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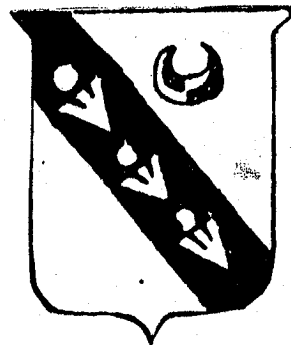
I continue to identify lines parenthetically numbered by the new Henry System developed by TereseBueker, (Henry System Grouping of Bland family Lines, see hyperlink [Genealogy Bland Groups and Family Lines updated June 2014](#)). Reader beware: these were early years when we were still learning what 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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The Bland Family Newsletter



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Dear Cousins:

The second nationwide Bland Reunion is upon us. In mid-May I sent out notices for the second Reunion at Richard Bland College, Petersburg, Virginia, August 16-17, 1986. I wish to thank three persons who are working "on the scene" to make the Reunion successful. They are Bill and Jane Haynes of Richmond, Virginia, and Marge Solenberger, Director of Public Relations at Richard Bland College (a branch of William and Mary College). I am grateful for their efforts and must acknowledge that, as was the case of John and Vivian Bland in Elizabethtown, Kentucky last year, if it were not for these folk, the Reunion would not occur.

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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

One thing. If you have not done so, please take a moment to complete the Reunion notice now. For your convenience, I enclose an extra Reunion Coupon. Even if you do not plan to attend, please complete Coupon A and return it to Bill Haynes (address indicated) as soon as possible. If you do plan to attend, please complete at least Coupon A and return to Bill as soon as possible. It is necessary to know certain information about the size of the group in order to plan the event. Payment must be received no later than July 21. Thanks for your help. Jane, Christina, Tommy and I as well as Bill, Jane, Marge and their families, hope to see you in Petersburg.

One final note. If a Reunion happens in 1987 it will be in Texas or the mid-west, most likely Indiana. Please give some thought to whether you'd like to work as the on-scene coordinator for the 1987 Reunion. Your willingness in all likelihood will dictate the location of the event. You should be free during mid-August and be willing to put some time and effort into the undertaking. You won't be paid, but it will be a memory of a lifetime.

Passages

I regret to note the passing of two subscribers. Virginia Bland Cowden of Bloomington, Indiana died in December 1985 after a long illness. I will always remember Virginia as one of the first Bland descendants who opened her door to me back in the dark, dreary days when I knew very few Blands outside my own family. Those of you who descend from Osborne Bland Jr. and Patsy Donahoo must appreciate the immense contribution Virginia made to the history of our family.

I recently received word from her granddaughter, that Jewell Hegwood Dye of Garfield, Arkansas passed away in May 1986. Mrs. Dye descended from the Mecklenburg County, Virginia-Wilson County, Tennessee family.

Mrs. Dye left instructions that if she died, I should be notified, thus taking seriously a request I made several years ago. I repeat the request to all of you. We mourn the passing of Virginia Cowden and Jewell Dye.

I also want to note in passing, the death by motorcycle accident of Daniel John Bland of Alamo, Texas, a 16 year old boy. He was the son of Jack and Monya Bland of Alamo, and the grandson of Harriet Bland and Thelma Abury of Rockford, Illinois. Daniel John Bland had a sister Debbie of Denver, Colorado and a brother David of Alamo.

Library Placements

There were a number of placements at important libraries during this period. I want to thank first, Theodore Bland of Harrells, North Carolina for his donation of a copy of A Vision of Unity at the Leora H. McEachern Library of Local History, Duplin County Historical Society, North Carolina. Also, I would like to thank Albert and Mildred Hunter for their donation of a copy of A Vision of Unity to the Worthington-Jefferson Public Library, Worthington, Indiana.

During this period I formed two consortia of donors who successfully placed four copies of A Vision of Unity in libraries in Kentucky and Texas:

First, my thanks to Jane Arnold of Franklin, Kentucky, Jack Cox Bailey of Lancaster, Dr. Charles L. Bland of Leitchfield, and Mrs. Roland (Jessamine Bland) James of Tucson, Arizona for joining me in placement of the book at the Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, and at the Margaret I. King Library, University of Kentucky at Lexington. Especially, Mrs. James' generosity made possible the placement of two books.

I am grateful to a larger consortium of Texans who helped me place copies of the book in the Texas State Library, Austin and at the Dallas Public Library. They were Henry Bland, Orange, Texas; Jeanette Bickley Bland, Richardson; Roy M. Bland, Midland; Vera Bland, Pasadena; Helen Bourque and Bonnie Bland Edmunds, Houston, Texas; Marian Daniels of San Benito; Reba Jo Curry Jones of Lubbock; Maisie Medford of San Antonio; Marjorie Bland Sayles of Abilene and Mary McCain, Bremond, and two donors who wish to remain anonymous.

The generosity of all those who contributed to these efforts is much appreciated. I donated a copy of the book to the Newberry Library, Department of Local and Family History in Chicago, Illinois. The Newberry Library is one of the central genealogical centers of the country but I was surprised to learn that the sum total of their genealogical holdings about the Blands was Charles Campbell, The Bland Papers.

A Vision of Unity was donated to the Museum and Library of Maryland History in October 1985 and was thus eligible for entry into the Summer Parker Genealogical Contest, which was supposed to have been decided in April. Being a bit anxious to know the results I called at the end of April and was told the judges had been extremely slow in returning their verdicts. As of June 1986, no verdict had been reached.

I am forced to modify a previous policy somewhat. Beginning in the October 1986 book mailing, I will no longer be able to offer all back issues of the Newsletter to libraries, free of charge. I always have extra copies of Newsletters made and will send back-copies when available, in addition to new issues. I will also offer back-issues of the Newsletter to libraries at cost. I am presently sending courtesy copies to some 35-40 libraries, and can no longer absorb the cost.

Consortium for Alabama Research

During this period, I formed a consortium of nine interested persons to support the research efforts of Marie McLaughlin of Selma, Alabama into a number of unresolved issues. Marie's work is being supported by, in addition to myself (I have an active family interest in my own line), Marjorie Bade of Houston, Texas, Bill Bland of Florence, Alabama and his sister Carole Bland Yust of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Roy Bland of Midland, Texas, Carrie Scales Evans of Shuqulak, Mississippi, Reba Jo Curry Jones of Lubbock, Texas, Mary E. Murphy of East Palatka, Florida and Gordon Owens of Newton Square, Pennsylvania. Marie McLaughlin began her research in late May but was delayed by work demands and sickness. Though her production so far has been voluminous and informative, I have not had sufficient time to evaluate it for inclusion in this issue so will defer discussion of Alabama research findings until Volume 5, Number 1 (January 1987). I will send out raw material to each of the participants as soon as Marie has finished her research and will

evaluate new findings in August and September to share with them. This shared interest and support is very much appreciated and has yielded much new information that will be of value to a much wider audience than the participants themselves.

Apology

On May 15, 1986, I received a letter from Nancy Davison Bartlett of Hobbs, New Mexico, daughter of Frances Davison, a correspondent, also of Hobbs. Nancy Davison Bartlett, calling herself "a concerned descendant of the Gideon Bland Line" writes the following:

Since my mother, Frances Davison . . . has been corresponding with you, you have failed to note the proper spelling of her last name. Therefore, all the newsletters, publications and personal letters that you have sent, show the incorrect name . . . I hope this matter will finally be taken care of, as you have been told several times about your error. It sure would be nice next time we pick up the Bland newsletter, to see a written apology to our family for your mistake.

More often than the better part of me would like, I do make mistakes such as this and I am always deeply grieved to have offended anyone who has been as generous with material about the Bland family as Mrs. Davison. I do apologize.

As noted above, I will not be able to discuss the family of Gideon (or George Gideon Bland, 1822-1876) and Amanda Parker (1828-1924) further in this issue. Thus, I do wish to display the photograph of Frances Martelia Bland (November 14, 1866 - February 26, 1949), Gideon and Amanda's eighth child, who was born in Granville, Alabama and died in Graham, Texas, and her husband Calvin Hardy Bozeman (1863-1929) whom she married August 31, 1892 in Falls County, Texas. Calvin Hardy Bozeman and Frances Martelia Bland are Frances Davison's grandparents, (AC 4-1, p.33).



Frances Martelia Bland
(1866-1949) and Calvin
Hardy Bozeman (1863-
1929).

Courtesy,
Frances Davison

The 1850 Census

I have just this Spring catalogued the Church of Latter Day Saints listing of all names in the 1850 Census for the United States. During the next few years, I would like to actually document and annotate an edition of Bland, Blann and Blan names in the Census. If any of you have actual manuscript records of the 1850 Census for any particular family group, I would appreciate your sending them to me.

VIRGINIA FAMILIES

King and Queen County

This is a note of interest to descendants of John Bland and Margaret Osborne of NELSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY. There has been discussion in past issues about whether John Bland of Nelson County, Kentucky ever received a land grant for Revolutionary service. At Elizabethtown last August, Roberta Shannon Stimpson provided me with a series of documents that evidently resolve the issue in the negative. The smoking gun was a letter from Henry Guthrie of Martins Ferry, Ohio written to Richard Shackelford in Gloucester, Virginia January 16, 1854, which recounts his efforts to reconstitute a lost claim for John Bland's service, (Duplicate Warrant #2937, certified February 18, 1854). This and other documents clearly show that the man in question was heretofore known as John Bland of King and Queen County, Virginia (C1760-1846) most fully discussed in (AC 3-2, pp. 21-22). As will be noted below (see p.26) John of Nelson County had approximately 1500 acres of Kentucky land surveyed, (AC 2-2, p. 29) but all were documented as Treasury Warrants, not for military service. This does not mean that John did not serve in the Revolution (though he was over 50 when the war began) but thus far no one has found a valid claim that he did.

For descendants of John of King and Queen County, Virginia, this documentation raises some problems. The 1854 documentation states that the Revolutionary Soldier died "about thirty five years ago" (meaning about 1819-1820). The standard assumption about John's dates have been 1760-1846. There was a John Bland who died in 1746, attested by a will. Thus, I believe we are dealing with two John Bland's, a senior and junior. The 1854 documentation for John Bland would make his dates (C1760-1819) and shows that he had the following children:

1. James Bland (Perhaps the James Redwood Bland mentioned by Bagby "who died some years ago intestate and leaving no children", (May 15, 1854).
2. Joanna Bland, still living in 1854, who married Charles Roane.
3. Frances Bland, still living in 1854, who married William Chapman.
4. Elizabeth Bland, "who intermarried with one William Muire and died intestate about thirty years ago". Susan had heirs Susan, Frances and Hester Muire, all living in 1854. Probably, Elizabeth was the daughter shown living with John and his wife Susannah _____ in 1783. She also might have been noted by Bagby somewhat obscurely as Muire Bland. (AC 3-2, p. 21).

It should be noted that there was no similar mention of a son John Bland or of his heirs. The children of John Bland (D.1746) were Roderick Bland (1805-1872);

Fanny Bland Taylor and Nancy Todd Bland Lawson (1830-1871). Why John or his heirs should not be mentioned in settlement of this claim is not clear, if indeed, as it seems, there were two Johns.

Though I may be scalped for this, I would offer the following hypothesis:

There was a John Bland Sr. (C1760-1819), the Revolutionary Soldier, who married Susannah, probably about 1782 and had Elizabeth (C1783-1824); John Jr. (C1784-1846); James Redwood; Joanna; and Frances. By his second wife Mary Frances Drummond, he had Drummond Bland who died young.

John Bland Jr. (1784-1846) married _____ and had Roderick Bland; Fanny Bland and Nancy Todd Bland. Exclusion of John Jr.'s heirs from the 1854 settlement might have resulted from family hostility, but I confess to being stymied about this.

One additional piece of information was found about John's older brother James, previously noted as a Revolutionary soldier, married to Amy Samuels (C1760-). Mollie Grant sent me material which included Amy's pension application. It identifies James as having died in 1803, making his dates (C1750-1803). He married Amy in 1782 or 1783, just after he got out of the war.

John (C1760-1819) and James (C1750-1803) had a brother William (1746-1788), whose family line was discussed in (AC 3-2, pp. 17-20, and 4-1, pp. 17-20). Much has been discovered about all of the children of William's son William (1765-1839). Now there is conflicting information. A compilation of Virginia Miscellanea by Dorothy Ford Wulfeck shows Ira in Warwick County with Ann P. _____ a wife (1816-) and children Maria P. (1836-); Edward P.¹ (1838-); and Ira R. (1844-). Ira (C1801-) shown as a lumberjack, born in King and Queen County (AC 4-1, p. 19).

Bland Williamson of Tulsa, Oklahoma has furnished me with some marriage records for Middlesex County, Virginia that shed a little further light on this family. Thomas J. Bland (AC 3-2, p. 20) was listed as the father of Julia (not Julian) Ann E. Bland who married Hugh A. South (not Sears) August 3, 1850. William Archer Bland (AC 3-2, p. 17) was security and witness to the marriage of his daughter Mary Susan Bland to William P. Roane July 2, 1850 and consented to the marriage of his daughter Louisa to John L. Johnson on November 11, 1850.

Ruby Blann of Lawrence, Kansas sent me a page from Nell Marion Nugent's Cavaliers and Pioneers that showed the following:

Duncan Bohono and John Mechen. 220 acres, Gloster Co. Upon the head of the Emost river in Mockjack Bay; 20 Dec. 1667, p. 102.
Adj. lands of Mr. Armestead & Capt. Dudley. Trans. of 4 persons:
Tho. Arnis (or Amis), John Blan, Roger Shackelford, John Thomas.

1. This may point to Edward Bland (1786-1822) as the father of this Ira Bland (AC 4-1, p. 17), and would make this Ira part of the James River Bland family.

Further information corroborates one of Joseph and Susan's children, Catherine. Mrs. Bland Osborn (truly a fascinating name) writes that her husband is descended from Catherine Bland, believed born in 1786 at Weston, then Monongalia County, Virginia (Weston is the county seat of Lewis, derived from Harrison, in turn derived from Monongalia). Catherine married one Samuel Frum, about 1809. This information is confirmed by a letter from Marcia Frum Benson, Morgantown, West Virginia, to Isabel Willets, Denver, Colorado, though Mrs. Benson claims Catherine's dates were 1792-1874¹ and says she married Samuel Sampson Frum. Mrs. Osborn indicates this family had twins George and Viann, while Mrs. Benson indicates the names of children were Samson Bland Frum, Vian, Mary, Joseph, Christina and Ann. Again the similarities in names and location make it inconceivable that this Catherine was anyone but the daughter of Joseph and Susan Bailey Johnson Bland.

Thus, it would seem that wherever he was born, Joseph must have fled several times because of his politics. He would have married Susan about 1782 and had by her: 1. Mary (1783-1856); 2. Catherine (1786-1874); 3. Richard G. (1787-1876); 4. Thomas (1789-1874); 5. David (1792-1874); and 6. Elizabeth, whose dates are uncertain. After Susan died, probably about 1800, Joseph remarried to Eleanor Benton in 1802. The daughter Eleanor may have been named for her mother.

It is altogether curious that earlier letters about Joseph were written to Robert Linn Bland, father of Urilla Bland, who developed the family of Thomas Bland (1765-1792) of Fauquier County, Virginia. The seige of Thomas Bland is told in (VU, pp. 373-375) whereby he set out for Kentucky in November 1792 (having just sold 448 acres of land so not badly off financially but rather stupid to have undertaken a journey to Kentucky via the Cumberland gap just as winter was beginning). At Winchester (ah, Winchester!) while visiting relatives Thomas got a chill and died. His widow turned back to Fauquier/Prince William County, where she, being the mother of three Bland sons, married one Jacob Zinn and later migrated to the Weston, Virginia area, where Urilla Bland's ancestor Thomas Bland (1793-1867), according to her, became one of the founding fathers of the town.

This is another case of a phrase here and there jogging my memory about some geographic connections. I am prepared to offer as a hypothesis that Joseph Bland (1763-1820) was a son of Thomas Bland of Fauquier County (C1719-1788), and his wife Jane _____, widow of Joseph^{Sr.}, and a brother of Thomas Bland (1765-1792). A valid reason for Joseph's absence from the will of Thomas Bland Sr. would be that Joseph was a Tory while Thomas was a patriot. I invite criticism.

Thomas Bland of Pendleton County Virginia

Edith C. Lanning has just completed an impressive book by the same title with the help of Ruby Bland Swadley of Riverton, West Virginia. This is a large and imposing family with new information developing practically every year. For previous information, see (VU, pp. 398-399, AC 2-2, pp. 14-23, AC 3-1, pp. 23,26 and AC 3-2, pp. 23-27.)

By his two marriages to Margaret _____ and to Rachel Shoulders Thomas Bland (1740-1826) had nine children:

1. Mrs. Benson may be wrong about this. These are the exact dates for Catherine's brother David.

1. John Bland (C1764-1839)

As previously, Edith lists John and his wife Nancy Cunningham with thirteen children, about whom little is known with precision. There is one possible connection: One of John and Nancy's children was Martha Bland (1814-1884) who married John Lane (1811-1900). A previous number (AC 3-2, pp. 5-6) discussed the birth of John Bland (1812-1864) to an Indian maiden named Margaret Lane and a man named Bland whom she met up with sometime in 1811. John married Lavinia Armstrong (1820-) and had eleven, possibly 12 children in the Peoria, Ohio area. I have received information from two persons about this family, including Emma Bland Lumsden of Mendota, Illinois and more recently, Frances Dittman of Atascadero, California. I know also that there were a lot of John Bland's to go around but was struck by a note from the Georgia Genealogical Society "Indian Issue" which listed John Bland as one who had intermarried with the Cherokees in Georgia. A note written by Johnny P. Bland of Mathison, Mississippi said "This Bland married an Indian maiden."

2. Henry Bland (1770-1853)

Henry's family is twenty four strong, offspring of two wives, Margaret Weirich and Mary Dolly (1796-1870, AC 2-2, 16-20, and 3-2, 23-27). By Margaret Weirich:

A. John Bland (1791-1864) who married Nancy Bland (1792-1853) by whom all of his children were born and second the widow Pancoast in 1855. John and Nancy had the following children:

(1) Duewaine Bland (1815-1882) who married twice to Julia Ann Brundage (-1855) and to Margaret Bibler Harmon (1829-1880) and by these two wives had fourteen children. Two adjustments in ages should be made in Duewaine's children: John (AC 3-2, p. 23) should be born in 1848 and Atta Ann Bland (AC 3-2, p. 24) was born in 1868.

(2) William Bland (1819-1862) who married Rhoda Spitler (1826-).

(3) Mary Ann Bland (1822-) who married John Pelcher (1818-1900) of Indiana.

(4) Nancy Bland (1824-1853) did not marry.

(5) Thomas Bland (1827-1897) who married Malinda Stokeley (1831-1907). They were married January 1, 1852. Their children were: (a) Franklin K.P. Bland (1852-1857); (b) Olive A. Bland (October 2, 1854-) who married Daniel Colbert December 17, 1874; (c) John M. Bland (June 9, 1858-) married M. Shane March 1, 1886; (d) Hester J. Bland (August 27, 1861-); (e) Annis L. Bland (May 3, 1863-) married E. Rominger, November 27, 1888; (f) Deuwaine Bland (February 27, 1867-) married Sarah Elizabeth Beery November 23, 1890; (g) Lewis E. Bland (1870-1874); (h) Willie Bland (1872-1872).

(6) John C. Bland (1829-1894) married Eliza Brashare (1834-) about 1861. Their children were: (a) Ambrose (1862-); (b) Perry (1864-); (c) Charles (1867-); (d) Effa (1872-); (e) George (1874-); (f) Alfred (1877-).

(7) Henry Bland (August 9, 1832-April 1, 1856). He married Hattie Engle and they had one child Thomas Bland (1849-1932). Thomas and his wife Josephine

had twelve children. In the former identification of this family, three children of Thomas and Josephine were omitted: Lillie Ann, (1884-); Ada May (1886-) and Loretta (1888-).

(8) Melvina Jane Bland (April 24, 1835-).

B. Thomas Bland (1794-1865) second son of Henry Bland, has been previously identified (AC 2-2, p. 22, 3-1, p. 26).

C. Eli Bland (1797-1862), previously noted as Henry Bland's fifth child married Annie Haigler (1806-) in 1824 and had the following children (AC 2-2 pp. 17-18):

(1) Miles H. Bland (July 25, 1826-October 25, 1902) who married Mary A. Bible and went to Fayette County, Ohio during the Civil War. As an adult he was described as fair, brown hair and grey eyes. He served with Lantz's Co., 46th Virginia, Military Company B. He lost a leg after being captured by Union Forces March 3, 1862. Miles and Mary had four children including William Bland (1860-) who married Anna Cockerill. Their children were Jennings (who died in WWII), Estella, Lorilla, Mildred and Ola.

(2) William Bland (April 29, 1829-December 10, 1910) who married Mary Teter (October 2, 1840-November 15, 1882) on January 1, 1861. Their children were noted (AC 2-2, p. 17).

(3) Amos Bland (1832-) married Mary M. Hevener (1836-) on February 16, 1860. They moved to Fayette County, Ohio and had seven children: (a) Alice (1861-); (b) Halleck (1862-); (c) Henry F. (1864-); (d) Virginia (1866-); (e) Julia (1870-); (f) Mary Ella (1875-); (g) Walter (1878-).

(4) Lucinda Bland (April 29, 1834-November 6, 1911) married John Wesley Dolly (1823-1894), October 17, 1851.

(5) George Washington Bland (April 1836-) married Jennie Whitecotton (1845-) and moved with her to Champaign and McClean Counties, Illinois. In addition to five of their children noted previously (AC 2-2, p. 18), there was a child William P. Bland (1868-).

(6) John W. Bland (May 1840-January 6, 1905) did not marry. He was crippled, harelipped and was known as "Hornick".

(7) Mary Bland, born about 1840, married Andrew Jack Simpson September 1, 1859.

(8) Eli Perry Bland (1842-March 2, 1862) previously listed as two men (AC 2-2, p. 18). Eli Perry was killed while serving with Lantz' Company for the Confederate Army (see above Miles Bland). Eli Perry was killed by Union Soldiers who, by one account dragged his body down a mountain and tossed it across a fence.

(9) James S. Bland (January 23, 1845-January 27, 1917).¹ James married Elizabeth Hemlick (July 10, 1851-February 17, 1941) in Farmer City, McClean County,

1. In addition to Edith Lanning's book, I received several clippings from Mollie Grant, including a notice of Elizabeth Hemlick's death, a family group sheet and an extract from the McClean County, Illinois Album.

Illinois on July 23, 1871. Later he lived in Empire township. James enlisted in Company A, 18th Virginia Volunteer Cavalry, in 1862. He fought at the battles of Fisher's Hill, Winchester, New Market, Lynchburg and Gettysburg. He was captured by the Union Forces in September 1864 and confined at Camp Chase, Ohio until the end of the war.

After the Civil War, James returned to Pendleton County but left in 1867, staying briefly in Champaign then Dewitt Counties. When James married Elizabeth Hemlick he settled in McClean County and stayed put.

The children of James S. Bland and Elizabeth Hemlick were: (a) Ashby Stickley Bland (December 26, 1871-December 8, 1961), who married Florence Belle Dever (1878-1918) April 17, 1893; (b) Mary A. Bland (January 8, 1874-January 31, 1978) who married a Lappin; (c) Harriet Bland, who married a Walden and a Wilson; (d) Walter Elihu Bland (July 11, 1878-June 17, 1964); (e) Ewell Bland (1882-1898); (f) Bessie Bland (September 3, 1883-December 3, 1912) married an Ogdon; (g) Clara Delle Bland (November 21, 1885-1949) married a Dever; (h) Bertha E. Bland (1889-1897).

(10) Benjamin Franklin Bland (1848-) married Sara Agnes Caton, August 19, 1870. Their children were (a) Floyd (1871-); (b) Flick (March 30, 1874-); (c) Henry (1877-); (d) Carrie (1879-); (e) Eddie (1887-).

D. Silas Bland Edith Lanning has remained silent about this man and skips over him entirely in her book.

E. Saul or Solomon Bland (May 23, 1800-February 18, 1877) married Abigail Phares (1804-July 31, 1890) in Pendleton County, February 19, 1823. Their children were:

(1) Peter Bland (April 30, 1824-December 14, 1870) who married first Elizabeth _____ and second, Martha Morse. By Elizabeth, he had Nile Bland (1849-) who married Anna Jane Turpin, December 3, 1874; William Bland (November 10, 1851-); John Bland (June 8, 1853-) and Abigail Bland (May 24, 1855-) who married Kimball. By Martha Morse, Peter had Eliza Bland who married a McClintock and Eva Bland who married _____ Black.

(2) John Bland (July 14, 1825-January 30, 1900). John died in Waldo, Ohio. He married 2 women (1st) Margaret Kennedy probably March 16, 1848 and (2nd) Electra Jones. John's children, (their mothers are not certain) were; (a) Mary Anna Bland (1849-1866); (b) Robert Kennedy Bland (August 15, 1851-May 29, 1905), who married Adeline F. _____ and had one son, Harry; (c) John Lewis Bland (January 14, 1852-September 14, 1889) who married Nancy H. McDowell (June 8, 1848-May 19, 1875) at Union County, Ohio, October 7, 1873. By this marriage, John had a single child, Anna Lulu Bland (September 12, 1874-1902), the grandmother of Mary Louise Miller Beery, a correspondent who has supplied helpful information for this line. After the death of Nancy McDowell, John Lewis married Orra Boal Coe on September 28, 1876. Their children have been previously noted; (d) George Washington Bland (April 7, 1853-March 22, 1877). George married Anna Jane Kennedy on April 28, 1874, but they had no children; (e) Saul Bland (January 20, 1856-April 25, 1881) married Ella Kennedy June 27, 1876. They had no children; (f) Emma Bland, married William Osborn; (g) Madoria Bland (1859-1875) did not marry; (h) John J. Bland (June 8, 1863-January 26, 1878 dates are questionable). He married Rosa A. Gompf; (i) Jonah Bland (1870-1954) married Ella Gompf. (photographs of Anna Lulu Bland, C. above, are displayed on p. 19)

Other children of Saul Bland have been correctly identified previously except Melchiza (noted as Chize, AC 2-2 p. 16) Bland (January 22, 1833–November 22, 1905). Melchiza moved to Oklahoma and Missouri and married Sarah Elizabeth Long (February 25, 1848–Mary 27, 1924) on March 24, 1866 or 1868. Their children were; (a) George D. Bland (1870–After 1938) who married and had two daughters who died young; (b) Edmond Bland (1872–1873); (c) Willie F. "Bill" Bland (1874–Before 1938) who married but had no children; (d) James Bland (1876–1938) who married Elizabeth Amanda Brickers July 2, 1902, but divorced her; (e) Earnest C. Bland (1881–1883); Abbie Bland (1884–Before 1938) who married _____ Bulow and _____ Morse.

F. Susannah Bland a hypothetical child of Henry Bland and Margaret Weirich married George Washington Raines in Pendleton County, January 8, 1820. She would thus be born about 1802, probably fit between Saul and Margaret below.

G. Margaret Bland (C1803-) is hypothesized by Edith Lanning to be the seventh child of Henry Bland and Margaret Weirich. She married James Davis in Pendleton County November 24, 1818.

H. Mary A. Bland (C1804-) who married Solomon Teter in Pendleton County July 19, 1826.

I. Isabel Bland (C1805-) married David Florin February 4, 1822.

J. Sidney Bland (October 28, 1809–October 18, 1861) married Philip Teter June 27, 1826.

K. William Bland Edith Lanning has a correspondent who believes William was born in 1790 and is Henry Bland's eldest son, but Edith remains skeptical.

L. Phoebe Bland (June 1814-) was still living in 1900. She married Zebedee Warner (1807–1891) on June 4, 1835. Several of the children of Phoebe and Zebedee intermarried with other Bland cousins, as noted below, (p. 17).

That about did it for poor old Margaret Weirich, who must have died about 1814–1815, perhaps during Phoebe's birth. Henry Bland, however, was just getting warmed up and about 1817 called in Mary Dolly as a relief hitter and turned out twelve more children.

M. George Washington Bland (April 18, 1818–March 16, 1889) who married Caroline Woods (1828–1849) on August 9, 1847. They had only James Bland (C1849-) who may have died young, although some members of the family think he went to California and became a lawyer. George Washington Bland remarried March 3, 1849 (Wow! Talk about Fast Work!) to Margaret Skidmore (March 30, 1832–February 25, 1910). The children of George Washington Bland and Margaret Skidmore were:

(1) Mary Elizabeth Bland (October 1851-) who married Solomon K. Huffman (1844–1924) in 1870.

(2) Martha Ellen Bland (June 5, 1853–April 8, 1934) who married John Huffman (1853–1924) on April 8, 1874.

(3) Zane W. Bland (C1857–1869).

(4) Annie C. Bland (October 15, 1858–December 13, 1895) who married David Miles Day (1853-).

- (5) Alice Bland (February 22, 1862-1933) married Simeon Harper (1859-1923) in 1879.
- (6) Arabella Bland (September 1866-) married George W. Butcher (1866-) on September 30, 1892.
- (7) Clara Bland (April 9, 1868-) married Henry Harper April 3, 1888.
- (8) Stewart L. Bland (June 5, 1872-1946) married Delvina Stites (1867-1944) August 1, 1892. Their children were previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 19).
- (9) Zella Mae Bland (January 30, 1875-October 8, 1967) misrepresented previously as a child of Stewart Bland (1872-1946) (AC, 2-2, p. 19). She married John Vernon Harmon (1880-1968) in 1898 or 1899.
- N. Henry James Bland (C1819-) executor of Henry's will in 1850, left the county for California in 1857 after becoming a Methodist preacher. He married Annot Lyle Steele. They had a son Henry Meade Bland (April 21, 1863-1927) who was born in Fairfield, California. Henry Meade Bland was a poet and educator listed in Who's Who in America. He married Annabelle Haskell July 25, 1888 and had Henry Morton Bland, Annot Mildred Bland who married Aloysius McCormack, and Harold Bland.
- O. Adam Bland (May 31, 1821-C1861). Edith Lanning says Adam was a Methodist preacher who went to California and maybe to Pennsylvania. Edith also thinks he served beginning April 1861 in the CSA. Company A, Twenty-Fifth Virginia Regiment, Jones Brigade and that he died in service. Adam Bland was listed in the Monroe County, Virginia Census, 1850, aged 30, with a wife Ellen _____, age 19. This couple did not appear among the pre-1850 marriage records for that county. (See above, p. 8).
- P. Zane Bland He was a Methodist preacher who died in Cumberland County, Maryland.
- Q. Duane Bland Edith Lanning says he died young. The Duane Bland speculated upon previously (AC 2-2, p. 19) was actually the son of John Bland (1791-1864, see above, p. 10).
- R. Jesse Bland (C1825--still living in 1880) apparently did not marry.
- S. Harvey Bland (July 18, 1827-May 2, 1900), married Melissa Stokeley (January 26, 1831-) a twin sister of Malinda Stokeley (1831-1907) wife of Thomas Bland noted above (p. 10) on January 16, 1851, in Wyandot County, Ohio. Their children were previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 19).
- T. Annis Bland (C1830-1860).
- U. Asa P. Bland (C1832-) married Ellen Kitchen and moved to Grant, Kansas.
- V. Lucinda Bland (August 22, 1836-September 27, 1902) did not marry. Known as "Old Luce".
- W. Stewart Bland (1839-) Married Virginia Harper August 22, 1865. Stewart served in the Civil War, CSA Company A, 18th Regiment. He was captured by the Union Forces and sent to Camp Chase, Ohio until June 15, 1865. He had been wounded in battle. Stewart was responsible for rescuing George Harper, the father of his wife,

who was thus favorably disposed to have his daughter marry Stewart, a disreputable thief and scoundrel. He was described in his prison record as six feet tall, fair skin, blue eyes, a farmer.¹

X. James H. Bland (1848-). He must have been a real surprise to old Henry who by then was 78 and his wife 52. Morton says he was a preacher in Ohio. (Might it be possible that he was a grandson of Henry and Mary?)

Lordy, a recitation of Henry Bland's family gives one a sense of feeling for how poor Margaret Weirich and Mary Dolly felt when they saw Henry's eyes glow. Henry reminds me of a story about Groucho Marx. In one of his TV shows, Groucho brought out a woman who had, say 13 kids. "Why do you have so many kids?" Groucho asked.

"Because I love my husband."

"Lady," Groucho rolled his eyes. "I love my cigar but I take it out every now and then." Of course it wasn't too funny to poor old Margaret and Mary.

Back to the rest of the family of Thomas Bland (1740-1826) and Margaret _____.

3. Margaret Bland previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 20).

4. George Bland previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 20).

John (1764-1839), Henry (1770-1853), Margaret and George, were the known children of Thomas Bland (1740-1826) by his first wife Margaret _____. Secondly, Thomas married in 1797, Rachel Shoulders (C1773/75) by whom he had:

5. Enoch Bland (January 9, 1804-October 27, 1882). He married twice to Naomi Teter (C1808-1833) on December 5, 1826. Secondly, Enoch married Mary Ann Harper (January 8, 1811-February 10, 1882) on June 23, 1836, (see photograph p. 20). By Naomi Teter, Enoch had two children:

A. Jane Bland (C1826-). Previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 21).

B. Johnson Bland (February 15, 1829-August 30, 1897) who married Sallie Lawrence (October 1829-August 19, 1914). Johnson was in the CSA, Company C, 62nd Regiment of Virginia Infantry, captured and sent to Fort Chase, exchanged October 1864. He was described as 5'9", fair, gray eyes, light hair. (see photograph p. 20)

The children of Johnson Bland and Sarah (Sallie) Lawrence were:

(1) Isaac J. Bland (May 16, 1852-February 8, 1896). His tombstone says he was born June 1, 1861, but maybe that was when his parents were married. Before his marriage, Isaac had by Cass Bennett a child named Kennie Bland (1867-1888). I think Edith Lanning refers to these children as "Mountain Babies" which is a nice way of putting it.

Isaac married Susan P. Hedrick (May 30, 1858-March 17, 1925) on September 25, 1877. Their children were noted previously. Dates for their fourth child Fannie E. Bland were 1883-1966.

1. See discussion below, p. 41 for Stewart and Virginia's migration to Montgomery County, Tennessee and Todd County, Kentucky.

- (2) Susan Bland (1855-) previously noted, (AC 2-2, p. 20).
- (3) Christina Bland (1855-1875) previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 20).
- (4) Enoch Bland (1862-) previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 20).
- (5) Lee Bland (October 20, 1863-January 18, 1916) married Lucy F. Bennett, (1871-1940), a cousin, January 25, 1885. Their children were (a) Kenny J. Bland (1886-1961) who married Annie Rooney Vandevander (1890-1962); (b) Curtis Patrick Bland (1889-1961) who married Grace Warner (1900-1983); (c) Etta Jane Bland (1893-1954) who married Jessie Howard Warner (1892-1962). (see below, p. 17)
- (6) Mary Bland (1864-) previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 20).
- (7) Sarah Jane Bland (June 9, 1866-April 24, 1949). She had a son named Virgil Bland (1886-1894). She married Henry J. Burns (1866-1955).
- (8) Seymour Burns (August 29, 1869-April 1942). He married Laura Burns (January 6, 1877-July 22, 1957) February 1, 1896. Their children were (a) Rettie Bland (1897-1959) who married Ora Huffman; (b) Don Bland (1899-1979) who married Tina Huffman; (c) Sally Bland (1902-1981) married Curtis James Judy; (d) Mary Bland (1905-1929) killed in an accident; (e) Ralph Bland (1909-1945) married Marjorie Nelson (1913-); (f) Merlie Jane Bland (1913-1981) married Dennis Everly; (g) Golden Jack Bland (1916-) married Mildred Burns.
- (9) Grant Bland (1871-) married Charlotte Harper (1878-) in 1899 (AC 2-2, p. 20). They had a child named Titus Bland (1900-1979) who married Margie Mallow Thompson (1898-1976).
- (10) Jasper Bland (1875-) noted previously (AC 2-2, p. 20).
- (11) D. Newton Bland (1875-1886) maybe a twin of Jasper, previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 20). Alternately a possible twelfth child, S. Newton Bland, born May 8, 1876 might also have been a twin of D. Newton. Possibly also, D. and S. Newton were one and the same.

After the death of Naomi Teter (one would imagine), Enoch Bland had a child:

C. James B. Bland (C1834-) who on November 15, 1855 married Susan Lawrence (C1832-). They had (a) James Albert Bland (April 1856-) who married Sarah A. Nelson (C1856-) on April 3, 1877. They had five children: Kenny (1877-); W. Otho (1882-); Bessie L. (1879-); Ethel and Bee.

Enoch Bland had the following children by Mary Harper, his second wife:

D. John A. Bland (December 16, 1835-October 20, 1904). He married Mary E. Caton (January 11, 1850-August 11, 1901) on December 18, 1869. Their children were previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 21).

E. Caroline Bland (C1836-). She married Elijah Harper, November 6, 1856 and Henry Cunningham.

F. Pleasant D. Bland (October 20, 1838–November 15, 1914) who married Mary J. Calhoun (1848–) on November 24, 1866. Their children were previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 21; also see photograph p. 20).

G. Isaac Newton Bland (January 1841–). Isaac Newton Bland had by Mary Harper (Edith carefully does not say they were married), Elizabeth and Tina Harper. By Catherine Cassell, Isaac Newton Bland had Lucy F. Bennett, who married Lee Bland (1863–1916, see above p. 16) a cousin.

Isaac Newton Bland married Annis Susan Warner, (a cousin, daughter of Phoebe Bland and Zebedee Warner, above p. 13). They had eighteen children previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 21).

H. Phoebe Bland (1844–) previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 22).

I. Elizabeth Bland (1846–) previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 22).

J. Ellen Bland (1849–1929) previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 22). She married John Wesley Warner, a son of Phoebe Bland (daughter of old Henry Bland) and Zebedee Warner (see above p. 13 and see photograph p. 20).

K. Mary Bland (1851–) previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 22).

L. Enoch Dice Bland (April 4, 1855–April 5, 1929). Enoch married Martha Caton (1857–1930) on July 21, 1877. Before this marriage, Enoch Dice had Lula F. Bland (1876–1964) by Phoebe Caton, who married Jacob K. Thompson (1874–1948). The children of Enoch Dice Bland and Martha Caton were previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 22).

6. Elizabeth Bland (1807–) previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 22) was the sixth child of Thomas Bland (1740–1826).

7. Rachel Bland (1811–1873) previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 22).

8. Job Bland (1812–1854) previously noted (AC 2-2, p. 22).

On February 23, 1986, I received a letter from Carol Ferguson of Westerville, Ohio, citing bare information about her ancestor Josiah Bland born in 1821 in Virginia, who married Margaret Susan Coler of Hardy County, Virginia. They moved to Ohio with her family. I have received nothing further from Mrs. Ferguson about this family. Mariana Miller of Columbus, Ohio sent me a batch of clippings that seem to fit the description of a family from the Pendleton County group, but for which no connection can be made. Edith Lanning cites the presence in Muskingom County, Ohio in 1850 of Eli Bland and a wife Caroline, ages 29 and 21 respectively. The clippings forwarded by Mrs. Miller were in turn sent to her in 1983 by Genevieve Hertel of Garden City, Kansas. In sorting them out, the following children of Eli and Caroline Bland appear: (1) L. M. Bland of Garden City, Kansas; (2) Walter E. Bland of Columbus, Ohio; (3) Wellington Bland born in Muskingom County, Ohio, who married Amelia _____ and moved to Columbus, Ohio. Their children were Warren and Ernest Bland of Columbus, Ohio; (4) Alta Rebecca Bland (April 28, 1861–March 29, 1947, born near Zanesville, Ohio, was married to Kleber Phelps in 1891. They lived in Garden City, Kansas, also Florida, but Alta moved back to Kansas after her husband's death.

As noted earlier, this is a large and imposing family of Blands what is shaping up as one of five major and distinct families in Virginia, (including the James River and Northern Virginia Blands, the King and Queen County and Mecklenburg County Blands). The foregoing essay, as well as previous material provides a skeletal sketch only, concentrating on paternal lines, and, as I usually do, declining to pursue maternal lines of descent lest I get lost in infinity. Edith Lanning, however, has also pursued each maternal line, where evidence permits, and has of course carried each family line further than the 1900 cut-off I generally observe. Further, she has included citations of evidence (deeds, wills, marriage licenses, etc.) which substantiate her conclusions. Altogether, her book on the family of Thomas Bland (C1740-1826) makes an enormously important contribution to our knowledge of the Blands. Anyone who descends from the Thomas Bland line should begin with Edith's book.

I am pleased to display photographs of the members of the Pendleton County, Virginia family on pages 19-20.

NORTH CAROLINA FAMILIES

The Family of James Otis Daniel Bland

This family was previously discussed (VU pp. 341-342 and AC 1-1, p. 5). I had not previously seen the date for James O.D. Bland's (1824-1907) marriage to his second wife Mary Gentry, but found it in a long list of Green County, Indiana marriages as April 5, 1860 (book G, page 51). I have searched for some disposition of William Bland (C1852-) second son of James O.D. and his first wife Sarah Elrod, but have found nothing. One marginal note. Leota Bland Ruder wrote me in January asking if I could identify a Birdie Heaton Bland (1891-1971) of Green County, Indiana, who was married to an "Eck" Bland. A search through the records shows a Marion E. (Eck) Bland marrying Bird Heaton in Green County, Indiana, July 7, 1910. I have no reliable information about Marion E. Bland's parentage. In her letter, Leota Ruder enclosed a number of very good photographs of James O.D.'s family from which I have chosen three to display on page 22. (CF, A-C, 1-1, Attachments 11-12)

A COLLAGE OF PENDLETON COUNTY VIRGINIA/WEST VIRGINIA PIONEERS



Clockwise From Left:

John Bland (1825-1900) son of Saul/Solomon Bland (1800-1877), and his granddaughter Anna Lulu Bland (1874-1902) about 1885 and 1890.

Courtesy Mary Louise Miller Beery



Clockwise from Left: Enoch Bland (1804-1882) son of Thomas Bland and his second wife, Rachel Shoulders, and Enoch's second wife Mary Ann Harper (1811-1882).

Johnson Bland (1829-1897) son of Enoch and his first wife Naomi Teter, and Johnson's wife Sarah Lawrence (1829-1914).

John Wesley Warner and Ellen Bland (1849-1929) with Enoch Dice Bland (1855-1929).

Pleasant Bland (1838-1914) and Mary Jane Calhoun (1848-).

Enoch Dice Bland and Mary Caton with children, Bertha (1883-1971), Robert "Boss" (1893-1931) and Edward (1888-1957).



Courtesy

Edith C. Lanning





Nancy Ann Blann (1861-1887), daughter of Wielt Blann and Elizabeth Ann Minnick and wife of John Speed Litton (AC 3-2, pp. 13-14 and 4-1, p. 20).

Courtesy Ruby Blann



Clockwise from Top: James O.D. Bland (1824-1907) and Mary E. Gentry (1839-).

Mary Gentry with Raymond Bland (1896-) about 1896/1897.

Lenore Shaw (1877-1963) wife of John Huse Bland (1868-1956) and Raymond Bland about 1896.

CF AC 1-1, Attachments 11-12

Courtesy

Leota Bland Ruder



KENTUCKY FAMILIES

During my visit to Kentucky last August, I accompanied John W. Bland on what could best be called scavenger hunts at the Kentucky Historical Society in Frankfort and the Filson Club at Louisville. John and I ransacked the shelves and what files we could find for information about Blands and allied families, often paying scant attention to the intrinsic value of the information. There are many deeds, transactions, etc. that I have not yet pieced together, but from the rest, I have sorted out a lot of information that adds depth and clarity to what we already know about the Blands in Kentucky.

In what follows I have divided the Bland families in Kentucky into five basic groups:

1. The Mason County Families, comprised of descendants of James Bland (C1687-1756) of Prince William County, Virginia and a stray, Micajah Bland of Edgefield County, South Carolina (1780-1826), who was descended from the Northern Virginia Bland family through Robert Bland (C1708-1760). Secondly, within this group, the families from Garrard County, Kentucky, descended also from James Bland (C1687-1756) through his great grandson Charles Bland (1765-1842) and his wife Phyllis Pope, (1773-1818).
2. The Nelson and Hardin County, Kentucky Families, descended from John Bland (C1725-1795) and his wife Margaret Osborne and John's nephew James Bland (1780-1829) and his wife Susannah Starke (1783-1852).
3. The Washington, Marion, Grayson County Families, descended from John Bland (C1742-1807), son of John Bland and Patience of Prince William, Virginia, and John's wife Rachel.
4. The Pulaski, Casey, Green and Cumberland Families, descended primarily from Reuben Bland (C1790-) and his wife Dicey West, but also populated by various Virginia families and from some representatives of the Nelson and Washington County groups.
5. The Western Counties. Blands, most without obvious connections to the larger families, were found in Carlisle, Christian, Larue, Lyon, McClean and Trigg Counties. A far western county, Ballard, was named for a pioneer Indian hunter from Virginia named Bland Ballard who has apparent roots with the Blands in Virginia.

Although there are obvious interminglings among the Kentucky Blands, these counties, especially the first four, seem to make up distinct family groups.

The Mason County Bland Family

A very slight additional piece of information was gleaned about Micajah Bland (1780-1826) noted above. In a settlement of his estate dated 1831, his son John listed among the legatees. I know nothing else about John.

Most new information for this county has to do with the family of James Bland (C1761-1802) and his wife Margaret (still living in 1816). James' father was Benjamin

Bland (1724-1771), who was a son of James Bland (C1687-1756), and a grandson of James Bland (C1655-1708) founder of the Northern Virginia Family. James and Margaret migrated to Mason County, Kentucky probably about 1790-1800. Their children were, daughters Esme, Anne Margaret and Mary, previously noted (VU p. 407). A further daughter of James and Margaret Bland was Mariah Bland who married Nathan Shotwell, July 13, 1816 (Mariah's mother is given as Margaret Bland).

The oldest son of James and Margaret Bland was John, who died in Mason County in 1811. The second son was Benjamin Villary Bland (July 20, 1786-October 3, 1825) who was born in Fauquier, Virginia and died in Columbia, Alabama. He married Mary Rolf (December 23, 1795-March 15, 1857) on November 24, 1813 in Mason County. Mary was from Essex County, New Jersey. New information was provided about this family by James W. Lillard of Tampa, Florida. The family has been discussed previously (VU p. 408 and AC 1-2, p. 22). From Mr. Lillard, Charles Henry Bland (September 2, 1819-1888) married Elizabeth Stith (August 7, 1826-) in Mason County on November 25, 1846. They moved to Lewis County, Missouri where their children were born: (1) Mary Bland (1850-); (2) Nathaniel Rolf Bland (July 17, 1851-April 12, 1920) married Susie Mary Fishback, April 29, 1903 at Quincy, Illinois and died at Verdigris, Oklahoma; George Bland (August 27, 1854-May 6, 1924) married Ella A. Bradshaw in Lewis County, Missouri, December 20, 1879 and he died in Gotebo, Oklahoma.

The third son of James and Margaret Bland was Calvin Bland (June 15, 1796-June 30, 1880) who married Ruth Dye (February 22, 1799 to August 23, 1863) on December 19, 1818. Their children were (1) James Bland (November 25, 1819-February 10, 1871) who married Jane Aithens, December 3, 1850 and Martha Arthur about 1855, by whom he had (a) Addison Bland (June 17, 1856-); (b) William Marcus Bland (June 9, 1857-), and; (c) Anna Bland (March 8, 1858-); (2) Calvin Bland; (3) Ruth Bland; (4) John Bland (C1830-); (5) Charles Bland (March 17, 1825-December 6, 1892) who married Elizabeth Piles on December 14, 1846. Charles and Elizabeth had living with them in 1850 James Bland (1848-). They also were parents of John Edgar Bland (November 16, 1853-) and Frances P. Bland (August 14, 1858-). (6) Benjamin Bland (April 7, 1826-December 30, 1848); and (7) Richard C. Bland (1837-) living in the household of Charles Bland and Elizabeth Piles in 1850.

The fourth and possibly fifth sons of James and Margaret Bland were Charles (C1802-) about whom little else is known, and hypothetically, a James Bland, who married Sarah Devin, August 27, 1823 in Mason County.

A further Mason County entry show Charles Williams marrying Elizabeth Bland on October 16, 1846 with William Bland as a bondsman. Since these Blands do not figure in to the family of Micajah Bland and Milly Martin, it appears logical that they belong to the descendants of James and Margaret Bland.

The Garrard County Family

Some records of this family are also located in Shelby County. This branch of the family was established by Charles Bland (1765-1842) and his first wife Phyllis Pope (1773-1818). Charles was a brother of James Bland who migrated to Mason County, but the story told by Jessamine May Bland (Mrs. Roland James) is that he followed his sweetheart Phyllis Pope to Kentucky. Mrs. James is the

unchallenged historian for this family group and has done a marvelous job of reconstructing it (VU, pp. 408-415). What I offer may add a few details here, sharpen the picture a little there.

Charles and Phyllis were married on January 17, 1791 and had a family of fifteen children. Their first child, Thomas Bland (December 10, 1791-July 18, 1845) married Elizabeth Duncan who died on the same day as her husband. They were married November 27, 1819, (VU, p. 409). A letter from Helen Bland of Bagdad, Kentucky, February 10, 1982, and marriage records for Garrard County bring their family into closer focus. Like Mrs. James, Helen Bland lists eight children.

A. Helen Bland calls the unnamed daughter noted by Mrs. James, Mason Bland, with no other information about her. She married James Moseley and was dead by 1855 when Moseley brought Thomas Pope Bland's and Elizabeth Duncan's children from Pike County, Missouri to Shelby County, Kentucky.

B. John D. Bland. Mrs. James listed nothing but his name. Shelby County marriage records,¹ and Helen Bland's information show that his dates were (1832-1887) and that he married Matilda K. Rodgers, (1837-) on December 29, 1864. I have found the record of at least one of their children, William H. Bland (February 26, 1865-).

C. The third child listed by Mrs. James was Mary S. Bland whom Helen Bland calls Mary Letitia, who was born (C1835-) and married Henry Jamison of Missouri, March 3, 1853.

D. Sarah Prudence married George Warner.

E. The man Mrs. James called Dalzell L.S. Bland, an M.D., was called by Helen Bland, Dr. William Leland Smithston Bland who married Sallie _____ and lived in Valdalia, Missouri.

F. Elizabeth Bland (1833-1856)

G. William Henry Bland born in 1842 in Pike County, Missouri but returned to Shelby County, Kentucky in 1855 by his brother-in-law James Moseley (see A. above).

H. Thomas Pope Bland (October 12, 1831-February 3, 1914) who married Levisa Jane Harris (April 3, 1845-February 1925) January 31, 1861 in Shelby County. Of Thomas Pope and Levisa's children, Mrs. James states that their son William Leland Bland married Amanda Ritchey whereas Helen Bland says it was Amanda Samples. Mrs. James' information is based on a Bible Record and is probably reliable.

Among other children of Charles Bland and Phyllis Pope, the Bible Record filed with the Kentucky Branch of the DAR by Mrs. James indicates that Hiram and John Bland died on the same day, February 28, 1858. Perhaps they gave their nephew Will Austin a hatchet in honor of George Washington's birthday. Mrs. James indicates that Charles Josiah Bland died on July 1, 1894 rather than 1892.²

1. Elva Richardson Hasskarl, Shelby County Marriages (Vol. II).

2. Further information about John Bland (1803-1858) is noted below, p. 31.