

Descendants of Alexander Selkirk Ballard and Fanny Pearce/Pierce

Generation No. 5.2

ALEXANDER SELKIRK⁵ BALLARD (*Mary Jane⁴ Hibben, James³, Thomas², John¹*) was born August 31, 1861 in OH, and died October 12, 1914 in Washington Court House, Fayette Co., OH. He married **FANNY PEARCE/PIERCE** June 10, 1885. She was born May 1863 in OH, and died December 6, 1954 in Columbus, Franklin Co., OH

Children of **ALEXANDER BALLARD** and **FANNY PEARCE/PIERCE** are:

- i. **CHARLES PEARCE/PIERCE⁶ BALLARD**, b. October 12, 1886, OH. He m. **MABEL F. RUSK** November 11, 1911; b. Abt. 1886, OH; d. July 16, 1971, Columbus, Franklin Co., OH.
- ii. **CONSTANCE BALLARD**, b. December 09, 1894, OH. She m. (1) **MORTIMER W. CLASGENS** January 14, 1915. She m. (2) unknown **CHARTERS** Aft. 1930.

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ALEXANDER SELKIRK BALLARD 1861 - 1914
and
FANNY PEARCE/PIERCE 1863 - 1954

Alexander Selkirk Ballard Becomes A Prominent Businessman

Two years after his birth on August 31, 1861, in Jamestown, Greene County, Ohio,¹ Alexander Selkirk Ballard's father died. He was the fifth and youngest child, raised by his mother Mary Jane Hibben Ballard who did not remarry. Sometime after 1870, Mary Jane took her sons Charles and Alexander from Jamestown to live in Washington Court House, Ohio. In 1880 Alexander was nineteen and still attending school.² Soon afterward, his first job was with a bank.

Mr. Ballard came to this city quite a young man, and began his banking career with the old "Merchants and Farmers' bank," leaving in a short time, upon the organization of the Commercial bank. In 1885 he was wedded to Miss Fannie Pearce,³ who survives him with two children, Pearce and Constance, and one little granddaughter, Betty Rusk [Ballard]. . . .

He enjoyed the fullest confidence of the patrons of the Commercial bank with which he has been connected since its organization thirty-five years ago. . . .Mr. Ballard was actively identified with a number of Washington's leading business interests, notably the P. Hagerty Shoe Co., the Washington Manufacturing Co., the Washington Telephone Co., The Ballard-Ford Hardware Company, and had under his management a number of estates. For a number of years Mr. Ballard served as one of the Public Library trustees and it is due to his personal efforts that the present Carnegie Library was secured to the city. He made several trips to New York and personally interviewed Mr. Carnegie, finally influencing him to the gift.⁴

When Alexander died in Washington Court House on October 12, 1914,⁵ he was eulogized with highest praise.

Mr. Alexander S. Ballard, president of the Commercial bank, prominently identified with Washington's financial and business affairs and widely recognized as one of her most influential citizens, answered the eternal summons at his home on Clinton avenue, Monday afternoon at five o'clock. . . .Mr. Ballard was known in the banking world throughout the state and was held in the highest regard by Ohio bankers, having been a member of the legislative committee of the Ohio Bankers' Association.⁶

Alexander was only fifty-three years old when he died. He was buried in the Washington cemetery at Washington Court House. In 1915 Fanny and her daughter Constance moved to Columbus, Ohio. Both the 1920 and 1930 Census record they were living together in Columbus.⁷ She died in Columbus on December 6, 1954 and her remains were taken for burial in the family lot in Washington Cemetery in Washington Court House, Ohio.⁸

THE JAMES HIBBEN LINE

Additional Information About The Children Of Alexander And Fanny

Charles Pearce/Pierce Ballard was born October 12, 1886 in Washington Court House, Ohio.⁹ At the age of twenty-three, in 1910, he was living with his parents and employed as a bookkeeper for a bank.¹⁰ On November 11, 1911, Charles married Mabel F. Rusk.¹¹ They had two children: Betty Rusk, born July 31, 1912,¹² and Charles Pearce/Pierce Ballard, Jr., September 26, 1916.¹³ Charles, Jr. died in June 1983 in Florida.¹⁴ Betty Rusk Ballard married Donald Jones, April 25, 1935 at Zanesville, Ohio.¹⁵ Betty died August 13, 1994 in Zanesville¹⁶. Mabel Rusk Ballard died July 16, 1971 at Columbus, Ohio the widow of Charles Pearce/Pierce Ballard.¹⁷ The date and place of Charles' death is not known.

Constance Ballard was born December 9, 1894 in Washington Court House, Ohio.¹⁸ She married Mortimer W. Clasgens on January 14, 1915, a few months after the death of her father.¹⁹ It appears that the marriage was not long lasting. The 1920 Census records Mortimer, a newspaper man, living alone near the residence of Constance and her mother.²⁰ In 1930 he was not found in the Census, while Constance and Fanny were still living together. Fanny's obituary records that she died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Constance Charters, indicating Constance married again. No additional information has been found about Constance.

Generation 5.2 End Notes:

- ¹ *Bible Records, Fayette County, Ohio*, (Fayette County, Ohio Genealogical Society), Alexander Selkirk and Mary Jane Ballard Family bible, page 78, "Alexander S. Ballard was born Aug. 31, 1861." As the lives of Alexander and his father barely overlapped, all references to him are with out 'Jr.'
- ² US Census 1880, T9-1013, page 443C, Washington C. H., Fayette County, Ohio.
- ³ *Bible Records, Fayette County, Ohio*, [Note 1], "Alexander S Ballard and Fanny Pearce were married June 10, 1885."
- ⁴ Unknown newspaper, Washington Court House, Ohio, October 13, 1914, obituary.
- ⁵ *Bible Records, Fayette County, Ohio*, [Note 1], "Alexander S Ballard, Jr., died Oct. 12, 1914;" *Xenia Torchlight*, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, October 13, 1914.
- ⁶ Unknown newspaper, [Note 4].
- ⁷ 1920 US Census, T625-1379, page 19A, line 19, enumeration 149, Washington Court House, Fayette County, Ohio; 1930 US Census, T626-1799, page 7A, line 16, enumeration 121, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.
- ⁸ *Record-Herald*, Washington Court House, Ohio, December 7, 1954.
- ⁹ *Bible Records, Fayette County, Ohio*, [Note 1], "Pearce Charles Ballard son of Alex S and Fannie Ballard born Oct. 12, 1886."
- ¹⁰ US Census 1910, T624-1179, enumeration 73, sheet 11, line 62, Washington Court House, Fayette County, Ohio.
- ¹¹ *Bible Records, Fayette County, Ohio*, [Note 1], "C. Pearce Ballard, son of Alex. and Fannie Ballard, and Mabel F. Rusk were married Nov. 11, 1911."
- ¹² *Ibid.*, "Betty Rusk Ballard, daughter of Pearce and Mabel Ballard was born July 31, 1912. "
- ¹³ *Ibid.*, "Pearce Charles Ballard son of Alex S and Fannie Ballard born Oct. 12, 1886."
- ¹⁴ Social Security Death Index.
- ¹⁵ *Ibid.*, "Betty Rusk Ballard, daughter of Charles Pearce Ballard and Mabel Rusk Ballard, and Donald Jones were married April 25, 1935 at Zanesville, Ohio."
- ¹⁶ Social Security Death Index.
- ¹⁷ *Record-Herald*, [Note 8], July 17, 1971.
- ¹⁸ *Ibid.*, "Constance Ballard daughter of Alex. S. Ballard and Fannie Ballard was born Dec. 9, 1894."
- ¹⁹ *Ibid.*, "Constance Ballard, daughter of Alex and Fanny Ballard, and Mortimer W. Clasgens were married Jan. 14, 1915."
- ²⁰ US Census 1920, T625-1379, page 19A, line 12, enumeration 149, Washington Court House, Fayette County, Ohio.