

Greensboro, N.C. June 28<sup>th</sup> 1891.

My dear Judge: Your very kind and acceptable letter of June 23<sup>d</sup> recd. - The pamphlet from Nicholas Ball, also, reached me to-day, I have not yet carefully examined it, but there is no doubt that I am a descendant of the Edward Ball mentioned. His descendant, Edward, went to New Jersey, about two hundred and twenty-five years ago, with about thirty families, the "flower of the New Haven colony." The words quoted are taken from an article, entitled "Newark," in the 53 vol. of Harper's Magazine (1876) p. 660. Edward Ball's name appears upon the map at p. 663, and he is again mentioned at p. 677. If this volume should be convenient, you might perhaps like to look over the article. I noticed

in Nicholas Ball's pamphlet the names of  
Ebenzer Tourgee, who married Angeline  
Ball; who had two sons, Dr. Eben Tourgee and  
Jeremiah H. Tourgee, etc. I presume these  
were your relatives. As for my own family,  
I have an unpublished genealogy, sent  
to me by my father, but it is in a drawer  
which I cannot get open. I have never  
cared much about such things; but this  
genealogy is much more complete than  
that of Nicholas Ball.

I had not heard of your affliction and  
I am very glad, now that you have told  
me of it, that you are fast recovering.  
And tell Mrs. Tourgee, whom I know so  
well, and Lodie, whom I know scarcely  
at all, that I am glad, as we all are,  
to know they are well. We had all  
noticed, with pleasure, the great suc-  
cess <sup>of Lodie</sup>, and have spoken of it, together,  
many times. I have, <sup>no</sup> doubt she will  
be an artist, one day, of rare ex-

cellent. I remember meeting her, and  
 her mother, at Washington, in March,  
 1889. I had a very satisfactory visit  
 with them, especially with Mrs Tangee. Nothing  
 would afford me greater pleasure than to  
 visit you all in your home, in Mayville,  
 but I do not see how I can do so. I  
 used to be very fond of Miss Millie, and  
 hope she remembers me as pleasantly  
 as I remember her.

Greensboro has changed very much of  
 late years. I do not feel like writing  
 much to-day, feeling rather tired than  
 otherwise; but if I could see you, I think  
 I could tell you of enough to make  
 another book, to add to the more than  
 twenty you have written since we met.

I send you the enclosed picture. The  
 subjects are sitting on the wall, surround-  
 ing the new government building. They  
 were "taken" unawares, from the window

of the photographer's gallery on the opposite side of the street. They are two of our most noted characters. Do you know them? Please send the picture back to me. There were two other views of them taken at the same time, but I cannot get hold of them.

I am very glad you wrote me and wish I could better entertain you with a letter. Greensboro is just now in the throes of a revival, under the auspices of one Wm. P. Fife, who was once a dissipated "Drummer," but is now a saint. He said something, in his discourses, that your old friend Judge Schenck did not like; so the Judge and several of his boys, way-laid Fife in front of the M<sup>r</sup>. Adso's House, where the latter was boarding. The Schencks struck him with heavy canes and a pistol went off, without damage, however, to anybody. I

will try to send you the Daily Record, containing the resolutions of an Indignation Meeting - will do so, if I can get a copy of the paper. If I cannot get it, I suppose you will see the resolutions in the "North Star" which, no doubt, you receive regularly. The people set down upon the Judge and his sons very heavily.

As for my own illness, I do not know what it was - probably, not paralysis, as the newspapers had it. I am not laid up at all, and nearly always, these days, I feel as well as usual, altho' not to-day. I do not know what a fatiguing trial, or some such work, would do for me. But there are not many such trials - not for Yankee lawyers, anywhere, in this country.

Mrs. Ball sends her very best regards to you and yours and, with

me, thank you very much for your kind  
invitation. If I should go to Western  
New York, at any time, I would be very  
much tempted to accept the same.

With the very kindest wishes for you  
and yours, I am

Very truly, your friend,

Wm. S. Ball

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