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The 26th National Bland Family Reunion

**Focus is on the Virginia Bland Families,
Make Virginia your 2010 Family Vacation Destination.**

July 23-25, 2010, in Manassas, Virginia at The Four Points by Sheraton

REGISTER BY JUNE 20

**DRESS IS CASUAL, BLAND
SHIRTS & JEANS ARE PERFECT**

Reunion Chair: Linda Ludecke,
Shenandoah, TX of 2-5A-6B. Phone
281-367-2850 / LLUDECKE@aol.com

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Bland-Tbland6677@aol.com,
Bill Bland-billqbland@verizon.net and
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wendy@dwdewolfe.com

2010 BHF Board President:
Linda Verbeck Ludecke—see above

Historian: Charles L. Bland, Buffalo,
NY of 2-5A-6B. Phone 716-907-3127

DNA Specialist: Terese Bueker,
teresebueker@comcast.net

REUNION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, July 22, 2010

Meet and Socialize - 6 p.m. Early
arrivals meet in the lobby of The Four
Points by Sheraton for dinner.

FRIDAY, July 23, 2010

6-9 a.m.: Breakfast at The Four
Points by Sheraton. (complimentary)
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.: BHF Board of
Directors Meeting - The Four Points
by Sheraton.

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch on your own.
Sightsee in Manassas until 3 or sit in
on the Board Meeting if you want.

3-5:30 p.m.: Registration at the Four
Points. Set up family line display.
Meet Cousins.

6 p.m.: DINNER on your own but
meet in The Four Points **lobby**
to choose dining partners.

8-10 p.m.: **REGISTRATION CONT.
and Fun Time:** Find your close
cousins, Local Bland History and
Bland Talent, **The Four Points
dining area.**

SATURDAY, July 24, 2010

6-9 a.m.: Breakfast at Four Points
(complimentary)

9-10:15 a.m.: SEMINAR #1 -GUEST
SPEAKER: Don Wilson, Prince
William County Librarian & Historian
10:30-11:45 a.m. SEMINAR #2 - DNA
Project - Terese Bueker

12-1 p.m.: LUNCH - on your own

1-4 p.m.: Tour of Manassas
Battlefield or Tour of Sully Plantation
5:30 p.m.: GROUP PHOTO

6:00- 6:30 p.m.: Recognition of Past
Reunion Hosts & Recognition of
Special Bland Achievements.

6:30-7 p.m.- Bland Historian's
Presentation

7-10 p.m.: BANQUET & MEETING -
Business, The Silent Auction,
Reunion Cake, Traditional Close of
Reunion.

SUNDAY, July 25, 2010

6-10 a.m.: Farewell Breakfast -Hotel
Breakfast Room -(complimentary),
Informal Goodbyes - The Four Points
Local families invite you to attend their
churches

Bland Heritage Foundation
www.blandheritage.org

Our four committees are:
REUNION; HISTORIC SITE;
WEBSITE; DNA. See Linda
Ludecke for more information

about committees. Become
an active BHF member.

What to Expect

**The Bland Heritage Reunions
Welcomes ALL Blands (Blan,
Blann, etc.) and their allied
families.**

Our goal is to help you find your Bland
Heritage. The James River line has
only one person attending. **(Where
are all of you?)** The **West Virginia**
line is looking for their original
immigrant. Blands from England and
Russia have recently arrived. Our first
African-American Bland's DNA is from
an existing family line.

DISPLAYS: We have more than 40
Bland lines. Each line is invited to set
up a display to honor their family. We
have ample space to display portraits,
pictures, books, memorabilia and
family charts at the Four Points after
3 p.m. on Friday.

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

It can be anything—craft items, wood,
stitchery, jewelry, or homemade items
from the kitchen. If you are not a
“crafty” person, you can bring
anything you want to auction—books,
Bland memorabilia, pillows, artifacts,
white elephant gifts, etc. (just
remember, most will be flying and will
need to pack the item in a suitcase).

**The auction profits are used to
fund Bland Heritage Foundation
Projects, such as DNA funding,
cemetery cleaning, and the
reunion. The reunion does not
generate a profit.**

Hotel Information

The Four Points by Sheraton.

10600 Vandor Lane
Manassas, VA. 20109
Phone: (703) 335-0000
Fax: (703) 361-8440

Complimentary breakfast.

Indicate you are with **Bland Heritage** to receive the special room rate of **\$79** (plus tax) per double or king room. Rate includes use of all facilities, including the pool and fitness center. This rate is guaranteed until **June 20, 2010 ONLY.**

Rooms at the discounted rate are limited, so please make reservations **EARLY. Rate is good from July 21-25, 2010 ONLY. Reduced rates are available for before and after those dates.**

Reunion Arrangement Details

The main hotel for the reunion is the **The Four Points by Sheraton.** Free printing in Business Center Elevators
Indoor & outdoor pools
Laundromat
Golf course nearby
100% NON-SMOKING FACILITY

At registration, you will receive a Goodie Bag containing maps, brochures for local tourist activities, and many other items.

DNA Testing Update

The Bland Family DNA Project continues to expand. Just prior to the 25th Annual Bland Reunion last year, we had results back for 68 volunteers; now we have 78. There are currently nine distinct family branches, which you can look up at www.blandheritage.org:

Group A (Northern Neck, VA);
Group B (James River, VA),
Group C (formerly: Pendleton Co., WV; now: King and Queen, Isle of Wight, Rockingham Cos. VA and Pendleton and Hardy Cos., WV),
Group D (undetermined location; one

participant traces his ancestor back to IL; the other to MD),

Group E (formerly: Pulaski Co., KY; now: Greenbriar/Monroe Co. VA/WV), and a new group,

Group E2 (a different Bland line out of Greenbriar/Monroe Co., VA/WV),

Group F (Mecklenburg Co., VA),

Group G (Frederick Co., VA), and

Group H (Washington Co., GA). We also have 18 unconnected

participants. These gentlemen are just waiting for more volunteers so they can find a match. At a DNA mini-seminar during last year's Bland reunion, I covered the results since the 2008 Reunion. Of particular interest was DNA evidence in 2009 which confirmed Charles Bland's theory that the King & Queen County Blands and the Pendleton Co., VA/WV and Isle of Wight Co., VA Blands were from the same line. This group is now being referred to as **Group C – King & Queen, Isle of Wight & Rockingham Cos., VA and Pendleton & Hardy Cos., WV/WV.**

Two descendants of Alexander G. Bland (b. 1836 Monroe Co., VA/WV) did not match the members of **Group E – Greenbriar/Monroe Co., VA/WV.**

They now form new **Group E2 – Greenbriar/Monroe Co., VA/WV.** Surprising DNA evidence in 2009 connected two descendants of Elisha Bland, son of Robert Bland (founder of the Edgefield Co., SC Blands) who d. in Washington Co., GA in 1837. As their results did not match the other Northern Neck VA Blands, a new group has been formed: **Group H – Washington Co., GA.**

I will hold another seminar this year, and there will be news to report, perhaps about **Group B – James River, VA.**

Don't miss out on the opportunity to have your line tested. The results take about 6 weeks, so, if you want your results back before the reunion, please get that kit ordered! As a family project, we get a discounted price. The 37-marker test (**recommended**) is \$149 + \$4 shipping. More and more participants are opting for the new 67-marker test at \$239 + \$4 shipping; it is the latest and greatest, so if you have the funds – go for it. To participate contact me at teresebueker@comcast.net, and I will order your kit.

Ladies, although you can't participate, your father, brother, uncle, or cousin (surname Bland) can be tested for you (with you footing the bill, of course). I can speak from experience about this plan, as my brother agreed to the painless test for my line.

See you at the Reunion!

Terese Bland Bueker

Things to do in and around Manassas, Virginia

Sully Plantation Historic Site-home of Richard Bland Lee
The Manassas Museum-5 miles
Le Grange-3 miles
Manassas Battlefield-4 miles
National Air & Space Museum -12 mi.
National Mus. of the Marine Corps-27 mi.
Kennedy Center –Washington DC-29 mi
Smithsonian Institute-32 miles
Busch Gardens & Williamsburg-140 mi
Six Flags America – Largo, MD-51 mi
Luray Caverns-65 miles
Piedmont Vineyards-22 miles
Pearmind Cellars-14 miles

Directions

**Airports nearby:
Dulles or Reagan National in Washington DC.**

From East

Take Interstate 66 West, Take Exit 47B (Manassas Exit) turn right onto Vandor Lane. The hotel is on the left.

From North

Take Interstate 95 South towards Richmond. From I-95S, take I-495 toward Rockville (outer loop). Take I-66W toward Front Royal. Take Exit 47B (Manassas Exit). Turn right onto Vandor Lane when exiting off the ramp, and the hotel will be on the left.

From West

Take Interstate 66 East to Exit 47 (Manassas Exit). Turn left at the end of the ramp. Stay in the right-hand lane. Turn right onto Vandor Lane, and the hotel will be on the left.

From South

Take Interstate 95 North. Take Exit 152 toward Manassas/Dumfries. Turn left onto the ramp at State Route 234 North. Travel approximately 22 miles on State Route 234 North. Drive under I-66. Turn right at Vandor Lane, and the hotel will be on the left.

Reunion Registration - WRITE ONLY ONE CHECK FOR REGISTRATION, SHIRTS,
AND NAME TAGS

Please mail completed form by JUNE 20 to Linda Ludecke, 703 Shenandoah Dr.,
Shenandoah, TX 77381-1043

Make checks payable to the **BLAND HERITAGE FOUNDATION.**

812-246-9122. EXAMPLE: 2-5A-6B

Name of EACH person attending (use
SEPERATE page, if needed, for additional
names)

Family Line #: _____

Address

No.	Description	Price Each	Subtotal
___	Registration fee (EVERYONE over 18)	\$30.00	\$_____
___	BANQUET SATURDAY: Adult (13 & over)	\$32.50	\$_____
___	Child (5 to 12)	\$16.25	\$_____
___	Child (0 to 4)	\$0.00	\$_FREE
	TOTAL		\$_____

City, State ZIP

EMAIL_____

Phone_____

NAME TAG INFO: Please indicate Bland
Family Line for reunion planning. SEE WEB
SITE FOR YOUR LINES OR CALL PAT AT

Please check below, as applicable:

___ Reserve display space for my family
information.

BLAND HERITAGE FOUNDATION
c/o Linda V. Ludecke
703 Shenandoah Dr.
Shenandoah, TX 77381-1043



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SHIRT ORDERS ONLY

INCLUDE FORM AND CHECK WITH YOUR REGISTRATION

This year's shirt colors are GRAY or BLUE.

Indicate quantity of each size needed.

Qty	CIRCLE COLOR	Price	Subtotal
___	SMALL—GRAY or BLUE	\$16	_____
___	MEDIUM—GRAY or BLUE	\$16	_____
___	LARGE—GRAY or BLUE	\$16	_____
___	X-LARGE—GRAY or BLUE	\$16	_____
___	2X-LARGE—GRAY or BLUE	\$17	_____
___	3X-LARGE—GRAY or BLUE	\$18	_____
	TOTAL		_____

Increase the price of each shirt by \$1 to add a pocket. Please note this on the order form.

CIRCLE COLOR ON ORDER...GRAY WILL BE DEFAULT COLOR

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 20, 2010

Name _____

EMAIL: _____

PLEASE INCLUDE FORMS AND CHECK WITH YOUR REGISTRATION.

WRITE ONLY ONE CHECK FOR REGISTRATION, SHIRTS, AND NAME TAGS

BOTH PERMANENT NAME TAGS AND ADD-ON YEAR/LOCATION TAGS ARE AVAILABLE.

Year Tags from 1985 to 2010 are \$3.75 each.

Name tags are \$11 each. Print name clearly for EACH tag ordered.

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 20, 2010

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP Code _____

NAME TAG #ord. _____ x \$11.00 = \$ _____

# ordered	YEAR TAG	@ \$3.75 EACH
_____	<u>2010</u>	= _____ \$ _____

Past years needed if any

_____ = \$ _____

_____ = \$ _____

TAG TOTAL \$ _____

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