829 at Agawam, now of Sandusky, Ohio, married first, Mary Bagg, at Elyria, Ohio, Aug. 9, 1855. She died July 13, 1857, leaving one son:

8 i. Frank Mozart, born Aug. 7, 1856. This son married Fanny Walker.

For his second wife M. Gallup married, July 29, 1862, Hannah M. Gilbert, who died Nov. 28, 1889, leaving a daughter, Mary Hortense, born Nov. 9, 1863.

The third wife was Gladys F. Oermeyer, to whom M. Gallup was married June 13, 1900. He is a member of the Sandusky Tool Company.

7 II. John Tafel Gallup, born March 13, 1832, married Jane E. Young, Nov. 1, 1858. For a time postmaster at Greenport, Long Island; "now of Brooklyn, N. Y."

## Children:

8. i. Edward W., born April 14, 1862.
  8. ii. Frank Seymour, born Sept. 25, 1866, married Jennie V. Dudley, and died in London.
  8. iii. Grace W., born May 23, 1868.
  8. iv. 8. v. Ray Clifford, Harry Wells, born Sept. 15, 1875.
7. III. Adaline M. Gallup, born May 6, 1834, married Levi Watrous, at Suffield, Conn., Dec. 27, 1859.

## Children:

8. i. Frederick Watrous, born Sept. 21, 1860, was married July 18, 1888, to Mary Catherine Davis.
  8. ii. Palmer Gallup Watrous, born Jan. 10, 1864, died April 7, 1898.
  8. iii. Clifford Mozart Watrous, born March 23, 1872, was married June 23, 1899.
7. IV. Hortense Desire Gallup, born Sept. 29, 1836, was married, at Suffield, Conn., Sept. 14, 1856, to Col. William S. Fish. He died in Glasgow, Scotland, April 10, 1879.

## Children:

8. i. Charles Palmer Fish, born Oct. 4, 1857. He was married, June 1, 1884 to Fanny Parks. He died Jan. 13, 1892.
8. ii. Helen Hortense, born July 2, 1861, died Oct. 19, 1862.

8. iii. William Louis, born Dec. 13, 1865. He married Edith C. Barnett.

8. iv. J. Hamilton, born Nov. 14, 1868, died July 7, 1885.

8. v. Edmund Livingstone, born Aug. 10, 1874, died in Glasgow, Scotland, Nov. 1, 1874.

8. vi. Walter T. Fish, born Feb. 21, 1876. He was married to Ellen Chuny Aug. 23, 1897.

7. V. Elizabeth M. Gallup, born Sept. 9, 1842, was married at Mystic, Conn., to Samuel Edgecombe, Oct. 17, 1863.

#### Children:

8. i. Fanny May, born Oct. 18, 1864. Married to M. W. Baker Dec. 21, 1887.

8. ii. Lizzie Chapin, born Nov. 5, 1866. Married Nathan N. Williams Jan. 1, 1890. He died Feb. 28, 1892, and Mrs. Williams, March 18, 1897, married Carl G. Gunderson.

8. iii. Martha Gates, born Oct. 25, 1868. She married Alden Fish Sept. 27, 1900.

8. iv. Abby Hortense, born March 5, 1873. Married Earl G. Batty Sept. 22, 1898.

8. vi. Luna Painter, born Feb. 17, 1876, married to Oscar E. Darling Nov. 14, 1896.

7. VI. James Palmer Gallup was born Jan. 21, 1845.

Of him, as a soldier, there is this record. James P. Gallup entered the Union Army in January, 1863, was in the First Connecticut Cavalry, became Orderly Sergeant,



was in several battles, at Winchester among others, and with Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. He was in the hospital at Kearnston, Virginia, and died Dec. 10, 1864. Burial in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic Bridge, Connecticut.

There are no doubt children in this line of the 9th generation, but only the children and grandchildren of Desire Worthington Ball had been requested for this record.

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Mrs. Edgcombe says of Eli Ball, who was called Capt. Ball, "He owned the ferry between the two Springfields and also carried on the business of freighting on the Connecticut River assisted by his sons. This business was probably established by his great-great-grandfather, Francis Ball, the pioneer, and carried on successively by his descendants."

This freighting must have been quite a small business in 1648, when Francis Ball was drowned, but in the next hundred and fifty years, and from 1800 to 1837 it attained large proportions, as the goods for the upper towns were taken up in boats to Jedediah Day's landing and then were carted around "the Falls," where is now and has been for many years the great Holyoke dam. The writer of these records became familiar with that landing place in 1835, (Mrs. Day was his grandmother's sister,) and with some legends and hunting stories of the generation before him, when the present city of Holyoke was only "Old Fields," without houses or inhabitants, and he concludes

that the men of his line who are yet to be named and those already mentioned, were active in various ways along some twelve miles of that beautiful river, for fully two hundred and fifty years. Even yet the name of "Hogpen Dingle," a noted place for wild game near that old Day landing, has a peculiar charm for his no longer young ears.

Mrs. Edgcombe also says: "In the ancient burying ground at West Springfield a fine monument of unique design, surmounted by a large ball suggestive of the name, was erected to the memory of the descendants of Francis Ball, by William and Henry Ball of New York, grandsons of Capt. Eli Ball."

The following inscriptions are here given, but taken from the large monument in Agawam, once West Springfield, to which Mrs. Edgcombe's words perhaps refer. Copied by Miss Ida Ferre of Agawam.

FROM THE BALL MONUMENT IN AGAWAM CEMETERY.

Benjamin Ball	1689-1773.
Moses        "	1733-1810.
Capt. Eli     "	1764-1844.
Eli           "    Jr.	1789-1849.
Orpha        "	1793-1878.

FROM OLD HEAD-STONES.

Mrs. Lucy wife of Moses Ball, died June 20, 1807, age

Lucy wife of Eli Ball, died April 20, 1838, aged 65

Cynthia daughter of Eli and Lucy Ball, was drowned Dec. 13, 1806, aged 16.

Margaret daughter of Capt. Eli and Lucy Ball, died Aug. 11, 1808, aged 2 yrs. 1 mo.

Cynthia daughter of Capt. Eli and Lucy Ball died Dec. 21, 1808, aged 11 months.

The line of Benjamin Ball, who become a resident of the north parish of West Springfield in 1745, is now resumed through his second son, Charles.

4. II. CHARLES BALL, born in 1725, was married to Ruth Miller in 1757, so far as records show. Mrs. Ruth Ball died in May, 1795, then 68 years of age. Charles Ball, too far advanced in life for a soldier in the war, was in 1777 one of the Selectmen of the town, at that time 52 years of age. He died Oct. 12, 1795.

Children:

5. i. Ruth, born in 1758. It is said of her, by one who knew her, that she was "gay, lively, and cheerful in her disposition," but was an invalid, confined to her bed for twelve long years, and died in April, 1806, being 47 years of age.

5. ii. Charles, born in 1760.

5. iii. Heman, born in 1764. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1794, studied theology with Dr. Lathrop of West Springfield, became pastor of the Congregational

church in Rutland, Vermont, received in 1816 the degree of Doctor of Divinity, was never married, and died, "universally lamented," while sitting in his chair, Dec. 18, 1821, only 57 years of age.

5. II. CHARLES BALL, born 1760, is the only one through whom any of the descendants of the first Charles Ball are to be traced, and probably all of his descendants can now be named and numbered. Born in what is now the town of Holyoke, nine years after the planting of the elm tree that was to become noted, he was married to Merab Miller June 3, 1787.

Children:

- 6. i. Charles, born April 28, 1788, died April 29, 1788.
- 6. ii. Charles, born Oct. 14, 1789.
- 6. iii. Francis, born March 5, 1792.
- 6. iv. Hervey, born Oct. 16, 1794.
- 6. v. Merab, born Jan. 31, 1797.
- 6. vi. Edwin, born Aug. 27, 1799, died Sept. 18, 1801.
- 6. vii. Ruth, born Aug. 16, 1801, died Aug. 20, 1803.
- 6. viii. Ruth 2d, born April 10, 1804, died Nov. 2, 1814.
- 6. ix. Edwin Heman, born Aug. 19, 1809.

The father of these nine children, known as Lieut. Charles Ball, too young to become a Major or a Captain as did some of his kindred, nevertheless, before the Revolutionary War closed became a soldier and was in the latter part of his life a Pensioner of the Revolution. This is his record: Charles Ball was sergeant in Capt. John Car-

penter's Company. He enlisted April 26, 1780, and was discharged Dec. 27, 1780. In service 8 months on guard duty at Springfield. See "Soldiers of the Revolution." He was when discharged 20 years of age. According to the West Springfield Centennial, 1874, he was town Moderator in 1814, Representative at Boston,—“Lieut. Charles Ball, 1806, 08, 09, 11, 12, 16, 20, 27,”—nine times.

He died July 3, 1838. Age 78 years. His wife died May 4, 1838.

6. II. CHARLES BALL was married to Sarah Rowe Ashley, —(usually called Sally), her grandmother a member of the Rowe family, —Jan. 18, 1810. He died March 16, 1860. Among the “Selectmen” of West Springfield is the name “Charles Ball Jr. 1833, 34.” Mrs. Ball, his wife, died Aug. 25, 1868. Age 77 years.

#### Children:

7. i. Charles Rowe, born Nov. 6, 1810.
7. ii. Ruth Jeannette, born Dec. 8, 1813.
7. iii. Harvey, born June 2, 1816.
7. iv. Hiram, born June 2, 1816, died Oct. 5, 1846.
7. v. William Leroy, born 1821.
7. vi. Sarah Pamela, born 1823.
7. vii. Caroline Victoria, born June 6, 1839.

7. I. CHARLES ROWE BALL was married to Louisa Dunham Oct. 27, 1842. In 1837, then twenty-six years of age, he became a pioneer settler with his uncle Hervey Ball at the Red Cedar Lake in Indiana. He was for a

time a teacher in Porter Co., Indiana. After his marriage he became an early settler and a farmer in Cook Co., Ill., near Chicago. His land became valuable. He removed a short distance into the town of Norwood, made his home with one of his sons, and there died April 5, 1900, in the 70th year of his age.

Children:

- 8. i. Charles, born Dec. 27, 1843.
  - 8. ii. Dunham, born Aug. 25, 1845. Married a Southern girl in Louisiana. Died Jan. 31, 1865.
  - 8. iii. J. Wesley, born Sept. 22, 1848.
  - 8. iv. Leavitt, born May 31, 1853.
  - 8. v. David Morris, born June 17, 1855.
  - 8. vi. Marcellus, born July 15, 1862.
8. III. J. Wesley Ball was married to Willie S. Benjamin of Lafayette, Ind.

Children:

- 9. i. Lillian, born in 1874, died Sept. 5, 1878 at her grandfather's home in the town of Jefferson, Ill.
- 9. ii. Bell, born about 1878.
- 9. iii. Bessie, born about 1880.

While these two girls were quite young, about 1883, their mother died.

The father and the daughters, the two girls having been educated in the Norwood schools, are now in Utah, where Bell Ball became a teacher. In her girlhood she wrote for a Chicago paper.

8. V. David M. Ball was married, May 26, 1880, to Laura E. Charboneau.

Son:

9. Arthur, born Oct. 4, 1881.

D. M. Ball is a lawyer in the city of Chicago, and is coming into prominence in political life.

8. VI. Marcellus Ball received a theological education. He was married in 189- to Mattie Lemon. He commenced preaching in the West. His wife died and his life was quite changed by her death.

7. II. Ruth Jeannette Ball was married to Daniel Leavitt, (born Nov. 16, 1813,) Sept. 8, 1838. He died July 27, 1859, and his wife died Aug. 6, 1893, then nearly 80 years of age.

Children:

8. i. Charles Daniel, born July 9, 1841.

8. ii. Benning, born Aug. 23, 1843.

8. iii. Olive, born Aug. 23, 1843.

8. I. Charles D. Leavitt married Louisa Upham Dec. 5, 1862.

Daughter:

9. i. Lilla Olive, born Sept. 23, 1863. Married to Leon Wood.

8. II. B. Leavitt married Delia Hare Oct. 15, 1878.

## Children:

- 9 i Ruth Jeannette, born July 19, 1883.
- 9 ii Charlotte Anna, born May 10, 1886.
- 8 III Olive Leavitt was married, Sept. 30, 1861, to Wm. Dunbar. She was again married, Nov. 9, 1874, to Wm. Turner.
- 7 III Harvey Ball, of whom there is not much record, died several years ago and was buried at Norwood near Chicago, where his oldest brother lived. He left a daughter, Ella Ball, who also died many years ago and left a daughter Emma Kroll, living in Michigan.
- 7 V William Leroy Ball, who lived and died on the old homestead, and was twice married. His first wife was Betsey Clapp, who died Nov. 7, 1870, then 39 years of age. The second was Jane Pomeroy, now living in Holyoke.
- 7 VI Sarah Pamela Ball was married to Samuel Allyn. She died April 3, 1866, leaving a daughter.
- 8 i Virginia Pamela Allyn died Aug. 4, 1874 at the early age of 24 years.
- She had enjoyed the advantages which money confers of travel in foreign lands, spent some time in Berlin, had a likeness taken there by the court photographer, which she afterwards gave to the writer of these records, (her mother, whom she then represented, a very gentle and delicate girl, having been one of his favorite playmates in 1835,) and she returned from Europe to her native land



and to the home location of Benjamin Ball in 1745, to see again her kindred and to die. Her mother's cousin writes for her memorial record, A NOBLE GIRL.

7. VII. Caroline Victoria Ball was married to Hobert Philo Street, Nov. 18, 1860.

Children:

8. i. Charles Philo, born July 21, 1861, died Nov. 24, 1863.

8. ii. Philo Williams, born Sept. 27, 1865.

8. iii. Hobert Ashley, born Nov. 20, 1870, died Aug. 21, 1872.

8. II. Philo Williams Street, was married, April 1893, to Sarah A. Chalmers who died in May, 1893. In July, 1894, he married Mrs. Sara N. Barber, whose maiden name was Payne. He is a physician, residing a few miles south of South Hadley Falls, the residence of his father and mother, in the state of Connecticut. Electric cars are now running from his mother's home through Holyoke, West Springfield, and Agawam, so that visits are easily exchanged. The Basin of the Connecticut Valley is not what it was in the Indian times of 1745; nor yet what it was in 1835.

"The old order changeth."

6. III. FRANCIS BALL was married to Adah Smith of Conway, Mass.

This family removed from West Springfield, Holyoke now, to Illinois in 1836 or 1837. Francis Ball died not

far from Bloomington in October, 1838, and his wife Feb 8, 1842.

Children:

- 7 i. Hephzibah, born ---, died in 1850.
- 7 ii. Spencer, born ---, died 1890.
- 7 iii. Merab, born April 12, 1827.
- 7 iv. Rodolphus, born ---, died 1855.
- 7 v. Francis, born Dec. 13, 1831.

7 I. Hephzibah Ball was married to Lewis Porter. Date not known. In 1849 they left Illinois for California where Mrs. H. Ball Porter died in 1850, leaving two children, 8. i. Alvira, and 8. ii. Lewis. Concerning these no further information has reached their uncle Francis Ball at Bloomington. As the Porter family went to California at a good time for getting gold, it is quite probable that Lewis Porter, Jun., or some of his descendants shared in the results of that early gold harvest.

7 II. Spencer Ball married Jane Walthal. He lived for a time in Central Indiana, afterward, including 1858, in Missouri, and finally in Texas.

Children:

- 8. i. Nannie, born June 4, 1856.
- 8. ii. James F., born Aug. 24, 1860.
- 8. iii. Walter E., born Sept. 22, 1864.
- 8. iv. Isabell, born June 22, 1867.
- 8. v. Ira, born June 22, 1867, died in the summer of 1877.

8. I. Nannie Ball married her cousin George S. Parmele about 1897.

Children:

9. i. Hoyt F., born Nov. 11, 1878.
9. ii. Myrtle M., Feb. 11, 1880.
9. iii. Clarence S., July 1, 1881.
9. iv. Seth L., Dec. 11, 1882, died June 19, 1896.
9. v. Edgar C., May 7, 1885.

8. II. James F. Ball married Ella E. Reason about 1883.

Children:

9. i. Charley D., born July 20, 1884.
9. ii. Ethel, born Nov. 12, 1886.
9. iii. Essie, born Aug. 7, 1889.
9. iv. Frank, born April 1891.
9. v. Mettie, born Aug. 5, 1892.
9. vi. Jimmie, born Oct. 1897.

8. III. Walter E. Ball married Virgie Armstrong, probably in 1890.

Children:

9. i. Lena, born Oct. 1891.
9. ii. Edith, born January 1893.
9. iii. Essie, born Nov. 9, 1896.
9. iv. Margie, born Sept. 7, 1899.

8. IV. Isabell Ball was married, probably in 1886, to John Davis. She died in the spring of 1889.

9. i. Daughter: Lela Davis, born Oct. 1887.

7 III Merab Ball was married, probably in 1844, to Lucius Parmele, who was born April 4, 1818, and died April 7, 1902. She died Dec. 1, 1894.

Children:

- 8 i Luman E., born July 29, 1845.
- 8 ii Adelaide M., born May 7, 1848.
- 8 iii Clara B., born July 19, 1851.
- 8 iv George S., born May 19, 1853.
- 8 v Emily S., born Nov. 8, 1855.
- 8 vi Almira, born Nov. 24, 1857, died Aug. 22, 1880.
- 8 vii Gilbert H., born July 25, 1859, died Aug. 7, 1897.
- 8 viii Charles F., born May 25, 1862.
- 8 ix Julia A., born Feb. 5, 1864.
- 8 x Lucius C., born April 6, 1866.
- 8 xi Rufus W., born Oct. 3, 1869.

Six sons and five daughters.

There are no doubt many, in this line, of the ninth generation, but it is impracticable to get their names or number for this record. Two of these grandsons of Francis Ball of Illinois are living in Oregon, George Parmele and Lucius Parmele; and two of the granddaughters, Mrs. Adelaide Sparks and Mrs. Clara B. Wordel, are living in South Dakota; and they and the five others, probably have several children.

7 IV Francis Ball married Mary Judy who died June 16, 1888.

## Children:

8. i. Mary C., born May 21, 1855, died Aug. 7, 1856.
8. ii. David T., born Oct. 1, 1856, died July 28, 1886.
8. iii. Lewis A., born April 14, 1858, died Oct. 25, 1861.
8. ix. Henry W., born Feb. 28, 1873. Has been living in Sioux City, Iowa.

Mrs. Nancy C. Ball is the present wife of Francis Ball.

Mrs. George S. Parmele, oldest child of Spencer Ball, lives in Johnson, Oregon.

6. IV. HERVEY BALL, born in 1794, was married to Jane Ayrault Horton of Agawam, born in 1804, only daughter of Dr. Timothy Horton, Nov. 11, 1824. He was a graduate of Middlebury College, Vermont, and she was carefully educated in the best schools of that day in Hartford, Connecticut. For some years after their marriage their home was in the county seat of Columbia county, Georgia, where he, known as Col. Hervey Ball, practiced law.

After 1837 their home was in Lake county, Indiana, at the Red Cedar Lake. Hervey Ball had retired from the practice of law and had settled on a claim which afterwards became a farm, situated on the west side of a very beautiful lake, which in 1837 was wild, and very attractive, where the family became true pioneers, learning well the ways of pioneer life. In a few years H. Ball was elected to the office of judge, and bore the title of Judge Ball the remainder of his life. He died Oct. 13, 1868. Mrs. J. A. H. Ball died Oct. 14, 1880.

## Children:

- 7 i Timothy Horton, born in Agawam, Mass., at his grandfather's, Feb. 10, 1826.
- 7 ii Elisabeth Hammer, born in Georgia Aug., 25, 1829.
- 7 iii Heman, born in Georgia, Jan. 15, 1832.
- 7 iv Charles, born April 15, 1834, at his grandfather's in Agawam.
- 7 v James Hervey, born at his grandfather's in Agawam, Sept. 11, 1836.
- 7 vi Mary Jane, born at the Red Cedar Lake, Oct. 25, 1839.
- 7 vii Henrietta, born Dec. 7, 1841, at the Red Cedar Lake.

For the home life of this family see "Lake of the Red Cedars" published at Crown Point, Indiana, in 1880.

7 i T. H. Ball was married April 19, 1855, to Martha C. Creighton of Clarke county, Alabama, by her father, Rev. Hiram Creighton.

## Children:

8 i Herbert Saurin, born at his grandfather's home at the Red Cedar Lake, July 6, 1856. He graduated at the Bennett Medical College of Chicago in 1884.

8 ii Georgietta Ethberta, was born in Newton Center, Massachusetts, Jan. 1, 1861. She became a music teacher in early youth, and taught instrumental and vocal

music for several years and was church organist. She was married, May 31, 1897, by her father, Rev. T. H. Ball, to Rev. I. Walter Martin of Clarke county, Alabama, then Baptist pastor in Kentucky.

Children:

9. i. Horton Cunningham, born Oct. 4, 1898, at the home of his grandfather in Crown Point, Indiana.

9. ii. Muriel Creighton was born in Muncie, Indiana, in the parsonage, May 14, 1901.

7. II. Elisabeth H. Ball was married by Rev. Norman Warriner of Papaw Grove, Illinois, July 27, 1854, to Judge Richard J. Woodard then a merchant of Clarke county, Alabama.

In that county, in academic school work, in church and mission work, in all enterprises for good, Mrs. Woodard exerted a large influence to last beyond her generation. She was a good letter writer, skillful like her mother in using pen or pencil or paint brush, a successful teacher, an active Christian woman. She died Oct. 21, 1895. In a notice of her death it was said: "In her children and grandchildren, in the Sunday school and church, in mission work, and for long years in this world, though her name be forgotten, the influence of Mrs. E. H. Ball Woodard will live."

Of many who pass away from us it may be truly said,

"The good begun by thee shall onward flow  
In many a branching stream and broader grow."

Children:

8 i. Marietta Hammer, usually called Lillie, born April 4, 1856.

8 ii. Eugenie Horton, born Dec. 27, 1857.

8 iii. Charles Hervey, born Nov. 16, 1860.

8 iv. Adelaide Rivers, born March 28, 1863.

These four born at Grove Hill.

8 v. Carrie Eloise, born at her grandfather's home at Red Cedar Lake, Jan. 16, 1869.

8 I. Marietta or Lillie H. Woodard was married at Grove Hill, Dec. 19, 1877, by Rev. T. H. Ball, to David Augustus Chapman, who was born near Grove Hill Oct. 19, 1851.

Children:

9 i. Hattie Strother, born Oct. 10, 1878, died Jan. 30, 1880.

9 ii. Charles Rivers, born April 20, 1880.

9 iii. Richard John, born Feb. 14, 1882.

9 iv. Mary Eloise, born Oct. 29, 1887.

9 v. David Augustus, born Oct. 20, 1891, died Nov. 22, 1891.

All born at Grove Hill, Alabama, the family now residing at Corsicana, Texas.



8. II. Eugenie Horton Woodard was married to Dr. Gross S. Chapman, by Rev. T. H. Ball, Nov. 26, 1879, at Grove Hill. The home of Dr. Chapman is now at Jackson, Alabama, where his children attend the Jackson Agricultural College. His range of practice is extensive.

Children:

9. i. James Horton, born Nov. 5, 1881.
9. ii. Leiland Woodard, born Jan. 2, 1884.
9. iii. Jesse Pugh, born Sept. 26, 1885.
9. iv. Helen Adelaide, born July 24, 1887, died when about seven years of age. An interesting, promising child.
9. v. Frances Elisabeth, usually called Bessie, born Aug. 14, 1888.
9. vi. Jeannette Ball, born Jan. 18, 1893.
9. vii. Eugenie Ayrault, born July 17, 1896.

8. III. Charles H. Woodward—having inserted one letter in his name,—became a resident of Brownwood, Texas in February, 1882. He married Mary Lita Martin, daughter of Caleb T. and Lucy W. Martin of Martinsburg, Mo., Sept. 25, 1887.

He has been successful in business, is now in charge of telephone lines, having himself a system of 260 'phones and 110 miles of toll lines, besides being local agent for three other lines, these bringing him in a net income of over \$500 per month.

## Children:

- 9 i. Lucille Elizabeth, born Oct. 15, 1888.
- 9 ii. Lucy Tinsley, born Aug. 23, 1890.
- 9 iii. Marie Adine, born Jan. 12, 1893.

These three girls are now receiving their education in the Baptist College at Brownwood, near which is their pleasant city residence.

8. IV. Adelaide Rivers Woodard was married to Arthur Bethea Miller Oct. 26, 1881. Their home is at Alvin, Texas, and they were among the sufferers in the great Galveston flood.

## Children:

- 9. i. Charles Bethea, born Aug. 2, 1882, died Sept. 14, 1884.
- 9. ii. Georgietta Eloise, born Dec. 6, 1884.
- 9. iii. Mary Grey, born Sept. 8, 1887.
- 9. iv. Murray Woodard, born June 27, 1890.
- 9. v. James Harold B., born March 9, 1893.
- 9. vi. Lucius Vernon, born Sept. 30, 1895.
- 9. vii. Horton Chapman, born Jan. 16, 1898.
- 9. viii. Roy Everett, born Jan. 16, 1902.
- 9. x. Ruth Evelyn, born Jan. 16, 1902.

8. V. Carrie Eloise, Woodard was married Dec. 19, 1888 to Dr. Samuel Robert Bonner of Camden, Alabama. He died Dec. 24, 1890. She married Feb. 1, 1893, William Andrew Carter. No children.

7. III. Heman Ball when fourteen years of age began to suffer with an affliction in his eyes which proved to be incurable, and then his lungs became diseased. He had much bodily suffering but a triumphant spirit, and died on Monday, Aug. 27, 1854, twenty-two years of age. A sketch of his life can be found in the "Lake of the Red Cedars."

7. IV. Charles Ball having been a college student, became a soldier in the Union Army in 1863, was Second Lieutenant and Sergeant-Major of the 12th Indiana Cavalry, passed through the dangers of war, returned home on sick furlough, and died on Sept. 12, 1865. Memorials of him as a Christian soldier are in "Lake of the Red Cedars," pages 163, 164, and elsewhere. These statements are quoted:

"In his regiment he had been recognized distinctly as a Christian. Amid the temptations and perils of a soldier's life \* \* \* he had preserved his character unsullied, had maintained his principles inviolate; and with the pureness of his unstained boyhood, with the refined delicacy of his sensitive nature, all unchanged, he was privileged to enter upon his last sleep sharing the fulness of a mother's and a sister's love."

"The burial was masonic and military."

"The citizens of Crown Point were very kind and attentive to the wants of the family in this their great grief."

7. V. James Hervey Ball was married to Miss Harrie Bridgeman of Chicago, Sept. 1, 1880.

## Daughter:

8 1 Edith Elisabeth, born June 16, and died Aug. 14, 1881.

The mother followed the child in a few short weeks.

James H. Ball is now a lawyer and Probate Judge in Scott, Scott county, Kansas. He graduated at the Law School of the University of Chicago in one of its earlier classes, 1871.

7 VI Mary Jane Ball was married to Dr. Andrew S. Cutler at the Lake home, Dec. 16, 1869, just at the close of its occupancy by the Ball family. They reside at Kankakee, Ill. They have no children. Mrs. Cutler graduated from the Ladoga Female Seminary. She is skilled in using pen and pencil.

7 VII Henrietta Ball graduated at the Indianapolis Female Institute in June, 1861, returned to her home in Lake county, spent some time in teaching, and died Jan. 27, 1863. Her memorial is in the "Lake of the Red Cedars."

The seven children of Judge Ball were all educated, largely at home, five of them sharing the advantages offered by institutions of learning which were accessible, and six of them were teachers in schools and academies in Indiana and Alabama. The grandchildren have had many advantages and all seek the cultivation characterizing their immediate ancestors.

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For the sake of quite a number whom it will interest the Huguenot line of the Judge Ball family is here inserted.

Mrs. Jane Ayrault H. Ball was the daughter of Mrs. Elisabeth Horton who was born in 1769 and who died in 1846, who was the daughter of Mrs. Elisabeth Ayrault Hanmer, born in 1749, dying in 1837, who was the daughter of Peter Ayrault, born in 1702, who was the son of Dr. Nicholas Ayrault, born in 1656, a Huguenot refugee, who came, (probably) from Rochelle, about 1686, after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, to Providence, Rhode Island, where he married Marian Breton, the daughter of a prosperous merchant from the south of France. The Ayrault wedding ring descends to the oldest daughter of each generation, and has passed through the hands of Elisabeth Ayrault, Elisabeth Hanmer, Jane Ayrault Horton, Elisabeth Hanmer Ball, and Marietta Hanmer Woodard, and is now the property of Mary Eloise Chapman of Corsicana, Texas.

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6. V. Merab Ball was married to Warren Chapin of Holyoke who was born June 26, 1788 and died June 8, 1870. Date of marriage about 1822. Merab Ball Chapin died Feb. 5, 1832.

The marriage of Warren Chapin to Betsey Ball, also called Elizabeth Ball in the Chapin record, has been already mentioned among the descendants of Moses and of

Ed Ball Page 31 had been printed but a few hours when the Chapin record reached Crown Point. The more full record will therefore be given here.

Children:

- 7 i. Mary, born 1824, died unmarried, July 6, 1859.
- 7 ii. Jane, born about 1826, died unmarried Oct. 29, 1878.
- 7 iii. Asabel, born in 1829, died in Nov. 1883.
- 7 iv. Warren, born in 1832, died July 3, 1902.

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7 v. Son of Betsey or Elizabeth Ball Chapin: Henry Judson, born about 1835, died Sept. 1895.

7 III. Asabel Chapin was a clerk in New York City in 1851, and there met with his cousin, Elisabeth H. Ball, from Red Cedar Lake, then visiting at the home of her mother's brother, H. H. Horton, a city merchant; and by her he was introduced to her cousin, Louise Jane Horton, whom he married about 1854; and, in the course of years, became, with his brother Warren, a large lumber dealer in the city of New York, the firm, in the years including 1870, doing a large amount of business.

Children:

- 8 i. Lillian Louise, born in May, 1856.
- 8 ii. Horton Ayrault, born Aug. 6, 1860.
- 8 iii. Asabel, born July 2, 1867.

8. I. Lillian Louise Chapin was married in April, 1886, to James Stratton Carpenter, M. D. of Pottsville, Pa.

Children:

- 9. i. James Stratton, born in 1887.
- 9. ii. Chapin, born 1889.
- 9. iii. Gertrude born and died in infancy.
- 9. iv. Lillian.

8. II. Horton A. Chapin married Oct. 30, 1888, Maud Cheever Allen. They reside in Oradell, N. J.

Children:

- 9. i. Horton Ayrault, born Nov. 27, 1890, died in July 1891.
- 9. ii. Helen Tudor, born Oct. 19, 1891.

8. III. Asahel Chapin married June 25, 1902, Laura Elizabeth Shultz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton M. Shultz, of the city of New York. They also will reside at Oradell, New Jersey.

As the name Ayrault indicates, the descendants of Asahel Chapin trace back one line through Louise Jane Horton, as do the Judge Ball family, to Dr. Nicholas and Marian Ayrault the Huguenots. Also an untraced line is claimed back to the Tudors.

7. IV. Warren Chapin, whose late residence was in Tarrytown, N. Y., married Harriet Sisson. Son. 8. Warren Blanchard, born in 1860.

8. Warren Blanchard Chapin, M. D., residing at 52 West 104th Street, N. Y., married Madeline ———.

Children:

9. i. Josephine, born 1886. 9. ii. Madeline. 9. iii. Warren. 9. iv. Reginald. 9. v. Godfrey.

7. V. Henry Judson Chapin, whose home was at Montclair, N. J., married Elizabeth A. Christy.

Children:

- 8. i. Henry Judson, born July 1868.
- 8. ii. Thomas Christy, born Nov. 1871.
- 8. iii. Warren Winthrop, born May 25, 1875.
- 8. iv. Mabel Elizabeth, born May 2, 1877.

8. I. Henry Judson Chapin, residing in New York City, married, April 19, 1897, Harriet T. Wilson. Daughter: 9. Julia, born May, 1898.

8. II. Thomas Christy Chapin, residing in Boston, Mass., married Annie Howard, June 9, 1899.

Children:

- 9. i. Ruth, born in April, 1900.
- 9. ii. Barbara, born in January, 1902.

8. IV. Mabel E. Chapin was married April 11, 1900, to William Hardy Eshbaugh. They reside at Montclair, New Jersey. Daughter: 9. Elizabeth, born in March 1902.



6. IX. EDWIN HEMAN BALL, youngest child of Lieut. Charles Ball, born in 1809, remained with his father and mother till their death in 1838, and inherited the homestead where his great grandfather, Benjamin Ball, had settled in 1745, and where was the great elm tree of the north parish, on the old stage road from Northampton to Hartford, on which, once much travelled road, on a high hill and a broad one, nine miles south, was the residence of Dr. Timothy Horton, a contemporary of Lieut. Charles Ball and, like him, sometimes one of the Selectmen, Representative in 1807, 1810, and 1811, and delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1820. [Perhaps the writer of this, now 76 years of age, may be excused for saying, that over this nine miles of road, uniting the homes of his two grandfathers, he when a child delighted to travel. It is certainly one of the beautiful portions of New England, in the very "Basin" of the Connecticut River Valley. And the writer of this has seen the river flow out from Connecticut Lake, and has followed its windings through the "intervals" or narrow valley, for many a mile westward and southward.]

The town of Holyoke was formed, the city of Holyoke came into existence, and Edwin Heman Ball became quite wealthy. He was Representative in 1838. He was known in his later life as Col. Ball of Holyoke. He was married to Phoebe Frink, a daughter of one of the leading men of that parish, Jan. 1, 1830.

## Children:

- 7 i. Helen Sophia, born Oct. 4, 1830.
- 7 ii. Infant son, born Feb. 15, died March 22, 1832.
- 7 iii. Edwin Heman, Jun., born Dec. 9, 1833. He graduated as a physician. His health failed. He visited at Judge Ball's at the Red Cedar Lake, on his way to Texas, hoping there to recover his health, and died March 30, 1856. He was a promising young man.
- 7 iv. James Rowe, born Jan. 28, 1836.  
He has never married. He holds the old Benjamin Ball homestead. Is reputed to be quite wealthy.
- 7 v. Alice Evaline, born June 17, 1840.

Mrs. Phoebe Ball, who was born April 13, 1808, died March 30, 1842.

As the then young Alice and the home needed a mother's care, Edwin H. Ball married, July 14, 1842, Eurydice Ely of the same parish, who proved to be an excellent mother and a noble woman.

## Children continued:

- 7 vi. Jube Henry, born March 22, 1843.
- 7 vii. Francis Wayland, born April 29, 1847.
- 7 viii. Lucy Merab, born March 3, 1849, died July 10, 1850.
- 7 ix. Charles Ely, born Feb. 21, 1852.
- 7 x. Gilman Kimball, born April 29, 1854.

Col. E. H. Ball died Jan. 9, 1899, nearly 80 years of age. In church relationship he was a Baptist, as are quite largely the other members of the West Springfield family.

7. I. Helen S. Ball was married to James F. Allyn of Holyoke, Jan. 1, 1852.

Children:

8. i. William James, born Nov. 24, 1852, died Jan. 14, 1902.

8. ii. Edwin Heman, born July 23, 1856.

8. iii. James, born March 20, 1858, died Oct. 16, 1860.

8. iv. Nellie Eurydice, born Nov. 26, 1860, died June 30, 1872.

8. v. Infant son, born July 9, and died July 19, 1863.

8. vi. Charles Gilman, born Nov. 12, 1865.

8. vii. David Fowler, born Sept. 18, 1872.

8. I. William James Allyn, oldest grandson of Col. Ball, was married to Miss Katie M. Beck, March 19, 1873. She died Jan. 10, 1874.

A REMINISCENCE. Genealogy, dry as it is often considered, may yet in its records admit of brief views into life, even as the Bible genealogies give sometimes large pictures in a few words. The following is condensed from a "Prairie Voice" editorial, called "A Glance into Real Life."

In the early fall of 1872 three young ladies, each about twenty years of age, each possessing more than ordinary talents and attractions, met at the home of Mrs. Ball in

Crown Point. They were Miss Alice Grant and Miss Katie Beck of Chicago, who were Mrs. Ball's guests for some time, and Miss Mary Marsh, a sister of Prof. Marsh of Yale College, who became one of Mrs. Ball's particular young friends, and who at her home formed the acquaintance of the other two. A pleasant acquaintance this seemed to be for all in that glorious autumn time, and then they separated, these three representative young maidens, to meet no more. Miss Grant was an Episcopalian, Miss Marsh a Presbyterian, and Miss Beck a Baptist. Miss Beck's father and mother were not living, she was in independent circumstances, and the three before they separated talked of their various plans for a few months of travel. One soon went to Kansas, one to California and then to New Haven, and Miss Beck returned to Chicago, and, as the record above shows was married in March of 1873. Soon she "entered as a new daughter a luxuriant New England home in the city of Holyoke, a home into which she had glanced some three years before when as a girl of seventeen, fresh from the prairies of the West, as the guest of Col. E. H. Ball of Holyoke, she had made with his family a pleasant trip to the sea-side and to Martha's Vineyard." With them was Nellie Eurydice Allyn, and richly those two girls enjoyed that summer, knowing nothing of life's future as it would open before them. The record above shows when the life of each, in this world, terminated.

Some time afterward there came to Mrs. Ball at Crown Point some cards and some cake and the tidings that her friend, Miss Mary Marsh, was then on the Atlantic for a bridal tour in Europe. Here must this reminiscence end.

7. V. Alice E. Ball was married to Dr. Charles O. Carpenter, a son of Rev. Mark Carpenter and a brother of Rev. Dr. Chapin Carpenter a noted missionary in India and Japan, March 20, 1861. Dr. Carpenter was born in August, 1838, and has but recently died, March 7, 1902. The Holyoke Transcript says: "Dr. Carpenter stood at the head of his profession."

Children:

- 8. i. Kate Alice, born Oct. 29, 1866, died Aug. 23, 1867.
- 8. ii. Mark B., born Dec. 16, 1869.
- 8. iii. Alice Maud, born Oct. 19, 1871.
- 8. iv. Helen Katherine, born Sept. 30, 1873, died March 30, 1886.

7. VI. Jube H. Ball was married Nov. 20, 1867 to Missouri Ellen Beck who was born in Bethel, Ohio, July 12, 1844, daughter of Oliver and Jemina (South) Beck and sister of Katie M. Beck of Chicago.

Children:

- 8. i. Edwin Heman, born in Vinton, Iowa, Sept. 22, 1868.
- 8. ii. Katie Adelia, born July 7, 1870.
- 8. iii. William Henry, born in Park Ridge, Ill., Feb. 2, 1875.

8. iv James Rowe, born in Chicago, Aug. 1, 1879.

Mrs. M. E. Ball died Oct. 24, 1882. Jube H. Ball was married, Nov. 10, 1885, to Mrs. Adaline C. Allbright, daughter of Heman and Jane (West) Smith, born in Delaware, Wisconsin, Feb. 5, 1851.

Children:

8. v Jube Heman, born May 27, 1888 at Vinton, Iowa, the present residence of the family.

8. vi Charles Francis, born April 25, 1892, died March 7, 1895.

8. I Edwin H. Ball was married in March, 1892, to Lucla Lee who died in Oct. 1893, and in May, 1889, he married Mrs. Laura Smith Harris of Tennessee.

Children:

9. i William Livingston, born May 24, 1900.

9. ii Ely Chesly, born Aug. 10, 1901.

8. II Katie A. Ball was married, in June, 1900, to Albert J. Gallaher of Jefferson, Iowa.

9. i Son: Burrell Livingston, born April 28, 1901.

7. VII Francis Wayland Ball married Anna Wilbur in 1867.

Children:

8. i Francis Wayland, born Jan. 1, 1868. Married to Gertrude Kent. No children.

8. II. Frederick Taylor, born June 5, 1870. Married Effie Fowle, May 1897.

Children:

- 9. i. Florence Mildren, born March 30, 1898.
- 9. ii. Almena Frances, usually called Marian Ball.

8. III. Eurydice Ely, named after her grandmother Ball, born Nov. 24, 1871.

Eurydice E. Ball was married, probably in 1892, to Fred Leining of Holyoke.

Daughter:

- 9. i. Eloise Eurydice, born June 21, 1893.

7. I. Charles E. Ball was married in 1873 to Elvira F. Whiting of Holyoke. He has what is considered to be one of the most complete drug stores in the United States.

Children:

- 8. i. Charles Whiting, born June 29, 1874.
- 8. ii. James Rutherford, born Feb. 26, 1876, died Aug. 12, 1878.
- 8. iii. George Treadwell, born May 14, 1878.
- 8. iv. Harriet Elizabeth, born Dec. 5, 1879.
- 8. v. Benjamin, born April 13, 1881, died Feb. 10, 1883.
- 8. vi. Elvira Louise, born Aug. 20, 1884.
- 8. I. Charles W. Ball married, March 12, 1895, Ida May Crane who was born Oct. 30, 1873.

## Children:

- 9 i. Alice Crane, born April 8, 1896.
- 9 ii. Elvira Gertrude, born April 20, 1897.
- 9 iii. Charles Griswold, born Dec. 2, 1898.

7 X. Gilman Kimball Ball was married Dec. 20, 1877, to Emma Missouri Kennedy, daughter of Andrew and Laura (Warner) Kennedy, born in Richmond, Ill., July 27, 1854.

## Children:

- 8 i. Gilman Kimball Jun., born Aug. 30, 1879, at Pleasant Ridge, Nebraska.
- 8 ii. Benjamin Charles, born Jan. 2, 1881.
- 8 iii. Emma Ruth, born at Vinton, Iowa, Nov. 20, 1889.

Mrs. Ball, the mother, died June 22, 1898. One son remains at Vinton, the other with his sister returned to their father's birth place at Holyoke, and the father, G. K. Ball, having sold his Iowa farm, went to the far West.



## SPECIAL FEATURES IN ONE LINE.

Benjamin Ball, first settler of the Balls in Holyoke, was the grandson of Francis Ball and grandfather of Lieut. Charles Ball who was the grandfather of T. H. Ball whose grandson is Horton C. Martin. Starting with the last grandson, born Oct. 4, 1898, there are four grandfathers up to Francis Ball who died Oct. 3, 1648. There are just 250 years between the death of the first of the four grandfathers and the birth of the last of the four grandsons. One half of this period, 125 years, comes in between the death of the first grandfather, Francis, and the death of the grandson, Benjamin. Between the death of this second grandfather and the second grandson the interval of 65 years intervenes. From the time of the death of the third grandfather until now the number of years is 64 and the fourth grandfather and fourth grandson are both living, the latter nearly four years of age. This period of 250 years includes the life periods of only six generations, which gives 40 years in this line for a generation.

That it is quite impossible now, 260 years after the settlement of Francis Ball in Springfield—there was no West Springfield till 1774—, to gather up every Ball name and fix its position in the genealogical line, is evident; for even in 1707 two names are found, Lest Ball and Martha Ball, the latter about that time married to Benjamin Stebbins, neither of which names has a place in the Francis Ball genealogy. But there have now been named,

with a large amount of certainty, nearly all the descendants, living and dead, of Charles Ball, born in 1725, a great grandson of Francis Ball of 1640. Yet in the two generations between these, descendants of Capt. Jonathan Ball, who lacked four years of being a centenarian, and descendants even of Benjamin Ball, the first Ball settler in Holyoke, as the reader has seen, untraced lines branch off, and as yet, no one person can name or number the American descendants of some, surely, worthy Englishman who was the father of our ancestor, Francis. Perhaps his name was William, although that does not seem to have been a family name; perhaps an English ancestor was John, but that does not seem to be a family name in the line of Francis, even if one brother was named John; and yet John is evidently a Ball name, seventeen John Balls having been soldiers in the Revolutionary War, and one noted John Ball, a Puritan divine, quite a voluminous writer, was born in England in 1585, who died in 1640, "deserving," says Baxter, "as high esteem as any bishop in England," and another noted John Ball lived more than five hundred years ago, mentioned with honor by Froude in his "Annals of an English Abbey," and of whom Maurice of England says, "This remarkable man was the moving spring in the insurrection of 1381," preaching, as he did, to thousands at a time on "the brotherhood of mankind."

It seems as though some of Francis Ball's descendants ought to have been named JOHN.

We of the West Springfield family of Balls, having a certain record that takes us back two hundred and sixty years, to the shores of what was then stormy England, ought to make search for an English line of ancestry to take us back two hundred and forty more years to Kent or Canterbury, the home of the earliest Ball family of which this writer has found any record.

REMARKS. The thoughtful philosophic reader, in looking over genealogies, will be likely to notice how marriages, connecting different family lines, influence in different ways a branch of the main line.

In this West Springfield family, starting from Francis Ball and Abigail Burt, there soon came into the line two women, Ruth Miller and Merab Miller, both with Bible names. And as "Ruth the Moabitess" made quite a change in the Bible Messianic line, so these two members of the Miller family gave some change to the succeeding generations in the Ball family. Only a few years ago some definite knowledge could have been gained concerning what the writer of this believes to have been the nature of that change; but those possessing that knowledge have now passed from the earth.

Of the Miller family there were in 1707 Samuel Miller Sen., Samuel Miller Jun., John Miller, and Ebenezer Miller; and in 1756 Capt. Joseph Miller was member of a committee for presenting a petition to the General Court of Massachusetts Bay requesting that their parish be made

a town. It seems probable that Ruth Miller, married in 1757, was a daughter or sister of Capt. Joseph Miller.

The father of Merab Miller was John Miller, but as she was born about 1700, the John Miller who was twenty-one years of age in 1707 could not probably have been her father. Of this early Miller family she was probably a member. In 1835 the old Miller home was near the base of Mt. Tom.

A few other illustrations are these: Among the descendants of Hervey Ball the Huguenot blood of Jane Ayrault, influenced by the English Horton and Hanmer lines, has made its impress strong and full; as along with that blood there seem to go endurance, intelligence, artistic capability, and strong principle; and the two Lucys, Lucy King and Lucy Worthington, both of West Springfield, left their impress on the descendants of Moses Ball and Capt. Eli Ball. Then, when Desire Worthington Ball married the "Scholar," Palmer Gallup, it is natural that one of her daughters should be the literary and talented Mrs. Samuel Edgcombe of Mystic.

Perhaps the writer of these records may be excused for adding that among the many women who quite recently have come into the Ball line, Martha C. Creighton, distinctly of Scotch and Scotch-Irish descent, and of Southern birth, has had much to do in shaping life for two children and two grandchildren, and perhaps her influence will extend to yet other generations.

The difference in the growth or spread of families is

singular. While the living descendants of Alling Ball, it is claimed, now number thousands, those of Francis Ball, so far as at present traced, number only about 170.

And of these, among the descendants of the four brothers, Charles, Francis, Hervey, and Edwin Heman, of the sixth generation, there are few boys by the name of Ball. Of the descendants of Norman Ball of the sixth generation, the oldest of fourteen children of Capt. Eli Ball, the same is true. There are in these five families a few unmarried young men, and we ought to all hope that, in this line, the Ball name may not in future generations become extinct.

#### ADDENDUM.

Some items of interest have lately been received (July 16, 1902) from the research of a kind and very obliging Holyoke cousin, Miss H. Elizabeth Ball, which items are inserted here. From this research it appears that the grant of land mentioned on page 22 was made Nov. 21, 1701, and that it consisted of twenty-acres, and the writer adds that undoubtedly this same land is now held by James Rowe Ball of Holyoke. The land is described as "lying near the Great Falls." From the wording of the grant it appears that Jonathan Ball was then in possession of some land in that locality.

Another of these items states, which corroborates the inference in Suggestion 2, page 20, that Francis Ball when he came to Springfield purchased improvements on a lot

which became his own, which the Munn heirs wished to get from the Ball heirs; and the question was settled in court by Mrs. Stebbins' testimony, Feb. 12, 1690, when she was about 67 years of age. And, further, that some of the Ball land was purchased by the town for the first cemetery. On the land which Francis Ball first held were standing in 1898 the Chicopee bank building, the Hampden county-house, and the Elm Street Grammar School building. It also appears from these late researches that Francis Ball was one of twenty four subscribers to a fund for purchasing land from the Indians for the plantation of Springfield. And that he was an influential citizen would appear from the fact that in 1645 he was "on the committee to view Long Meadow in preparation for future division," and from the fact that in 1647 he was chosen at the February town meeting as one of the town surveyors.

October 3d of the next year his life suddenly ended on the anniversary day of his marriage four years before.

Some new or additional particulars appear, as the result of this research, in regard to Jonathan Ball. He was born at midnight, between the 6th day and 7th of October, 1645. His first wife was Sarah Miller, daughter of Thomas Miller. They were married March 13, 1673. She died Aug. 29, 1683. She was the mother of Sarah, born in 1673, who died in 1676; of Margaret who was born and who died in October, 1675; of Thomas, who died in the

year of his birth; of a second Sarah, who was born and who died in 1678; of Samuel, born 1680; and of two Jonathans who died in childhood. The children of the second wife were: Sarah, born in 1686, Francis, 1687, Benjamin, 1689, Jonathan, 1692, and Joseph, 1695. Samuel Ball married Margaret Jones, and after her death Ruth Soley. Francis Ball married Sarah Leonard, daughter of John Leonard. Benjamin Ball, born April 19, 1689, married Sarah Ferry. Written in Agawam Ferre. (This item adds much to the record on page 26.)

Jonathan, not the one born in 1683, but the one born in 1692, married Elizabeth Old. Joseph married Mercy Mae Cranny.

This last research has added another name to the children of Samuel Ball on page 22. His children as now given were: Mary, born in 1673, who married John Hitchcock; Francis, born in 1675, who married Martha Blachman; Elizabeth, born in 1677, who married Nathaniel Sikes; Mercy, born in 1679, who died in 1683; and Abigail, who became the wife and not mother of Moses Parsons.

Other items of interest are these: "Dec. 23, 1659 Jonathan and Samuel Ball were assigned seats in the church." One of these boys was then fourteen and the other twelve years of age. They were taught to attend church.

"April 28, 1693, Jonathan Ball was on the committee with Major Pyncheon and others to settle the boundary line between Northampton and Springfield."

Many thanks for these valuable items the author here returns to his fair Holyoke cousin; and also thanks to her sister, Miss Elvira Louise Ball, for the measurements of the Ball elm tree.

Anoter inscription has been received from Miss Ida H. Ferre of Agawam, who is herself a great granddaughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Ayrault Hanmer, and so a cousin to those of the Ayrault-Hanmer line. The inscription which she found on the stone in the West Springfield cemetery reads: "In memory of Francis Ball who died Oct. 21, 1757, in the 71st year of his age." This was evidently that Francis born in 1687. This cemetery, "the old first," was "begun about 1700."

Of course then, the body of the first Francis was buried on the east side of the river. "Cousin Ida" sends also the name of Charlotte Ball LePard, of New York, now living, quite evidently another descendant of Eli Ball Jun.

The inscription above was copied July 13, 1902.



## INDEX.

A complete index for this book is not here designed. Too much time would be required to make out a full one, and so a few names only will be inserted here to be of slight aid in finding different lines. Of given names the only truly Ball name is Francis. Jonathan, repeated more than once, is evidently a Burt name, and Charles, also several times repeated, proves nothing as to any English Charles. Other names besides Ball in these records are the following: Allyn, pages 42, 61, Baker 34, Batty 34, Carpenter 57, 63, Chapman 50, 51, Carter 52, Cutler 54, Chapin 55, Darling 34, Davis 45, Edgcombe 34, Eshbaugh 58, Fish 33, Gallnp 32, Gallaher 64, Gunderson 34, Leavitt 41, Leining 65, Martin 49, Miller 52, Porter 44, Parmele 45, 46, Street 43, Sparks 46, Watrous 33, Williams 34, Wordel 46, Woodard 49, Woodward 51.

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For Ayrault Huguenot line see page 55.

The following poem, from which a few lines have been quoted, is here inserted with the belief that it is not familiar to many of my kindred, and that at least my young cousins will appreciate it, and will love yet more the noble river on whose banks their first American ancestor settled and in the beautiful valley of which many of them yet reside.

I may add, for my Southern and Western kindred, that having bathed in the waters of the Mississippi, the Tombigbee, the Chattahoochie, the Potomac, and many less noted streams and in sunny lakes, there are no other American streams so dear to me as the Agawam and the Connecticut

T. H. B.

### CONNECTICUT RIVER.

(BRAINERD.)

From that lone lake, the sweetest of the chain  
That links the mountain to the mighty main,  
Fresh from the rock, and welling by the tree,  
Rushing to meet, and dare, and breast, the sea—  
Fair, noble, glorious river! in thy wave  
The sunniest slopes and sweetest pastures lave;  
The mountain torrent, with its wintry roar,  
Springs from its home and leaps upon thy shore;  
The promontories love thee—and for this  
Turn their rough cheeks, and stay thee for thy kiss.  
The blasts have rocked thy cradle, and in storm  
Covered thy couch, and swathed in snow thy form,  
Yet, blessed by all the elements that sweep

The clouds above, or the unfathomed deep,  
The purest breezes scent thy blooming hills,  
The gentlest dews drop in thy eddying rills;  
By the mossed bank, and by the aged tree,  
The silver streamlet smoothest glides to thee.

The young oak greets thee at the water's edge,  
Wet by the wave, though anchored in the ledge.  
—'Tis there the otter dives, the beaver feeds,  
Where pensive osiers dip their willowy weeds.  
And there the wild-cat purrs amid her brood,  
And trains them in the sylvan solitude,  
To watch the squirrel's leap, or mark the mink  
Paddling the water by thy quiet brink;  
Or to out-gaze the gray owl in the dark,  
Or hear the young fox practising to bark.

Dark as the frost-nipped leaves that strewed the ground,  
The Indian hunter here his shelter found;  
Here cut his bow and shaped his arrows true,  
Here built his wigwam, and his bark canoe,  
Speared the quick salmon, leaping up the fall,  
And slew the deer without the rifle ball.  
Here his young squaw her cradling tree would choose  
Singing her chant, to hush her swart pappoose;  
Here stain her quills, and string her trinkets rude,  
And weave her warrior's swampum in the wood.

No more shall they thy welcome water bless,  
No more their forms thy moonlit banks shall press,  
No more be heard, from mountain or from grove,  
His whoop of slaughter, or her song of love.

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Down sweeps the torrent ice— it may not stay  
By rock or bridge, in narrow or in bay—  
Swift, swifter to the heaving sea it goes,  
And leaves thee dimpling in thy sweet repose.

Yet as the unharmed swallow skims his way,  
And lightly drops his pinions in thy spray,  
So the swift sails shall seek thy inland seas,  
And swell and whiten in thy purer breeze,  
New paddles dip thy waters, and strange oars  
Feather thy wave, and touch thy noble shores.

Thy noble shores! where the tall steeple shines,  
At mid-day higher than thy mountain pines,  
Where the white school house with its daily drill  
Of sunburnt children smiles upon the hill;  
Where the neat village grows upon the eyes,  
Decked forth in nature's sweet simplicity—  
Where hard-won competence, the farmer's wealth,  
Gains merit honor, and gives labor health;  
Where Goldsmith's self might send his exiled band,  
To find a new "Sweet Auburn" in our land.

What Art can execute, or Taste devise,  
Decks thy fair course, and gladdens in thine eyes,  
As broader sweep the bendings of thy stream,  
To meet the southern sun's more constant beam.  
Here cities rise, and sea-washed commerce hails  
Thy shores, and winds with all her flapping sails  
From tropic isles, or from the torrid main,  
Where grows the grape, or sprouts the sugar-cane;  
Or from the haunts where the striped haddock play,  
By each cold northern bank and frozen bay.  
Here, safe returned from every stormy sea,  
Waves the striped flag, the mantle of the free;

—That star-lit flag, by all the breezes curled,  
Of yon vast deep, whose waters grasp the world.

In what Arcadian, what Utopian ground,  
Are warmer hearts or manlier feelings found;  
More hospitable welcome, or more zeal  
To make the curious "tarrying" stranger feel  
That, next to home, here best may he abide,  
To rest and cheer him by the chimney side;  
Drink the hale farmer's cider, as he hears  
From the gray dame the tales of other years;  
Cracking his shagbarks as the aged crone  
Mixes the true and doubtful into one,  
Tells how the Indian scalped the helpless child,  
And bore its shrieking mother to the wild;  
Butchered the father hastening to his home,  
Seeking his cottage—finding but his tomb:

How drums, and flags, and troops, were seen on high,  
Wheeling and charging in the northern sky,  
And that she knew what these wild tokens meant,  
When to the Old Frenh War her husband went.  
How, by the thunder-blasted tree was hid  
The golden spoils of far-famed Robert Kid;  
And then the chubby grandchild wants to know  
About the ghosts and witches long ago,  
That haunted the old swamp.

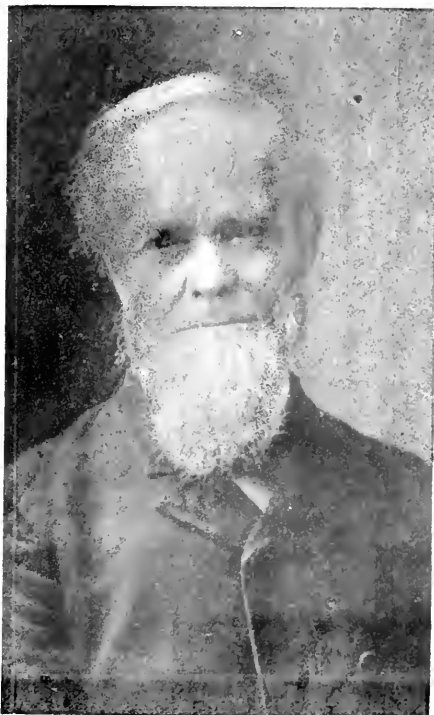
The clock strikes ten  
The prayer is offered, nor forgotten then  
The stranger in their gates: - a decent rule  
Of Elders in thy puritanic school.

When the fresh morning wakes him from his dream,  
And daylight smiles on rock, and slope, and stream,  
Are there not glossy curls, and sunny eyes  
As brightly lit and bluer than thy skies,  
Voices, as gentle as an echoed call,  
And sweeter than the softened waterfall,  
And lovely forms, as graceful and as gay  
As wild-brier budding in an April day?—

How like the leaves - the fragrant leaves it bears,  
Their sinless purposes, and simple cares.

Stream of my sleeping fathers! when the sound  
Of coming war echoed thy hills around,  
How did thy sons start forth from every glade,  
Snatching the musket where they left the spade!  
How did their mothers urge them to the fight,  
Their sisters tell them to defend the right;  
How bravely did they stand, how nobly fall,  
The earth their coffin, and the turf their pall;  
How did the aged pastor light his eye,  
When, to his flock, he read the purpose high,  
And stern resolve, whate'er the toil might be,  
To pledge life, name, fame, all for Liberty.

Bold river! better suited are thy waves  
To nurse the laurels clustering round their graves,  
Than many a distant stream, that soaks the mud  
Where thy brave sons have shed their gallant blood,  
And felt, beyond all other mortal pain,  
They ne'er should see their happy home again.



T. H. BALL.







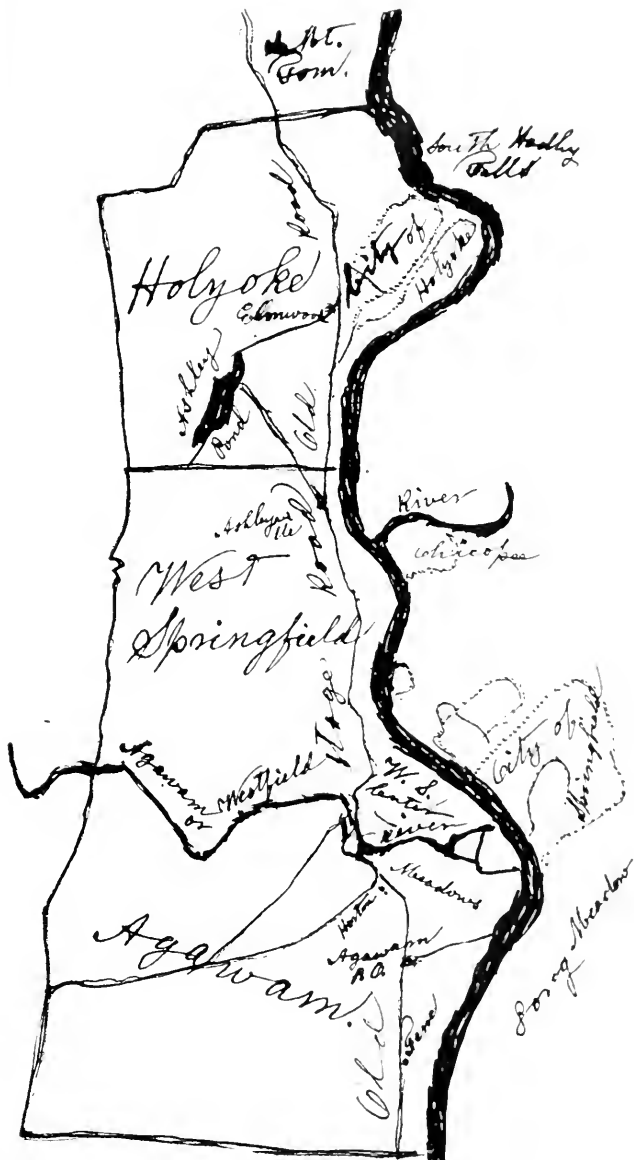
## THE MAP.

The town of Springfield originally extended, on both sides, along what was then called the Great River.

In 1770 a parish was formed on the West side. In 1774 the town of West Springfield was organized. For many years this town extended from the Hamptons to the Connecticut line, a distance of about thirteen and a half miles. The present map shows that this has been divided into three towns, called Holyoke, West Springfield, and Agawam. The extent of each from north to south is about ten and a half miles. The south line of Holyoke, taking the river, is three miles in length. For many years the population was mainly near the river. In 1820 the population of the entire area, nearly seventy square miles, was 2740. Of Springfield at the same time was only 3070. On the map will be seen Elmwood where Benjamin Balch lived, where is now a small village, the localities of the Horton residence and Ferris residence are also marked, and Agawam village, where are two churches, a store, a post office, and the cemetery.

The map is not designed as a specimen of nice work, but to show to many who have never seen that region a view of the locality so largely referred to in this book.

Some of the likenesses in this book are designed to preserve the features of the departed; some are to show the supposed influence of mothers and of climate.



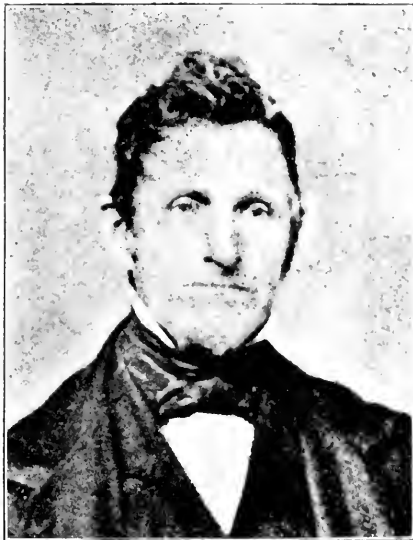
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A winter view of the Ball cypress tree. Planted in 1751, still living. Circumference about two feet from the ground 25 feet. Where limbs spread out 30 feet.

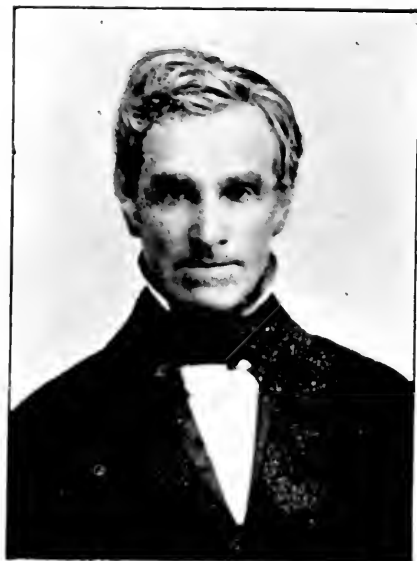


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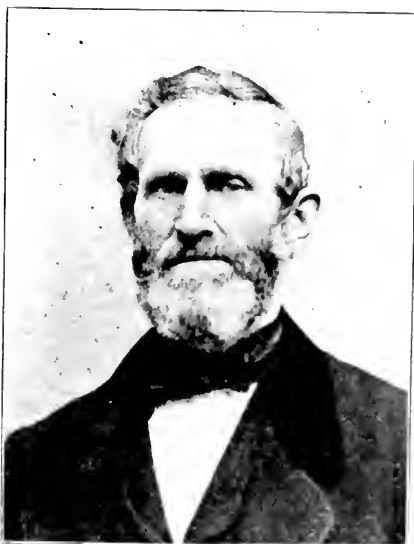








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