

The earliest ball makers in Scotland known by name were:

North Leith	1554	<u>John &amp; Walter Paterson</u>
Leith	1629	<u>William &amp; Thomas Dickson</u>
	1637	<u>John Dickson</u>
St Andrews	1643	<u>Andrew Dickson</u>

In the Netherlands the following members of those families may be found as likely to have come into touch with ball-making there:

Bergen op Zoom 21st July 1601

Thomas Dickson, bachelor, from Edinburgh, soldier under captain Was(?) registers for marriage to Maeyke Hoenen, from Werendal, widow of Jan Forret

Delft 8th January 1603

Peter Stuart, bachelor, born in Scotland, buttonmaker, marries Elizabeth Rogge, from Scotland, widow of John Dennis, both residing in de Dronckesteech.  
(In Delft the ballmakers and the buttonmakers were united in St. Michaels Guild)

Rotterdam 19th April 1626

John Dickson, widower, soldier in the company of Colonel Brogh(?) registers for marriage to Lisbeth Jans, widow of George Forbes, both resident in the Raamstraat.

Bergen op Zoom 14th November 1636

Alexander Dickson, bachelor, from Scotland, soldier under captain James Williams, registers for marriage to Neeltje Jans, from Soursel

Utrecht 11th January 1646

Robert Paterson, soldier under Colonel Kirkpatrick marries Margaret Almbeen (Aubin?), ~~Minster~~, from Colchester, residing near the Ballemakersstraat (a deformation of Loef Bergmakersstraat! there are no traces of ballmaking in Utrecht)

Bergen op Zoom 17th August 1649

James Gourlay, bachelor, from Scotland, soldier under Major Livingston, marries Janneke Herry's, widow of Thomas Reys, of this city.