



# Our Ball Ancestors

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## Ball Context

**This family originated in England. Our earliest documented ancestor is Francis Ball. The history of William Ball to our Francis is included here but not established to date.**

Our last ancestor in our line was Mary Ball who married John Hitchcock on 13 Apr 1670 in Springfield, Massachusetts. He married Mary Ball, daughter Samuel Ball and Mary Graves on 24 Sep 1691 in Springfield.

1. William Ball b. Abt 1450 Barkham, Berkshire, England d. 1480 Barkham Manor, Barkham, Berkshire, England

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2. Robert Ball b. Abt 1475 Barkham, Berkshire, England, d. 1543

## **2. Robert Ball 1475 - 1543**

3. William Ball b. Abt 1505 Wokingham, Berkshire, England, m. d. 1550 Wokingham, Berkshire, England

## **3. William Ball 1505 – 1550**

William Ball was born about 1505. He died about 1550.

4. John Paris Ball b. 1525, m. Agnes Hathoway d. 1599

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5. John Ball b. 05 May 1548 Wokingham, Berkshire, England, m. Elizabeth Webb Abt 1567 Wokingham, Berkshire, England, d. 1628 Wokingham, Berkshire, England

## **5. John Ball 1548 – 1628 Elizabeth Webb 1555 – 1595**

John Ball was born May 5, 1548 Wokingham, Berkshire, England. He married Elizabeth Webb about 1567. He died 1628 in Wokingham.

6. William Ball b. 21 Mar 1572/73 in Wiltshire, Millenbeck Co, England, d. 17 Nov 1647 in New Haven, New Haven, Ct., m. Alice Waltham Abt. 1590 in Wiltshire, Millenbeck Co, England

## **6. Captain William Ball 1572/73 - 1647 Alice Waltham 1573 -1622**

William Ball was born on 21 Mar 1572/73 in Wiltshire, Millenbeck County, England. He died in 17 Nov. 1647 in New Haven, New Haven Connecticut. He married Alice Waltham in Wiltshire, England.

i. Allen or Alling Ball b. 1595 m. Susan Dorothy Fogal d.

ii. John Ball

7. iii. Francis Ball b. Abt. 1599 Wiltshire, England, United Kingdom, d. 03 Oct 1648 in Springfield, Hampden, MA, m. 03 Oct 1644 at Springfield, Hampden, MA, USA m. Abigail Burt 03 Oct 1644 Springfield, Hampden, MA, USA

iv. Samuel Ball b 1601

v. Captain William Ball b. 1615 England, d. Nov 1680 in Millenbeck, Lancaster County, Virginia, United States of America

## **Springfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts<sup>1</sup>**

Springfield, a city in the state of Massachusetts, United States, and seat of Hampden County. Hampden County was established in 1812 out of parent county Hampshire which was established in 1662. Springfield sits on the eastern bank of the Connecticut River near its confluence with three rivers: the western Westfield River, the eastern Chicopee River, and the eastern Mill River. As of the 2010 Census, the city's population was 153,060. Metropolitan Springfield, as one of two metropolitan areas in Massachusetts (the other being Greater Boston), had a population of 692,942 as of 2010. It is the largest city in western New England, and the urban, economic, and cultural capital of Massachusetts' Connecticut River Valley. It is the third-largest city in Massachusetts and fourth-largest in New England after Boston, Worcester, and Providence. Hartford, the capital of Connecticut, lies 24 miles (39 km) south of Springfield, on the western bank of the Connecticut River.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Springfield,\\_Massachusetts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Springfield,_Massachusetts), [www.springfieldma.gov](http://www.springfieldma.gov)

Springfield was founded in 1636 by English Puritan William Pynchon as "Agawam Plantation" under the administration of the Connecticut Colony. In 1641 it was renamed after Springfield, Essex, England, following incidents that precipitated the settlement joining the Massachusetts Bay Colony. During its early existence, it flourished as both an agricultural settlement and trading post, although its prosperity waned dramatically during and after King Philip's War in 1675, when natives laid siege to it and burned it to the ground as part of the ongoing campaign.

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All information above this line is disputed because of lack of documentation

## **7. Francis Ball Unknown1599 - 1648 Abigail Burt 1623 – 1707**

Francis Ball was birthdate is yet to be documented. He arrived in Dorchester in 1643. He married Abigail Burt 03 Oct 1644 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts. Francis Ball drowned in the Connecticut River ("the Great River") October 3, 1648, and his widow married Benjamin MUNN, April 12, 1649. She married Thomas Stebbins 14 Dec 1676

i. Jonathan Ball b. 07 Aug 1645 in Springfield, Hampden, MA, USA, d. 21 May 1741 in Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, m. (1) Sarah Miller 13 Mar 1673 Springfield, Massachusetts, (2) Susanna Edwards 1683 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, United States

8. ii. Samuel Ball b. 13 Mar 1647 in Springfield, Hampden, MA, Colonial America, d. 13 Sep 1689 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, m. Mary Graves 15 Jan 1671 in Hatfield, Hampshire, Massachusetts,

## **8. Samuel Ball 1647 - 1689 Mary Graves 1671 - 1727**

Samuel Ball<sup>23</sup>, son of Francis Ball and Abigail Burt was born 16 Mar 1647/48<sup>4</sup>. Samuel's father, Francis in the Connecticut River in October 1648 when Samuel was but an infant and the only father that Samuel ever knew was Benjamin Munn who she married six months later. She had five children with Benjamin Munn. At age 18 Samuel was sentenced to 50 lashes for telling Benjamin, "A father indeed, you are no better than an old Indian. " Samuel paid the court 50 shillings in lieu of the 50 lashes.

He married Mary Graves, daughter of John and Mary (Smith) Graves of Hadley on January 15 1671 at Hatfield, Hampshire, MA<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> My starting point for Samuel Ball was Gwen Lefton, *Ancestral Lines* (1994), Colchester Historical Society, 929.2, Page 56, followed by Charles Henry Pope, *The Pioneers of Massachusetts* (Boston, Mass: Charles H. Pope 1900), p 30. While good starting points latter sources cited have been preferred

<sup>3</sup> Samuel is mentioned in the book, "The Stebbins genealogy," which can be found at <https://archive.org/details/stebbinsgenealog01gree>. See page 61. According to this source, "Samuel Ball, son of Abigail Burt and Francis Ball, was born March 16, 1647, at Springfield, Massachusetts; died September 13, 1689, at Springfield, Massachusetts; married January 15, 1671, probably at Hatfield, Massachusetts, to Mary Graves, born about 1654, at Wethersfield, Connecticut, died May 21, 1727, at Springfield, Massachusetts, daughter of John Graves of Hadley, Massachusetts, and Mary Smith.

<sup>4</sup> Ralph Stebbins and Robert Lemuel Greenlee, *The Stebbins Genealogy* (Chicago, Illinois, 1904), Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1621-1850 (Online Database: AmericanAncestors.org, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2001-2016). <https://www.americanancestors.org/DB190/i/39814/12/1320086970>

<sup>5</sup> Ancestry.com, U.S., New England Marriages Prior to 1700 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2012), Ancestry.com, Genealogical Publishing Co.; Baltimore, MD, USA; Volume Title: New England Marriages Prior to 1700.

He died 13 Sep 1689 in Springfield, Massachusetts<sup>6</sup>. They had at least five children

9. i. Mary Ball b. 12 Jun 1673 in Springfield, Hampden, MA, USA, d. 14 Oct 1760 in Springfield, Hampden, MA, USA, m. John Hitchcock 24 Sep 1691 on 24 Sep 1691 in Springfield, Ma.
- ii. Francis Ball b. 09 Apr 1675 in Springfield, Massachusetts, d. 21 Jan 1699/1700 Springfield, Massachusetts, m. Martha Blakeman Aft. 30 Sep 1699 Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, United States
- iii. Elizabeth Ball b. 14 Jan 1676/77 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, d. 17 Aug 1752 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, m. Nathaniel Sikes 24 Dec 1696 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts
- iv. Mercy Ball b. 15 Dec 1679 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, United States, d. 14 Sep 1683 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, United States, no known spouse
- v. Abigail Ball b. 18 Jul 1682 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, United States, d. 04 Dec 1760 in Durham, Middlesex, Connecticut, United States, m. Moses Parsons in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts

## 9. Mary Ball 1691 -1751 John Hitchcock 1670 – 1751

Mary Ball,

John Hitchcock son of John Hitchcock and Hannah Chapin in Springfield, Massachusetts on 13 Apr 1670 in Springfield, Massachusetts. He married Mary Ball, daughter Samuel Ball and Mary Graves on 24 Sep 1691 in Springfield, Ma. He died 14 Oct 1760 in Springfield.

They had the following children

10. i. John Hitchcock b 14 Dec 1692 in Springfield, Massachusetts, died 25 Aug 1777 Springfield, Massachusetts, m Abigail Stebbins 1 Aug 1717 in Springfield, Massachusetts
- ii. Mary Hitchcock b. 20 Mar 1695 in Springfield, Massachusetts d. young
- iii. Sarah Hitchcock b. 20 Dec 1697 in Springfield, Massachusetts, d. 08 Mar 1722, married Samuel Gunn at Hatfield, Hampshire Co., MA, British Colony
- iv. Mary Hitchcock b. 20 Mar 1699/00 in Springfield, married (1) Daniel Arms 2 Sep 1737, (2) Samuel Taylor 15 Jul 1718, (3) Ebenezer Brarnard 20 Aug 1754 in Springfield. She died 17 Jun 1781
- v. Abigail Hitchcock b. 4 May 1700 in Springfield 3 married Samuel King, Nathaniel Hitchcock b. 23 Sep 1705 Married Hannah Taylor
- vi. Thankful Hitchcock b. 1 Oct 170 in Springfield 7 married Jonathan Scott died 4 Oct 1801
- vii. Jerusha Hitchcock b. 23 Feb 1709, married Daniel Warner
- viii. Margaret Hitchcock 25 Oct 1712, in Springfield married David Cooley, died 6 Aug 1804 in Palmer, MA
- ix. Mercy Hitchcock 9 Jun 1717 in Springfield married Increase Sikes died 30 Dec 1797
- x. Samuel Hitchcock 9 Jun 1717 in Springfield died 22 Apr 1777

## Appendices:

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<sup>6</sup> Ancestry.com, Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011), Ancestry.com, Record for Samuel Bal. <http://search.ancestry.ca/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=2495&h=7677262&indiv=try>.

## Abbreviations

Abt.	About	Aft.	After
b.	born	d.	died
m.	married		

## Calendar Old Style-New Style, Julian & Georgian

The old calendar used up to about 1752 in Protestant countries was the Julian Calendar based on 365.25 days. In 1952 Great Britain and empire switched to the Julian Calendar and since the actual year is 365.2422 days long the switch over caused a 11 day out of synch problem. To solve this problem, it was proclaimed that September 2 would be followed by September 14. As well the old-style calendar the calendar year began on Lady Day 25th of March i.e., the year ran from 25 March to 24 March. Hence January 24, 1712 old style would be January 24, 1713 new style. The correct way to describe a date in the “overlap” period from January 1 to March 24 is to state the Old/New Style as 1712 /1713 which means

“January 24, 1712 old style is what we call January 24, 1713”

Also, since the calendar began in March the months if numbered are as follows

March 1  
April 2  
May 3  
June 4  
July 5  
August 6  
September 7  
October 8  
November 9  
December 10  
January 11  
February 12

## List of Freeman<sup>7</sup>

The status of freeman was primarily of political importance, for it gave one the right to vote for colony officers. In some colonies, though, freeman was tied to church membership, and so the meaning was somewhat different. Massachusetts Bay and New Haven, the most Puritan of the Puritan colonies, made church membership a prerequisite for foremanship, while the rest of the New England colonies did not.

List of freemen may be used for a number of purposes beyond proving biographical information about an immigrant. Like tax lists later, a list of freeman provides basic information about the presence or absence of a person on a given date. And, as noted above, freemanship in Massachusetts Bay and New Haven supplies information about church membership, from which we can learn not just whether this individual was a church member at a given time; we can also

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<sup>7</sup> Anderson, Robert Charles, The Great Migration, Immigrants to New England 1634-1635, Volume VII, T-Y Boston, MA: New England Historical and Genealogical Society, 2011

reconstruct some of the history of churches whose records have been lost by studying the lists over a period of years.

## **Resources for Ball**

Leclerc, Michael J. Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, Boston Massachusetts, NEHGS

## **Websites**

# Relationship of Balls to the Author


14th great grandfather

	<b>Robert Ball</b> b: Abt 1475 Barkham, Berkshire, England d: 1543
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13th great grandfather

	<b>William Ball</b> b: Abt 1505 Wokingham, Berkshire, England d: 1550 Wokingham, Berkshire, England
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12th great grandfather

	<b>John Paris Ball</b> b: 1525 Wokingham, Berkshire, England d: 1599
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11th great grandfather

	<b>John Ball</b> b: 05 May 1548 Wokingham, Berkshire, England d: 1628 Wokingham, Berkshire, England
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10th great grandfather

	<b>William Ball</b> b: 21 Mar 1572/73 Wiltshire, Millenbeck Co, England d: 17 Nov 1647 New Haven, New Haven, Ct.
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9th great grandfather

	<b>Francis Ball</b> b: Abt 1599 Wiltshire, England, United Kingdo d: 03 Oct 1648 Springfield, Hampden, MA, USA
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8th great grandfather

	<b>Samuel Ball</b> b: 16 Mar 1617/48 Springfield, Hampden, MA, USA d: 13 Sep 1689 Springfield, Massachusetts
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7th great grandfather

	<b>Mary Hall</b> b: 12 Jun 1613 Springfield, Hampden, MA, USA d: 14 Oct 1760 Springfield, Hampden, MA, USA
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6th great grandfather

	<b>John Hitchcock</b> b: 14 Dec 1692 Springfield, Hampden County, MA d: 25 Aug 1777 Springfield, Hampden County, MA
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5th great grandmother

	<b>Abigail Hitchcock</b> b: 01 Jun 1716 Springfield, Hampden, MA, USA d: 19 Nov 1793 Onslow, Colchester, Nova Scotia,
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4th great grandfather

	<b>Solomon Hoar</b> b: 24 Sep 1748 Hartfield, Hampden, Massachuse d: 05 Apr 1838 Onslow, Colchester, Nova Scotia,
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3rd great grandfather

	<b>David Gould Hoar</b> b: 28 Sep 1763 Onslow Township, Colchester Co d: 1861 East Mountain, Colchester Count
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2nd great grandmother

	<b>Agnes Hoar</b> b: 27 Jul 1812 Onslow Township, Colchester Co d: 13 Feb 1896 East Mountain, Colchester Count
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Great grandmother

	<b>Rebecca Nelson</b> b: 04 Apr 1841 Truro, Colchester County, Nova S d: 18 Mar 1924 Salmon River, Colchester County,
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Paternal grandmother

	<b>Beatrice Mary Clifford</b> b: 16 Feb 1887 Brookside, Colchester County, N. d: 16 Sep 1958 Truro, Colchester County, Nova S
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Father

	<b>George Clifford Retson</b> b: 19 Dec 1912 Ebble Hill, Colchester, Nova Scoti d: 17 Feb 1997 Truro, Colchester County, Nova S
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