

III.

THE DESCENDANTS
OF COLONEL BALL.

III. THE DESCENDANTS OF COLONEL BALL.

Children born in England :—

1. Richard—died in infancy.
2. William b. Jan. 2nd, 1641; d. Sept. 30th, 1694, m. (i) — Williamson (?); (ii) — Harris; (iii) 1675, Margaret Downman.
3. Joseph b. May 25th, 1649; d. June, 1711; m. (i) 1675, Elizabeth Romney; (ii) Mrs. Mary Johnson.
4. Hannah b. March 12th, 1650; m. July 22nd, 1670, Captain David Fox.

William, the second son, inherited Millenbeck, where he continued to live. Hayden is of the opinion that he first married a daughter of James Williamson, of Rappahannock County. Her name appears to be either Margaret or Mary. Other members of the Ball family insisted that he married a Miss Harris, but she was likely to have been a second wife as Hayden believes. Both wives died prior to 1675, when he married Margaret Downman. Captain William Ball took an active part in the public affairs of Virginia. In 1687 he was appointed to lay off the boundary between Lancaster and Northumberland Counties. He was a Justice in 1680 and at various times from 1682 to 1688 he was a Burgess from Lancaster County.¹ He died in 1694.

Joseph Ball, the second son of William Ball, and the grandfather of Washington, was born in England May 24th, 1649, and was about one year old when he came to Virginia. He spent most of

1. Wm. and Mary Col. Quart. Vol. 5, p. 260.

COLONEL WILLIAM BALL

his boyhood days at Millenbeck, but made frequent trips back to London with his father, who came hither for business purposes. He probably received the greater part of his education in London, and was married about 1675 in England. It has long been a question as to whether his wife's name was Elizabeth Rogers or Romney. Numerous charts give the name Rogers, but a tradition of long standing gives the name as Romney, and that Elizabeth was the descendant of William Romney, Alderman and one time Sheriff¹ of London. The name is still preserved among the descendants of Joseph Ball.

It seems quite probable that Joseph handled much of the tobacco which his father and his elder brother, William, raised at Millenbeck, while he was in London, and took over much of the business formerly done by his father. He remained in England until his wife's death which occurred about 1700. As in the case of his first wife, there has been a great deal of discussion as to the antecedents of his second wife. That he met her in London about 1703 and that they were married there seems more than likely, although there are other indications that they were married in Lancaster County. She was a widow by the name of Mrs. Mary Johnson. It appears that a report reached the children of Joseph Ball that she was a woman of plebeian family, and at first they were greatly angered at their father for marrying beneath his station.²

1. Hayden in his Va. Gen., p. 50, gives Romney as Lord Mayor of London. An inspection of the records in Guildhall, however, show that he was Sheriff during 1603. He is descended through his mother from Hugh de Hatton of the ancient Cheshire family founded by Ivor, a knight under William the Conqueror.

2. Hayden, H. E., Va. Gen., p. 57.

DESCENDANTS.

Evidence was produced, however, to show that she was really a descendant of the ducal house of Montague, of high renown in England. Should this be so, then Washington is descended from Drago de Montacuto, who accompanied William of Normandy to England, where he became the founder of the illustrious Montague family. Ever since Washington's death, the question has been rediscussed at various intervals. The Montagues of America have long spoken of themselves as related to Washington through his grandmother, and it is a well-known fact that Washington himself used the Montague Crest for his seals. Only one child was born of this second union of Joseph Ball—a daughter, Mary, in 1707-8. She is reported to have been a very beautiful girl and has won for all time the much-coveted title, "belle of the Northern Neck." She was twenty-three years old when on March 6th, 1730-1 she married Augustine, the son of Lawrence Washington, the neighbour, friend and colleague of Colonel William Ball.

After his second marriage, Joseph returned to his estate, "Epping Forest," and became a man of prominence in his county and parish. He was made a vestryman of his church, and won the title of Lieutenant-Colonel. He is said to have been a man of great piety and grave dignity.

Upon his return to Virginia in 1704, he received a grant of land near the estate which he had inherited from his father.

This land he erected into an estate called "Epping Forest," after the famous piece of woodland to the north of London. It was situ-

COLONEL WILLIAM BALL

ated in the upper part of Lancaster County. Nothing is now left of the old mansion where Mary, the mother of Washington, was born, and where she spent her girlhood days, but a massive heap of stone, brick and mortar. The mansion was burned over one hundred years ago, and the estate is now part of Oakley, the seat of the Lancaster Chinns, who are descendants of Joseph Ball.¹

Colonel Ball and his two wives now rest in the family vault built near the mansion; the markers are now moss-grown and the winds and rains of Virginia have for nearly two hundred years beat against the slabs that even the very inscriptions have well nigh disappeared.

Hannah, the daughter and youngest child of Colonel William Ball, was but a few months old when she crossed the ocean. At the age of twenty she married on July 22nd, 1670, Captain David Fox, a neighbour of her father who had an adjoining estate on the Rappahannock.

Grandchildren of Colonel William Ball.

Children of William Ball by his second marriage.

1. (1) William b. cir. 1676; m. Hannah Beale.
2. (2) Richard b. cir. 1676; m. Sarah Young.
3. (3) James b. cir. 1678; m. (i) Elizabeth Howson; (ii) Mary Dangerfield; (iii) Mary Anne Ballandine.
4. (4) Joseph b. cir. 1680; m. Mary Spencer.
5. (5) George b. cir. 1683; m. Grace Waddy.
6. (6) Samuel b. Sept. 26th, 1686; m. Ann Taylor.

¹ Wright, W. B., Ball Family Records, p. 182.

DESCENDANTS.

7. (7) David b. Sept. 26th, 1686; m. (i) —; (ii) Ellen Heale.
8. (8) Stretchley, died while quite young.
9. (9) Margaret, date of birth unknown; m. Rawleigh Downman.

Children of Joseph Ball and Elizabeth Romney Ball.

10. (1) Hannah b. cir. 1683; m. Raleigh Travers.
11. (2) Elizabeth b. cir. 1685; m. The Rev. John Carnegie.
12. (3) Esther b. 1685; m. Raleigh Chinn.
13. (4) Anne b. 1686; m. Colonel Edwin Conway.
14. (5) Joseph b. March 11th, 1689; m. Frances Ravenscroft.

Children of Joseph Ball and Mary Johnson Ball.

15. (6) Mary b. 1707-8¹; d. Aug. 25th, 1789; m. March 6th, 1730-1, Augustine Washington.

Children of Hannah Ball Fox.

16. (1) Hannah b. July 25th, 1671; m. Rodham Kenner.
17. (2) David b. 1672; died in 1679.
18. (3) William b. about 1673; m. Ann Chinn.
19. (4) Samuel b. Feb. 28th, 1674; Wife unknown.

1. Hayden, H. E., Va. Gen., p. 58.

COLONEL WILLIAM BALL

Great-grandchildren of Colonel Wm. Ball.

Children of William Ball and Hannah Beale Ball.

1. (1) William b. cir. 1700; m. Margaret Ball.
2. (2) George b. cir. 1702; m. Judith Payne.
3. (3) Sarah b. cir. 1705; m. (i) Dennis McCarty; (ii) Abram Barnes.
4. (4) Judith b. cir. 1706; m. George Glasscock.
5. (5) Ellen b. cir. 1710; m. (i) Richard Chichester; (ii) Wm. Downman.
6. (6) Hannah b. cir. 1715; m. Robert Mitchell.

Children of Capt. Richard Ball and Sarah Young Ball.

7. (1) Sarah b. cir. 1700; m. John Seldon.
8. (2) Margaret b. cir. 1702; m. Captain William Ball, Jr. (1st cousin).
9. (3) Hannah b. cir. 1705; m. William Montague.
10. (4) Esther b. cir. 1706; m. Capt. Wm. Glasscock.

Children of Major James Ball and Elizabeth Howson.

11. (1) Anne b. 1700; m. ——— Downman.
12. (2) Elizabeth b. 1701-2; m. William Keene.
13. (3) Eliza b. 1702-3; died in infancy.

Children of Major James Ball and Mary Dangerfield Ball.

14. (4) Mary b. 1707-8; died in infancy.
15. (5) Frances b. 1709; m. ——— Ball.

DESCENDANTS.

16. (6) Sarah b. Jan. 1711-12; m. Charles Ewell.
17. (7) Eve b. Dec. 24th, 1713; m. (i) Thomas Taylor; (ii) Solomen Ewell.
18. (8) Jesse b. 1716; m. Frances Burgess.
19. (9) James b. 1718; m. (i) —; (ii) —; (iii) Lettice Lee.
20. (10) Mary b. 1721; m. Colonel Richard Seldon.
21. (11) Edwin b. 1722-3;
22. (12) Jeduthun b. 1725; m. Elizabeth Burgess.
23. (13) Sinah b. 1727-8; m. Colonel Daniel McCarty.
24. (14) — — — — —

Children of Captain Joseph Ball and Mary Spencer Ball.

25. (1) Spencer b. cir. 1710; m.-Mathrom.
26. (2) Richard b. cir. 1712; died in 1735.
27. (3) Sarah b. cir. 1715; m. William Harding.
28. (4) Joseph b. cir. 1716; died 1735.
29. (5) William b. cir. 1720; m. Hannah Kenner.

Children of Captain George Ball and Grace Waddy Ball.

30. (1) John b. cir. 1710; m. Margaret Ball.
31. (2) David b. cir. 1712; died without issue.
32. (3) George b. cir. 1712; m. Ann Taylor.
33. (4) Joseph b. cir. 1715; m. Hannah —.
34. (5) Richard b. cir. 1716;

COLONEL WILLIAM BALL.

35. (6) Sarah ——— ; m. ——— Dameron.
 36. (7) Harris Downman.
 37. (8) Grace b. 1716-17; m. (i) ——— Burns;
 (ii) Travers Downman.

Children of Margaret Ball Downman and Rawleigh Downman.

38. (1) William b. 1717; m. Ellen (Ball) Chichester.
 39. (2) Rawleigh b. 1719-20; m. Frances Ball.
 40. (3) Charles.
 41. (4) Christopher.
 42. (5) Elisha.

Children of Esther Ball Chinn and Rawleigh Chinn.

43. (1) Joseph b. cir. 1705; m. Elizabeth Ball.
 44. (2) Rawleigh b. cir. 1706; m. Elizabeth ———.
 45. (3) Chichester b. cir. 1708; m. Agatha Thornton.
 46. (4) Thomas b. cir. 1710; m. Mrs. Robert Edmonds.
 47. (5) John (?).
 48. (6) ——— name unknown.¹
 49. (7) Ann; m. Martin Shearman.

Children of Ann Ball Conway and Colonel Edwin Conway.

50. (1) Ann b. cir. 1700; m. Robert Edmonds.
 51. (2) Elizabeth b. cir. 1702; m. May 5th, 1724, Christopher Garlington; their daughter Elizabeth m. Peter Spencer Hack.

1. Hayden, Va. Gen., p. 75.

DESCENDANTS.

- 52. (3) Agatha b. cir. 1710; m. Cuthbert Spann.
- 53. (4) Peter b. cir. 1712; m. (i) Elizabeth Spann; (ii) Betty Lee.
- 54. (5) George ——— ; m. Anne Heath.
- 55. (6) Hannah b. cir. 1724; m. Tunstall Hack.

Children of Joseph Ball and Frances Ravenscroft Ball.

- 56. (1) Charles b. 1717.
- 57. (2) Hetty Betty b. 1719.
- 58. (3) Frances b. 1720; m. Rawleigh Downman.

Children Mary Ball Washington and Augustine Washington.

- 59. (1) George "born ye 11th Day of February 1731-2 about 10 in the morning and was Baptised the 5th of April following."¹ Feb. 11 o.s.; 22 n.s. 1732. Married January 6th, 1759, to Martha Dandridge, daughter of John Dandridge of N.K. Co. and widow of Colonel Daniel Parke Custis.
- 60. (2) Betty b. June 20th, 1733; m. Colonel Fielding Lewis.
- 61. (3) Samuel b. Nov. 16th, 1734; m. (i) Jane Champe; (ii) Mildred Thornton; (iii) Lucy Chapman.
- 62. (4) John Augustine b. Jan. 13th, 1736; m. Hannah Bushrod.

1. Hayden, Va. Gen., p. 81.

COLONEL WILLIAM BALL

- 63. (5) Charles b. May 2nd, 1738; m. Mildred Thornton.
- 64. (6) Mildred b. June 21st, 1739; d. Oct. 23rd, 1740.

Children of Hannah Ball Fox and Rodham Kenner.

- 65. (1) Richard b. cir. 1700; m. Eliz. ———.
- 66. (2) Rodham b. cir. 1702; m. Susanna Opie.
- 67. (3) Hannah b. cir. 1710; m. William Ball.¹

¹ For a continuation of the descent from Colonel William Ball see Hayden's Va. Gen., pp. 47-144, 234, 243, and George N. Mackenzie's "Colonial Families of the United States of America," Baltimore, Md. 1911, Vol. II, pp. 36-49. Hayden has much interesting information not to be found elsewhere.

BIBLIOGRAPHY.

BIBLIOGRAPHY.

- Bradley, L. A. "History of the Ball family.
Privately printed N.Y. 1916.
- Custis, Geo. W. P. Life of Mary Ball. National
Gazette, cir. 1825.
- Harleian Society Publications and MSS.
- Hayden, Horace E. Mary Washington. Mag.
Amer. Hist. Vol 30.
- Hayden, Horace E. Virginia Genealogies,
Wilkesbarre, Pa. 1891.
- Hening, W. W. Statutes at large of Va. 2nd
Ed. N.Y. 1823. Vols. 1 & 2.
- Hotten, J. C. Emigrants to Amercia 1607-1700.
London 1874.
- Journal of the House of Burgesses, Richmond,
Va. 1909 (1619-1693).
- Irving, Washington. Life of George Washing-
ton. Vol. I.
- Lossing, B. J. Mount Vernon and its associa-
tions, N.Y. 1859.
- Mackenzie, George N. Colonial Families of
U.S.A., Baltimore 1911, Vol. II.
- Virginia Historical Register, Vols. I & II.
- Virginia Magazine of History and Biography.
Vol. II.
- William and Mary College Quarterly. Vols. I,
II, III, IV & V.
- Wright William Ball. Ball Family Records.
York 1908.

*This Edition is limited to five hundred
copies for sale in Great Britain and the
United States of America.*