

**Individual Narrative of Benjamin⁸ L. Ball [385]
Son of Susan(nah)⁷ Leveridge [203] and John Ball
Husband of Phebe Ann Rikel**

Benjamin Leveridge Ball was born 30 November 1827 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. The birth date was calculated based upon Benjamin's age (72 years, 7 months, 20 days) at the time he died (20 July 1905).¹

Benjamin Leveridge Ball married Phebe Ann Rikel 5 May 1850, probably in Manhattan, New York County, New York.²

Phebe Ann (Rikel) Ball was born 12 August 1829 in New York State, possibly in Manhattan, New York County. The birth date was calculated based upon Phebe's age (59 years, 10 months, 12 days) at the time she died (24 July 1889). Phebe's parents have not been identified.³

Benjamin Ball, age 22 sash maker, and his wife Phebe, age 20, were recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Manhattan Ward 13, New York County, New York. They were living with Benjamin's widowed mother Susan, age 64, and the following unmarried siblings: William H., age 39; Anne, age 30; Susan M., age 22; and Adeline, age 24.⁴

Benjamin L. Ball, age 26 sash maker, was recorded in the 1855 New York State Census of Manhattan Ward 10, New York County, New York. His family included his wife Phebe, age 23, and his son William H., age 4. Benjamin's family was recorded in this census immediately following the record for the Susan Ball (Benjamin's mother) household. Following Benjamin's record was Benjamin's Aunt Ann Eliza (sister of Benjamin's mother) and her husband Elias O. Taylor and their children. The census record indicated that they were all sharing the same dwelling.⁵

Benj L. Ball, age 32, his wife Phebe age 26, and their son William H., age 9 were recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Manhattan Ward 10 District 1, New York County, New York. They were living with Benjamin's mother Susan, age 74, and his siblings: William H., age 45; Maria, age 30; Susan, age 28, and Adeline, age 25.⁶

Benjamin L. Ball, sash maker, was listed in the 1868 New York City Directory living at 60 Heater Street.⁷

Benjamin Ball, age 43 was recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census of Manhattan Ward 10 District 7, New York County, New York. Benjamin's family included his wife Phebe, age 40, and children: William, age 19; Bertha, age 6; and Lousia, age 4. They were living with Benjamin's mother Susan, age 80, and his siblings: William, age 53; Ann M., age 48; Susan, age 45, and Adeline, age 35.⁸

By 1873 Benjamin L. Ball had relocated to Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Benjamin, sash maker, is listed in the Brooklyn City Directory in the 1870's as follows: 1873, 91 Clason Avenue; 1877, 1029 Myrtle Avenue; 1878, 16 Tompkins Avenue.^{9,10,11}

Benj. L. Ball, age 52 carpenter, was recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census of Brooklyn, Kings County, New York living at 411 Kent Avenue. Benjamin's household included his wife Phebe, age 50, and children Rica, age 17; Emma, age 14; and John, age 7.¹²

Benjamin L. Ball, sash maker, is listed in the Brooklyn City Directory in the 1880's as follows: 1884, 35 Tompkins Avenue; 1886, 89 Ellery.^{13,14}

Phebe A. (Rikel) Ball died 24 July 1889 in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York age 59 years, 10 months, and 12 days. Phebe was buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn according to the findagrave.com web site.¹⁵

Benjamin L. Ball, sash maker, was listed in the 1890 Brooklyn City Directory living at 847 Broadway.¹⁶

Benjamin Ball, age 65 sash and blinds, was recorded in the 1892 New York State Census of Brooklyn Ward 21, Kings County. Listed with Benjamin was his son John, age 18, hardware.¹⁷

Benjamin Ball, age 76 sash manufacturer, was recorded in the 1900 U.S. Census of Brooklyn Ward 28, Kings County, New York living at 1840 Bushwick Avenue. Benjamin was living with his son John, age 26, John's wife Elmira, age 26, and John's son Elmer, age 8.¹⁸

Benjamin L. Ball was listed in the 1904 Brooklyn City Directory living at 940 Madison.¹⁹

Benjamin L. Ball, age 77, was recorded in the 1905 New York State Census of Brooklyn, Kings County. Benjamin was living with his son John, age 31, John's wife Elmira, age 31, and John's children Elmer, age 9, and Mildred, age 1.²⁰

Benjamin Leveridge Ball died 20 July 1905 at 129 South Nicholson in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Benjamin's death certificate indicated that he had been a blind maker, gave his age as 72 years, 7 months, and 20 days, and said that the cause of his death was heat prostration and catarrh asthenia. Benjamin was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn.^{21,22,23}

Benjamin Leveridge Ball and Phebe Ann Rikel had four children, all of whom survived to adulthood.

William H. Ball, painter, was born circa 1851 probably in Manhattan, New York County, New York. William married Martha W. Dayton 26 April 1884 in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. William died 9 April 1896 in Brooklyn. William was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn. William was recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census and the 1892 New York State Census of Kings County, New York.^{24,25,26,27,28,29}

Tabitha (aka Bica, Bertha) Croffer Ball was born 10 April 1863 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Bica married John W. Boerckel 25 December 1880 in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Bica died 20 January 1937 in Hempstead, Nassau County, New York. Bica was buried at the Greenfield Cemetery in Uniondale, Nassau County. Bica was recorded in the 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 U.S. Census of Kings County, New York.^{30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38}

Emma Louisa Ball was born 8 October 1867 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Emma married Frank M. Sands 31 May 1886 in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey. Emma died 24 August 1940 in Queens County, New York. Emma was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Emma was recorded in the 1880 and 1910 U.S. Census of Kings County, New York; 1900 Hudson County, New Jersey; 1920, 1930, and 1940 Queens County, New York.^{39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48}

John Jacob Ball was born 12 July 1873 probably in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. John married Elmira Pangborne circa 1894 probably in Brooklyn. John died 9 January 1937 in Lake Ronkonkoma, Suffolk County, New York. John was buried at the Evergreens Cemetery in Brooklyn. John was recorded in the 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 U.S. Census of Kings County, New York.^{49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56}

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