

# **The Ballard History**

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**From 1420 to 1903**



**“Keep the Record Clean”**



# The Ballard History

The first reunion of the Ballards was held in Elliott's Grove, Wednesday, Aug. 15, 1888, and the following report was read by the Secretary Mr. Stephen Ballard.

## Reunion of the Ballards

The gathering of the Ballards at Elliott's Grove was quite a joyous occasion for a large number of the Thompson people. Over one hundred were gathered together in the grove and many a hand-shake passed around the company as friend after friend came to the grove. Representatives from Dudley, Charlton, Pomfret, Putnam, Dayville, and even from Davenport, Iowa, and Memphis, Tenn., were there as well as from Thompson.

Seldom do we see so large a company all akin.

After a bountiful collation, Mr. Samuel K. Spalding, of Putnam, was chosen chairman; Newton Ballard, secretary, and W. S. Converse, collector. The latter immediately began to pass his hat for contributions to pay expenses, and realized sufficient to liquidate all the debts and had four cents to spare. This is one of the characteristics of the Ballard tribe, to "pay as they go," and have a little left.

After a few short speeches and a few big stories told, the historian, Mr. Stephen Ballard read the following history of the family, which will prove interesting to many of the tribe who were not present.

In the history of the Family of Ballards, we, in order to better understand the whole, propose to begin in the middle, and work each way, and therefore we say:

In the middle was Zaccheus Ballard, who married Elizabeth Valentine, to whom were born nine children—William, Lynde, Elizabeth, Polly, Patty, Mehitable Sarah, Nancy, Alice.

William married and settled in Vermont, and had three children—William,

Nancy, and Prentice. Nancy married James Day.

Lynde married Molly Bates, and Amy C. Green.

Elizabeth married Hezekiah Stone, and settled in Fitzwilliam, N. H.

Polly married Nathaniel Carroll, and lived in Thompson.

Patty married James Bates and settled in Cavendish, Vt.

Mehitable married Oren Bates, and settled in Benningham, Vt.

Sarah married Micah Robinson, and went to Hartwick, N. Y.

Nancy married Abel Jacobs, and lived in Thompson.

Alice married Joseph Dike, who died, and then she married John Jacobs, and lived in Thompson.

All the above left children except Mehitable who married Oren Bates.

With Lynde Ballard we now only have to do. He married for his first wife Molly Bates by whom he had seven children—John, Nancy, Polly, Winthrop, Valentine, Hamilton and Pattie.

After the death of his wife Polly, he married Amy C. Green, by whom he had four children—Sarah, Salem, Zaccheus and Elizabeth.

Now to go back. John Bates Ballard married Augusta Gilman, and by her had four children—Esec, Fannie, Mary and Catherine.

Fannie and Mary never have married; Esec married Fannie Webb, and by her has had five children—Catherine, Bessie, John, Belle and Webb C., one of whom, Catherine, has just married Leon M. Allen, of Davenport, Iowa.

Nancy married John George, and had three children—Martha, Emory and Andrew.

Martha married Alfonso Alton, by whom she had two children, the others never married, and all are now dead. One of Martha's children married and had

two children, one of whom is still living.

Polly Ballard married Jacob Tourtelotte, and left three children—Monroe, John and Frank.

Monroe married Louisa Mills, and had four children—Lincoln, M. L. C., Mills, and—.

John never has married. Frank married Harriet Arnold.

Winthrop Hilton married Abigail Holmes, by whom he had one son, Horatio, who married Mary C. Sims, by whom he had three children—Mary Abigail, Lucy Kyle, and W. Hilton, Horatio, and his two girls are dead.

After the death of his first wife Winthrop H. married Mrs. Salome Alton, by whom he had three children—Stephen, Julia and John.

Stephen married Sarah D. Barber, and can count six children—Newton, Alice, Ella, Laura C., Bertha and Winthrop, and buried one.

Julia married William S. Converse, and has three children—Fred, M. Helen and Grace. Fred married Ada Plummer, and has one child, Charles.

John married Martha Blackmar, and has had four children—Harry, Gertrude, Frances, and Horatio Joslin.

Valentine married Achsah Joslin, and by her has had five children—Annie, Ellen, Margaret, Josette, and George.

Annie married Samuel Carpenter. Both are dead. Ellen married Nathan Chase, and has had nine children—Warren, John, Martha, Charles, Annie and Mary Warren and three others are dead. Martha married Fred Eddy, and has two children—Bessie and Fred. Margaret married James Mills, and left two children—James and Minnie. Margaret and her husband are both dead. George married Isabel Cranska, and has four children—Valentine, Grace, Helen and Calvin. Joacite married Vernon Carpenter and has had four children—Fannie, Alice, Josephine and Clara. After the death of his first wife Valentine married Ellen Holmes.

Hamilton married for his first wife Julia Prince, by whom he had one child, Leonidas, who has five children—Daniel, Julia, Charles, William and Emma. Daniel married Carilla Holmes, and has

two children—Arthur and Elizabeth. Julia married Edwin Johnson, and has six children—Edward, Charles, Gertrude, Harrison and Pearle. Charles married Eva Stone, and has two children—Nettie and Alice. Alice is dead. William married Mary Barrett.

Hamilton, for his second wife, took Ruth May, by whom he had two children—Julius and Abbie. Julius is dead and Abbie married Warren Anderson, by whom she had one child—Flora.

Hamilton, at the death of his second wife Ruth, married Sarah Austin, who has borne one child, John Austin, who married Lucy Gaines and has one child—Marion.

Patty, the seventh child of the first family, married Frederick Mills, but soon after died, leaving no children.

Sarah, the first child by the second wife Amy C. Green, married Simon Spaulding and had three children—Sarah, Carrie and Samuel.

Sarah married George Willis and has three children—Carrie, Earle and Fred. Carrie has just married E. R. Sherman.

Carrie Spaulding married Charles Brown, and has one child, Hathaway. Samuel married Ellen Blashfield.

Salem Ballard married Frelove Young, who soon died, and he then married Harriet Warner, who has borne him four children—John, Luella, Louis, and Arthur. John married Sallie Farquer, and has two children—John H. and Summer S.

Louis married Belle Campbell; the others are unmarried as yet.

Zaccheus Ballard married Mary Ann Whitnev and has three children—Frank, Amy and Oscar. Frank married Maria Johnson, and has one child, Alida Madell. Amy married Hezekiah Ramsdell, and has had two children—Frank and Olen. Olen is dead. Oscar married Abbie Chandler, and has three children—Lillie, Olive and Louisa.

Elizabeth Ballard married Albertus Bruce.

Incidentally we can but say that Salome Alton, the second wife of Winthrop H., who was the widow of Benjamin Alton, and had by him three children—Ann J., Erastus and Harriet F. Alton. Ann J. married Orlando Alton, and by

him had three children—Roscoe, Ella F. and John. John is dead. Roscoe married Flora Cunningham, who had three children—Josephine, Mary and Pearl. Ella F. married Albert Sternberg, and has one child, Carl Roscoe.

Erastus married Ann Shumway, and by her had three children—Cora, Anna and Frank. Frank is dead. Cora married Cassius Chase, and has one child—Harold. After the death of his wife, Ann M., Erastus married Emma Nichols, and by her has had four children—Catharine William, Herbert, and Susan. Catharine is dead.

H. Frances the third child of Salome Alton married Jerome Nichols, and have one child, J. Clinton, who married Jennie Child, and has one child, Jessie.

After the death of Lynde Ballard, his widow Amy married Joseph Cory, and had one child, Daniel. He married Caroline Beals and Susan Penfield, and has two children—Mabel and Carl.

Now go backward, as we said.\*

Lynde Ballard was the son of Zaccheus Ballard and Elizabeth Valentine. She was the daughter of Thomas Valentine, and he was the son of John Valentine and Mary Lynde; and she, Mary Lynde, was a daughter of Samuel Lynde and Mary Ballard, who was a daughter of ~~Jahus~~ <sup>Jahus</sup> Ballard Sr., who died December, 1697.

This Samuel Lynde was born Dec. 1, 1653, and died October 2, 1721. He was a Justice of Suffolk Co., and was the son of Simon Lynde, who was born in London, England, June 24, 1624, came to Boston in 1650, died November 22, 1687. He married Hannah Newgate, who was born 1635, and died 1684.

This Simon Lynde was the son of Enoch Lynde and Elizabeth Digby, daughter of Everard Digby. The latter was born 1584 and died 1669. They were married April 28, 1636.

\*Joseph Ballard brother of Zaccheus Ballard married Mary Valentine sister of Elizabeth Valentine wife of Zaccheus. When passed middle life in 1795 they removed to Bradford County, ~~Mass.~~ <sup>N.Y.</sup> One of their grand daughters was still living there Oct. 1902 in the 97th year of her age by name of Mrs. Polly Fellows.

Now this Everard Digby was the son of Simon Digby who was executed March 28, 1570, being implicated in the rebellion of 1569. Simon Digby was the son of William Digby who lived in Eyekettle and Leubenham, England.

William Digby was the son of Sir. John Digby, Marshal of the counties of Harwick and Leicestershire. He died in 1553.

Sir John was the son of Everard Digby, of Tilton, England, born about A. D. 1420. He fell at the battle of Towtan, 1461, in the War of the Roses.

Thus we have the genealogy for sixteen generations, extending back 467 years.

After the reading of the history and prayer by Rev. Robt. Bennett, they gathered in groups and talked over old times until the sun began to warn them that it was time to depart.

The committee of arrangements had the wooden plates which were used in the collation printed thus:

*"Ballard Reunion, Elliott's Grove, Aug. 15, 1888. 'Keep your Record Clean.*

These plates were kept clean by the use of napkins and carried away as souvenirs of the occasion.

The Ballards claim that no tribe can show a better record than theirs. None show fewer scalawags, and never one, so far as known, ever had to "go over the hills to the poor-house," unless it was to make it profitable.

Thus closed a very joyous and happy day.

## Obituary

Died, in the city of New York, Jan. 29, 1856, of typhus fever, Rev. John B. Ballard, aged 60 years.

Mr. Ballard was born in Dudley, Mass., October 25, 1795. Though not blest with pious parents, at the age of seventeen he dedicated himself to God, and under the solemn conviction that he was called to the work of the ministry, he "determined," to use his own language, "that the world should be better for his having lived in it." Accordingly, in 1820 he entered the Theological Institution at Hamiltion, N. Y., under the instruction of

those revered men Hascall and Kendrick. In his studies he was associated with Wade and Kincaid, who for so many years have been distinguished missionaries in the East Indies. After graduating he was called to the pastorate of the Baptist church in Masonville, N. Y., where he was ordained Nov. 13, 1823. Soon after, God was pleased to bless his labors by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the conversion of many souls thus confirming his previous convictions that God had called him to the Gospel ministry; and thereby dispelling all his former doubts on that subject. At the expiration of two years he received and accepted a call from the church in Dudley, Mass., his native place. Again God blessed his labors, and many souls were



converted to Christ. He afterwards settled in Bloomfield, Conn., where again his labors were attended with a revival of religion. He subsequently accepted an appointment from the Am. S. S. Union, in whose service he continued nearly thirteen years in the States of North Carolina and Kentucky; establishing Sunday Schools in nearly every town in those States. In the meantime his family removed to Colchester, Conn., for the purpose of educating his children; and feeling the need of rest after so many years of toil, he resigned his agency and spent

a few years with his family in Colchester, supplying the destitute churches in the neighborhood with the preached Gospel. But having been so long engaged in more active service, he was not satisfied with doing so little in his Master's cause. He therefore accepted an appointment as a Tract Missionary in the 18th and 21st wards of the city of New York, where he 'taught publicly and from house to house' the way of life to all classes with unwavering fidelity till God called him to his rest—a period of about six years. Almost his last labor was in the fever wards of the Bellevue Hospital, praying with and comforting the sick and dying, where he contracted the disease which terminated his earthly life. During his three weeks' illness he was favored with the use of his reason, and daily he expressed his unwavering faith, his firm hope, entire submission and perfect peace, repeatedly exclaiming, "Jesus is precious to me," "All is peace within." To his children around him in tears, he said, "Trust in Jesus. The Lord gave, and the Lord taketh away, and blessed be the name of the Lord." His funeral services were held in the presence of a large assembly, in the Union Baptist church, with which he was connected. Many ministers of the Gospel of various denominations were present. Appropriate addresses were delivered by the pastor, Rev. D. S. Parmelee, and Rev. S. H. Tyng, D. D., of St. George's church. Rev. Messrs. Hiscox, Bromley and Gillette also participated in the services. His remains were taken to Colchester for interment. Mr. Ballard was a kind husband, an affectionate father, and a true friend; in demeanor, courteous; in piety unassuming, fervent, devoted, and in labors abundant, in life loved, and in death lamented by all who knew him.

At the reunion in 1897 a letter from E. S. Ballard, of Davenport, Iowa, was read and as he has spent a good deal of time in the history of the Ballards, he is considered authority for any thing in the genealogical line we therefore quote from this letter the following.

Quite recently my eldest daughter Katharin Augusta, now Mrs. Leon Allen,



Winthrop Hilton Ballard

Valentine Ballard

Hamilton Ballard

Sarah Spalding





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became a member of the Society of Colonial Dames of Massachusetts. Some of her claims for membership in that society were based on the deeds of several of her Ballard ascendants; although none of the Ballard name were sufficiently prominent in Colonial times for that purpose, so had to strike off into female lines. To join this society it is required that the ascendant shall have filled certain offices of trust or position, such as, Judge, Governor, Commissioned officer in the Colonial War, etc.

Simon Lynde was such a man. Born in London 1624, died in Boston 1687. He was assistant Judge of the Superior Court a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery, a soldier in King Phillip's War. At his funeral "His Excellency, the Governor, attended in his Scarlet Cloak" so it is recorded. Simon Lynde's mother was Elizabeth Digby, of a noble English family, who trace their descent from Baldwin, Count of Flanders and King of Jerusalem, brother or kinsman of the renowned Godfrey of Bouillon, leader of the first crusade, temp. A. D. 1100. It was in memory of this family of Lynde that our grand-father Lynde was named.

The descent was after this manner: daughter of ~~James~~ <sup>James</sup> Ballard, son of ~~James~~ <sup>James</sup> Ballard. Simon's son, Samuel, married Mary Ballard: I have no knowledge of the ancestry of this Mary. Their daughter married John Valentine, (there is where Deacon Ballard gets his name.) Thomas, son of John, married Elizabeth Gooche and had Elizabeth, who married Zaccheus Ballard, our great-grand-father.

The next ascendant was Robert Cushman, a founder of Plymouth Colony. He started with the "Mayflower." When the Speedwell became unseaworthy he returned with it, came out the following year in the "Fortune," remained a month, went back to England to arrange for making his home in Plymouth, but was taken sick and died. His son Thomas came out and made his home with the pilgrims. Thomas married Mary Allerton, daughter of Isaac, who was a passenger in the "Mayflower."

This brings us to our principal Mayflower ancestor, Isaac Allerton. Unlike most of his fellow passengers he was a

business man. One writes of him "that he was a man born before his time." He returned to England several times on business for the Colony. He seems to have had some trouble with his bretheren in Plymouth and removed to Marblehead, which place he and his son-in-law, Moses Maverich, founded. Soon he committed the unpardonable sin of sympathizing with the Quakers, opposing the measures used against them, and he found it convenient to leave without giving notice. We then find him in New Haven; then in New York, where his push soon made him a prominent man, and a member of the "Council of Eight" under the Dutch Administration. His second wife was Fear Brewster, daughter of the Elder, (our line descends from the first wife, Mary Norris.) Their grand-son Isaac, settled in Virginia and married into the Lee family, and their descendants are still found there. Isaac senior died in New Haven, was buried on the common in front of the churches. No stone marks his grave. On the corner of Union and Fair streets, set in a brick wall is a marble slab, on it is cut, "On this ground lived Isaac Allerton, a pilgrim of the Mayflower, The father of New England Commerce." On that ground he had built a house that was said by a writer of the day to have been the finest between Boston and New York. It was named the "house with four porches." It had fourteen fire places. No remains of it are left. Our descent from him was through his daughter Mary who married Thomas Cushman, and had Samuel. His daughter Mary married Ensign Noah Fuller and had Chloe, who was wife of John Bates, and the mother of Polly Bates, who was wife of our grand-father, Lynde Ballard. So it is through our Bates blood that we get our Mayflower ascendants. But I have failed to find one of that name (Bates) of our line who took part in the Colonial Wars or that of the Revolution.

I will mention one other name, Sir Charles Hobby. A soldier of fortune. Born in Boston and died there 1715. Knighted at Windsor Castle 1705 by Queen Ann, "For good services done to the Crown in New England." He commanded the Boston regiment at the tak-

ing of Porte Royal Annapolis 1710, and was appointed Vice Governor of the same, Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery. He was candidate for Governor as opponent to Dudley. Had the endorsement of the Clergy, went to England to lay his case before the Prime Minister; but he failed in receiving his appointment, on account of "his manner of life in London" so the record says. His daughter Elizabeth married James Gooche and their daughter Elizabeth married Thomas Valentine, and Elizabeth Valentine was our great-grandmother. A portrait of Sir Charles can be seen in the Boston Art Museum, painted by Sir Peter Lly. It is number 213 in the museum.

Mrs. Allen had on her application several other names, ascendants on her mother's line. Among them Governor and Major William Bradford and Rev. Peter Hobart. I have traced up some twenty different lines of our ascent. Find them all English, who came here before 1640, with one exception.

With one more line of descent, and I close this already too lengthy account, and that is the descent of some of the Ballards present, from Samuel Lincoln of Hingham, without going into the detail will state that the grand-children of Polly Bates and Lynde Ballard were sixth in descent from said Samuel, and so was Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States. You were fifth cousins to him.

I am a member of the Society of Sons of the Revolution by right of the services of Zaccheus Ballard; also of the Society of Colonial Wars by descent from this same Zaccheus, who was enrolled as a soldier in the last French and Indian War, 1756, and his grand-father, Nathaniel, a soldier in King Phillip's War. These two ascendants entitle any male descendant to the last named society, but they did not hold commissioned offices, so would not entitle a female descendant to Society of Colonial Dames.

Mary Allerton, daughter of Isaac, came with her father in the "Mayflower." She died 1699. Deacon Valentine was born in 1804. Mary was his great-great-grand-mother. Still a person born in 1699, the year of her death, could have

known Deacon Valentine Ballard when he was a babe, had this person been a hundred and five years old, and there were several such people. Therefore these three lives have spanned the entire history of the country,—starting with the "Mayflower's" passengers of one hundred and one to seventy-five millions of today. Do you comprehend it? Can such a thing ever occur again?

You all have heard of Hendrich Hudson and the Half Moon. Nathaniel Ballard married Rebekah Hudson. The Colonial Governor, \*Joseph Jenks, of Rhode Island, their grand-son records that Rebekah was of the same family as the great discoverer, Hendrich Hudson. Poor fellow! Poor fellow! He was put afloat in an open boat in the bay he discovered. That was the last that was ever heard of him; but his name will go down the ages indelibly stamped on North America, till time shall be no more.—E. S. BALLARD.

In honor of this same E. S. Ballard we also quote from the Putnam Patriot of Aug 1902 the following.

"Esek Steere Ballard, Treasurer of the Iowa society of the 'Sons of the Revolution,' of Davenport, Iowa, has just had placed in the Bates' burial ground, near Bates' Grove, Thompson, a large boulder on the grave of his great-grandfather, Zaccheus Ballard. One side of the granite boulder is smoothed and polished, and this inscription is placed upon it:

A Soldier of the Revolution

Zaccheus Ballard,  
4th Massachusetts,

1730—1800

Elizabeth Valentine  
his wife

1739—1807

"Stephen Ballard acted as the agent of E. S. Ballard in doing the work. This Zacches Ballard enlisted in the 4th Massachusetts from Oxtord, Mass., and his name is third in the list found in the public records in Boston. He also served and was enrolled as a soldier in the last French and Indian War of 1756, and his grandfather Nathaniel was a soldier in King Phillip's war. These two ascendants entitle any male descendant to the

\*—This Governor Joseph Jenks was son of Joseph Jenks of Lynn and Esther Ballard, daughter of Nathaniel and Rebekah Hudson Ballard.

Society of Colonial wars; but as they were not commissioned officers, it does not entitle any female descendant to the Society of Colonial Dames."

We cannot refrain from quoting also from the historians report for 1902 of one of the characteristic Ballards and of one who has reason to call himself the "banner Ballard."

This Leonidas Ballard, from Dudley, is a typical New Eng and Yankee. He was present with six of his seven children scores of his grand-children and three of his great-grand-children. His oldest child is 46 years of age, while his youngest is a nursing babe. He is 66 years old, has had two wives; was married to his first wife when 18 years old; has peddled for 27 years, and now, three days in the week, runs from his arm in Dudley to Webster selling butter, milk, eggs, etc.

He began during the civil war, when the price of iron boomed from \$10 to \$50; and went over the country buying all the old iron which had accumulated for years and at very low prices, and loaded car load after car load at a very much advanced price. From that time he began to sell tin and purchase rags, etc. Indeed, there was nothing but what, at his price, he could not be induced to buy or sell, from a muskrat skin of the boys to a farm. And as to selling, he has been known to sell the stockings off his feet, in cold weather, and go without until he could get to a store and purchase a pair. At one time, when he had just made the assertion that he would sell anything he had got, some wags on a lonely road offered to purchase one of the hind wheels of his peddler's cart. He set them a price and they as promptly accepted it. He drew his cart to the side of the road and took off the wheel, which they put into their wagon, and departed, thinking, no doubt that they would sell back again at a good profit. Not so with him; he remembered seeing, back a few miles, a sett of wheels on the side of a wall. He went back, purchased for a few cents the old wheels, took one of them and put it upon his cart, and went on his way as though it was an ordinary occurrence.

He is strictly honest, and all get sixteen ounces to the pound, and thirty-two quarts to the bushel, although some rivals

charge him with selling whole milk, skim milk or buttermilk, all from the same can. By his shrewdness and saving what he gets he has accumulated quite a handsome property, and is still hale and hearty, and just as ready to dicker with you as ever. Long may he wave."

No history is complete now unless we have some poetry and although we do not announce ourselves as poets yet we have one of neatest and sweetest poems from the pen of Mrs. Carrie S. Brown, wife of the Hon. Charles Brown, of Putnam. It was written in honor of the tenth anniversary in 1898.

It is just ten years since first we were told  
That the Ballards a family reunion would hold  
At Elliott's Grove. The place and the plan  
Met the hearty approval of all of the clan  
And when the day came, I've been told o'er  
and o'er,  
There gathered together a hundred and more,  
And the meeting and greeting of sister and  
brother,  
Of uncle and aunt,—or relation, some other,  
Who tho' not widely scattered, but rarely did  
meet,  
Filled the day full of joy, and was such a rich  
treat  
That when at its close the time came to part  
To "try it again" was the wish of each heart.  
And so it has chanced in the decade that's gone  
We have held our reunion every year except  
one.

How the day is filled up it is needless to tell  
Of the races and games and the feasting, as well  
As the speeches that follow, the report that is  
made  
That a surplus remains when the bills are all  
paid.  
Or how trying it is for those who are in it  
When our artist is ready to keep still "just a  
minute."  
But methinks 'twould be well, without more  
ado,  
To pause here and now for a little review.  
In the years that have passed, as our history  
tells  
I have been heard many times the gay wedding  
bells,  
And our circle has opened to welcome within  
Those who now have become of our own kith  
and kin.  
We hear there are more who are longing to  
come,  
To such we would say that still there is room  
For all who are willing the stipend to pay,  
Which is simply the promise to love and obey.  
That the Angel of Life in his busy career

Has not passed us by, is in evidence here  
By the sweet little faces, and merry bright eyes  
Which so closely resemble the blue of the skies.  
And the glad little voices in laughter and play  
Help so greatly to cheer and make merry the  
day.

The Angel of Death, too, relentless and bold,  
Has invaded our ranks, and his hand, icy cold  
Has been laid upon dear ones we hardly could  
spare,  
And our homes are made sad by the one vacant  
chair.  
Yet the sorrow is cased in our hearts so op-  
pressed  
By the thought, it was ordered by Him who  
knows best.

At our second reunion we plainly recall  
The brothers and sisters, seven in all,  
Whose faces and forms made a picture so rare,  
We must search very long for one to compare.  
Today as we meet, and greet, one another,  
There remain of the seven, one sister and  
brother

The others are now in their heavenly home,  
Their trials all past and their life work well  
done.

But their memory lingers, a heritage dear,  
To inspire us to live so that, when we shall  
hear

The call to come home, at the close of life's day,  
We, like them, may be ready the call to obey.  
At the last grand reunion on the shores unseen,  
May we all be found there, with our "records  
kept clean."—**CARRIE S. BROWN.**

### Ballard Reunion, 1903.

#### FINE WEATHER—LARGE COMPANY.

A charming day brought the largest  
gathering of the Ballards on the 19th of  
August. No less than 142 of them, all in  
gala attire, gathered in Nichol's Grove and,  
as usual, the greetings and hearty hand-  
shakes were as cordial as ever.

The noon hour was, as usual, full of in-  
teresting events to which all seemed drawn  
with a love induced by long drives on the  
part of quite a few, Iowa and Kansas, even  
sending delegates this year.

After dinner, Mr. W. S. Converse was  
elected chairman. After the necessary ex-  
penses had been liquidated the usual humo-  
rous stories and speeches from E. S. Bal-  
lard, Albertus Bruce, J. C. Nichols, Frank  
H. Ballard, and others, were listened to  
accompanied by the hearty laugh. The  
following committees were appointed:

On Next Meeting—F. B. Ramsdell, W.  
B. Ballard, Fred. Eddy.

On Amusement—Calvin Ballard, Bessie  
Eddy, Harold Chase.

Secretary and Treasurer—Stephen Bal-  
lard.

Historian—Annie Piercee.

A letter was read from John A. Ballard,  
of Philadelphia, in which he and Mr.  
Smith express their regrets at not being  
able to be present.

This idea of absent members, who are  
not able to be present, sending a letter of  
greeting and kindly remembrance, was  
highly commended, and a vote was passed  
urging those, in future, who could not be  
present, to send letters.

The Historian, Miss M. Helen Converse,  
who last year was requested to review the  
past fifteen years, and thus bring the births,  
marriages, and deaths, with dates, all to-  
gether, did so with with no little labor and  
trouble, and in a most correct and able  
manner.

A vote of thanks was given her for her  
trouble. It was also voted to have 300  
copies of the report printed in pamphlet  
form for distribution to those who may  
wish them.

The following is the report of the Histo-  
rian:

#### Ballard History, August 19, 1903.

Doubtless most of you remember that,  
at our last Reunion, a vote was passed  
asking the Historian to give, this year, a  
review of the Ballard history for the last  
fifteen years, or since our first Reunion. In  
accordance with this vote, a list of the  
changes that have taken place during that  
time has been made, and an effort made to  
have this list as complete as possible by fill-  
ing in names and dates that have in many  
cases been omitted.

In Uncle Stephen's report, at the second  
Reunion, he says this: "Since our last  
meeting, two years ago, some changes have  
occurred in the great family of Ballards.  
It must needs be so, in so large a number,  
and the years which follow these will see  
more and greater changes than the last  
two years have brought about."

As I have reviewed the history, I have  
been impressed with the fact that these



Photograph of the 1903 Ballard Reunion



words were true for so many changes have taken place, some having brought joy and gladness into our lives and others having brought sorrow, and yet through it all the same Hand has been guiding and all must be well.

Your Historian can give only the plain facts in a plain way.

#### BIRTHS.

In Putnam, June 13, 1890, a daughter, Neva Alice, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ballard.

August 5, 1890, a daughter, Ruth Evelyn, to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ballard.

A daughter, Flora Belle, to Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Alton, born June 23, 1891.

A daughter, Alice Margaret, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sternberg, April 25, 1890.

Oct. 25, 1890, a son, E. Ray, to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Sherman.

Dec. 27, 1890, a daughter, Madeline, to Mr. and Mrs. Carolus Noyes.

In Davenport, Iowa, Jan. 8, 1891, a son, Leon Ballard Allen, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Allen.

A daughter, Lynette Adell, to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ballard, April 21, 1891.

March 24, 1892, a son, William Cranska, to Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Ballard.

Aug. 2, 1892, a son Robert Hamilton, to Mr. and Mrs. Leonidas Ballard.

May 13, 1893, a daughter, Helen Mae, to Mr. and Mrs. Carolus Noyes.

In Davenport, Iowa, Oct. 21, 1893, a son, Wm. Evans, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Chase.

In Chicago, Ill., Nov. 11, 1893, a son, Wm. Jerome to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark.

In Thompson, March 10, 1894, a son, Earl Clark, to Mr. and Mrs. Clark Pierce.

In Oxford, Mass., Feb. 8, 1894, a daughter, Bertha, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ballard.

In Elmville, Conn., Oct. 25, 1893, a daughter, Annie Laura, to Mr. and Mrs. Canova Chase.

In Worcester, Mass., Jan. 30, 1895, a daughter, Marion Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Converse.

In New York, June 10, 1895, a son, Vernon Ballard, to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Chase.

In Dudley, Mass., March 27, 1895, a son, Earl Homes, to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ballard.

In Worcester, July 16, 1895, a daughter, Mildred Harriet, to Mr. and Mrs. Louie Ballard.

In Webster, Mass., Aug. 5, '95, a daughter, Maud, to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Adams.

In Davenport, Ia., Apr. 19, '95, a daughter, Frances Priscilla, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Allen.

Sept. 3, '95, a daughter, Mildred Florence, to Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Ballard.

Jan. 19, '96, a son, John Robert, to Mr. and Mrs. John Walker.

March 10, '96, Elizabeth Prichard, to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Sherman.

Aug. 7, '96, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ballard.

In Chicago, March, '97, Cynthia, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark.

March 29, '97, Mabel Florence, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Willis.

August 7, 1897, Isabel Pearl, to Mr. and Mrs. Carolus Noyes.

A son, Carleton Shumway, to Mr. and Mrs. Cassius Chase, Sept. 7, '97.

In Webster, Dorothy, to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Nash, Nov. 17, 1897.

In Davenport, Iowa, Feb. 6, '98, a son, Francis Gerald, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Allen.

In Brooklyn, N. Y., March 9, '98, Florence Emily, to Mr. and Mrs. John Chase.

In Dudley, 1898, a daughter, Dorothy, to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Paine.

A son, Robert, to Mr. and Mrs. Irvine Hayes, Dec. 17.

July 28, '98, Kenneth Clark, to Mr. and Mrs. Newton Ballard.

A daughter, Grace Evelyn, to Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, Nov. 20, '98.

In Davenport, Iowa, Oct. 10, '97, Chas. Raymond, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Chase.

March, 1899, a son, Jenness Brock, to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Richardson.

Doris Alton, to Mr. and Mrs. George H. Clemence, April 5, '99.

July 6, '99, Florence Agnes, to Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Gilbert.

July 2, '99, a son, Daniel, to Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Hayes.

July 15, '99, Leo. James to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Ballard.

July, 1900, Raymond Elsworth, to Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Bixby.

In Oxford, Mass., Marion, to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson, March 23, 1900.

In Dudley, Mass., Dec. 31, '99, Sidney, to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Paine.

A son, Raymond Clarence, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parry, Aug. 22, 1900.

Dec. 22, 1900, Janet Sawyer, to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Nash.

Oct. 19, 1900, Chester Salem, to Mr. and Mrs. Leonidas Ballard.

March 2, 1901, Avis Marion, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clemence.

March 18, 1901, Willis Whitney, to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Sherman.

April 20, 1901, Isabel Helen, to Mr. and Mrs. John Walker.

In Horn Lake, Miss., a daughter, Mary Salome, to Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Ballard.

In Dudley, Sept. 18, 1901, Pauline Aurilla, to Mr. and Mr. Sidney Paine.

A son, Alton, to Mr. and Mrs. John Child, Feb. 6, 1902.

In Whitinsville, Dec. 14, '01, Raymond, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Alton.

Oct. 9, '01, Gerald Johnson, to Mr. and Mrs. James Mulvey.

Nov. 8, 1901, Barbara Carpenter, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark.

In Pomfret, Nov. 12, '01, Lillian, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Purdy.

In Davenport, Iowa, March 5, '01, John Adams, to Mr. and Mrs. John G. Ballard.

In Putnam, Aug. 19, 1902, a son, Stanton Wallis, to Mr. and Mrs. Newton Ballard.

In Thompson, Sept. 18, 1902, a daughter, Ruth Ardelle, to Mr. and Mrs. Merton Child.

In Whitinsville, Dec 8, 1902, a daughter, Alice, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Alten.

May 23, 1902, a daughter, Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clemence.

A son, Warren Hamilton, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ballard, born Jan. 29, 1903.

March 24, 1902, a daughter, Mildred, to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Paine.

A son, Roland, Johnson, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson, born March 6, '03.

A son, George, to John and Josephine Alton Child, born August 14, 1903.

#### MARRIAGES.

Valentine Ballard to Miss Emma Brown, Nov. 27, 1889.

Arthur Ballard and Miss Bertha Fenn, June 12, 1889.

Canova Chase and Miss Anna Alton, Oct. 16, 1889.

Carolus Noyes to Grace Ballard, Nov 20, 1889.

Wm. H. Cranska to Alice M. Ballard, Oct. 21, 1890.

Leonidas Ballard to Nellie A. Ryan, Jan. 1, 1891.

Charles Chase to Lillian Evans, Sept. 16, 1891.

Alice M. Carpenter and William Clark, August 13, 1892.

Annie M. Chase and C. Clark Pierce, Oct. 25, 1892.

Louis Ballard and Isabella Burns, Oct. 5, 1892.

In Providence, R. I. June 7, 1893, Flora M. Anderson and Augustus W. Smith.

In Davenport, Iowa, June 7, 1893, Belle Ballard to Jenness Brock Richardson.

In Dudley, Mass.. Oct. 12, 1892, Maud E. Nichols and Clarence M. Nash.

Newton A. Ballard and Carrie E. Clark, Sept. 20, 1893.

In Brooklyn, N. Y., April 25, 1894. John Ballard Chase and Josephine A. Epitoe.

Minnie M. Mills and Winfred Houghton, July 25, 1894.

In New Haven, Conn., Nov. 24, 1894, Helen C. Ballard and John Walker.

In Davenport, Iowa, June 24, '98, Gertrude Ballard and Ludwig G. Susemihl.

July 1, '96, Earl Willis and Florence Crout.

In Dudley, Mass., June 17, '97, Lizzie Ballard and Sidney Paine.

Jessie Nichols to D. Burton Gilbert, Oct. 27, 1897.

In Dudley, June 8, 1898, Susie Alton and George H. Clemence.

In Davenport, Iowa, June 28, '98, John Gilman Ballard and Marie Adams.

June 1, 1899, Laura Corinne Ballard and Merton Luther Child.

In Worcester, Mass., Nov. 29, '99 Bertha Fenn Ballard to J. Paul Weixler.

July 2, 1899, Fred Aldrich and Mabel E. Morse.

Olive C. Ballard and Fred Purdy, Oct. 19, 1899.

Sept. 20, '99, Annie E. Bacon and Samuel K. Spalding.

In Horn Lake, Miss., June 5, 1900, Winthrop Hilton Ballard and Lelia McCargo.

In Whitinsville, Mass., Nov. 25, 1900, William Alton and Jennie Mooney.

In Haverhill, Mass., Sept. 10, 1901, Alida Madel Ballard and Clifton D. Judkins.

In Woodstock, Oct., 1901, Josephine Alton and John Child.

In Dudley, Aug. 13, 1902, Arthur Ballard and Flora Olive Darling.

In Odessa, N. Y., Sept. 30 1902, J. Hudson Ballard and Myrtle Brown Stanly

In Thompson, Oct. 22, 1902, Frank B. Ramsdell and Bertha E. Ballard.

In Davenport, Sept. 9, 1902, Harry W. Ballard, and Nettie Olivia Monk.

In Webster, June 19, Nellie Alton Sternberg and F. C. Kiebe.



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### DEATHS .

In Colchester, Conn., May 17, 1890, Mrs. Augusta Ballard, aged 85 years, 10 months, 22 days.

In Charlestown, Mass., July, 26, 1890, Clarissa Sophia Ballard, wife of Leonidas Ballard.

In Putnam, Conn., Dec. 23, 1890, Arthur youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Salem Ballard.

In Putnam, March 27, 1891, Neva Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ballard.

Sept. 4, 1891, Luella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Salem Ballard.

In Lacrosse, Wis., July 22, 1891, Col. John C., son of Jacob and Polly Ballard Tourtellotte.

In October, 1891, a daughter, Florence Salome, of Mr. and Mrs. William Cranska.

In Thompson, Jan. 24, 1892, William H. Cranska.

In Thompson, Jan. 24, 1892, Alice Ballard Cranska.

Oct. 22, '92, Ellen, wife of Samuel K. Spalding.

In Danielson, May 24, 1893, Helen Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carolus Noyes.

March 30, 1894, Alice Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sternberg.

In Lacrosse, Wis., April, 1894, Monroe Tourtellotte.

In Thompson, Aug. 2, 1894, Winthrop H. Ballard, aged 93 years, 4 m. 25 days.

In Thompson, Feb. 3, 1895, Hamilton Ballard, aged 88 yrs., 8 m. 16 d.

May 18, '95, Welcome B. Joslin, aged 80 years, 4m., 26d.

- Sarah B. Ballard, wife of Hamilton Ballard, June 22, '95, aged 71 y. 11m. 15d.

Fred W. Tourtellotte, July 27, '95.

Albert E. Sternberg, July 26, '94.

Sept. 22, '95, Mrs. Sarah Spalding, aged 77y., 6m.

In Thompson, March, 19, '97, Jerome Nichols.

In Newton, Mass., May 7, '97, Josette, wife of Vernon Carpenter.

In Thompson, Sept. 24, '97, Zaccheus Ballard.

In Thompson, Jan. 7, '98, Valentine Ballard, aged 94 years.

In Dudley, April 28, 1898, Erastus Alton.

In Thompson, May 10, 1898, Carolus Noyes.

In Colchester, May 17, 1898, Mary Ballard.

In Oxford, Jan. 14, 1899, Frederick Eugenie, son of Edward and Emma Johnson.

Oct. 10, 1900, Mary Ann Ballard, wife of the late Zaccheus Ballard.

April 3, 1901, Harriet Frances Nichols, wife of the late Jerome Nichols.

In Philadelphia, May 29, '02, Mrs. Abbie M. Anderson.

In Dudley, July 29, 1902, Sidney Paine.

In Dudley, July 31, '02, Dorothy Paine.

In Bridgeport, Sept. 9, '02, Isabel Helen, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker.

In Whitinsville, Dec. 15, 1902, Alice, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Alton.

Jan. 16, 1903, Alton Child, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Child.

This, with the former reports, brings the history of the Ballards in full to 1903.

S. BALLARD, Sec'y.

