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TO MY WIFE  
MARY SHIPMAN





## PREFACE

LEONARD ABRAHAM BRADLEY was a descendant of ALLEN BALL through MARY BALL (daughter of DEACON STEPHEN BALL), who married ABRAHAM BRADLEY, his grandfather.

ABRAM BRADLEY, as he was generally known, was born in New Haven, Connecticut, March 14th, 1833, and graduated at Yale College in the Class of 1855, of which he was the Vice-Secretary for many years. After studying for a few months at the Union Theological Seminary of New York, he decided to follow the law as his profession. He graduated at the Yale Law School, '55-56, and was admitted to the Bar Association of New York in 1858, and to the Connecticut Bar in 1870. He resided in New York for thirty years and was for a long time in the office of STRONG & CADWALADER, whose Senior partner, MR. CHARLES E. STRONG, was his cousin. Mr. BRADLEY was a well known Real Estate specialist. He never married and passed away in New Haven, April 18th, 1898.

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MR. BRADLEY commenced his genealogical studies soon after leaving College. This MS of the BALL GENEALOGY, dated October 21st, 1864, was the second of his studies on the subject, and it seems to have been then completed and ready for the press. Just about that period he began the study of the BRADLEY FAMILY. He first prepared his MS including many collateral groups of the family of ISAAC BRADLEY, but finding the work too voluminous, he reduced it somewhat, and in that abridged form it was found at the time of his

death. MR. BRADLEY also prepared other MSS relating to his maternal ancestry, the SELLECKS and the ST. JOHNS of Norwalk, but they were left quite incomplete.

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The following pages give evidence of the thorough manner in which MR. BRADLEY carried on his investigations about family history. As his copious foot-notes show, he consulted all available Historical, Real Estate and Probate Records and visited Cemeteries and places of interest connected with the HISTORY OF THE BALL FAMILY. It is a remarkable fact that, as far as our inquiries go, there has been no BALL GENEALOGY up to date as full and detailed as MR. BRADLEY'S, which was written fifty years ago. It is true those inquiries have only related to the New Haven Branch of the BALL FAMILY in connection with the SHIPMAN FAMILY of New Haven, descendants of EDWARD SHIPMAN, of Say Brook (1635).\* The only BALL GENEALOGY extant seems to be a fragmentary one in the New England Gen. & Bio. Reg. for April, 1907, and it is to be hoped that this issue may be the foundation for the work of some other BALL descendant who will continue the record down to the present time. It was deemed proper to publish this MS without additions, except an Index for easy reference, as it is desired that it should go forth as a MEMORIAL of our late cousin, LEONARD ABRAM BRADLEY, whose researches command our grateful admiration.

J. M. A.

29 West 75th Street,  
New York, October, 1916.

\* It is possible that both the BRADLEY and the SHIPMAN studies will be published.