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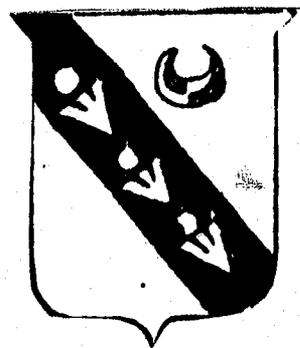
I continue to identify lines parenthetically numbered by the new Henry System developed by TereseBueker, (Henry System Grouping of Bland family Lines, see hyperlink [Genealogy Bland Groups and Family Lines updated June 2014](#)). Reader beware: these were early years when we were still learning what lines belonged where, mixing up lines, names etc. Many of these lines have been updated, (check this website Family Lines Link esp. for later source references) Remember this was almost twenty years before DNA and the larger, single volume newsletters published beginning in 1995 had all this trial and error to build on.

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# A M O N G C O U S I N S

## The Bland Family Newsletter



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Dear Cousins:

This begins the fourth year publication of "Among Cousins". I have adjusted publication dates to better coincide with the calendar and with new demands in my non-genealogical life. (See Below)

Charles L. Bland, A VISION OF UNITY: THE BLAND FAMILY IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA 1500-1900 (1982) 610 pp. Indexed, published twice annually, May 31 and October 31. Payment must be made by May 1 and October 1. Cost \$69.95; \$59.95 for library purchases and donations.

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AMONG COUSINS-THE BLAND FAMILY NEWSLETTER is conceived as an organic extension of A Vision of Unity: The Bland Family in England and America: 1555-1900. The book and "Among Cousins" are the result of research shared with me by many interested descendants of the historical Bland family. It is my hope that "Among Cousins" will continue as the vehicle for the ever evolving research about the Bland family, and that all new readers and subscribers will join the effort in the spirit of sharing enjoyed by current subscribers.

As editor, I assume all responsibility for printing, sale and distribution of "Among Cousins". I will publish all material received without knowingly altering the contributor's intent or objective information, but I reserve editorial rights.

Charles L. Bland

*omit* \*New Masthead by Mary Jane Bland

REUNION 1985

Interest in our family is increasing. Most notable of course was the nationwide reunion held in Elizabethtown, Kentucky on August 10-11. I am still basking in the warmth of those two days (As I write Buffalo, New York is experiencing its 24th consecutive day of snow, record accumulation, and temperatures near 0). All of the 131 persons from eighteen states who attended the reunion owe a deep debt of gratitude for the special efforts of John W. Bland and his wife Vivian Hall Bland, who made this first effort a model for those to come. In opening their home to the group, John and Vivian contributed immeasurably to the reunion's success. Their attention to small details such as the buttons, road signs and the cake added a touch of elegance and made the experience even more special.

All who attended the reunion contributed to its success. I was especially touched by the willingness of Jessamine Bland James, at age 86, to travel to Kentucky from far away Arizona and of Marian Daniels who came all the way from San Benito on the southernmost tip of Texas, in spite of the difficulties of her age and a hearing disability. Marian and Mrs. James have been among my most faithful supporters and I was very glad they could make the reunion. One should also mention the efforts of Phyllis Michael of Oak Ridge Tennessee, who provided us entertainment with the "Music of the Blands" played at the night gathering of August 10, including an excerpt of The Ballad of Robin Hood called "Robin Hood and The Tanner" (The tanner was Arthur Bland) and selections from James Bland's Oh! Dem Golden Slippers and Carry me Back to Old Virginnie.

There were a number of "new" correspondents at the reunion, including H. Francis Bland of Paragould, Arkansas, Joyce Bland McCool, Overland Park, Kansas, Gordon and Frances Owens, Newton Square, Pennsylvania, Roberta Shannon Stimpson, Berkeley, Michigan and Carole Bland Yust of Oak Ridge, Tennessee. It was gratifying that they and their families made the effort to join us after so brief an association. It was also good to renew acquaintances with Max and Dee Kessinger and Al and Mildred Hunter. But it was even more fun to match up faces with correspondents, all the faithful who have been writing to me for the past several years. John Bland, in another of his thoughtful touches, favored Jane and me with an 8 x 11 photo of the group, which we have framed and hung in our family room, to keep the memory of the reunion fresh.

I am glad to have hit upon this idea of a nationwide reunion. A ballot asking your preference for the 1986 reunion is enclosed. If you did not previously complete the ballot, please do so now and return it to me. Your choice will be instrumental in determining the site of the 1986 reunion.

Angelia Alford of Maben, Mississippi told me in a letter that her immediate family gathered on June 16, 1985 for a reunion of the Webster County, Mississippi cousins and were 76 strong. This branch of the family descends Joseph (1754-1799) of Duplin County, North Carolina in a clear line back to James Bland (c1655-1708). Angelia's family has agreed to hold their reunion annually.

RECONSECRATION OF THE BLAND FAMILY CEMETERY AT JORDANS POINT VIRGINIA

In the last issue of the Newsletter, I noted the sustained efforts of officials at Richard Bland College near Petersburg, Virginia and of the Reverend L.P.

Bland of Wakefield, Virginia and his family to have set aside from commercial development the old family cemetery at Jordan's Point near Hopewell, on the James River. All concerned have been successful in this effort. A sum of approximately \$2350. was raised from interested parties including individual subscribers to Among Cousins, toward the effort and various individuals in the community contributed time and effort toward clearing the site and excavations which revealed a large gravesite with more than 100 graves, (alas, there were only a few legible tombstones). What has resulted is a memorial tombstone bearing the name of Richard Bland (1665-1720) and his son Richard Bland (1710-1776), for whom Richard Bland College, a branch of William and Mary, is named. In time a walled off memorial site will be developed. Jordan Point was part of parcels of land purchased and settled by Richard Bland (1665-1720). Tax deductible contributions to this cause are welcome, and should be addressed to Marge Solenberger, Director of Public Relations, Richard Bland College, Petersburg, Virginia 23805. Checks should be made payable to The Richard Bland Cemetery Fund.

The Reconsecration Ceremony occurred on October 26, 1985. By virtue of a subtle hint (proportional to a 500 pound bomb) I got myself invited as keynote speaker. The day of the event was gorgeous and I managed to overcome travel fatigue and an acute case of laryngitis long enough to speak. The event was well attended, estimates were about 150, many of them naturally were Blands descended from the James River family. The event gave me the opportunity to speak with many of them, which was gratifying, because previously my contact with these descendants had been scant. The Reconsecration Ceremony was a breakthrough! I have begun receiving a number of family lines and letters from James River descendants. For that I am grateful. In the next issue of the Newsletter I plan to review some of the major lines, among them the James River Bland family, incorporating new information I have received.

These two major events, the nationwide reunion and the Jordan's Point Reconsecration Ceremony have been highlights of my summer and autumn. The Reconsecration Ceremony afforded me and my family an opportunity to visit with Reverend L.P. Bland and his family, as well as to visit with an old friend Theodore Bland of Harrells, North Carolina and his wife Mary Jane. More importantly I believe both events extended the range of interest in research upon the Bland family history, and all of us ultimately will profit from this.

#### Library Placements

I am pleased to announce three additional library placements of A Vision of Unity during this period. First, Conrad and Nelle Mang, now of Winfield, Kansas, contributed a copy to The Museum and Library of Maryland History and the book became a 1985 entrant for the Sumner A. Parker Genealogical Contest, which since 1946, has awarded prizes to "the best genealogical works concerning families of or originating in Maryland."

Mrs. Roland (Jessamine Bland) James has contributed a copy of the book to the Lancaster Kentucky Public Library, and Theodore Bland contributed a copy to the Rose Hill North Carolina Library. I appreciate the generosity of all these donors.

As the list of library placements at the end of this number indicates, copies of A Vision of Unity are already placed in many key libraries around the country. I can assure you that this has resulted in increased interest and in the volume of shared research manifested by the book and by this Newsletter. Placement of the book in such major locations as the New York Public Library, Allen County Indiana Public Library, Wisconsin State Historical Society, Clayton Library, Houston Texas, Filson Club, Louisville Kentucky and Church of Latter Day Saints Genealogical Library, as well as the other libraries listed, has played a major role in introducing new researchers to our shared effort. In addition to these, I am interested in having placed copies at the Dallas Public Library, Dallas, Texas; The New England Historic and Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts; The Kentucky Historical Library, Frankfort, Kentucky; The National Genealogical Society, Washington D.C.; The Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois, and/or any state level public library. Many public libraries are strapped for funds because of budgetary restrictions and cannot make outright purchases of genealogical material.

Subscribers who would like to make a tax deductible library donation should contact me. As before, donors to libraries will have their gift acknowledged by the library, and I will place free copies of "Among Cousins" in the library to whom the book is donated.

### Index

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### Allied Family Newsletters

I ordered a copy of Hilborn's Family Newsletter Directory (Third Edition: 1984) and have found it most useful. Among Cousins will be included in the next edition. Those of you who are interested in obtaining a copy of the directory should write Robin Hilborn, 42 Sources Boulevard, Pointe Claire, Quebec H9S 2H9 Canada. Or, if you are interested in particular surname(s) send a letter to me, enclosing a self addressed envelope and identify the names you are interested in. Hilborn has catalogued over 1500 individual name family newsletters.

### THE BLANDS OF DUPLIN COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

#### The Children of James Bland

Al and Mildred Hunter have built a strong case for the shape of the hitherto unassimilated family of James Bland (C1749-1799) of Duplin and Chatham County, North Carolina (VU, pp. 320-333, AC 1-1 P.7, 1-2 pp. 5-6, and 2-1, p. 7-8). What has emerged is a set of four brothers who moved from Chatham County, North Carolina to Greene County, Indiana and now a fifth, who departed from his brothers in Indiana after taking a wife, and settled in Hendricks County. The first four brothers were Jacob (C1779-1839), William (1787-after 1860), Thomas (1789-1862) and Francis (1790/1800-1833). Al and Mildred have now concluded that the fifth brother, Henry (1791-after 1850) was the same person identified earlier as marrying Keziah Tomlinson in Orange County Indiana, December 23, 1819, (AC 1-1, p. 7). The 1850

c e n s u s shows Henry Bland, age 59, living with Keziah, age 52 and three teenagers who are not their children. Both Henry and Keziah show North Carolina as their birthplace. In the 1850 census for Hendricks County, Henry and Keziah Bland are shown living adjacent to two Tomlinson households headed by men who could be Keziah's siblings. One resident was Jemima Tomlinson, age 71, probably Keziah's mother.

Al and Mildred have previously also suggested that several Bland women who married in Orange County in 1819 and 1820 (AC 1-1, p. 7, and 1-2, pp. 5-6) were siblings of the above brothers. They were Mary Bland who married Samuel Daughtery, Isabell Bland who married Felix Armstrong, Fanny Bland who married Henry Leatherman and Rachel Bland who married Elisha Baldwin. The assumption is that brothers and sisters departed together for Indiana, then spread out.

Al has asked for help from anyone who knows more about a Jacob Bland, (1816- ) who lived in Greene County Indiana in 1850 and was married to Alvira (1819- ) with a family of six but disappeared from Greene County after 1850 (VU pp. 340-341, AC 2-1, p. 7). The presence of a son Thornton (1838- ) in this household suggests that Jacob was a son of Thomas Bland (1789-1862) who married Sarah Thornton.

In Union County South Carolina, I came across a family group sheet showing Nancy Bland (1828-1915) of Chatham County, North Carolina marrying Thomas L. Daughtery (1820-1883). Nancy was listed as the daughter of William Bland (1789- ) and Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ (1798- ) both of Chatham, North Carolina. The information further links the Daughtery-Bland families in North Carolina, but the names of Nancy's parents do not coincide with either the children of James Bland (1749-1799) or of John Bland (C. 1758-1827) the two brothers who moved into Chatham County after the American Revolution.

Some miscellanea: Lenore Bland Brown sent me a photograph of her grandfather John Huse Bland (1868-1956) and his wife Lenore Shaw (1877-1963). John's obituary is appended to AC 1-1, attachment 10 and his younger photograph is attachment 12. John was the son of James O.D. Bland (1824-1907) by James' second wife Mary Gentry (1839- ), to William (C1787- ) to James (1749-1799).



John Huse Bland (1868-1956 and  
Lenore Shaw (1877-1963)

Courtesy

Lenore Bland Brown

Masie Medford asked that I correct an entry in the last issue (3-2, pp. 34,38) in which I referred to her grandmother as Ophie Lasoil Bland. The correct spelling is Loriol. I am happy to make the correction.

#### THE BLANDS OF RANDOLPH COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

##### Moses Bland and Nancy Boaz

In my reassessment of this line (AC3-1, pp. 21-26) I paid scant attention to the lines of descent from Moses Bland (C1772-died after 1850) who originated in North Carolina and died in Sullivan County, Indiana. That gap has been filled by three persons, Max Kessinger, a descendant of Moses Bland, Jane Midtby, who descends through the Randolph County, North Carolina family through another line and has an excellent general sense of the family's development, and a gem of a researcher, Kay Monroe of Sullivan County, Indiana who has done an excellent job of combing that county for information. These three individuals received useful assists from Laverne Bland and Berneice Mumford.

Jane Midtby and I have agreed to disagree about her first premise, which separates Moses Bland (1772-1850) from the Randolph North Carolina Family. Jane writes "I strongly believe that Moses Bland (1772) of Kentucky who married Peggy Bland and then Nancy Boaz, was descended from William (1686) of Stafford County, Virginia through, possibly, son William." While I understand the line of descent for Moses is not entirely clear, I do not agree. I have previously stated (AC 3-1, pp. 23-24), my reasons for linking Moses (1772-1850) firmly to William Bland (C1751- ) Randolph County North Carolina. Jane, however, has been in closer contact with descendants of this line and has a better feel for it than I do, as well as having done considerable original research.

I believe Moses left North Carolina in the late 1790's, at about the time of the migration of the Randolph County family into Kentucky and Indiana. He married Peggy Bland, a cousin, in Nelson County, Kentucky November 24, 1800. The presence of a young daughter, aged 10-16, in his household, for the 1810 census prompts Jane Midtby to speculate that he was married before he left North Carolina, Peggy Bland, daughter of Samuel (1753-1835) in the Nelson County family, was his second wife.

Peggy Bland died about 1806 and Moses married, for the third time, to Nancy Boaz, March 21, 1807, in Woodford County, Kentucky. By 1810, Moses and Nancy were living in Jefferson County, Kentucky and by 1820 were in Jackson County, Indiana. Sometime between 1820 and 1830 Nancy Boaz died and by 1830 Moses and his family were in Jennings County, Indiana. Moses married fourthly Sarah Whitaker October 14, 1830 in Jennings County (AC 1-1, p. 7) There is no evidence that Moses had children by Sarah Whitaker. According to an obituary for Moses' son Richard, the family moved to Sullivan County in 1834.

Among Moses' children, nothing more is known of his single daughter by his assumed first wife. By Peggy Bland, Moses had a daughter Elizabeth (1803-1846) who apparently stayed behind with relatives in Kentucky when Moses moved to Indiana. There might have been bad blood between Nancy Boaz and Elizabeth, her step-daughter. Elizabeth married Ambrose Knotts (1802-1882) in Nelson County,

Kentucky, December 1, 1828, and moved with him to Sullivan County, Indiana, (after Nancy Boaz died) where both are buried in the Burnett Cemetery, Sullivan.

By Nancy Boaz, Moses had a family of six children between 1809-1819. New information substantially increases and revises (VU, pp. 349-350).

The first child was Ann Maria Bland (1809-January 12, 1869), born in Kentucky and married to a cousin Abraham Bland (C1805-February 16, 1871) in Jennings County, Indiana, May 21, 1831. Abraham was born in Indiana but his parentage is unknown. Jane Midtby has developed a rationale for Ann Maria to be classified as the eldest daughter of Moses and Nancy, based upon associations by Abraham Bland, who was a probate judge, with the children of Moses and Nancy in Hendricks County, where both Abraham and Ann Maria are buried and on similarities between the names of Abraham and Ann Maria's daughters and their aunts. Abraham and Ann Maria Bland had a family of nine children, including:

1. Elizabeth Jane Bland (C1832- ).
2. Isabell C. Bland (C1834- ) married John H. Roach in Hendricks County, Indiana, September 10, 1857.
3. Ruth Ellen Bland (C1836- ) married (1) John Smith and (2) George French, June 20, 1870 in Hendricks County.
4. Americus Bland (C1838- ) married Rebecca Hunt in Hendricks County, December 15, 1866.
5. Lucinda A. Bland (C1840- ) married Henry Wilson in Hendricks County, March 28, 1869.
6. Marcus A. Bland (September 1842-April 7, 1861).
7. Lucretia A. Bland (C1844- ) married John Doan, December 21, 1861, in Hendricks County.
8. Mary Emily Bland (C1846- ) married William E. Duncan in Hendricks County, September 20, 1868.
9. Maria Lucy Bland (1848-1852).

The second child of Moses Bland and Nancy Boaz was Lucinda Bland (C1811- ) who married James C. Whitaker (1810- ) in Jennings County, August 18, 1831 and moved with him to Sullivan County.

The third child of Moses Bland and Nancy Boaz was William Bland (1812-1852) who married Mary Pennock (1810-1877) on April 9, 1831 in Jennings County. After William's death, Mary married Henry Wood, May 10, 1854 in Sullivan County. William Bland and Mary Pennock had a family of eight children including:

1. Maria (1832- ) married an unknown man about 1849/1850.
2. Almira (C1834- ) robbed the cradle October 24, 1884 when she married Thomas Carrithers (1856- ) in Sullivan County.

3. Nancy E. (C1837- ).
4. Mary Ann (C1839- ).
5. Elizabeth (C1841- ).
6. Mariah (1843-1893) married Elisha Hadden in Sullivan County, January 18, 1861, and moved with him to Littleton, Sumner County, Kansas.
7. William A. (1845-1883). William was a Civil War Veteran who won a competition with his brother Moses for the heart of Leannah Burnett (1850-1870), whom he married May 3, 1866, and had by her two children: (A) Mary (1867-1870) and (B) Levi Edward (1869-1955), grandfather of Max Kessinger. William moved his family to Fredonia, Kansas where Leannah died and secondly William married Sarah Hildebrand in Polk County, Missouri, July 28, 1876, and had a family of three children (A) Albert C. Bland (1878-1918) who died at Fort Smith, Arkansas and married a woman named Allie; (B & C) Esther and Ethel, twins born in 1880. Esther died the year she was born. No more is known about Ethel.
8. Moses J. Bland (1848-1920) married (1) in Sullivan County, Naomi B. Merrill ( -1881) and by her had three children including (A) Samuel W. Bland (October 4, 1873- ); (B) Josephus W. Bland (May 16, 1875-September 23, 1901) and (C) Moses (1881-1881). It is not known whether Samuel W. or Josephus W. married. Naomi Merrill died in 1881 and by January 2, 1882, Moses J. Bland married Naomi's sister Sarah E.A. Merrill Curtis (1851-1886) and he had by her a daughter Mariah Loria (1884-1906) who did not marry. After Sarah's death on July 1, 1900, Moses J. Bland married Ella Empson in Sullivan County. They had no children. He died in Los Angeles, California, May 20, 1920 and his body was returned to Indiana for burial at Linton. Moses is one of my favorites.

The fourth child of Moses Bland and Nancy Boaz was Richard Anderson Bland (1815-1904) who was born in Nelson County, Kentucky. Richard married twice, first to Eusebia Mason (December 31, 1816-April 5, 1876) January 1835, by whom he had a family of nine children and second, to Millie A. Allen (1825-1891) on December 19, 1877, by whom there were no children. By Eusebia Mason, Richard Anderson Bland had the following children:

1. Nancy A. Bland (December 1835-February 26, 1917) who married Levi Hunt, October 3, 1854. Both lived and died in Sullivan County and are buried at the Burnett Cemetery. Their first child was Thomas Bunyan Hunt (1855-1871) the only namesake of my grandfather Thomas Bunyan Bland (1876-1955) that I have found.
2. James M. Bland (1838-1839)
3. William H. Bland (February 13, 1840-1920). William a Civil War veteran, 141st Regiment, 2nd Indiana, married first, Clara A. Wilson (1849-1870) by whom he had a child Nora Bell (1870-1872). Secondly, William married Mary Elizabeth Hughes (1852-1937) March 25, 1873, by whom he had four children:

- (A) Harry (Henry) E. Bland (1876-1959), who married Sallie A. Hammell in Sullivan County, June 26, 1898 and had three daughters by her, Helen, Hester Beth and Rose; (B) Hudson A. Bland (1878-December 28, 1908) who married Destrie Denny. Both are buried in Center Ridge Cemetery, Hamilton, Sullivan County; (C) Clarence E. Bland (1881-1885); and (D) Gilly G. (1887- ).
4. Thomas F. Bland (February 21, 1842-January 7, 1915) who married Cecelia M. Merry (1845- ) August 29, 1866. Thomas is buried at Gill Township, Mt. Zion Cemetery, Sullivan County. Thomas, a Civil War veteran and Cecelia Merry had a family of six, including: (A) Unnamed infant daughter (1867-1867) (B) Clara "Kittie" (October 8, 1869-April 8, 1922) who married James F. Springer (1856-1913) in Sullivan County, November 18, 1891; (C) Raymond (C1870-1946) who married and had four children including Georgette, Thomas A., Richard and William; (D) Charlotte (1872- October 14, 1943) died unmarried in Portland, Oregon; (E) Richard A. "Dick" (1874-1946) who married three times. He died in Portland, Oregon; (F) Abigail "Abby" (1876-1946) died unmarried in Portland, Oregon.
  5. Marion Bland (1846-1847).
  6. Sarah M. Bland (1848-1855).
  7. Richard A. Bland (1851-1852).
  8. Justice D. Bland (1855-1856).
  9. Samantha Bland (1857-1919) who married (1) James E. Gibbs, March 14, 1894 and (2) John L. Hanchett, February 4, 1900.

The fifth child of Moses Bland and Nancy Boaz was Lucretia Bland (C1817-January 19, 1908) who married Justice Davis (1803-1856) about 1830. Both are buried at Gill, Sullivan County.

The sixth and final child of Moses Bland and Nancy Boaz was Minor H. Bland (May 7, 1818-March 26, 1879\*).

Minor served as a private in Company I, 97th Indiana Regiment from 1861-1863 and though he lived sixteen more years, remained in bad health because of diabetes and a kidney disease. Minor married first, Elizabeth Knotts (1822-April 23, 1854), about 1840. Both are buried at the Burnett Cemetery, Gill Township, Sullivan County. By Elizabeth, Minor Bland had a family of six children including:

1. Mariah Cynthia (January 10, 1841- ) who married Alfred Williams in Sullivan County, April 22, 1882.
2. Sarah J. (March 14, 1845- ) who married first John Wilkey in Sullivan County March 16, 1864 and second, Allen S. Bland (1802-1886) April 6, 1869. Allen Bland was the son of Rolly Bland and Delsey Shecklesworth of the Washington County, Kentucky Bland family (VU pp. 470-472 and AC 1-2,

\* Minor is buried at the Burnett Cemetery, Gill, Sullivan County and his tombstone reads 59 years, 10 months, 19 days, which would make the year of his birth 1819.

pp. 16-17). Prior to his marriage to Sarah J. Bland Wilkey, Allen had married Hetty Hardin (1809-1865). His marriage to Sarah Bland Wilkey negates previous information that he married Mary McKutcheon in 1871 (AC 1-2, p. 17). Allen S. Bland and Sarah Bland Wilkey had a family of five children, including: (A) Lafayette Bland (April 4, 1871-September 3, 1927) who married Margaret Ellen Moore (1866-1939) April 30, 1891 and had four daughters (1) Vera Glenn (1892- ) who married Ralph Hodges (2) Inez (1894-1897) (3) Evah Ray, (1897- ) who married Clyde Creager, and (4) Bernice Monette (1899- ); (B) James Bland (October 19, 1878-November 10, 1943) who was never married. He died one day when he went out to slop the hogs and they mistook him for their dinner, alas, and ate him up. He was buried at Mount Zion Cemetery, Sullivan County; (C) Priscilla Riller Bland (1877-May 10, 1899) died at age 22 of consumption; Hettie Bland (C1880- ) married John Holcomb, January 21, 1900 in Knox County, Indiana; (E) Anna Bland (1883- ) married (1) Frank Jones in Knox County, Indiana, October 6, 1906 and (2) Fred Good.

3. William M. (December 1, 1846-died before 1880).
4. James M. (July 10, 1848-died before 1880).
5. Jonathan E. (August 8, 1851- ).
6. Nancy E. (January 1, 1854-died before 1880).

Following the death of Elizabeth Knotts, Minor Bland married Lucinda Morin (1828-March 11, 1906) July 12, 1855. By Lucinda Morin, Minor had five children:

1. Eliza J. (1856- ) who married \_\_\_\_\_ Dale June 24, 1887.
2. Emisor (1856-died young) probably a twin of Eliza.
3. Lucretia (September 21, 1858- ).
4. Martha (C1860- ).
5. Elizabeth (March 4, 1862-died before 1880).

This concludes the family of Moses Bland and Nancy Boaz. I wish to thank Kay Monroe for her exhaustive study of the Wilkey Family of Sullivan County, Indiana, significant because William Wilkey married Jane, a daughter of the elder Moses Bland (C1718-1800). Finally, I wish to note the death at age 79 of Charlie Bland of North Vernon, Indiana, son of James Omer Bland, (AC 3-1, p. 25) and father of Mary Ella Day. Charlie was a favorite of Jane Midtby, who sent me news of his death.

#### KENTUCKY

Information gathered at the Filson Club and Kentucky Historical Library during August 6-8 by John W. Bland and me, has been too voluminous for me to digest during this reporting period, so in general, I am limiting this newsletter to two subjects about Kentucky.

Jane Johnston (1780-1866)

One of the most striking women in our history is Jane Johnston. Jane was born in Randolph County, North Carolina. When she was 16, she married James Bland (1773-1832), believed to be a son of William Bland (1751-1801). By James, Jane had eleven children, (VU pp. 352-359). About 1799-1800, the family moved to the Kentucky-Indiana Border. Captain James was an indian fighter, and between about 1800-1814, the family shuttled about in border counties of Kentucky and the Indiana Territory. In 1814, James bought a farm in Jefferson County, Indiana and settled down there until he was kicked in the head by a sheep and killed.

After she and James Bland were married, Jane Johnston was instrumental in organizing the Methodist-Episcopal Church both in Kentucky and in Indiana. The James Bland home was used as a substitute church or "preaching place." One obituary of Jane Johnston called her:

..a woman of superior mind, of unwavering purpose, of active energy, untiring zeal, of patient endurance; a kind friend, a safe counselor, in short a true and enlightened Christian Woman. Many persons were relieved of their sufferings by her medical skill.



Jane Johnston  
(1780-1866)

Courtesy Jane Midtby  
(Photo Originally Owned by Luella Bland)

DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL BLAND AND ELIZABETH HUGHES

While visiting John Bland, I noted a rich collection of photographs of the 19th century members of his family, which I am happy to display below. They are descendants of Daniel Bland, son of John Bland (C1725-1795) and Margaret Osborne (VU pp. 458-459, AC 2-2, pp. 31-32 and 3-1, pp. 29-30). And Daniel's wife Elizabeth Hughes:



Eliza Spurrier, (1805-1884),  
wife of Jessie Henry Bland  
(1805-1862), son of Daniel  
Bland and Elizabeth Hughes.

Courtesy John W. Bland, Jr.

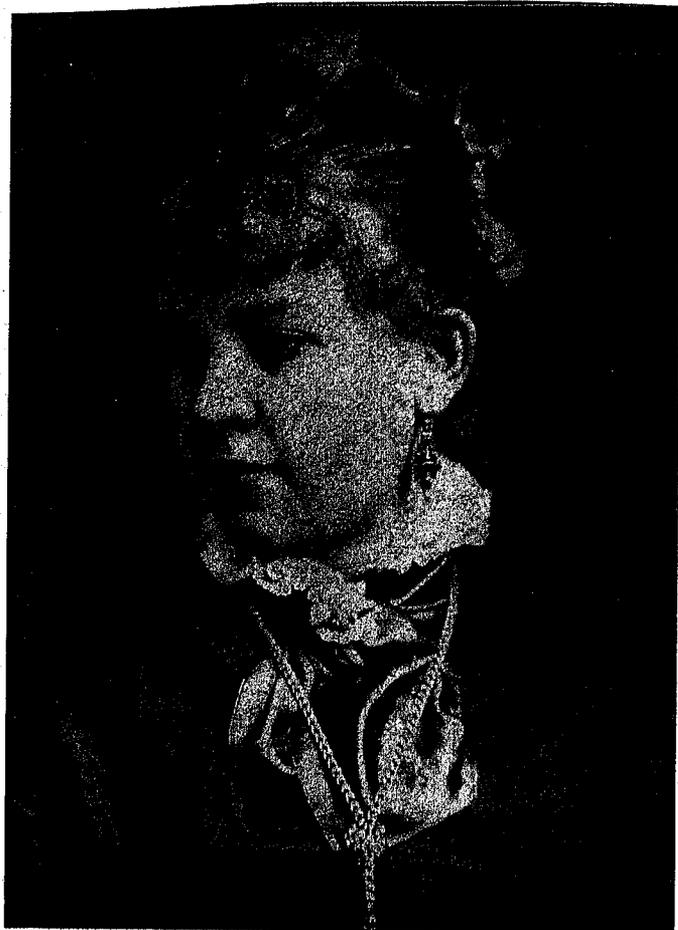


Clockwise: Mary Angeline Lampton (1835-1919) and John Daniel Bland (1828-1876) son of Jessie Henry Bland and Eliza Spurrier with their son William Henry Bland (1854-1919)

Mary Angeline Lampton (1835-1919)

Mary Elizabeth Akers, (1859-1920) wife of William Henry Bland (above).

Courtesy of John W. Bland, Jr.





L. Left to right, Gertrude, Louise, Maude E. and Charles Lorenzo Bland, children of William Henry Bland and Mary Elizabeth Akers, with their nanny, Ester. R. Charles Lorenzo Bland (1878-1954) and his wife Edna Jean Pritchard (1887-1982), grandparents of John W. Bland, Jr.

Courtesy John W. Bland, Jr.

#### Descendants of Thomas Bland and Jane Smith

To me, one of the most interesting developments in the Bland family's history is the accumulating evidence that most of the children of Thomas Bland (1719-1788), son of William Bland (1686-1744) and Catherine Key of Prince William, Virginia, migrated to Nelson and Hardin County, Kentucky probably in the 1790's and intermingled with children of John Bland and Margaret Osborne. This evidence, mostly old material that has awaited new scrutiny, (VU pp. 367-372, AC 2-2, pp. 31-32, 3-1, pp. 30-32) provides the key to understanding the question of the parentage of John Bland (C1725-1795) of Nelson County, Kentucky.

Thomas Bland (1719-1788) had seven children including Henry who was born no later than 1756 and died before Thomas wrote his will in 1788, Elizabeth, who married Spillsby Stone, Nancy Bland who married George Harding, Thomas Bland (1765-1792), and James Bland (1780-1829), Catherine and Mary Bland, who were unmarried when Thomas' will was made.

Urilla Bland has documented that Thomas (1765-1792) divested 448 acres of land in Prince William, Virginia prior to departing for Kentucky with his family in 1792. Enroute, Thomas died and his widow turned back to Virginia, and remarried in 1794, finally settling with her new husband in the vicinity that became Lewis County, West Virginia, (VU pp. 373-375). Importantly, however, Thomas was was Kentucky bound.

Previously (AC 2-2, pp. 31-32 and 3-1, pp. 30-32) I have argued that Nancy Bland, daughter to Henry Bland who was left a bequest by John Bland (1725-1795) "out of Mildred Hughes part of my estate." (VU p. 429) was in fact the daughter of Henry Bland, son of Thomas Bland of Prince William/Fauquier, Virginia (1719-1788), which immediately suggests a stronger than cousin relationship between Thomas and John Bland (1725-1795).

Thomas and John's relationship is reinforced by a marriage in Nelson County, Kentucky between an unaccounted for Mary Bland "daughter of Thomas Bland, deceased" to Henry Higgins, February 25, 1793. (AC 3-1, p. 30). It is further reinforced by strong naming similarities and deed transactions that force one to conclude that James Bland (1780-1829) buried at Rhudes Creek, Hardin County is the minor child-James Bland-mentioned in Thomas Bland's will in 1788. Further, that Susannah Bland (1783-1852) buried beside James at West Rhudes Creek is Susannah Starke who married James in Virginia in 1800. Their first child was Thomas Bland (1803-1823). A bible record of this family found in the Filson Club during my researches with John Bland, August 7-8, 1985, confirms and refines much of the information previously published about the James Bland-Susannah Starke family and will be treated in the next issues of the newsletter. The major point here is that yet another child of Thomas Bland settled in the Nelson-Hardin County area.

Elizabeth Bland, daughter of Thomas, was married to Spillsby (Spillsby) Stone of Prince William County when her father made his will in 1788. A "Genealogy of the Stone Family" found at the Filson Club, lists Spillsby as the son of Josiah Stone, who migrated from Prince William, Virginia to Nelson, Kentucky. This document is silent about Spillsby's wife but since his name is very uncommon and all else fits, one may conclude with reasonable certainty that he is indeed Elizabeth Bland's husband. In 1799 Spillsby was in Prince William, Virginia for he and his wife Frances, (indicating Elizabeth was dead by then) made an indenture to Thomas Chapman. Benjamin Stone, an older son, was mentioned in this transaction. By 1800, Spillsby was in Nelson County, Kentucky where Stancliffe shows him acting as surety to a daughter's marriage. Spillsby made his will in 1813 and it was proved in 1818. Executors were his sons Benjamin and Jesse. The point of all this is that a son-in-law and some grandchildren of Thomas Bland (1719-1788) made their way to Nelson, Kentucky by 1800.

Thus, at least five of Thomas Bland's children (or their children) migrated from Prince William/Fauquier, Virginia to Nelson/Hardin, Kentucky between say, 1792-1805, were mentioned in John Bland's will and lived in close proximity to John. It is interesting further, to note that on October 6, 1777 Thomas Bland and his son Henry leased and released a parcel of 100 acres to Moses Davis which "is part of that land given to William Bland and William Davis by the Lord Proprietor and by the said William Bland demised to his said son Thomas." (Prince William Deed Book T, pp. 361-363, VU p. 370). Similarly, on March 27, 1776, John Bland (C1725-1795) deeded 100 acres to his son Osborne, part of a 312 acre

plot. The only known 312 acre plot was deeded to Thomas Bland's known father William Bland (C1680-1744) in 1742, (VU pp. 271,422). This could have been a means of helping Osborne, who was generally a n'er do well, get up the means for a projected move to Kentucky. John and his wife sold off a large chunk of land for 6,000 pounds sterling, in August 1780, just prior to their move to Kentucky.

The above information convinces me beyond reasonable doubt that John Bland (C1725-1795) who married Margaret Osborne and moved with his and apparently other families to Nelson County, Kentucky about 1781 was the brother of Thomas Bland (1719-1788) and thus a younger son of William Bland (C1680-1744) and his second wife, Catherine Key. Unless a strong refutation is provided, I will hereafter classify John as William's son. Listen closely now and you can hear a giant whoop of joy all the way from San Benito, Texas.

One further note. For Christmas, after several years of her father's resistance, my daughter Christina received a Cabbage Patch Kid named Emily Roberts, orphaned daughter of Xavier Roberts of Cleveland, Georgia, and Paula L. Osborne of Atlanta. Tommy received an unnamed "My Buddy" Doll which has been proclaimed Emily's brother. To date, Tommy has resisted my suggestion to name Emily's brother Osborne!

#### THE EDGEFIELD COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY

I have been bedeviled with the spelling of Mrs. Helen Bourque's grandmother (AC 3-1, p. 37, 3-2, p. 45) which I have now carefully copied from a birth record as Fannie Lourena Bland, who was born March 30, 1874. I was also incorrect in summarizing a news story about Fannie's brother Thurston (AC 3-2, p. 45) whom I stated, per the news article, died in 1905. As it turns out, Thurston was alive and kicking in the 1910 census, had a son born sometime later and attended his father's funeral in 1927. By then he had been sitting under his fig tree for quite a spell and forfeited the right to have had a brief sparkling life filled with adventure. It appears that Thurston grew old, mellow and cautious.

Thurston and Fannie were children of David Bland (1843-1927) and his wife Martha Ann Allen (1844-1914) of Orange County, Texas. I am pleased to display their portraits as well as a double wedding portrait of their daughters Mary Minerva Bland (1870-1946) and Fannie Lourena (Just Practicing Helen) Bland (1874-1895). (CF AC 3-1, p. 38, portrait of David Bland)

VIRGINIA FAMILIESKing and Queen County

Material submitted to me during this period from Reverend L.P. Bland and Bland Williamson, Tulsa, Oklahoma, who descends from this line, provides refinement of previously known information and in some instances provides clues for a radical departure.

Mr. Williamson has filled in some gaps in the family of William Bland (C1746-1788), pointing out that William's great grandson William Foster Bland (1827-1904) married Louisa Ann Boyd (1835-1911) and that Dr. James E. Bland (1834-1900) married Catherine \_\_\_\_\_ (1833-1910). Benjamin Franklin Bland's dates are (1852-1932), (Corrections to AC 2-1, p. 21). Also, Bland Williamson has found a death record for Mariah H. Bland, December 8, 1812, age 40, and daughter of Henry Bland and Dolly Mouring, suggesting that this Henry may have been the son of the original William Bland (C1725-1783) (AC 3-2, p. 16).

Most of the information concerning this family, however, centers upon the family of William Bland (C1765-1839, AC 3-2, pp. 16-20). Heretofore, it has been assumed that William was a son of William (1746-1788), but L.P. Bland has introduced some information that suggests William may be a descendant of the James River Bland family through William Bland (1742-1803) whose sad story is recorded in my book (VU pp. 163-164).

William Bland (1742-1803) appears to have married three times in his life. He first married Elizabeth Yates who died on December 17, 1772 and was buried on the Main at Williamsburg. By Elizabeth Yates, William Bland had a family that included; (1) Nancy (or Anne) Bland, who married Richard Pryor, and lived in Dinwiddie County; (2) Richard Yates Bland who married Mary Bowden of King and Queen County, March 14, 1789 (VU pp. 395, Note 3 and 396, note 1). Richard Yates Bland was located as Sherriff of Nottaway County in 1827, and was shown living with a son Richard Yates Bland Jr. in 1850, at which time he was 80, so he would have been born about 1770; (3) William Bland who married Mary Ann Corr February 20, 1792. L.P. Bland feels this is the William Bland whose family I discussed in the last issue (AC 3-2, pp. 16-20).

William Bland (1742-1803) married a second time to Catherine Wills but there were no children. William married yet a third time to Ann Harwood and they had a family that includes the following: Edward Bland (1786-1822); Theodorick Bland (1790-C1818) who was the father of another Theodorick who married Georgianna Lamb of Edenton, Chowan County, North Carolina, October 8, 1829, (AC 3-1, p. 13). The information I have received from L.P. Bland is his condensation of the actual documents.

I hope to amass a considerable amount of information about the James River Bland family between now and the next publication date, which may help to clarify many issues about the James River Blands of the 19th century. If L.P.'s judgements turn out to be correct, at least William Bland (1765-1839) would be removed from the King and Queen family and placed within the James River family.

Most of the information submitted by L.P. Bland and Bland Williamson focuses on the family of William Bland (1765-1839) and relies chiefly upon a genealogy of that family compiled by Louise Bland Morgan of Gloucester, Virginia. All parties agree that William married twice, though he may have married three times. First, William married Mary Ann or Susan Corr (C1765-1813) and had by her four children:

1. Isaac Bland: (C1798-after 1850). Isaac and his brother Elliot moved to Tennessee and were inducted into the Army there July 14, 1836. Isaac married Lucy Wright of Davidson County, Tennessee about 1831 and had by her a single son Silas (1832- ). Lucy Wright died about 1834 and on February 16, 1837, Isaac remarried Paralee Sanders (1810- ) in Sumner County, Tennessee where he was enumerated in the 1850 census with a family that included Elizabeth (1837- ); Martha (1838- ); Alexander (1842- ); and Sophronia (1843- ).
2. William "Archie" Bland: (1800-died before 1869). He married Mary Chapman, a cousin (C1806-April 25, 1869) whose tombstone indicates she is "widow of A. Bland." Following are refinements to information noted previously, (AC 3-2, pp. 17-18):
  - A. Robert Tyler Bland (1831-1898) married second, Juliza Ann Bland (1848-1912) on May 3, 1867.
  - B. Schulyer Otis Bland's dates are (1832-1877) and those of his wife, Olivia James Anderson are (1849-1930). Dates for their child, Lola Belle Bland were (1875-1960).
  - C. Julia Ann Bland (1839- ) married Richard Leigh on November 24, 1859
3. Absalom Bland: (C1805- ) no changes.
4. Elliot Bland: (October 3, 1813-July 4, 1896) married Adeline Clay of Sumner County, Tennessee (September 27, 1818-March 24, 1861) on December 4, 1835. By the time of his marriage Elliot had moved to Tennessee and he died in Calloway County, Missouri. His children were:
  - A. Jonathan Clay Bland (1838-1854).
  - B. Martha Ann Bland (November 23, 1839-January 26, 1918) who married (1) H.M. Woodward ( -1869) on November 3, 1857 and (2) James Almond Burge, about 1872.
  - C. Susan Valinda Bland (June 15, 1842- ) who married Henderson Moore about 1865.
  - D. Mary Adaline Bland (June 24, 1845-December 10, 1934) who married Logan Vann, and moved with him to California.
  - E. Sarah Lou Bland (December 16, 1849-December 1935) who married Julius Fay.
  - F. Georgia Bland (died as an infant).

- G. William Bland (1853-1865).
- H. Evaline Florence Bland (1854-1858).
- I. Robert Bland (1856-1858).
- J. Finis Bland (1861-1862). If I did not misread this child's name there may have been some sadness in its meaning, inasmuch as Elliot's wife Adeline Clay died in 1861, probably in childbirth.

Mrs. Morgan thinks that Ira Bland, previously noted, as well as a Robert Bland, may have been children of William Bland and Mary Ann Corr. It is reasonable that Ira could have been one of their older children since he married a woman named Nancy about 1827 and had two children, Caroline and William (possibly twins), who were born in 1828. Following Ira's death, Nancy married John Stalcup. Elsewhere in this number, I have posited this notion that John Bland (1803-1856) and Charles Bland (1804- ) could be children of William Bland and Mary Ann Corr (see below p.p. 26-27).

Mary Ann Corr died about 1813 and William remarried once again, possibly twice. Concerning a son William "Hickory" Bland (C1820- ) Bland Williamson notes a marriage record for William Bland 43, and Mary Jane Smith, 46, on November 12, 1862. William is listed as a widower, originally he was married to Caroline Vaughn, and the son of William Bland and Elizabeth Carelton. Other information from Louise Bland Morgan indicates that William took for his second wife Ann or Mary Shaw. Possibly he married both women, which would make it difficult to determine the mother of his remaining children with precision.

- 5. The fifth child of William Bland was Pascal (1817- ), who married Eliza Brooks, about 1843. Their children were:
  - A. Joel Jones Bland (February 15, 1844-October 7, 1916) who married Maria Frances Roane (1841-1883) on October 17, 1864. Their children were (1) William Russell Bland (1865-1929) who never married; (2) Elva H. Bland (1867-1941) who married Joel Bray; (3) Harvey Samuel Bland (1872-1949) who married Mary Louisa Gayle (1873-1965) on June 8, 1898. They were the parents of Louise Bland Morgan; (4) Virginia Olive Bland (1875- ) who married James Bennett Williams; (5) Everett Bland (1878-1878); and (6) Rosebud, who died as an infant. Other children of Pascal Bland have been noted (AC 3-2, p. 19).
- 6. William S. "Hickory" Bland (C1819/1820- ) appears to have first married Caroline Vaughn, who must have died about 1861. Using this as a guide, William would have married her about 1844 and had the following children:
  - A. John Henry Bland (1845- ).
  - B. Lucy Frances Bland (1848- ).
  - C. Mary Elizabeth Bland (1849- ).
  - D. Eliza J. Bland (1853-1919).

E. Walter S. Bland (1856- ).

F. William J. Bland (1858- ).

If the information forwarded by Bland Williamson is correct, William "Hickory" Bland married Mary Jane Smith, November 12, 1862 and remained married to her until 1866-1867. Thirdly, he married Ann E. Spencer, (C1830- ) about 1867. The 1870 census shows two children by Ann, Mattie L. (1868- ) and Sarah E. (1869/1870- ).

7. Roberta (previously shown as "Bertie") (C1822- ) married Cary Mason.
8. Amanda Bland (May 5, 1824-February 27, 1892) married Philip Fisher Mason (1802-1869).
9. Catherine Valinda Bland (C1826- ) (CF 3-2, p. 19).

Bland Williamson makes mention of a Samuel Bland (C1792- ) found in the Gloucester County Census for 1820. I do not recall seeing a Samuel Bland who goes that far back and would appreciate hearing from anyone who can shed further information.

#### John Bland and Sarah Lee

Ruby Blann of Lawrence, Kansas has asked me to provide the following supplemental and correctional information about this family.

The marriage record for Zachariah Bland (C1815/1817- ) shows definitely that he married Keziah Ogles. Any other variant could be misleading. Zachariah and Keziah had a son Wiett (or Wyatt) Blann, (1838-1861) who married Elizabeth Ann Minnick (1842-1929) in 1860. Wiett and Elizabeth had a single daughter Nancy Ann Blann, (1861-1887) who married John Speed Litton and had two daughters by him. Wiett served in the Civil War and died at his father's home in Livingston County, Missouri, while on leave. (AC 3-2, pp. 13-14).

An interpretation of her life by Mary Bland Ewell (1817-1898) daughter of John Bland and Sarah Lee, clashes somewhat with Mormon history. The Mormons were in Missouri as early as 1831 and were driven out in late 1839 or 1840. In Missouri a focal point of North-South Tensions before the Civil War, proslavery mobs, anti-pathetic to any nonslaveholding yankees and suspicious that Mormons planned to bring free blacks into the state, destroyed Mormon settlements around Independence, Missouri. Ensuing armed violence resulted in what Ruby Blann described as "Bloody war", and a proclamation by the governor that Mormons were enemies of the state "to be exterminated or driven from the state." The Mormons eventually settled in Illinois, where they built Nauvoo, their model city.

Ruby Blann has called my attention to certain inconsistencies in Mary Bland Ewell's story and in my own interpretation of her husband, William Ewell's part in the Mormon issue (AC 3-2, p. 15, Par. 2). First, the state of Missouri invested \$603. in a bridge building and road construction venture involving a consortium that included William Ewell. According to Ruby Blann, the recipients diverted the money to their own use and did not repay the loan. Secondly, Ruby

Blann writes "I would like to point out that . . . William Fletcher Ewell . . . /was/ one of the people who was terrorizing the Mormons to drive them out of the area. When or if he was ever a Mormon is not known to me."

Ruby Blann has suggested the possibility that this family originated or at least can be traced to the Shenandoah County, Virginia area, near the Rockingham/Pendleton, Virginia/West Virginia area where a large group of Bland's settled (AC 2-2, pp. 14-23 and 3-2, pp. 23-27). Ruby shows a prevalent common spelling of the name as Blann, in this area and suggests that some of this large family moved into the Greenbrier/Monroe County area of West Virginia (or Virginia as it then was). There are, for example, traces of Lees, Reeds and Caldwells in the Shenandoah County area and Permout Lee is found there as late as 1785. Permout Lee was the father of Sarah Lee who married John Bland and moved with him through Cumberland County, Kentucky (where Permout, Purmit or Permit Lee was enumerated) on to Ray, Carroll and Livingston Counties, Missouri. In view of this and the fact that Edith Lanning, Historian for the Pendleton County Family has just finished a revised history, prompts me to postpone further discussion of this matter until the next issue.

#### Joseph Bland and Susan Bailey Johnson

Kenneth Hill of New Martinsville, West Virginia calls my attention to two errors in previous numbers. First, that I transposed the name of David Bland's (1792-1874) wife with that of his mother, (AC 3-1, p. 11). Correction was made (AC 3-2, p. 29) and I also noted that the terminal date of Elizabeth Church's life (c1793-1857) may have been too early, for various sources show her still living in 1870. Also, in an earlier number (AC 3-1, p. 13) I showed Henry Bland (1841-1907) in service to the confederacy during the Civil War with Company K, 1st Virginia, CSA. Beggin' yo pahdon suh, pension records show that Henry was with the Union, 2nd West (By God!) Virginia. There is a difference.

A new correspondent, Isabel H. Willets, has forwarded new information about Joseph Bland and Susan Bailey Johnson's son Thomas, which may modify somewhat previous information about him. (AC 2-1, p. 9; 2-2, pp. 37-38; and 3-2, pp. 27-29) First, Isabel agrees with Lois Cramer that Thomas should show a birthdate of 1789 rather than 1790, indicating that Thomas' tombstone shows 1789 as his birthdate, as well as pension claims etc. Isabel argues that the 1789 birthdate for Richard Bland, Thomas' brother, should be pushed back to 1787. I have not yet heard from anyone who descends from Richard but in view of this new concensus, I concede the extra years to Richard (1787-1876) and Thomas (1789-1874) and hope they enjoyed them.

Isabel Willets shows Thomas Bland's dates as (October 13, 1789 to February 22, 1874), born in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia and died in Wayne, Greene County, Pennsylvania. About 1812, Thomas married Elizabeth McCullough (August 10, 1796-September 1, 1853) and had by her a family of thirteen children:

1. Mary Bland (1813- ) who about 1835 married George J. "Gova" Wade.
2. Susan Bland (July 19, 1816-February 28, 1905) died in Leon, Mason County, West Virginia. She married John D. Cooper, February 1850 (per Lois Cramer).

3. Delilah Bland (1817-1887) who married John Ralley Sine (1810-1895).
4. Amelia Bland (C1819- September 21, 1862) died in Appanoose County, Iowa (AC 2-1, p. 9) married John Haney, about 1839.
5. John L. Bland (September 10, 1822-February 11, 1861) died in Appanoose County.
6. Martha Bland (C1823- ) married Alva Garrison about 1842, died at Wood County, Virginia.
7. Joseph Bland (1824-1906) married Elsie "Ailcy" Jane Church, January 21, 1847. He died in Appanoose County (AC 2-1, p. 9).
8. Elizabeth Bland (September 22, 1827-March 12, 1907), married John Hixenbaugh on October 5, 1851. She died in Appanoose County.
9. Catherine "Kate" Bland (1828- ) died in Greene County, Pennsylvania.
10. Thomas Hennen Bland (1828-1893) married Mary Hennen. He died in Courtland, Kansas (AC 3-2, pp. 28-29).
11. Cynthia Bland (C1833- ) married John Six Jr. about 1853. She died in Ritchie County, Virginia.
12. Sarah Bland (C1835- ) married John Shutwell.
13. Eleanor Bland (C1837- ) married Nathan Thompson Hemley (Henley?).

After he wore down poor Elizabeth and buried her, Thomas, unabated after an active 66 years married Sarah Devall on June 28, 1855 and had by her:

1. Frank Bland (1855-1858).
2. Hugh C. Bland (1859-1923) who married Sarah Clark (1862-1904) and they died at Greene County, Pennsylvania.
3. William W. Bland.

I am pleased to display on the following page a photograph of the four daughters of Thomas Hennen Bland and Mary Hennen.



Daughters of Thomas H. Bland and Mary Hennen:  
Front L. Elizabeth Bland Burke (1858-1907);  
Front R. Lucy Bland Marty; Back L. Sarah  
Ellen Bland Whitley (1854-1910); Back R.  
Harriet Lutecia Bland Sheeks (1860-1931).

Courtesy Lois Bland Cramer

#### TENNESSEE

#### 1850/1860 Census Information

What follows is an attempt to establish an informational bridgehead to Tennessee and to place some new correspondents within that framework. Using the 1850 and 1860 censuses, I have located families in essentially three clusters of counties beginning in South Central Tennessee; (Lincoln and Marshall in 1850 followed by Franklin in 1860) North Central; (Williamson, Sumner and Maury in 1850, followed by Davidson, Rutherford and Lawrence in 1860). Wilson County, Tennessee (in the North Central Sector) contained a large segment of migrants from Virginia who already have been discussed (VU pp. 546-552).

Finally there is a large segment of Bland families scattered in Western Tennessee (Henry, Weakley, Carroll, McNairy, Haywood in 1850 followed by Benton, Henderson, Madison and Hardeman Counties in 1860). Blands from Pitt County, North Carolina populated Shelby County, Tennessee at the far west in both 1850 and 1860.

#### Cluster I (Lincoln County)

I previously noted two families, Samuel age 47, born in Georgia and Mary age 60 born in South Carolina, in this county in 1850, (AC 3-1, p. 38). By 1860, Samuel was gone but Mary, age 70, still resided there. There also was in Lincoln County in 1850 and Lawrence County in 1860, William C. Bland (C1808- ) born in Georgia with his wife Permelia (1809- ), born in South Carolina. Their children were John W. Bland (1829- ); James (1837- ) and Frances (1849- ). John W. Bland (1829- ) may be the same John W. Bland (1824- ) found in Lincoln County in 1860, with a family that includes Martha, (1835- ); Frances (1851- ); William (1853- ) and Shelby (1858- ).

#### Cluster I (Marshall County)

The 1850 census shows the following families in close proximity, suggesting an extended family relationship (AC 3-2, p. 41, discussion of Jonathan Bland):

1. John, age 73, born in North Carolina with Lucinda, age 73, born in Virginia, living with Lucinda J. age 26. This couple does not appear in 1860.
2. Jonathan age 38, born in North Carolina; Lucy Ann Tuley, age 28 (Jonathan's wife) born in Tennessee, with children James H. (1839- ); Preston Monroe (1845-1918); William Perry (1847- ); Jonathan Franklin (1850- ), supplemented by the 1860 census, Malinda (1853- ) and Elizabeth (1856- ). Also living with Jonathan is Elizabeth Tuley (probably Lucy's mother) age 66. (CF, AC 3-2, p. 41)
3. Thomas (1820- ) from Tennessee, with Mary A. (1830- ) from Tennessee, living in Marshall both 1850 and 1860 with children Mary L. (1850- ); Rhoda (1851- ); Margaret (1854- ); Rebecca (1855- ); Samuel W. (1857- ); Emeranda (1858- ) and Thomas L. (1860- ). All approximate dates, slight variances between 1850-1860.

A fourth family living in Marshall County in 1850 was John (1816- ) born in Tennessee with a wife Mary (1816- ) born in Tennessee and their children Mary S. (1838- ); John W. (1843- ); Thomas (1847- ) and Zachary T. (1848- ). By 1860, the family is living in Franklin County in a mixed household that includes John, shown as age 46, Mary, his wife, as well as Mary his daughter are gone from the household. Remaining with John are his sons John W. (shown as aged 16), Thomas and Zachariah. By this time the household also includes John and Anna Bland, both age 84, both born in North Carolina as well as Jackson Bland and Adeline Quarles, ages 18 and 16, both born in North Carolina. There is also a William Bland, age 64 born in North Carolina. There are possibly four generations here.

Cluster II (Williamson County)

The 1850 Census shows John W. Bland (1822- ), born in Virginia, with his wife Malinda (1825- ) born in Tennessee, and their children Mary (1845- ); James (1847- ) and Samuel (1849).

Cluster II (Maury County)

The 1850 and 1860 censuses show Wilson Bland (1804- ), born in North Carolina, living with his wife Susan (1810- ) and, by 1860, a family of nine children: John T. (1835- ); Martha (1837- ); William (1839- ); James (1840- ); Mary (1842- ); Susan (1844- ); Sarah H. (1846- ); George W. (1848- ) and Agnes (1851- ). Also living in this household in 1850-1860, were Patsy Brown, (1800- ) and Ambrose Truett (1833- ).

A family that migrated from King and Queen County, Virginia headed by Isaac Bland (C1798- ) and was enumerated in Sumner County, Tennessee was discussed (above page 18).

Cluster II (Davidson and Rutherford Counties, 1860)

Joseph Bland (1832- ) was enumerated with his wife Henrietta (1837- ) in Davidson County, with no children but a resident named Green Burnett. In Rutherford County, 1860, is found Solomon (1828- ) with his wife Nancy (1836- ) and two children M.E. (female) (1857- ) and J.A. (male) (1859- ).

Cluster III (Henry County)

In 1850, this county included, living in very close proximity, James Bland (C1797- ) born in Tennessee, married to Kizziah (C1805- ) and in their household Lavina (1835- ); Kizziah (1836- ) gone by 1860; and Martha (1839- ) gone by 1860. In 1860, a man named Silas Irwin (1794- ) shared this household. Just adjacent to James and Kizziah, in 1850, and probably a son, was George P. Bland (1826- ) with a wife Pauline (1831- ) and a daughter Mary, 7 months. George and Pauline were gone by 1860.

Cluster III (Weakley and Carroll Counties)

In 1850, there was in Weakley County J. Bland (1805- ) with a wife Jinsey (1815- ) but no children. In Carroll County there was in 1850 Jacinct Bland (1782- ) with a wife Nancy (1792- ), also with no children enumerated.

Cluster III (McNairy County)

The 1850 and 1860 Census shows an Arthur Bland (1794- ) born in North Carolina, with his wife Elizabeth (C1807- ) and children Emeline (1834- ); Arthur (1838- ); James (1841- ); William H. (1843 and Mary E. (1845- ). Living adjacent to Arthur and possibly a son, Robert R. Bland (1826- ) born in Tennessee and his wife "Arthusy" (1833- ) born in Tennessee. By 1860, Robert and Arthusy had a family that included Sarah (1849- ); John J. (1850- ) Elizabeth M. (1853- ) and Rachael (1859- ). This family was discussed

previously (AC 3-1, p. 41). A third family in McNairy County in 1850 was Charles Bland (1822- ) with a wife Martha (1829- ) both from North Carolina.

### Cluster III (Haywood County)

In 1850, Haywood County enumerated two Bland families which were probably related inasmuch as they were living in very close proximity. The first of these was John Bland, a Baptist minister born in Virginia about 1803—who died in 1856. Information about John was provided by Herbert Francis Bland of Paragould, Arkansas, who attended the Bland Reunion in Kentucky. John married a woman named Elizabeth (1804- ) both from Virginia, probably about 1825. In the 1850 census, John and Elizabeth had the following children enumerated:

1. Calvin Bland (1826- ) listed in 1850 as "crippled".
2. Eliza (1828- ) not enumerated with John in 1850 because she was married to Thomas Layman in Gibson County.
3. Charles Bland (1835- ) married Elizabeth Beard (1836- ) on January 30, 1860. Elizabeth was a widow with two children, Elizabeth (1853- ) and Mary (1857- ) by her former marriage. In addition, Charles N. Bland and Elizabeth Beard had a family of six children including (A) John Charles Bland (1861-1893) who married Louisa Lewis (1860-1898) August 23, 1882 at Crockett County, Tennessee and moved her to Greene County, Arkansas (Paragould), where they had a family of four children including Elnora, Mae and Estella (who died at birth) and a son Herbert Francis (1890-1955) who married Lydia Alvinah Poppe (1895-1972). They were the parents of Herbert Francis Bland Jr. (B) Paralee (1866- ); (C) William (1868- ) who married Jennie Webb in Tennessee, June 1, 1890; (D) Sarah (1872- ); (E) Robert (1877- ); (F) Alice (1879- ).
4. William Bland (1838- ) Living alone in Haywood County in 1860.
5. Sophronia Bland (1840- ).
6. Amanda Bland (1846- ).

A woman named Susan Hargett resided with John and Elizabeth Bland in 1850.

The second large family in Haywood County, living just a short distance away was Charles Bland (1804- ) born in Virginia, living with his wife Nancy Cates (1802- ) born in North Carolina, whom he married in Rutherford County, Tennessee August 4, 1825. The 1850 census showed Charles and Nancy with the following family: Solomon, a brother, (1818- ); Allen (1829- ). According to a genealogist who wrote to Herbert F. Bland Jr., Allen served in Company B, 9th Infantry CSA and Solomon served in the 23rd Infantry, CSA; Sarah (1833- ); Lorenzo and Catherine, possibly twins (1836- ); Bailey (1838- ); Rachael (1839- ); Mary (1841- ); Elizabeth (1843- ); Susan (1844- ); Martha (1845- ) and Fanny (1846- ).

Herbert Francis Bland's genealogist, James Petty, believes John and Charles were brothers and that they were the sons of one Jessie Bland, but he offers no solid proof of this. Alternately, I might suggest that the naming patterns for their children, (Sophronia, Amanda, Paralee, etc.) suggests the possibility that they were children of William Bland and Mary Ann Corr of King and Queen County, and migrated with their brothers Isaac and Elliott to Tennessee before legal traces for them were established in Virginia. (See Above, p. 19)

### Cluster III (Shelby County)

The furthest county west in Tennessee was Shelby, which by 1850 was heavily populated by Blands from Pitt County, North Carolina, who had begun arriving there by about 1830, (AC 2-1, pp. 22-23, 2-2 pp. 38-39 and 3-2, pp. 40-42). Some minor modifications to the last issue: Sylvia Bland (1835-1925) actually was named Sylina but called "Molly" because her husband, William Seth Wheatley Montgomery, couldn't stand her name. Mary Lucinda Bland was born in 1840, not 1838. The wife of William Henry Bland was Ella Maher, not Neaker. This information is sent to me per Marion Graves of Memphis. He indicates that there were at least two separate families in Fayette/Shelby County. Cornelius Bland was in Fayette County by 1830 and seemed to have no identification with the Pitt, North Carolina descendants. Marion suggests that Isaac Bland who married Tabitha Ellis (AC 3-2, p. 42) was of the Cornelius family. So was William H. Bland (1813- ) born in North Carolina, found in the 1850 Census, with "Luter" (the census taker must have been drunk. She was Satira Gibson, (AC 2-2, p. 23), who married William H. Bland, June 30, 1842), (1811- ), born in Alabama. The family was still in Shelby County in 1860, with children, William Henry (1844- ); Texana (1847- ) and George (1850- ). By 1860, William was dead but Satira was still living with her family as head of the household. In 1850, the residence included a gang of relatives including Napoleon Gibson (1833- ); Margaret Bland (1828- ); Ellen Bland (1832- ) and Bridget Bland (1831- ).

Undoubtedly, the Cornelius Bland line included Addison Bland shown in the 1850 and 1860 censuses (C1827- ) born in Tennessee, with his wife Elizabeth (C1829- ) and a family of children that includes Cornelius (2 months in 1850, died young); F.E. (1854- ) a female; Madora (1856- ) and Annie (1859- ). In 1850, the household was shared by Sarah Bland (1833- ) and Daniel Bland (1830- ).

In September I received a letter from Ron Rossi of Ridgecrest, California who claims descent from John Bland whose birthplace was given as South Carolina, Tennessee and Indiana, and was credited with three wives. I think this fits the description of John Bland (C1796- ) who married Virginia Moore in 1821 and subsequently Virginia Short and moved on from Tennessee to Texas, (AC 3-2, pp. 40-41) Mr. Rossi's John was first found in California in 1852, having had a former wife by the name of "Victoria". John married, for the fourth time a "younger woman" named Isabella Combs, born in Tennessee. John's children, according to Mr. Rossi's calculations were John C. Bland (C1829- ); Richard (C1831- ); Nettie Bland (died enroute to California); William A. Bland (C1836- ); Victoria (C1841- ); Theophilus (C1846- ) Charles "Isaac" "Ike" (C1848- ). These were children of John's wife Victoria or an earlier wife. The balance of children must be by Isabella Combs: Lucy A. Bland (1852- ); Emily (1854- ); Edward (1856- ); Telegraph "Telly G." (1859- ); Jefferson (C1862- ).

From California John moved his family to Sonora, Mexico and while there, considering a life of arduous travel and child production, packed it all in by drowning. That was 1864 so if these two Johns are the same, his dates are (C1796-1864). Among the children, Telly (1859- ) married Sarah Hart (C1865- ) whose family was of Elizabethtown, Hardin County, Kentucky, but who was herself born in California. They had two children, Jeff and Chloe. Chloe married Hiram Burl Imus, whose third child June Imus married Maynard Rossi, parents of Ron Rossi.

#### ALABAMA

##### Dallas County

There are two (presently) distinct families in Dallas County at about the same time, one headed by Elza Bland (1798-1879), who is firmly linked to the Edgefield County, South Carolina-Loudon and Prince William, Virginia line, and Silas Blann (1792-1858) whose origins are not known except that in 1850 he claimed descent from a family in Georgia. (AC 2-1, pp. 16-19 and 3-1, pp. 33-36). Mollie W. Grant has published a history of the Silas Blann family which I will discuss in the next issue.

#### MISSING LINKS

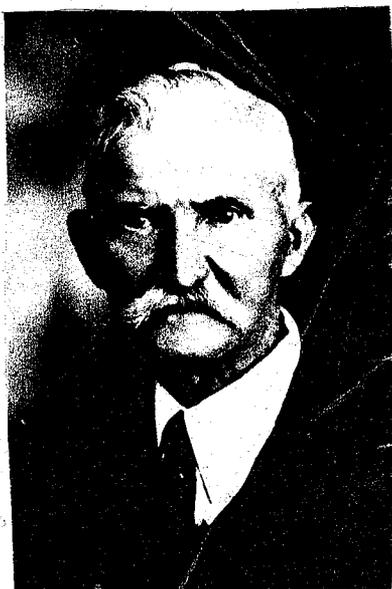
##### Joseph Austin Blan

Two new correspondents, Reba Jo (Curry) Jones of Lubbock, Texas and her uncle Gordon N. Owens of Newton Square, Pennsylvania, whom I met at the Elizabethtown Reunion in August, have furnished information about Joseph Austin Blan (February 8, 1853-August 17, 1934) who was born in Troy, Pike County, Alabama and died in Tipton, Oklahoma. Joseph married Nancy Ann Matthews (February 6, 1857-March 1, 1944) who was also born in Pike County, Alabama. Joseph had a brother William who was believed to have lived at Little Rock or Fort Smith, Arkansas. Joseph and Nancy left Troy, Alabama about 1876 and traveled by covered wagon to Hill County, Texas by way of Clarksville, Arkansas then to the Oklahoma Territory, where they settled down. Joseph and Nancy had a family of twelve children, including:

1. Ophelia Blan (December 15, 1873-January 30, 1916) who married John Wallace Owens at Hillsborough, Texas, December 21, 1891. These were the parents of Gordon Owens.
2. Oscar Lee Blan (April 21, 1875-September 4, 1942) married Marguerite M. Benson, January 1, 1905.
3. Elizabeth Florence Blan (March 4, 1877-June 8, 1963) Born at Clarksville, Arkansas and married Stanford Q. Owens March 31, 1895 at Hillsborough, Texas.
4. Willie Blan (C1879-1880) died at Clarksville, Arkansas.
5. Ida Mary Blan (November 11, 1882-April 16, 1970), born at Montague County, Texas, married (1) Noble Falkenbury and (2) Delbert Roquemore.

6. Percie Blan (C1884- ) born in Collin County, Texas, married Taylor M. Stroud, November 17, 1920.
7. Ada Blan (March 4, 1886- November 10, 1974) born in Ellis County, Texas, married Will George and moved with him to California.
8. Jessee Blan (C1888- ) was born in McCurtain County (then Choctaw Indian lands) Oklahoma.
9. Claud Blan (September 1, 1889-1917) was born in Ellis County, Texas and did not marry.
10. Austin Blan (October 22, 1892-January 5, 1953) was born in Ellis County, Texas and did not marry.
11. Jewell Blan (April 2, 1894- ) born in Ellis County, Texas, married Jasper Gibbons.
12. Ruth Blan (August 27, 1897-August 17, 1982) was born in Ellis County, Texas. She married Dick Ray Stroud May 18, 1916 at Tipton, Oklahoma.

Joseph Austin Blan's parents are said to have been born in South Carolina, and Pike County, Alabama lies approximately in the path of migrations from South Carolina and Georgia Blands into Alabama and the southwest, but nothing so far has been proved of Joseph Austin's parentage. I am pleased to display Joseph Austin Blan's photograph and would welcome any assistance to Gordon Owens or Reba Jones.



Joseph Austin Blan (1853-1934)

Courtesy Gordon N. Owens

William Bland/Susan Edwards

Another puzzle was presented to me last July by Carole Bland Yust of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, whom I also met at the Elizabethtown Reunion. She descends from a family that apparently traces to a man named William Bland of North Carolina and his wife Susan Edwards ( -1888). This bare information was supplied

in a letter to Carole's parents by the venerable historian, Curtis Bland of Terre Haute, Indiana, November 2, 1939. From this information, Carole has begun and has provided the following information about William Bland and Susan Edwards' family:

- (1) William Bland; (2) Houston Bland; (3) Frances Elizabeth Bland;
- (4) Calvin Bland; (5) John Bland, (March 26, 1841-November 25, 1883) about whom more below; (6) Mary (Polly) Bland who married Marion Matthews;
- (7) Martha Bland who married \_\_\_\_\_ Bryant; (8) Susie Bland who married \_\_\_\_\_ Shannon; (9) Nellie Bland who married \_\_\_\_\_ Gassoway. To this list of Curtis Bland's, Carole Yust added a possible 10th child, James Bland who married Martha Whaley.

The pivotal child was John Bland (1841-1883) who was killed by a 'possum bite where he lived at Hopewell in Cullman County, in North Central Alabama near the Tennessee border. He married Dicy Ann Basinger (August 6, 1842-October 27, 1926) about 1869 and had by her: (1) William Henry Bland (April 27, 1870-June 21, 1948) who married Mary Irene Hestla (1875-1940) March 15, 1894. They were the parents of seven children including John Mitchell Bland who married Clara Gladys Jackson, who were parents of Carole Bland Yust. (2) J. Mack Bland (March 4, 1874- January 31, 1932) who married Dessie Mitchell. (3) Kay Bland ( -1930), who married \_\_\_\_\_ Roden. (4) Lawson Bland (January 8, 1881-November 30, 1955) who married Eva McGlown. (5) Clawson Bland (January 8, 1881-June 11, 1921) an identical twin of Lawson Bland. (6) Edna Bland who married William Weeks and (7) Minnie Bland who married Orland Manning. Carole Bland Yust would be grateful for any information provided about William Bland and Susan Edwards or an alternate parentage for her ancestor, John Bland.

#### Daniel Bland of Conway County Arkansas

Another new acquaintance at the Elizabethtown Reunion was Joyce Fern Bland McCool of Overland Park, Kansas, who is stumped on the parentage of her ancestor Daniel Bland, born in Kentucky about 1780/1790 and in the Pulaski County, Arkansas area by 1818. One opinion about Daniel is that he is descended from Osborne and Lettice Bland's son Jessie (C1770-1843, VU pp. 440-441) but there is nothing concrete about this (I am personally skeptical). In 1829, Daniel is found in a census of Conway County, Wellborn Township, with a family consisting of himself, 1 female over 14, 3 females under 18, five females under 14 and a son between 18-25. This confusing information indicates that he had no wife at the time. By 1830 he was married again, had lost four females (perhaps through marriage) and had a wife, age 30-40. His wife was named Sarah (C1802- ) who was the mother of two known sons, Daniel Richard Bland (1830-1878) and Radford Sherman Bland (1832-1900). Daniel died just after he paid his taxes in 1848. Where Daniel is buried is uncertain (letter from Joyce McCool, October 21, 1985). A further problem about determining Daniel's parentage as well as his children is that they are near a Bland family in Pulaski/Saline County which shared many of the same given names and married into many of the same families, but came from Randolph County, North Carolina (which might indeed be Daniel's origin).

What is known for sure about Daniel is that he had a daughter, Lydia Bland, by a marriage antecedent to Sarah (1802- ), who married Jethro Payton Henderson

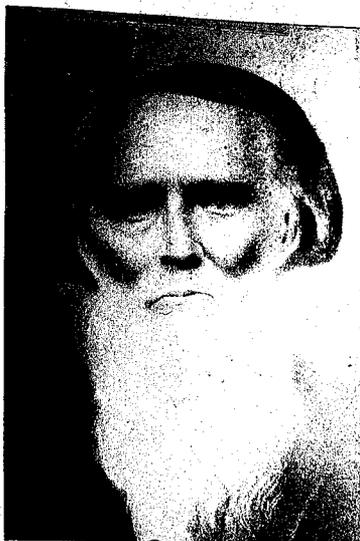
June 15, 1837. Another daughter Jane (C1823- ) married Alfred Brazil. A daughter Sarah (C1826- ) married John Westley, August 6, 1842 and a daughter Malinda (C1828- ) married Daniel James, September 9, 1847, all these marriages were in Saline County. Daniel had two sons:

1. Daniel Richard Bland (C1830-March 6, 1878) was born and died in the Conway/Perry County, Arkansas area. Daniel was described as a big man with big blue eyes and red hair (there has to be a joke in that somewhere) who could split more logs, shoot more game and ride harder than any other man (but I bet he wasn't as good as ole' Elizabeth Smith who cleaned up Orange County, Texas). He liked to ride log rafts down the Arkansas River and enjoyed dancing and playing the fiddle but was withal, a kind and gentle father and husband. Daniel first married Emmaline Ivey, about 1854 and had by her (A) George Radford Bland (1855-1925) who married Luzette Rankin; and (B) Sarah Emmaline (1857- ) who married Louis G. Vollman. Emmaline must have died about 1861-1862, for Daniel Richard Bland married his second wife Julia Heaton, ( -1879) about 1863 and had by her four children including Josephine (1864-1880) who was killed after being thrown from a horse; Aaron (December 8, 1868-June 1, 1950), who married (1) Etta Gibbons about 1889 and (2) Ida J. Pruett, September 19, 1897. Two children, Moses and Enoch died in infancy.

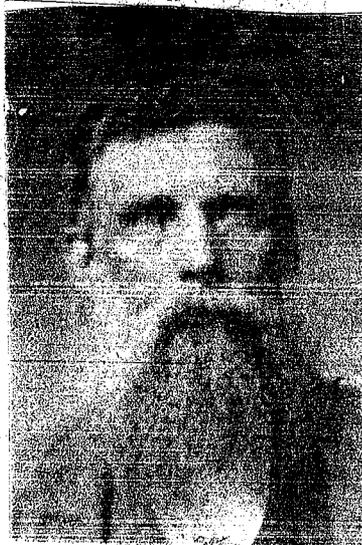
2. Radford Sherman Bland, (December 30, 1832-October 20, 1900) was the second son of Daniel Bland by Sarah (1802- ). Radford was described as stout, not very tall, with blue eyes and a long beard. Later in his life, he suffered a stroke which left him unable to speak. During the Civil War he was captured by Jayhawkers, one of whom knew him and helped him plot his escape. Radford Sherman Bland married twice. He married his second wife Annie Sanders sometime late in life, after 1892 and had no children by her. By his first wife, Margaret Ellsberry (1840-1892), Radford Sherman had a family of seven children including:

- A. John Bland (1857-1930) who died at Pott County, Oklahoma. He married Margaret Nancy Leach, April 6, 1877.
- B. Daniel Richard Bland (1859-1946) who lived and died in Perry County. He married (1) Emmie Missouri Harper about 1883 and (2) Margaret Harper
- C. Malinda Bland (1864-1890) who died in Childbirth, Perry County. She married Allen Ware about 1889.
- D. Permelia Jane Bland (1866-1910) who married William L. Leach.
- E. Grant Ulysses Bland (1870-1945) who lived and died in Perry County. He married Susan Lucinda Black, March 31, 1895.
- F. Julia (1873- ) not a child of Margaret Ellsberry. Julia was noted as a daughter of Radford by his housekeeper. She married \_\_\_\_\_ Watson.
- G. William Willie, (C1877- ) fell in a creek and drowned at age two.
- H. George Washington Bland (1875-1931) died at Pott County, Oklahoma. He married Alice May Sharp (1879-1956) January 27, 1895. They were the parents of Colvin Rutledge Bland and Zolar Rena Watkins, parents of Joyce Bland McCool. I regretted learning of the death of Joyce's mother just before the Reunion.

Although I feel more optimistic about finding the parentage of Daniel Bland (C1780-1848) than other missing links, there is no solid clue yet. I am pleased to display photographs of the brothers Daniel Richard and Radford Sherman Bland as well as Radford Sherman's wife, Margaret Ellsberry.



Daniel Richard  
Bland (1830-1878)



Radford Sherman  
Bland (1832-1900)



Margaret Ellsberry  
(1840-1892)

Courtesy Joyce Bland McCool

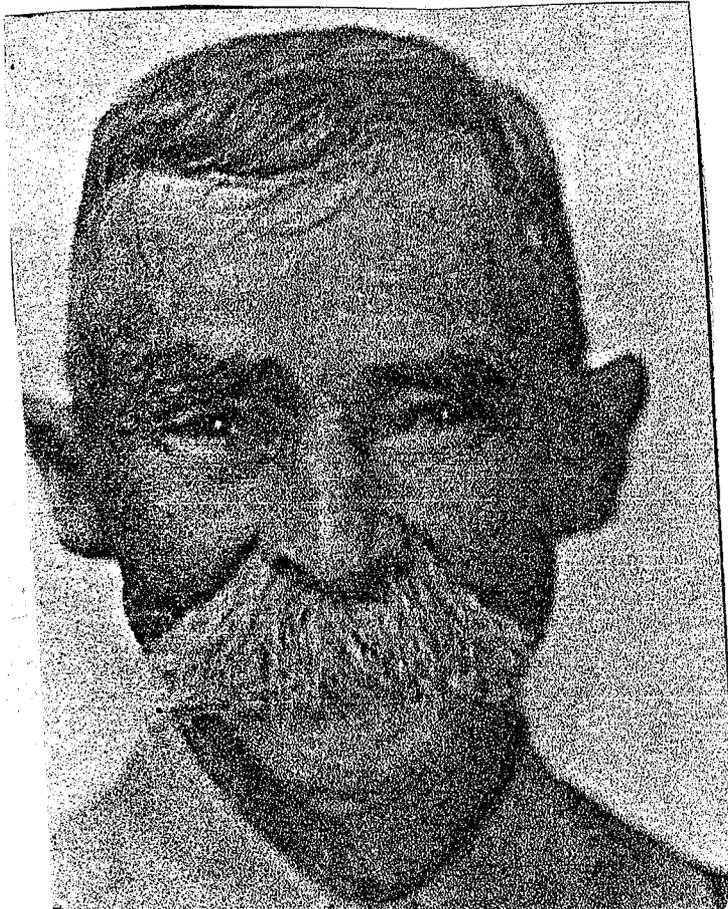
#### Gideon Bland and Amanda Parker

Nothing further has developed about these Blands except to determine that they are shared ancestors of Roy M. Bland, Midland, Texas and Frances Davidson, Hobbs, New Mexico. (AC 3-1, p.39) The earliest information about the family is that Gideon Bland descends from George (perhaps Gideon) Bland of North Carolina (C1790- ) and a wife Mary Ann Johnson, also of North Carolina. George and Mary Ann had three children including Nancy Bland born in Taylor County, Georgia (this places the family smack in the path of migrations from Edgefield, South Carolina). Nancy married John Davis. A second daughter Betsy Bland, born in Georgia, married Charlie Gossett. The third child was Gideon Bland (October 23, 1822-October 18, 1876), who was born in South Carolina and buried at the Salado, Texas, Bell County Cemetery. Gideon is said to have lived variously in North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Texas. He served during the Civil War as a private in Company H, Alabama Infantry, CSA from March 17, 1861 to March 4, 1865. Gideon married Amanda Parker (August 22, 1828-February 17, 1924) on December 10, 1843. They had a family of ten children including:

1. John Cornelius Bland (1844-1864) who served in the Civil War, but never married.
2. Harriet Louvenia Bland, who married Monroe Rhodes.

3. William Thomas Bland who married Gertrude Kennedy, April 29, 1881 in Milam County, Texas. They had one son Jesse Gideon but were subsequently divorced.
4. Josephine Elizabeth Bland (1854- ) married Gabriel Capers.
5. Isabell Jane Bland (1857-1928) married John Estes, March 1, 1888.
6. George Gideon Bland (1859-1861).
7. Richard Carlton Bland (1861-1864).
8. Frances Martelia Bland (1866-1949), born in Greenville, Alabama, married Calvin Hardy Bozeman (1863-1929) on August 31, 1892. Frances Davidson descends from this line.
9. Henry Parker Bland, died in infancy.
10. Robert Edward Lee Bland (1870-1968) moved to Texas in 1875, and married Mimmie Lee Yarborough, by whom he had seven children including my correspondent, Roy M. Bland.

I am pleased to display below companion photographs of Gideon Bland and his son Robert Edward Lee Bland:



Gideon Bland (1822-1876)

Courtesy Roy M. Bland



Robert Edward Lee Bland (1870-1968)



W.E. Bland  
(1863-After 1894)

Source Unknown

Have a good winter and spring. With the wind howling and snow falling, I  
yearn for August, 1985 and Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

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