

BALLARD HOUSE

Beverly Ballard built a log cabin for his family on 71.10 acres entered from the Government in 1834 in sec. #6 T 16 N R 2 E Brown Township Hendricks County, Indiana. He also entered land in Lincoln Twp., where later his son James Ballard (B. 2-26-1819 d. 7-22-1892) would build and operate a sawmill.

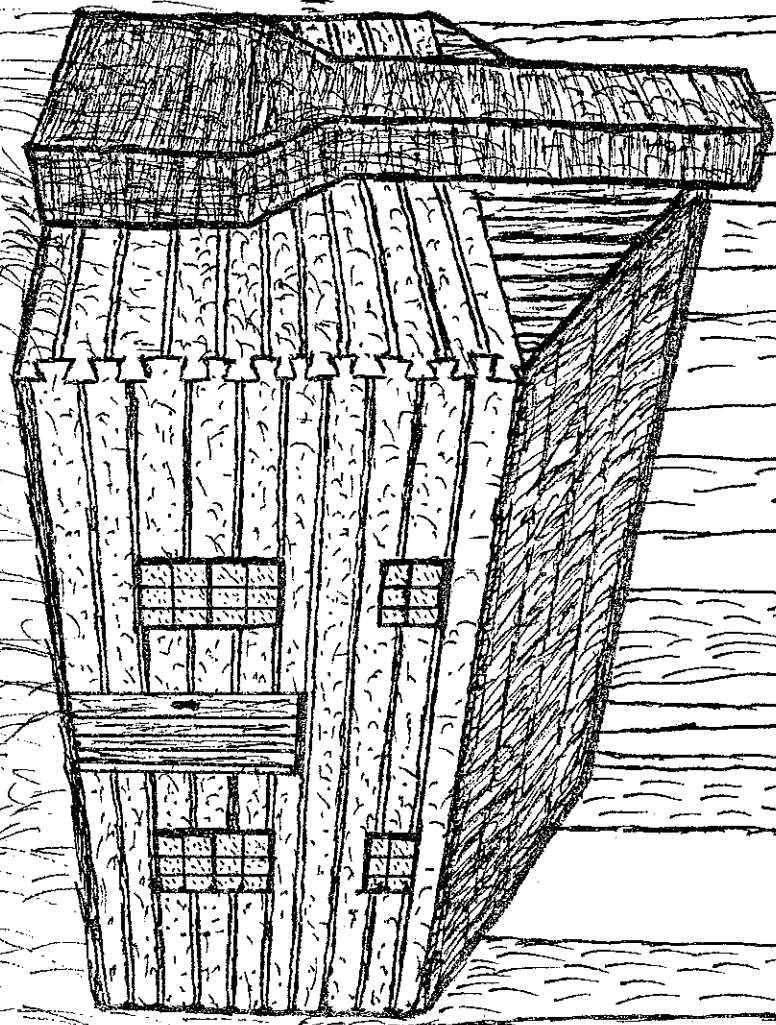
At the death of Beverly Ballard, James Ballard became the owner of the land where the log cabin stood. In 1853 James Ballard and his brother George Ballard (b. 1- -1822 d. - -1912), who was a cabinet maker, felled trees, hauled logs to the sawmill owned by James Ballard and hewed the sills for a new house. In 1854 the house consisting of two rooms 15 x 15, two rooms 9 x 10, and a 9 x 10 porch enclosed on three sides was completed. It was heated by a fireplace, there were five windows and three doors lead outside; one to the north just a few steps away from the log cabin. Sometime during the 1880's, the porch was fully enclosed and became the fifth room of the house.

When James Ballard died the house and some of the originally entered acreage was willed by him to his daughter, Mary Jane Ballard (b. 2-25-1858 d. 10-20-1922), who lived alone on the farm until her marriage (8-8-1895) to Daniel B. Ennis (b. 1-11-1864 d. 4-17-1921). In 1907 they tore down the log house built by her grandfather, Beverly, put a brick foundation under the house built by her father, James, (up until this time it rested on rocks), took out the original fireplace, and built a 16 x 30 addition consisting of two rooms over a brick walled cellar, and a cement porch. The cellar had a framed, roofed outside entrance, with cement steps which are still in use. A false outside chimney and solid walnut fireplace mantle were built into the house built by James and a larger matching porch was added to it.

At the death of Mary Jane Ballard & Daniel B. Ennis, the house and approximate acerage of 84 acres was willed to Margaret (Hogan) Haag (b. 9-6-1890 d. ), who was the niece of Mary Jane (Ballard Ennis, and who had made her home with them following the death of her mother until her marriage (6-4-1913) to William Haag (b. 9-1-1891 d. 8-29-1972). William and Margaret (Hogan) Haag completely modernized the house during the period from 1922 to 1972; first electricity was installed, the cellar was enlarged to create room for a furnace, an inside cellar-way was constructed, closets and a bath were created in the 1854 house, hardwood flooring was laid over the old rough boards, and the kitchen was completely modernized.

*Ballard family*

WILLIAM BALLARD  
CABIN



South entrance

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## BALLARD CEMETERY

Brown Township, Hendricks County, Indiana

Common in pioneer times was the "Family" Cemetery.

The Ballard Cemetery is located on ground entered by Beverly Ballard in 1834 & 1835, and is presently owned by Margaret Haag, great granddaughter.

There are two versions of how the cemetery came into being:

1. A young man who was working for James Ballard, (son of Beverly) died leaving no known relatives and was the first person buried there.
2. James & Sarah (Corbaly) Ballard had lost one son who is buried in Walker Cemetery in Lincoln Twp. When their second son died, James Ballard said "I will start my own burial ground."

In either instance, the cemetery was begun about 1850 and perhaps earlier, and was originally planned as a family burial ground, however, after the migration of the Irish to Brown Twp., there was an epidemic which killed so many babies in the community, and some of the Irish Catholic families requested that James Ballard allow their unbaptized children to be buried in his family plot. At that time all Catholic children were baptized at St. John Church, Indianapolis, so it was not unusual for a child to be a year or so old before baptism. Proof of these children's proper burial is evidenced in 1928 when during the opening of a grave tiny gold casket crosses and a piece of glass were unearthed. Many protestant children are also buried there, and many of the graves that are marked are no relation to the Ballard family.

There are numerous unmarked graves, some stones practically illegible, and some stones buried. (These I hope to unearth this summer). Each rock is a grave marker and there are two red cedar trees which I have always been told are also markers. The cemetery is about half the size it originally was, due to it's placement on a hill overlooking Shoal Creek to the immediate west, erosion has taken place and though it has always been well fenced, the stones are in a bad condition at this time.

These are names I was able to get from stones: (I hope to have more later)

Brown, George W. d. 9-19-1851 1 y 8 m 16 d son of \_\_\_\_\_ Brown

Brown, Rachel S.

Brown, Elizabeth c. 8-7-1857 17 y 5 m 5 d wife of Levi Brown

Cox, Nancy d. 12-23-1865 52 y 3 m 29 d wife of Robert Cox

## BALLARD CEMETERY

Shirley, John d. 10-23-1867 22 days son of William Shirley

Carter, H \_\_\_\_\_ d. 1-25-1863 w. y 6 m 11 d son of J G? & L Carter

Ruggles, America J d. 10-22-1856 8 y 2 m 22 d dau of C. C. & N. Ruggles

Ruggles, Sarah P. d. 9- -1851 7 y 5 m 27 d dau of James Ruggles

Tout, James J. d. 8-27-1855 1 y 6 m 1 d son of Tim. H. & Lucinda Tout

Shirley, T \_\_\_\_\_ Henriett d. 3-14-1870

Several Small Stones with initials only :

J R M A S M R E B S P B H A C

Tout, Sarah d. 10-4-1853 1 y 11 m 7 d dau of Tim. H. & Lucinda Tout

This information was provided by Hazel (Mrs. Max) McClain

**JOSHUA BALLARD**

Joshua, son of Jesse and Sarah Carter Ballard, was born in Morgan county, Ind., near Center Valley in the year 1834, passing away June 10, 1917, at his home in Minnesota, at the ripe age of 82 years, 8 months and 15 days. He was one of the youngest of eight children, all having gone on before except one sister, Mary Ann Hadley who is living. He was married March 26, 1859, to Nancy Eames and to this union was born three daughters and two sons, the daughters preceding him. He lived in Hendricks county, Ind., until 1884 when he and his family moved to Goodline county, Lumbrota, Minn., remaining there until his death.

He had a birthright membership in the Friends church, believed in its principles and was a regular attendant as long as living near the church of his choice. He knew something of the early pioneer life and the hardships connected with it. The sacredness of the homeland with its attachment and affection brought him back each year for a visit which was always full of enjoyment. He was a man of a strong constitution and had remarkable physical strength for one of his age, until his last sickness which was pneumonia, his strength gave way and the suffering was too much for him to rally from. He realized the end was near and spoke of the bright beyond and was ready for the change. He requested that his body be brought back to his old home and laid in West Union cemetery with two of his daughters. The remains was accompanied by his son Abbott. He leaves a wife, two sons, one sister, with other relatives and friends to mourn the loss, which to him is gain. \* \* \*

**Death of a Pioneer.**

Mrs. Ann Ballard, widow of Joel Ballard, deceased, died, Sunday 23rd inst. at the residence of her son-in-law, Harrison B. Heiner, in Mooresville, in her eightieth year. Mrs. Ballard came to Marion county with her parents in 1827. She married soon after and settled in Hendricks county, where she resided nearly fifty-seven years, being about the earliest settler on White Lick. She was greatly favored with health, and up to her last sickness her mind was clear. She was an earnest Christian, being a life member of the Society of Friends. She made her home with her two daughters, Mrs. Louisa Heiner and Dattie J. Ballard. Three sons are living, John A. Ballard, of Geneva, Neb. and Wm. P. Ballard and Levi E. Ballard, of Indianapolis.

**MRS. ELLA BALLARD,  
ILL TWO YEARS, DIES**

Wife of Prominent Pioneer Grocer  
Was Organizer of Local  
Branch of D. A. R.

Mrs. Ella Woodward Ballard, age 66 years, died this morning at her home, 1624 Washington avenue, after an illness covering over two years. The cause of her death was Bright's disease. The funeral will be held in St. John's Episcopal church of which Mrs. Ballard was a member. The exact time of the funeral will be announced later as the family is awaiting word from relatives.

Mrs. Ballard was born March 30, 1849 in Mooresville, Ind., and was married to John D. Ballard in Mooresville in 1868. To this union were born three children, two of whom are now living. They are Mrs. Iva Wherry of this city and Mrs. Charles Nordyke of New York City, who will be here for the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballard came to Kansas City in 1883 and settled in Parsons on February 14 of that year. For a number of years Mr. Ballard was a prominent business man here and was active as a Mason. Mr. Ballard died sixteen years ago.

Besides her two daughters, Mrs. Ballard is survived by one grandson, who has made his home with Mrs. Ballard since his mother's death sixteen years ago, and one sister, Mrs. W. A. Comer, of Martinsville, Ind., who has visited here often.

Mrs. Ballard was one of the organizers of the D. A. R. chapter of this city and was at one time president of the Athenaeum Reading club.

During her long illness Mrs. Ballard has watched with interest the events of the day and was always bright and hopeful. She was a devoted mother and grandmother and while she has been in ill-health for a number of years her death was unexpected and came as a great shock to her many friends in this city.

The burial will be in the family lot in Oakwood cemetery.

John D. Ballard, who resided here some years ago and was well known to most every one for miles around, died at his home in Indianapolis Friday. His remains were started Saturday for Parsons, Kansas, where he lived for many years. His death leaves a wife and three daughters to

Mrs. B. E. Ballard

d. Saturday December 1920 of Tuberculosis after several Weeks of illness.

Survivors; Husband

2 daughters Mrs. E. Stevens of Indiana and Miss Alice Ballard

2 sisters of Mrs. Ballard Mrs. Edith Bayliss of Clayton

Mrs. Lindley of Martinsville

1 brother Ed of Indianapolis Mooresville Times. Dec 17, 1920

Benjamin B. Ballard Married Miss Carrie E. Simpson (who was the mother of his children) Married Miss Lena Tausey (or Tansey)

Buried: West Union, Monrovia Survived by Widow and 3 Children

Mrs. Katherine Stevens of Greenfield

R.S. Ballard of Dallas Texas and Herbert Ballard of Cinn.

Friday Jan 15, 1926

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Asa Ballard ( one of early settlers of Mooresville Barn 1817 In Ohio  
Died: In Indianapolis as residence of his son Hadley Ballard, of Typhoid

(Must be about 1882 or 1883) his age 67 Yr.

Survived : 3 Children 2 Sons John D., Hadley and 1 daughter Mrs. Mattie Reeves

Engaged many years in merchantile business. Ballard and Dixon's Store

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Mrs. Ann Ballard Widow of Joel Ballard B. 1809 died ( 80th years June 23, 1889

Survivors: dau; Mrs. Louise Heiner

Datie J. Ballard (Mrs. Harrison D. Heiner died Aug 9, 1890

Sons: John A. Ballard of Geneva Neb. and William P. Levi E.

Ballard of Indiana.

Charles Matthews Jr. married (first) Aug. 9, 1898 KATHERINE LENNOX of Sikeston  
she d. 1910

m 2nd. Feb. 18, 1913 Eleanor Ballard d of George Wm. and Helen Irvin

Bedford Co. Va. Ballard Marriages

Wm. Ballard and Rachel Moorman 8-25-1768 His 2nd wife  
South River Meeting House

Barclay Son of Wm and Judith Johnson dau of John of Amelia Co. 2-27-1776

William and Elizabeth Anthony 4-24-1788

Moses Cadwalder and Mary Ballard of Bedford Co. 5-23-1792

Byrun Ballard and Sarah Hutton 9-20-1792

Joseph Moreland and Mourning Ballard of Bedford Co. 5-23-1794

Thimothy Johnson and Lydia Ballard 8-14-1799

Josiah Bailey and Susanna 7-15-1804

William and Nancy Butterworth 11-14-1805

James Ballard Son of Barclay, Betsey Butterworth 2-13-1806

Joshep Johnson son of James and Penelope Johnson Beysey Butterworth Ballard  
12-28-1808

Obit: 1923-1979 Mooresville Morgan Co. Indiana

Georgia Conduitt Fields: b. 14 Dec. 1886 D. Apr. 19, 1966  
Daughter of George and Ira Dakin Conduitt  
m. Herbert A. Fields Sept 5, 1912  
Ch: R.C. Fields, Deo. N. Fields  
Buried Mooresville Cem. grandson John Jeffery  
grandaughter Mrs. Dwayne Copeland  
Mrs. Ralph Baker  
Mrs. Wm. Freeman  
Sisters Jessie Rothwell  
Mary Conduitt

Forest G. Rusie d. 8-30- 73

Joy Rusie b. May 9, 1898 Edinburg  
d. Apr. 21, 1920  
Dau. of Frank and Lucinda Brown  
Myrick

William Sewell (Sag) Fields b. May 1, 1919  
d. 1-23-75 Son of Kenneth and Myrtle Gillaspie Fields  
1939 M. Lousie Works da of Barbara Stanley

Myrle Sheets d. 1-3-75 b Oct 7, 1887 m. Apr. 1, 1906 Albert Sheets d. Mar 9, 1919  
da of John and Wnie Clark Hall

Henry Sheets Albert Sheets. Jr. Dorothy Devore (Kenneth son of Benjamin  
And Elsie Latta Devore d. sept 4, 1976 b. Oct 18, 1908 m. Oct 8, 1931  
Son Benny )



From

**I. BALLARD**

The attached might well be titled:

The Family Background of a Very  
Early School Teacher in  
Hendricks County

This school teacher's name appears on  
the third sheet as NANCY EAMES, born Mar. 27,  
1834 in Bethel, Maine.

J. J. B.

No. 36

Oct-7<sup>th</sup>

, 1882

Received of WILL. C. SWINDLER, Trustee of  
 Liberty Township, of Hendricks County, and State of Indiana, the sum of  
 One Dollars and  
 Cents, out of the Special Fund, for  
 Supplies for School No 18

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Signed, Joshua Ballard

This genealogy is authentic and is verified. It is on my mother's side and extends back to 1714. Upon this record I have S. A. R. standing and it may be used by any of our children or grandchildren for D. A. R. or S. A. R. recognition, if that should ever be desired.

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SAMUEL EAMES born in Framingham, Mass. April 16, 1714, married for his first wife Sybilla Haven, Jan. 11, 1739, who died Feb. 19, 1749, his second wife was Eunice Fuller of Newton

Children born in Framingham,

By first wife Sybilla Haven,

Patience, b. Jan. 6, 1740, married Amos Perry of Sherburne

Samuel, b. Feb. 1, 1742, died in army unmarried

Ebenezer, b. Sept. 1, 1744, died young

Sybilla, b. April 3, 1747, married David Leland of Holliston

By second wife Eunice Fuller,

Eunice, b. Feb. 21, 1753, died young

Eunice, b. June 6, 1754, died young

Ebenezer, b. April 26, 1756, married Elizabeth Coolidge

Eunice, b. Sept. 9, 1758, married John Coolidge of Natick

Alexander, )

) bapt. June 26, 1763, one accidentally killed the other while hunting.

James )

Lydia, bapt. May 10, 1767.

(History of Framingham, Mass.)

Temple, pp. 530.

"We have heard that Samuel Eames used to come to Dublin on foot and spend a part of the season on his farm; returning in the autumn with a heavy load on his back. It is said that, in order to relieve himself when he became tired from the weight of his burden behind, he was wont to take up quite a large stone in both hands; and that, carrying this stone awhile he felt himself rested when he dropped it."

( Mason's History of Dublin, N.H. 1855 )

B ALLARD, Nancy Eames

EBENEZER KAMES born in Framingham, Mass. April 26, 1756, married Elizabeth Coolidge of Natick April 16, 1778.

"Ebenezzer Kames, Framingham, List of men returned as serving on picket guard under Maj. Laommi Baldwin dated May 11, 1775; also, list of men returned as serving on picket guard under Maj. Baldwin dated May 23, 1775; said Kames detailed under Capt. Jonas Hubbard; also petition dated Camp at Cambridge June 5, 1775, addressed to Gen. Ward, signed by said Kames and other of Capt. Drury's co. stating that they had enlisted to serve in Col. Nixon's regiment and requesting that they might be permitted to continue in Col. Nixon's reg't., also Capt. Thomas Drury's co. Col. John Nixon's ( 5th.) reg't; company receipt for advance pay dated Cambridge June 20, 1775; also private same co.; muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775 enlisted May 4, 1775; service 3 mos. 5 days, also company return dated Winter Hill Sept. 30, 1775, also (late) Capt. Micajah Gleason's ( 3rd.) co. Lt. Col. Thomas Nixon's ( 4th.) regt.; regimental return dated North Castle Nov. 9, 1776, also same co., and reg't, company receipts for wages Sept. Oct. Nov. and Dec. 1776.

( Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the  
Revolution Vol. V. p. 141)

"Ebenezzer Kames and Elizabeth his wife came to Dublin, N.H. July 18, 1779, and lived on lot 9, range 2, Samuel lived on this lot before Ebenezzer came, his name appears on the tax list for the last time in 1798."

( Mason's History of Dublin, N.H.)

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Children of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Coolidge) Eames born in

Dublin, N.H. except Betty who was born in Natick, Mass.

Betty, b. Sept. 13, 1778.  
Eunice, b. July 9, 1780.  
Polly, b. Aug. 1, 1782, married John Swan.  
Patty, b. June 30, 1784.  
Nelly, b. Aug. 15, 1786, married John Copeland.  
Nancy, b. Oct. 3, 1788.  
Julia, b. Oct. 1, 1790, married Abel Hibbard.  
Ebenezer, b. Oct. 29, 1792, married Hepsibah Kimball.  
Nathan, b. April 30, 1797, married Mary Abbott.  
Luther, b. date not given, married Abigail P. Russell.  
Sally, b. " " "

( Mason's History of Dublin, N.H. 1855)

( Lapham's History of Bethel, Maine, pp. 521-2)

NATHAN EAMES born in Dublin, N.H. April 30, 1797, "married Mary dau. Jonathan Abbott, he lived near Walker's Mills in Bethel and died June 8, 1838."

Children of Nathan and Mary (Abbott) Eames born in Bethel, Maine.

Curtis Coolidge, b. Feb. 1826.

Daniel, b. June 10, 1827.  
Elizabeth, b. Sept. 24, 1828.  
Elinor, b. June 8, 1830.  
Mary A. )  
          ) b. Aug. 3, 1832.  
Martha M.  
Nancy, b. March 27, 1834.  
Nathan, b. April 20, 1836.

( Lapham's History of Bethel, Maine.

p. 522)

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\*NANCY EAMES born in Bethel, Maine, March 27, 1834, married

Joshua Ballard, son of Jesse and Sarah (Carter) Ballard, March 26,  
1859, lived near Monrovia, Ind. until May 1884 (except for the year  
1867, which they spent near Zumbrota, Minn.) Moved to Zumbrota, Minn.  
in May, 1884. Died July 21, 1922.

Children of Joshua Ballard and Nancy (Eames) Ballard.

Mary Elizabeth,      b. Aug. 4, 1860,      d. Oct. 13, 1883.

Almeda Curtis,      b. July 12, 1864,      d. Nov. 11, 1874.

Caswell Aden,      b. June 10, 1867 at Zumbrota, Minn. Married

Ida Bell, July 14, 1898, at Fergus Falls,  
Minn.

Sarah Edna,      b. Sept. 20, 1869,      d. May 4, 1889.

Abbott Leroy,      b. June 6, 1874.

CASWELL ADEN BALLARD born at Zumbrota, Minn. June 10, 1867,

married Ida Bell (born June 10, 1872, daughter of James F. Bell and  
Celia (Corbett) Bell) July 14, 1898, at Fergus Falls, Minn.

Lived at Fergus Falls one year then at Moorhead, Minn. from 1899--

Children of Caswell and Ida (Bell) Ballard

Born at Moorhead, Minnesota

James Irving,      b. Oct. 29, 1900.

Curtis Abbott,      b. Dec. 29, 1907.

Margaret,      b. Aug. 13, 1911.

Edward Cooper,      b. Dec. 20, 1915.

\*From personal knowledge and family Bible records.

(signed) C. A. Ballard, July 8, 1943.