

Descendants of Charles Foresman Ballard and Netta Belle Hegler

Generation No. 5.1

CHARLES FORESMAN⁵ BALLARD (*Mary Jane⁴ Hibben, James³, Thomas², John¹*) was born October 02, 1852 in Jeffersonville, Fayette Co., OH, and died February 19, 1940 in Washington Court House, Fayette Co., OH. He married **NETTA BELLE HEGLER** June 17, 1885, daughter of **ALLEN HEGLER** and **MARIA ELLIS**. She was born June 17, 1857 in Wayne Township, Fayette Co., OH, and died August 21, 1952 in Washington Court House, Fayette Co., OH.

Children of **CHARLES BALLARD** and **NETTA HEGLER** are:

- i. **ALEXANDER HEGLER BALLARD**, b. June 19, 1886, Washington Court House, Fayette Co., OH; d. February 21, 1958, Chicago, Cook Co., IL. He m. **MARGARET GEIGER** June 10, 1913.
- ii. **ELIZABETH ANN⁵ BALLARD**, b. June 10, 1888, Washington Court House, Fayette Co., OH; d. January 27, 1948, Washington Court House, Fayette Co., OH. She m. **GEORGE AYERS ROBINSON** January 16, 1916, Washington Court House, OH; b. September 02, 1878, Washington Court House, Fayette Co., OH; d. 1961, OH.
- iii. **MARIE LOUISE BALLARD**, b. August 17, 1891, Washington Court House, Fayette Co., OH; d. April 1984, Davenport, Polk Co., FL. She m. **JOHN WORDEN HOLMAN** November 1917; b. January 13, 1879
- iv. **JAMES WERTER BALLARD**, b. October 10, 1894, Washington Court House, Fayette Co., OH; d. December 12, 1973, Charlottesville, VA. He m. **MARGARET FOSS** July 31, 1929, Chicago, Cook Co., IL.

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CHARLES FORESMAN BALLARD 1852 - 1940
and
NETTA BELLE HEGLER 1857 - 1952

*The next time it seems as if someone is speaking to you
from the grave, pay attention to the voice. Maybe someone
wants to share a lifetime of experience with you.¹*

Nan Weber

Charles Provides For His Mother And Marries A College Graduate

The third son of Mary Jane Hibben and Alexander Selkirk Ballard was Charles Foresman Ballard. He was born on October 2, 1852 in Jeffersonville, Fayette County, Ohio.² His father died when he was twelve years old. The Census of 1870 recorded that he was working as a store clerk as well as attending school. By 1880, at the age of twenty-seven, he was employed as a banker in Washington Court House, single and living with his widowed mother. On June 17, 1885 he married Netta Belle Hegler, the twenty-eight year old daughter of Allen Hegler, a farmer, and Maria Ellis. (Plate 13) Netta attended Wellesley College.³

Charles and Netta had four children, all born in Washington Court House. Alexander Hegler was born June 19, 1886; Elizabeth Ann, June 10, 1888; Marie Louise, August 17, 1891; and James Werter Ballard, October 4, 1894.⁴

Mr. Ballard was born at Jeffersonville on October 2, 1852, moving to Jamestown where he spent his early life, and in 1874 came to Washington C. H. where he was first associated with Morris Sharp and Co., in the banking business. In 1881 he became a member of the firm of White and Ballard hardware dealers, and later the partnership was dissolved and he took over the entire business and operated it for years before he retired some 20 years ago.⁵

Charles' Business Integrity Is Respected

The Census of 1900 confirms that he was a hardware merchant.⁶ By 1910 the scope of his operations had enlarged to include wholesale hardware,⁷ and in 1920 at the age of sixty-seven, he was the manager of an electric shop.⁸

Charles died February 19, 1940.

Mr. Ballard was one of the city's most highly respected residents and through his integrity in business and ever ready spirit to render good service to his customers, attained a prominent place in the community.⁹

Netta died August 21, 1952.

Mrs. Netta B. Ballard, 95, the daughter of one of Fayette County's pioneer families, died at the Winter's Nursing Home here at 4 A.M. Thursday following a month's illness. . . She was the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Allan Hegler, who came here in the early days of settlement of the county. . . Mrs. Ballard was the last surviving member of the first class to be graduated from Washington C. H. High School in 1876. . . She entered Wellesley College in Massachusetts after high school here.¹⁰

THE JAMES HIBBEN LINE

Additional Information About The Children Of Charles and Netta

Alexander Hegler Ballard married Margaret Geiger on June 10, 1913.¹¹ For many years he operated a wholesale automobile parts business. He died February 21, 1958 in Chicago, Illinois.¹²

Elizabeth Ann Ballard is the subject of Chapter VII, Generation 6.1.

Marie Louise Ballard married John Worden Holman in November 1917.¹³ She died in April 1984, with a last residence of Davenport, Polk County, Florida.¹⁴

James Werter Ballard married Margaret Foss in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois on July 31, 1929. He died December 12, 1973. His last residence was at Charlottesville, Virginia.¹⁵

Generation 5.1 End Notes:

- ¹ Nan Weber, *Mattie: A Woman's Journey West*, 1997, Moose Wyoming, (Homestead Publishing), page 124.
- ² *Bible Records, Fayette County, Ohio*, (Fayette County, Ohio Genealogical Society), Alexander Selkirk and Mary Jane Ballard Family bible, page 78.
- ³ Recollections of George Ayers⁷ Robinson, Jr. (*Elizabeth Ann⁶ Ballard, Charles Foresman⁵, Mary Jane⁴ Hibben, James³, Thomas², John¹*)
- ⁴ *Bible Records, Fayette County, Ohio*, [Note 2].
- ⁵ *Record-Herald*, Washington Court House, Fayette County, Ohio, obituary, February 19, 1940.
- ⁶ US Census 1900, T623-1266, enumeration 54, sheet 5, line 36, 324 Main St., Washington Court House, Union Township, Fayette County, Ohio.
- ⁷ US Census 1910, T624-1179, enumeration 73, sheet 8, line 92, Washington Court House, Fayette County, Ohio.
- ⁸ US Census 1920, T625-1379, enumeration 151, sheet 3, line 1, 373 East St. Washington Court House, Fayette County, Ohio.
- ⁹ *Record-Herald*, [Note 5].
- ¹⁰ *Ibid.*, obituary, August 21, 1952.
- ¹¹ *Bible Records, Fayette County, Ohio*, [Note 2].
- ¹² *Record-Herald*, Washington Court House, Ohio, February 22, 1958.
- ¹³ *Ibid.*
- ¹⁴ Social Security Death Index, #264-80-2633.
- ¹⁵ *Bible Records, Fayette County, Ohio*, [Note 2]; Social Security Death Index, #125-10-8354.