

BALL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

- Questions and Answers Exchange -

Our reunion held the 4th Sunday of July at Percy Quinn State Park was a huge success as it always is. We just had 50 attending this year but what was lacking in numbers was made up in interest and enthusiasm.

We are sorry that those of you who could not attend and the ones who had already left missed the high-light of the day. Earl Pool Ball, Jr. (Earl Pool, Sr., Neeham Luke, Jesse, Sampson Edward) paid us a visit. He is the pianist in Johnnie Cash's band, and folks, I'll tell you, when he sat down at that piano, nobody laughed! For an hour or more with Earl and Sarah Lee sharing the piano, we had us a jamboree that would rival anything coming out of Nashville or anywhere else.

Thanks Earl and Sarah! You made our day. And Earl, you come back, hear! Thank you, Sarah Lee, for your program and our devotional. You always do a good job. We look forward to what you have in store for us next year.

Mark the 4th Sunday in July, 1983 on your calendar. That's the date of our next reunion and that's the time of election of new officers for a two year term. Consider whom you want for what office and come and vote them in.

Attached is a lineage chart. If you have not ever done so, and you know you and your family are not included in our Ball Family History and Genealogy, please complete the chart and mail it to me or to George Watson, 3028 Mesa Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. George is the family historian and the compiler of our family history and genealogy. Several branches have their own reunion and historian. That is wonderful. Just fill in the chart and turn it in to them and they will forward it. Contact George Watson for information on the book.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

James M. Gregory of 1110 17th street, Meridian, MS 39301 was in the army 1927-1932 stationed in Fort Bliss, Texas and in his outfit, 82 Field Artillery, Battery A, were two Ball brothers from McComb. He sure would like to contact them. Can anyone help Mr. Gregory?

I searched for 22 years trying to find who my gr gr grdparents were. This past March I found out my gr gr grf was Edward Marshall Ball (2nd child of William Bartholomew and Charlotte Lee Ball) b. 1798 in Ga. d. 1883 near Lake Charles, La. My gr gr grm was Margaret Ferdinand b. 11-25-1803 La. d. 1-19-1874 Madison Co., Tx.

Mrs. Barbara Sandifer of Tylertown (Julia Georgianna, Edward Rufus, Henry Augustus, Wm. Bar.) sent me a xeroxed copy of a bible record that showed Edward M. Ball m. first Margaret Ferdinand and they had a son, Ferdinand James Ball. My gr grf Ferdinand James Ball was b. 12-18-1824, La. d. 1-11-1874 Madison Co., Tx. The bible record was notarized as being true copies of the original. The bible was printed in London, England in 1611 by the Robert Baker Printing Company and was brought to America by Bartholomew Ball and his wife Elizabeth Nelson in 1731.

Mrs. Sandifer also told me her grm Julia told her that Margaret was French and her family may have lived around Baton Rouge. Edward brought Margaret home to live in the same household with his parents and brothers and sisters. Margaret and her mother-in-law, Charlotte Lee Ball did not get along very well and after a time

Margaret got word to her people and they came and took her and the baby Ferdinand away. They may have gone north to the state of New York. Julia's brother Wilford Woodruff Ball has confirmed he had heard the same story.

Mrs. Alevia Ball Hunt of Leakesville (Louie, Hanry Clay, Henry Augustus, Wm. Bar.) told me several years ago that the story she heard was that way back there a Ball man married a woman whose last name was Ferdinand. They had a son whom they named Ferdinand who grew up and went to Texas on a wagon train.

In 1970 Tom Ball of Louisville, Ky. (Mansfield Warren, Henry Augustus, Wm. Bar.) told me Edward may have been my gr gr grf. He m. a French woman from La., perhaps.

Prentiss Ball of Magnolia (Robert Fulton, Monroe, Daniel, Sampson Edward) told me in 1972 that there was a Ferdinand Ball in his Ball clan somewhere for he had heard the name mentioned as a boy.

The story of Margaret and her Ferdinand family was known to the brothers and sisters of Edward. Parts of the story as it was remembered has been handed down by desc. of four of them. I hope there are other desc. out there who remember bits and pieces of the story and that you will share them with me. When and where were Edward and Margaret married? When did Margaret leave Edward? Was Margaret's mother French also? What was her name?

I have heard that William and Margaret (Sampson) Ball, our American progenitors, came from London, Middlesex County, England. I have also heard they came from Devonshire County, England and was closely related to Elias "Red Cap" Ball of the Comingtee Plantation of South Carolina. I have a couple of contacts in The Genealogical Research Center of the Mormon Church and two researchers in England. I will make a genealogical research in England thru my contacts if someone will give me a clue to work with over there. How about it?

I have not heard from Tom Ball in Louisville, Ky. in some months. As you know he has been ill for several years. Let us continue to pray for him and others of our reunion who are ill or confined. Perhaps a prayer list could be started. If there are others, please send me their name, address and birth date. Let us continue to pray for the leaders of our country during these times and may we pray for each other for there is a tie that binds....

A thought for to-day:

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world,
but the spirit which is of God; that we might know
the things that are freely given to us of God."
- I Corinthians 2:12

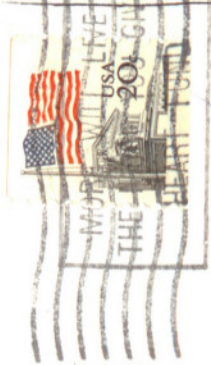
Sincerely,

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Date of birth or male	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	WHEN DIED			Married
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Additional information - honors
accomplishments, etc. or family
story of interest.



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