

## **Chapter Two**

### **Our Ball Ancestors**

#### ***George & Charlotte Ball***

The earliest Ball ancestors that we are presently aware of are GEORGE BALL and CHARLOTTE BAKER. They are listed as the parents of Charles James Ball in the baptismal register<sup>21</sup> at St. Giles, Camberwell, London Co., England. Camberwell is south of the City of London, across the Thames River and was previously part of Surrey County. It is now part of the Greater London borough, Southwark (see map of London). Their marriage<sup>22</sup> was on May 26, 1813 at St. Mary, Newington, England. No further information is known about them at this time and it is not known if Charles had any siblings.

#### ***Charles & Harriet Ball***



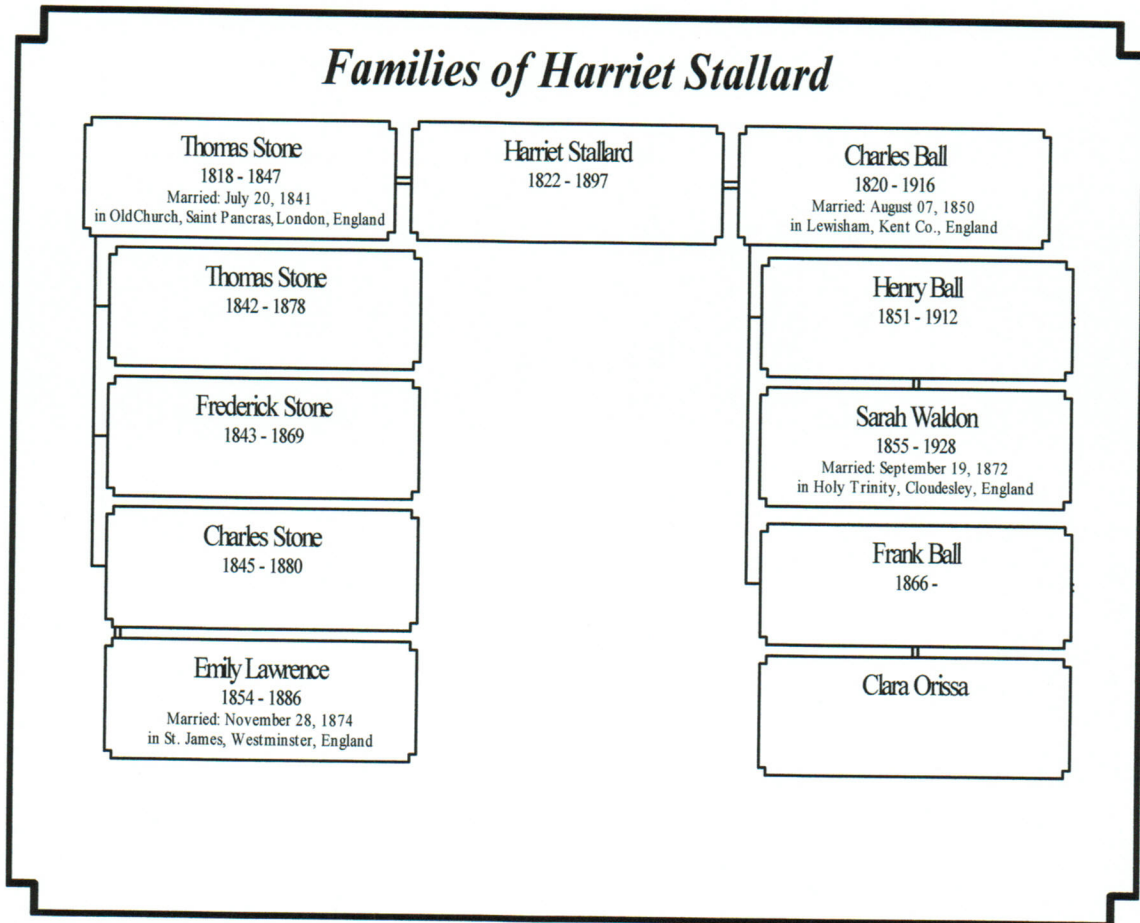
Pic 13: Charles James Ball



Pic14: Harriet Stallard

Charles James Ball was born<sup>5</sup> July 22, 1820 in Camberwell, Surrey Co., England. He married<sup>23</sup> HARRIET STALLARD on August 07, 1850 at Lewisham, Kent Co., England. Kent County is south-east of London. Harriet was born<sup>5</sup> September 30, 1822 in Islington, Middlesex Co., England and was the daughter of James Stallard and Ann Morris. She

was christened<sup>24</sup> on November 10, 1822 at Pentonville Claremont Independent, Clerkenwell, London, England. Harriet's parents were married<sup>25</sup> on May 28, 1815 at Saint James, Paddington, London Co., England. Paddington is now part of the borough of Westminster. It is not known if Harriet had any siblings.



The marriage to Charles was Harriet's second marriage. Her first marriage<sup>26</sup> was to Thomas Willis Stone on July 20, 1841 at Old Church, Saint Pancras, London, England. St. Pancras is now part of the borough of Camden which is north of the City of London and west of Islington. Thomas was born<sup>23</sup> c1818 and died<sup>27</sup> on April 06, 1847 at his home at 106 Camden Rd Villa, Kentish Town, Middlesex Co., England. Kentish Town is just north of St. Pancras in the borough of Camden. To the Stone's were born three sons.



Children of THOMAS STONE and HARRIET STALLARD are:

- i. THOMAS WILLIS STONE<sup>5,23</sup> was born on April 22, 1842. He died on March 28, 1878 at 4 Junction Villa, Islington, Middlesex Co., England.
- ii. FREDERICK MORRIS STONE<sup>5,23</sup>, was born in 1843. He died on November 02, 1869 at Selwyn, Christchurch, New Zealand.
- iii. CHARLES HARRIS STONE<sup>5,23</sup> was born on November 29, 1845. He died on July 05, 1880 at 2 Grayshott Rd, Battersea, Surrey Co., England.

These three names were found in the Ball Family Bible but were of no significance to anyone until this writer was contacted by Jenny Ghai from England. She is a descendant of the father of Charles Stone's wife Emily Eliza Lawrence. Jenny was able to fill in the missing pieces about Harriet and the Stone connection.

It was about three years following the death of her husband Thomas Stone, that Harriet married Charles Ball. Charles was listed as a "Gentleman" at the time of his son's christening in 1851<sup>28</sup> and was living at Camden Rd Villas, London. This may have been Harriet's home as it is the place of death listed for her first husband Thomas. On April 12, 1855 when Harriet wrote her will<sup>29</sup>, she listed her residence as Tenterden, Kent Co., England (in the South-east of England). Perhaps they maintained two homes as Henry was born<sup>7</sup> in Tenterden in 1851.

In the 1881 census<sup>7</sup>, Charles' occupation is listed as Second Class Clerk, Ecclesiastical Commissioners of England which was the governing body for the Church of England. Charles and Harriet lived at 2 Grosvenor Villas, Chiswick, Middlesex, England at that time. Chiswick is just north of the Thames River and is now part of the Greater London borough of Hounslow. It is not far from Kew Gardens which was a favorite location of Ellen (Ball) Bates. Members of Charles and Harriet's household included a housemaide domestic servant and a cook domestic servant.

Harriet died<sup>23</sup> in October 12, 1897 at the age of 75. Probate of her will<sup>29</sup> was granted on November 13, 1897. On August 11, 1913 Charles added a codicil to his will<sup>30</sup>, leaving the sum of twenty pounds to Elizabeth Groom in recognition of many years of faithful service. At that time he was living at No. 2 Lancaster Rd, Hampstead, Middlesex Co., England. His occupation was 'Gentleman'. Charles died<sup>23</sup> about 19 years after Harriet, in 1916 at the age of 96. Probate of his will<sup>30</sup> was granted on April 11, 1916. His granddaughter Ellen Ball would no doubt have remembered her grandfather as he died after she came to Canada.

To Harriet and Charles were born two sons.

- i. HENRY BALL was born on May 29, 1851 at Tenterden, Kent County, England
- ii. FRANK BALL was born July 10, 1866 at Holloway, Middlesex County, England.

### ***Child No. 1***

HENRY BALL (*son of CHARLES JAMES, grandson of GEORGE*) was born<sup>5</sup> May 29, 1851 in Tenterden, Kent County, England. Tenterden<sup>31</sup> is 21 miles inland from the south-east coast of England and is a small town about 50 miles south east of London. It is a delightful market town with much of its Georgian buildings and street layouts intact. What took Harriet to Kent Co. when Henry was born? Her birth is listed in Kent Co. so perhaps there were relatives there. Henry will be discussed further under Henry and Sarah Ann Ball.

**Child No. 2**



Pic 15: Frank Ball

FRANK BALL (*son of CHARLES JAMES, grandson of GEORGE*) was born<sup>5</sup> July 10, 1866 in Holloway, Middlesex, England. In the 1881 census<sup>7</sup> at age 15, Frank was out of his home and living at Spital Rd Clewer House in Clewer, Berkshire, England attending school. He married<sup>17</sup> Clara Orissa and there is some evidence that they came to Toronto, Ontario however more information is needed to confirm this.

Two children are known:

- i. HERBERT BALL<sup>17</sup>, died in the War.
- ii. HARRIETT BALL<sup>17</sup>, died in Toronto, Ontario.

Nothing more is known about this family.

***Henry and Sarah Ann Ball***

Henry Ball received an advanced education becoming a chartered accountant, A.I.C.A (Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales)<sup>32</sup>. He married<sup>33</sup> SARAH ANN WALDON September 19, 1872 in Holy Trinity, Cloudesley, England. She was born<sup>7,34</sup> November 22, 1855 in Clerkenwell, Middlesex, England to William and ? Waldon.

In the 1881 census<sup>7</sup>, Henry and Sarah Ann were living at Rose Villa, Burlington Lane, Chiswick, Middlesex, England, a "nice location" according to a London contact. Henry was working as an accountant at that time and along with their first 4 children, there was also a servant in the home. Henry had offices at 66 Haymarket<sup>23,32</sup> and 425





**Pic 16: Henry Ball**





**Pic 17: Sarah Ann Waldon**



High Road Gunnersbury<sup>23</sup>. He acted as accountant and treasurer to many theatrical managers and included the following theaters<sup>32</sup>: Haymarket, Opera Comique, Royal Court, Princess, Prince of Wales, Vaudeville, Strand and Olympic.

On January 26, 1885 when Henry wrote his will<sup>35</sup>, his address was listed as No. 149 Palmerston Buildings, City of London, England.



Pic 18: Henry Ball, Sea Angler

Henry was a founding member of the British Sea Angler's Society and his obituary in the Fishing Gazette reports that *"he was widely known to sea anglers, and for the last quarter of a century devoted nearly all his leisure time in the interests of sea angling...For many years he lived at Deal...at his home or in his cosy bungalow on the beach. His wife was always ready to offer hospitality to sea-anglers. He was the inventor of the 'Ball Sea Rod', the 'Ball Sea Reel' and the 'Ball Sea Lead'..."*<sup>32</sup> Deal is located on the south-east coast of England and is a popular site for sea-anglers. It is just north of the 'white cliffs' of Dover along the coastline.



He was also known<sup>36</sup> to be the proprietor of the Crown Hotel, Slough in 1912 when Henry would have been 61 years old. Perhaps this was a retirement venture? The Crown Hotel<sup>31</sup> was large. The postcard shows the hotel that was built in the 1700s. It was burned down in 1929 and another slightly smaller hotel opened in 1932. In those days Slough was in Buckinghamshire. Its



Pic 19: Post Card of the Crown Hotel



Pic 20: Granny Ball in Northern Ontario

importance was at the height of the coaching era, when it was a major staging point on the London to Bath Road. The main railway through to the West from London had its first stop there. In the 1850s the Royal Family took their first train ride to Slough, from where they traveled to Windsor.

Henry did not enjoy this position for long as he died<sup>32</sup> in July 14, 1912. How his estate was settled is worthy of further investigation as his wife Sarah Ann emigrated to Canada with her daughter Dorothy to live with daughter Ellen sometime after Henry's death. It is interesting to note that Probate was not granted until January 1, 1918, 5 1/2 years after Henry's death. There is nothing to suggest that Sarah Ann was affluent in her life in Northern Ontario. What a change in lifestyle it must have been for her and her two daughters. Sarah Ann's life in Canada is covered in **Chapter Three**.



### The Late Mr. Henry Ball

It came as a great shock to hear of the death of Mr. Henry Ball on July 14, 1912. He was undoubtedly widely known to sea anglers, and for the last quarter of a century devoted nearly all his leisure time in the interests of sea angling. He was one of the founders of the British Sea Anglers' Society, and the following cutting from the *Fishing Gazette* of Saturday, Feb. 11, 1893, gives an account of the first public meeting:—

#### "British Sea Anglers' Society.

"A well-attended meeting of anglers was held on Friday night, Feb. 3, 1893, at the Swallow Rooms, Piccadilly, and, as a result, the above society—the first of its kind in the United Kingdom—was inaugurated. The meeting had been convened by Messrs. F. G. Affalo and E. S. Shrubsole, who had projected the formation of a sea-fishing society, and the proceedings were presided over by Mr. G. H. Cook, who read letters from Sir Albert K. Rollit, M.P., the President of the Board of Trade, the Mayor of Deal, Mr. A. D. Berrington, Mr. Blakey, Mr. R. B. Marston (Editor of the *Fishing Gazette*), and Mr. W. Senior (of the *Field*), expressing sympathy with the movement and offering their hearty co-operation."

Although Mr. Ball's name does not appear in that account, he was present at the meeting, and followed Mr. Affalo as secretary, and acted in that capacity for many years. As evidence of the high esteem in which he was held, he was the recipient of a testimonial and a purse of gold.

By profession he was an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, his offices being at 66, Haymarket (at which office his eldest son, Mr. Frederick Ball, may still

be found), where he had a very large connection. I may here add that he gave the use of his rooms for the first committee and other meetings held in connection with the B.S.A.S.

Before the present palatial offices in Fetter-lane were secured the meetings were held in many other places. Captain Lambton Young was the chairman of the executive committee, which consisted of Messrs. H. Ball, F. T. Barrow, E. V. Clark, H. Griffith, J. N. Hearn, A. Nagle, C. J. Noble, F. W. Norman, F. A. Rhodes, J. R. Rhode, H. Simmons, and C. H. Whaites. Mr. Harry Barker, F.C.A., and Mr. C. F. Cummins were the honorary auditors.

Mr. Ball acted as accountant and treasurer to many theatrical managers, amongst whom were Sir Squire Bancroft, Sir John Hare, Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, Mrs. Fisme, Vera Beringer, Lady Langtry, and many other celebrities. His business was with the Haymarket, Opera Comique, Royal Court, Princess's, Prince of Wales, Vaudeville, Strand, Olympic, and other theatres, and it goes without saying that he was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

He was an ardent sea-angler, and for many years lived at Deal where I have spent many pleasant hours and days either at his home or in his cosy bungalow on the beach. I was present at the launch of the *British Sea Angler*, and, with good old Ned Hanger in charge, fished from her decks off the wreck at the Goodwins. His wife (with whom we all condole in her affliction) was always ready to offer hospitality to sea-anglers.

He was the inventor of the "Ball Sea Rod" (cork handle), the "Ball Sea Reel," and the "Ball Sea Lead," and although many present members of the B.S.A.S. did not know him personally, they will admit that the present prosperity of the society, from such small beginnings of nearly twenty years ago, has been greatly assisted by the late Mr. Henry Ball. R.I.P. DRAGNET.

Pic 21: Obituary of Henry Ball

Henry and Sarah Ann had nine children. Further research is needed to determine if there are living descendants other than those mentioned.

#### Child No. 1

Charles Henry Ball was born<sup>5,7</sup> August 16, 1875, at Dalston, Middlesex, England. He married MAUD (surname unknown). They are thought to have one daughter. Nothing further is known.

#### Child No. 2

Alfred Ball was born<sup>5,7</sup> on December 12, 1876 at Dalston, Middlesex, England. No further information is available.

#### Child No. 3

Ernest William Ball was born<sup>5,7</sup> on December 13, 1879 at Dalston, Middlesex, England. No further information is available.



Pic 22: Ernest Ball



***Child No. 4***

Frederick George Ball was born<sup>5</sup> on June 24, 1881. He married May (surname unknown). Frederick followed in his father's footsteps and worked in his father's business. Frederick died<sup>37</sup> in 1918. They had three girls, Freida, Ida May and Marjorie. Freida known as "Paddy" corresponded with her Canadian cousins. Phyllis Bates and Gladys Francis visited Paddy during their trip to England. She died<sup>38</sup> earlier this year. Paddy married Ernest Condict and they had two daughters, Elizabeth and Dianne.



Pic 23: Paddy Condict, Ellen Bates, Phyllis Bates  
Liz Condict (back)

***Child No. 5***

Ellen Ball was born<sup>5</sup> July 30, 1883 at London, England. She and her family are the subject of **Chapter Three**.

***Child No. 6***

Florence Ball was born<sup>5</sup> in November 1884 and died young.

***Child No. 7***

Percy Ball was born<sup>5</sup> on December 04, 1885. He died<sup>3</sup> at the age of 6 on December 03, 1891.

***Child No. 8***

Dorothy Ball was born<sup>5</sup> on December 21, 1889 in England. She came to Canada with her mother and lived with her sister Ellen at Heaslip. She was known to Ellen's children as 'Auntie Doll'. Dorothy married<sup>5,39</sup> Peter Clunas, a widower, on March 17, 1921, in Ellen and Leonard's home in Heaslip, District of Temiskaming, Ontario. Peter was born<sup>5,40</sup> on August 19, 1881 in Auldearn, Scotland. Peter was a blacksmith and farmer. They were married less than a month when 'Auntie Doll' died<sup>41</sup> on April 12, 1921, at Lady Minto Hospital, New Liskeard, District of Temiskaming, Ontario as a result of an acute intestinal blockage. Uncle Pete died<sup>42</sup> on June 24, 1957 at Park Royal, New Liskeard, District of Temiskaming, Ontario. Dorothy and Peter are buried in Englehart Cemetery, District of Temiskaming, Ontario.





Pic 24: Dorothy Ball



Pic 25: Peter Clunas

*Child No. 9*



Pic 26: Herbert Ball and Nanny



Pic 27: Bert Ball



Herbert Ball was born<sup>5</sup> on December 22, 1891 in England. He married<sup>43</sup> MARY MAUDE "MAY" GIBSON on February 14, 1915 at Middlesex, Parish Church, Chiswick, England. She corresponded with Granny Bates (her sister-in-law). She died<sup>43</sup> in February 1965.



Pic 28: May (Jean's mother) at Windsor Castle in 1957

Their son Herbert Ernest Henry Ball was born<sup>43</sup> August 25, 1915 at Hanwell, Middlesex Co., England.

Daughter Jean Ball was born<sup>43</sup> September 1, 1925 at Isleworth, Middlesex, England. Jean and her friend Phyllis have visited their Canadian cousins and correspond regularly with them. Jean lives at Ingatestone, Essex, England.



Pic 29: Jean & Phyllis



Pic 30: Jean and her mother May