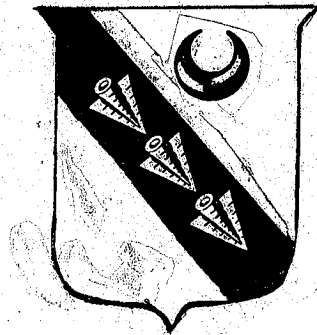


# Among Cousins The Bland Family Newsletter



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Dear Cousins,

First, let me say thanks to Lenore Bland Brown of Fort Worth Texas for the masthead design completed by her daughter Diana Brown Gunther of Fort Worth, Texas. It replaces the masthead submitted by Timothy Tutt, nephew of Marybelle Tutt of Longview Texas, a beautiful piece of work which was used between 1983-1987.

Secondly, I would again like to offer my thanks to Colonel Kenny Bland, his wife Sherry Culbert Bland of Solsberry Indiana and Loretta Heyen of Ellettsville Indiana, for their sponsorship of the Third National Bland Family Reunion at Solsberry August 15-16, 1987.

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According to the best count I can muster, there were 123 persons in attendance at the Third Reunion, including 68 hard core devotees who had attended one or two of the previous Reunions. In addition to Indiana, fifteen states were represented, including Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia. I was especially gratified that elder persons such as Jessamine James of Tucson Arizona and Marian Daniels of San Benito Texas would go to the effort of making such an arduous journey. At the Reunion, Jim Lovvorn remarked that it was the best of many reunions he had attended. These reunions are always a time to meet new "Cousins" and to renew warm friendships and acquaintances with many whom we have seen before at previous reunions. One of the most magical aspects of the Reunions for me has been to match up the faces of correspondents who have shared a great deal of information with me over the years. The Reunions are joyous events indeed.

At the Reunion, we paid special tribute to a very lovely lady and generous researcher, the late Virginia Bland Cowden of Bloomington, Indiana. We were pleased to have Virginia's father, Lennie Bland and her sons Roger, Craig and Mark Cowden and their families in attendance as our guests.

The Fourth Nationwide Bland Family Reunion has been set. It will meet August 13-14 at Pittsboro in Chatham County North Carolina. Pittsboro is near Chapel Hill and Raliegh North Carolina. There is an interstate airport at Raliegh, which also has a major genealogical library. The reunion will thematically honor the Duplin County North Carolina Blands, the parent family for the Blands who subsequently settled in Chatham County. To our present knowledge, some of the Chatham County Blands stayed put, many still living in the county, while others migrated to the midwest, particularly to Indiana.

The sponsors for the Fourth Reunion will be Clyde Bland and his wife Hazel. As of this date we are scheduled to meet in air conditioned comfort inside a school in Pittsboro. Clyde and Hazel are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Reunion, as I am. Notices will be mailed out during May. See you there.

Transition During the 1987 Reunion, I had the pleasure of meeting and discussing genealogy with a very nice lady, Pamela Jones of Oaktown Indiana, who descends from the Osborne Bland-Patsy Donahoo family of Greene County. I was saddened to know that one of Pamela's children, David Lee Jones, had died on September 21, 1986 at age 22.

Angelia Alford of Maben, Mississippi writes that her cousin Dewey Bland, son of her uncle John Bland (1881-1985) died in May of 1987 after a long illness. Dewey's wife passed away a few weeks later. John was ultimately descended from the family of James Bland of New Hanover and Duplin County, North Carolina.

On July 14, 1987, Ms. Mary Michael Bland (1931-1987) died. She was the mother of Christopher B. Monje and mother in law of my correspondent Colleen Monje. Mary Micheal Bland was the daughter of Dennis Bland and Lenore Scheffer. Mary Micheal Bland was ultimately descended from James Bland and Charles Armstrong Bland of South Carolina and Georgia.

I learned in a phone conversation with Mary Elizabeth Murphy of East Palatka Florida that her mother, Elizabeth Browning died after a long illness on August 9, 1987. Mary Elizabeth Murphy and her mother descended through the Bland's of Edgefield County, South Carolina.

With sadness, I learned that Clifford Hudson, father of Lois Hudson Taylor of Shelbyville Indiana, died on August 21, 1987, just after we had seen Lois and her family at the Third National Reunion. Mr. Hudson was the husband of Leona Bland, daughter of James Omer Bland. James Omer Bland was ultimately descended from the Randolph County, North Carolina Bland family.

I recently learned also that Lela Bland Adams of Bassett Virginia died on November 30, 1987. She was descended from Jesse Bland (C1770-1842), a brother of Osborne Bland Jr.

I learned in December of the death of John Herbert Bland, (1903-1987) who died on December 7, 1987. John Bland was the father of Lenore Bland Brown of Fort Worth Texas the son of John Huse Bland, and the grandson of James Otis Daniel Bland (1824-1907), who was ultimately descended from the Chatham County North Carolina Family.

Though not exactly obituary notices, I found in a book by Jan C. Scruggs and Joel L. Swardlow, To Heal A Nation (1985), which is a compilation of names that are engraved on the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C., the following names: Gary Paul Bland, Illinois, Panel O2E, Line 92; Isaac Bland, Kansas, panel 45E, line 37; and Stephen Bland, Florida, panel 32W, line 42. If anyone knows more about these military men, I would like to hear from you.

**Library Development** There were no new library placements of **A Vision of Unity** during the period July-December 1987. I do welcome library placements and offer the book at a discount price of \$59.95 to libraries or those who purchase the book for library placement. During the next spring, I will be notifying libraries that hold **A Vision of Unity**, that I will no longer be able to place free copies of the Newsletter in libraries. For past and future placements, the rate for current issues will be \$12. per year and \$15.00 per issue for back copies.

The 1850 Census Joyce McCool and I continue to collect information about the 1850 Census which we hope will result in a separate, annotated publication. If you have any information you feel is germane to the 1850 census, please forward it. I will probably not be able to begin writing it until Fall 1988 and do not expect it to be completed until sometime in 1989.

Recognitions On February 6, 1987, William Graham Bland, one of my farthest back correspondents, was named a member of the U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Jacksonville Florida. My congratulations to Graham for this honor.

"The Not So Bland Bland Family Cookbook Several copies of this book, compiled by my wife Mary Jane Bland, are still available. If you would like to have a copy, please send a check for \$7.95. It has been a popular number and makes a good gift. Not to be missed are Christina Louise Bland's "Freckle Juice" and Osborne Bland's "Possum".

A Book of Interest On August 21, 1987. I received a copy of a useful book by David T. Posey, CPA, How to Organize a Tax Exempt Family Organization, (ND). This book is especially useful if you are now or contemplate conducting a regular annual reunion or contemplate the publication of a genealogical journal. For further information, write to Mr. Posey at 12114 South Woodridge Road, Sandy Utah 84070.

Personal Pursuits Those of you who wrote to me during the fall and failed to receive a timely answer may find it easier to forgive me the following: Between September 16 and November 8, I was typing the final copy of my doctoral dissertation, a ghastly dry topic in American History which doesn't bear repeating. I defended the document on December 3 and now hold a Doctor of Philosophy degree. Just before Thanksgiving I made a week long research trip to Edgefield County, South Carolina. Upon my return November 22, I took a brief Thanksgiving respite, after which Jane and I finished the cookbook and the 1987 Reunion Special. Following that I crashed and didn't resurface until after Christmas. These events in part explain the slowness of everything in Fall 1987 and why publication of this number will be delayed by about two weeks.

Index for Volume 5 (1987) In view of the above, I hope readers will understand that there was simply not adequate time to develop the index to Volume 5 of "Among Cousins", which I have heretofore begun compiling in early December. The Index will appear as an attachment to Volume 6-2.

**In this Issue** This issue of "Among Cousins" will focus on two principal topics: (1) An hypothesis that James Bland who died in Stafford County Virginia in 1708 and is the ancestor of most Blands and Bland descendants living today, came to the new world from Cumberland County England. (2) The Family of Blands from Edgefield County South Carolina, based on two research trips, February 22-26 and November 13-22, 1987.

**THE BLAND FAMILY OF ST. ANDREWS CHURCH, PENRITH PARISH  
CUMBERLAND COUNTY ENGLAND**

Although this has been discussed previously, I think it is worthwhile to review the hypothesis again. Briefly, if the facts enunciated here can be further refined, it should be possible to conclude the long search for concrete evidence of the parentage of James Bland, who died in Stafford County Virginia in 1708. Further, it would revise my strained hypothesis that James belonged to the James River Bland family (VU, 191-254, esp. 249-254, and AC 3-1, 8-9). This is a prime subject for research in England.

Penrith lies close between Orton parish in York County and the border of Scotland (Ac 2-2, 33A). In the 16th and 17th centuries, Cumberland, like most of the far northern English territories received scant regard by the crown and was subject to recurrent droughts and plagues, populated by sheep farmers and a struggling rudimentary wool industry. These were conditions that would prompt younger men and women to seek their fortunes elsewhere. There were Bland's in other parishes but we are most concerned with the ones who belonged to the St. Andrews Church in Penrith.

The probable founder of this family was a man named James Bland. Little is known of James, but that he married Ellis Pettison, (or Alice Patterson. It should be noted that there was a girl named Ellis born to William Pattison June 10, 1613), on June 4, 1599. Alice died June 8, 1620. James and Alice represent the first known generation of this family. Although they may have had more children than are recorded in parish records, there is a record of a daughter Agnes who died October 14, 1629. More important for the Bland family in America there was a son James, born about 1600, who died February 24, 1651/52. James married Susan Cooke on December 16, 1620. When Susan was born is presently unknown, but she died February 21, 1653/54. James and Susan constitute the second generation of the family. James and Susan had a family of eight children including:

1. Thomas Bland (November 28, 1621 - March 9, 1621/22).
2. James Bland (January 10, 1622/23 - April 26, 1623).
3. Susan Bland (June 29, 1624 - date of death unknown).
4. Ann Bland (May 12, 1627 - April 16, 1690) died a "maid".
5. Henry Bland (February 15, 1629/30 - May 5, 1639).
6. Agnes Bland (July 19, 1632 - June 13, 1641).
7. John Bland (C1633 - died after 1688)
8. George Bland (July 3, 1636 - died after 1675).

It is obvious that James and Susan had a family that was riddled by infant mortality, leaving only a daughter who died as an old maid and two sons who lived to adulthood, married and had children.

Of these two sons, John Bland, noted in parish records as a merchant and church warden, married twice. His first wife was Margaret Walton, whom he married February 12, 1660/61. Margaret was born in 1633<sup>1</sup> and died August 18, 1675. There were no children by this first marriage. John's second wife was a woman called Julian, whom he married about 1676. She must have been born about 1658 or 1659 and she died April 8, 1727. There were five children of this marriage:

7A. Margaret Bland (October 25, 1677 - ). When Margaret died or whether she married is uncertain. There are two notations of deaths by Margaret Blands, April 5, 1687 or July 12, 1696. Either could have been John's daughter but there is no certainty in this.

- 7B. Thomas Bland (November 28, 1678 - ).
- 7C. Miles Bland (August 8, 1680 - December 30, 1683).
- 7D. Edward Bland (May 11, 1685 - August 8, 1699).
- 7E. Arthur Bland (March 7, 1688/89 - ).

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<sup>1</sup> On April 4, 1633, a girl named Margaret was born to Matthew Walton. On November 3, 1633, Margaret Walton was born to Gerrard Walton, both births occurred in St. Andrews Parish, Penrith.

I have previously speculated that John and Arthur Bland (7 and 7E above) might have been in St. Mary's County Maryland in 1710, and in King and Queen County in 1699 and 1704, (VU. 257, 392), but there is at present no way to prove either assertion.

By contrast, the family of George Bland (1636 \_ ) and his wife Grace (C1640 - July 23, 1691), whom George married about 1658, has at least one golden lead:

- 8A. Susan Bland (March 31, 1659 - ).
- 8B. **James Bland (October 31, 1661 - )**.
- 8C. William Bland (February 25, 1663/64 - ).
- 8D. George Bland (April 12, 1666 - July 6, 1666).
- 8E. Joan Bland (C1667 - February 22, 1667/68).
- 8F. Margaret Bland (January 7, 1668/69 - 1687 or 1696).
- 8G. Elizabeth Bland (October 5, 1671 - ).
- 8H. Jane Bland (November 1, 1675 - ).

On March 17, 1684/85 the Waiting Books of the Lord Mayor of London shows a James Bland, a "glasier and plumber" of St. Andrews Church, Penrith, Cumberland County England, age 22, bound for East Jersey in the New World, under the indenture of a proprietor named William Dockwra. Information sent to me by Loretta Heyen of Ellettsville Indiana shows that on August 30, 1685, James arrived in East Jersey with an assortment of other servants bound to Dockwra, including one Thomas Gibbs. <sup>2</sup> This information is of interest for two reasons: (1) Our ancestor James Bland was shown in the Stafford County, Virginia records as early as 1687, involved in a land work lease with Richard Gibson. Inasmuch as the names recorded on the 1685 servant list appear to be alliterative in some cases, the connection with Thomas Gibbs and Richard Gibson may be significant. (2) Most significant is the high probability that the man who was born in Penrith England in 1661 is the same man who arrived at East Jersey in August 1685, was in Stafford County Virginia in 1687, and shuttled back and forth between Stafford County and St. Mary's Maryland before settling at Stafford in 1701, where he died late in 1708 (James' will was made December 22, 1708 and probated March 9, 1708/09).

One obstacle to this hypothesis has been eliminated. A 1691 marriage in St. Andrews Parish, Penrith, between a James Bland and Isabel Lowther was one obstacle, removed when later research by Conrad and Nelle Mang showed that this James and Isabel were both from outside the parish and thus James was not the man who was born in 1661. Second, a will by "Maggue Barratt", made February 14,

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<sup>2</sup> William Nelson ed., Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey, XXI, 1664-1703, (1899), p. 65.

1683/1684 in St. Mary's County Maryland and probated May 28, 1684 in Old Rappahanock County Virginia, is witnessed by Henry Lawrence and James Blann.<sup>23</sup> James signed with his mark, thus the recorder may have misspelled his name. This raises the possibility that the James Bland in Rappahanock in May 1684 was the same man as the James who arrived at East Jersey, August 1685, (having made a transatlantic voyage in the interim). Alternately the James Blann of Rappahanock and the James Bland of East Jersey were different individuals and only one was our ancestor. A final possibility is suggested by some checking into the East Jersey Records of Loretta Heyen, who finds that transactions made by John and Margaret Carrington, also bound to William Dockwra, did not appear until as many as four years later. Similar delayed entries could explain the contradictions noted above.

This is the challenge for future research by those travelling to England. I am grateful to the contributions made by Conrad and Nelle Mang, Al and Mildred Hunter and Loretta Heyen, which have supplemented my own research (VU, 249-254). Further refinement of these initial findings could easily answer the ages old question, who were the parents of James Bland and what was the maiden name of his wife

#### THE BLAND FAMILY OF EDGEFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

What follows is refinement of the information previously known about the Bland family that migrated from Loudon County Virginia between 1764-1782 to South Carolina Ninety Six district, what became Edgefield County in 1795. New information was gathered during two trips to South Carolina: to Columbia, February 22-26, 1987, an opportunity that was presented by a business trip, and to Edgefield County November 13-22, 1987. I owe a special debt to many persons, including especially John Bland Mobley of Columbia South Carolina and Colleen Monje of Burlington Vermont, who contributed generously to the expenses involved in the November trip. I am also grateful to the time shared with me by Allen Stokes of the South Caroliniana Library in Columbia and Nancy Mims, Genealogical Librarian at the D.A.Tompkins Library, Edgefield. I owe a special debt of gratitude for Albert Turner and his wife for welcoming me to Johnston South Carolina, near Edgefield and for making my stay more comfortable, and to the gang at the Edgefield Probate Office, Judge G. Glen Harling, Daphne Cook and Teresa Harvey. I am grateful to Lela Bland Tompkins Norris for welcoming me to her home in Edgefield. A final blessing that was immensely beneficial to my

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<sup>23</sup> William W. Sweeney, Wills of Rappahanock County Virginia: 1656-1692, (1947) p. 107.



research and left me with a lasting feeling of warmth for Edgefield County was a bit of serendipity. By chance on my first day of research I met a very kind and generous man, Elzey Turner of Edgefield (an intriguing name for those familiar with the family of Wormley Bland but of no apparent relation). Two days later Elzey and I met at the Probate Judge's Office. Though Elzey must have been immensely busy with other work, he rolled up his sleeves and spent the next two days laboring on behalf of the Bland family. His labor and insight into the content of the Edgefield records proved to be of immeasurable benefit.

Original discussion of this family occurs in (VU, p. 484-544). Information has been supplemented several times in previous numbers of the Newsletter (AC 1-1, pp. 10-13, 1-2, pp. 20-21, and 3-1, pp. 33-37). The most appropriate place to begin a discussion about this family is in Virginia with James Bland (1661-1708/09). In his will, James left bequests to four sons, William (C1682-1744), James (C1687-1756), John (C1688-1762) and Robert, who was a minor child when James made his will. The introductory pages of Chapter XI of my book (VU, pp. 484ff) were flawed in failing to recognize the validity of an indenture made in 1774 by David Bland, a great grandson of James Bland, which verified that Robert Bland, the youngest son, "died without issue". I failed at the time to recognize that there were two Robert Bland's in Prince William Virginia, both minors as late as 1723. One was the son of James Bland (C1661-1708/09). The other Robert could have been born no later than about 1708. He died in Loudon County, Virginia in 1760, married to a woman named Jane, who died about 1764. Robert and Jane were progenitors of the Edgefield County, South Carolina family. It is certain that Robert Bland (C1708-1760) was a son of one of the founder James Bland's eldest sons, William or James. Robert was clearly an associate of one John Diskin and William Davis, both associates of William Bland (C1682-1744). Further, William Davis married Elinor Bland (one of the elder James Bland's daughters). Inasmuch as William Bland has been shown to have been married by about 1703, an improbability for James Bland (C1687-1756), I believe, but cannot conclusively prove, that Robert was the son of William Bland and a full brother of James Bland (C1704-1774) who moved to New Hanover County North Carolina. He would thus have been a half brother of Moses Bland (1718-1800), Thomas Bland (1719-1788) and John Bland (C1725-1795).

Robert and Jane Bland had three known sons. A deed in Loudon County Virginia between Robert Johnson and Robert Bland (1732-1787) the second eldest son of Robert Bland (C1708-1760), established that there was an elder son Edward Bland. Inasmuch as the younger Robert's birthdate was proven by a Bible Record, Edward's birthdate was projected backward to 1730. There was also a younger brother William, born after 1743.

**William Bland:** Previously, I held that William Bland, the youngest son of Robert Bland (C1708-1760) and Jane Bland, died by 1771, because a transaction in Loudon County showed his brother's Robert and Edward selling "the lot and late dwelling place" of William Bland. It may well be that poor William expired in Virginia after all. It should be noted, however, that a William Bland served in the American Revolution, South Carolina Third Regiment, enlisting on July 24, 1776 as a sergeant, busted to private December 20, 1776 and court martialed for AWOL January 27, 1777.<sup>4</sup> A William Bland was co-witness with Edward Bland of a deed in Edgefield County in 1795. In the 1800 Census, William B. Bland lives at dwelling 151, near, for example, Payton Bland (139) Jeremiah Mobley and Andrew Gunnels, (159), Daniel and Sarah Gunnels, (186), all names that will be shown to figure significantly in the family's history. William B. Bland, purchased and sold land on Stephen's Creek, near other landholders of the Bland family, in 1808. William died about 1826, and left behind a son named Ethelbert C. Bland (or Elbert, a possible source for Avory Gunnels Bland's son Elbert, 1823-1863), who, as executor of his father's estate, would have had to be born no later than 1805. Ethelbert C. Bland, married December 26, 1839, Miss Elizabeth Cochran.<sup>5</sup> Very little is now known of this marriage, but there is a record of one daughter, Susan P. Bland, who died July 19, 1857 "in her 18th year". According to her obituary, Susan was survived by a sister as well as both parents.

William Bland of Loudon County could have been born any time up to about 1750, which would have made him 76 at his death and 55 when his son Ethelbert was born. It is not unreasonable that the William of Loudon County Virginia and Edgefield County South Carolina are one and the same. Inasmuch, however, as there is no present family historian to dig out the details of this man, he is likely to remain opaque.

**Edward Bland (C1730-1800):** Edward Bland is luckier than William because he has me to take an interest in him, I suspect he is a grandfather of my ancestor William Bland, (1792-1868). He is already fairly well defined in time. Edward is shown by transactions in Loudon County Virginia to be the eldest of the three known sons of Robert Bland (C1708-1760). Because his brother

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<sup>4</sup> Bobby Gilmer Moss, Roster of S.C. Patriots in the American Revolution, (1983), pp. 76-77.

<sup>5</sup> Per Janie Revill, Edgefield County South Carolina Records (1984), p. 19, Elbert C. Bland was a legatee in the will of Robert Cochran, made in 1838.

Robert's birthdate is fixed by a Bible Record at 1732, Edward's birth is estimated 1730. Edward made out his will in York County, South Carolina October 12, 1797. His will was probated June 9, 1800.

Edward was apparently the first of the brothers to travel to South Carolina. He was in Loudon County as late as 1764. Afterward transactions in Loudon were handled by his brother Robert. On September 2, 1775, Edward joined a group of volunteer soldiers who pledged their services to one Robert Ellison in Camden District. <sup>6</sup> Edward, at least from fragmentary legal transactions, is found in Camden District through 1786. He witnessed his brother Robert's will in Edgefield County December 21, 1786. Afterward, Edward appears in the Edgefield County court and land records until 1795, including the 1790 census, where he is shown with two adult males, and two minor males, three adult females and five slaves. In his will Edward left his estate to "Frankey, my dearly beloved wife" excepting a mare, which he left to his son William. To his daughters Doshea and Elizabeth. Edward left a "critter" each. Since these creatures had strayed it was William's chore to find the bequest to his sisters as a condition of receiving his mare. Edward left an estate of \$586.50, including a slave boy Moses and a slave woman named Frank.

Among Edward's children, William was probably a minor in 1797. Although the will itself bestowed no confidence on William, the son witnessed the will's probation in 1800. Thus the son William was born about 1777-1779. This corresponds in approximate time to my hypothesis that William Bland (1772-1857), founder of a Bland family in and around Quitman County, Georgia, was the son of Edward Bland, (AC 5-1, pp. 42-49). This, however, remains an hypothesis.

The executors of Edward's will were his wife and George Plaxco, (1766-1832), his son-in-law, who married Elizabeth Bland, Edward's daughter. Previous information showing Elizabeth married to a Deser reflects misreading of the word desire spelled "deser" after her name. Their first child was William Plaxco, born September 15, 1796. The daughter Doshea (living in 1834) married John Plaxco who died in 1823. <sup>7</sup> The approximate dates of these three children suggest that they were born after 1777, by which time Edward was in South Carolina. This leaves an interesting

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<sup>6</sup> Cf Moss, 77. South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine I (1900), pp. 195-196

<sup>7</sup> Will of Edward Bland, York County S.C., Made October 12, 1797, probated June 9, 1800. Samuel Brooks Mendenhall and William Boyce White, Plaxco-Robinson, (1958), pp. 2-3.

question whether Edward had a wife in Virginia before he left, after age 34. There is always an interesting question of what happened to his son William.

Since visiting the York County South Carolina Court House February 27, 1987, I have come to understand that the most likely source of original information is to be found in the Anson County North Carolina Records housed at the North Carolina Archives in Raleigh. These I will be able to research in August 1988.

Robert Bland (1732-1787): The key documents in understanding the life of this man, second known son of Robert Bland (C1708-1760) is a Bible Record held by the Darwin Family and Robert's will. According to the Darwin Bible Record, filed at the Tennessee State Archives, Robert was born March 9, 1732/33. He married a woman named Anne April 10, 1757. Ann has often been called Ann Wormley, but it should be pointed out that the Blands in Virginia were neighbors and associates of the Presley and Payton families, and Ann could have had any of these three surnames that were bestowed upon her sons. Robert's will was made December 21, 1786 and probated March 27, 1787. Ann's birth could be estimated as about 1740. She appears in Edgefield County South Carolina deeds as late as February 20, 1808.

Apparently Robert remained in Virginia for a decade after Edward's departure, leaving for South Carolina sometime between 1778 and 1782. Robert has been recognized by the DAR as a soldier in the revolution and received a bounty grant of 300 acres on October 4, 1784. Family tradition has it that Robert served with his son John. An old letter implies that Robert first lived in Ninety Sixth District. After his eldest son John was killed in 1781, Robert, fearing for his family's safety, temporarily moved away after his military service. <sup>⊗</sup> Robert was found in Camden District in a legal dispute October 2, 1786 and on October 7, 1786 was identified as residing in the Ninety Sixth District, when he sold 300 acres in York County to James Darwin for a price of 100 pounds sterling. By December 21, 1786, he had made out his will in Edgefield, witnessed by Edward and Samuel Bland and Joel Sweeney. <sup>⊙</sup>

The Darwin Family Bible shows that Robert Bland (1732-1787) and his wife Ann (C1740-1808) had a family of ten children. They are enumerated below, in order of their birth. Their names, which are subject to considerable bastardization, will appear as they did in the original pages of the Darwin Bible Record:

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<sup>⊗</sup> J.E. Edwards to Kate Duncan Smith, February 11, 1899, noted in letters from Smith to Mrs. Earley, March 6 and 19, 1920.

<sup>⊙</sup> A Samuel Bland served as quartermaster in Marion's Brigade under Colonel Taylor from February 16-May 10, 1779. #3367, and Moss, p. 77. Samuel's relation to the other Bland's is a mystery.

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1. Doshey Bland: (October 26, 1757 - December 13, 1765).
2. John Bland: (March 4, 1758 - November 17, 1781). John married a woman named Mary probably about 1779. They had one child, Micajah Bland (1780-1826) who moved away to Mason County Kentucky (VU p.500 and AC 4-2, p.23). Micajah married Milly Martin at Mason County. Micajah's grandfather Robert Bland left his home place to Micajah and 150 acres of adjoining land. John served in the Revolution under Sterling Turner's militia. Turner's men retrieved some cattle from the Tories who had plundered the settlers between the Edisto and Saluda River. Upon their return march, Turner's little band of twenty one men, including John Bland, stopped to rest near Cloud Creek, off the Little Saluda River. At sunrise on November 17, 1781, a force of three hundred Tories led by Bill Cunningham, fell upon Turner's band. After an hour's struggle, Cunningham's men stormed the house, killing everyone, including John Bland, who were not already dead from the initial attack. This battle is commonly called the Cloud's Creek Massacre.<sup>10</sup>
3. Jane Bland: (January 2, 1762 - March 10, 1827). According to the Darwin Family Bible, Jane married John Darwin, (March 19, 1755 - July 13, 1837) on March 11, 1783. John Darwin was a revolutionary soldier who afterward settled at York County, South Carolina. John and Jane had a family of twelve children.
4. Mary Bland: (December 16, 1763 - ) married Jacob Brown of Edgefield County. This couple had a son Jacob Brown, who was deeded 50 acres by Anna Bland to "my loving grandson".<sup>11</sup>
5. Presley Bland: (February 16, 1768 - November 11, 1839). Readers are referred to my book (VU pp. 501ff) for the colorful account of Presley Bland's local reputation. Deeds in Edgefield County show that Presley, though generally prosperous and favored with small government posts, such as constable, was content to remain a relatively small landowner until 1830. Presley received an equal share of his father's estate. He was granted 605 acres by his mother in 1796 and a further 416 acres by Governor Pinckney in 1797. Between 1800-1823, Presley purchased an additional 365 acres and sold off 1,229 acres, leaving him with a small plot of 157 acres. Some of the land, for example 13 acres of apparently prime land called "Cross Keys" sold to Augustus Nagel on July 24, 1820 for \$600. brought a rich cash yield of some 46.00 an acre. The implication is that Presley was land poor but had ready cash. Then

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<sup>10</sup> Names in South Carolina, XXVI, (Winter 1979) p. 36.

<sup>11</sup> Edgefield County Deed Book 13, May 18, 1796, pp. 60-61.

in 1830, Presley acquired some 1,886 acres of land in consecutive transactions, so when he died in 1839, he left a fairly sizeable estate to his children, excluding Avory.

Most of the genealogical controversy surrounding the life of Presley Bland has had to do with his children and proper specification of their mothers. In my book, I concluded, with an able assist from carefully researched information provided by Mary Wallace Day of Kenesaw Georgia, that Presley had an elder son Avory Bland, who was a single child by an early marriage to an unknown woman, followed by seven children born to his second wife Martha Barrentine (more likely spelled Barrenton, a consistent spelling in deeds).

Regarding the mother of Avory Bland, the research carried out in Edgefield County South Carolina has produced evidence that is as close to a smoking gun as any I have seen. Presley Bland had a close association with a man named Daniel Gunnels, who was married to a woman named Elizabeth Gunnels. They were parents of a girl named Dicey Gunnels (February 10, 1773 - January 28, 1856), spelled Gannels on her tombstone in the Avory Bland cemetery but spelled Gunnels in Avory Bland's household enumeration in the 1850 census). Further, in 1816, a man named Avory Gunnels purchases from Daniel Gunnels 50 acres in Edgefield County on the Columbia Road near "a pine corner on Presley Bland's land," suggesting that Daniel Gunnels and Presley lived close together, (On January 1, 1795, Presley witnessed a transaction between Sarah Gunnels and Daniel Parker). In 1817, Avory Gunnels purchased 144 acres from Gasper Donaldson. Then on March 24, 1820, a deed occurs in which Avory Bland purchases a burying ground from Thomas Hatcher who acknowledges the transaction "in consideration of the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars paid to me by Avory Gunnels," **commonly** called Avory Bland." <sup>12</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> Edgefield County Deed Books 13, January 1, 1795, pp. 98-102; 32, January 8, 1816, pp. 436-437; 34, December 15, 1817, pp. 354-355; 37, March 24, 1820, pp. 108-110; 1850 Census, Edgefield County South Carolina, Family 334. Deed Books 9, March 24, 1794, pp. 312-317, and 12, April 29, 1795, pp. 151-154, identify Elizabeth Gunnels as Daniel's wife, suggesting that Sarah is a sister. The will of John Frazier, filed October 1794 and probated September 14, 1799, identifies Elizabeth Gunnels and a sister Rosamond Jester as his daughters. A 1787 court minute indicates that "Rosannah Gunnels came into court and acknowledged her Deed of gift to Daniel Gunnels, Sarah Gunnels, Dicey Gunnels, Moses Gunnels and Saunders Gunnels." Based on name similarities appearing the will of John Frazier, it would appear that all the foregoing Gunnels were siblings. On April 17, 1817, there was a trespass by Henry Chipman against Avory Bland, Sarah Gunnels and **Rose** Carter: Edgefield Minutes of Common Pleas, 1814-1825, pp. 29, 88 and Brent H. Holcomb,

In future transactions, Avory is identified as Avory Bland. The following conclusion, to me, is inescapable. As a neighbor to Daniel Gunnels, Presley Bland (1768-1839) had a common law or simply an intimate relationship, unacknowledged by the formality of marriage, with Dicey Gunnels, (1773-1856). Avory Gunnels was the product of this relationship.

It has been approximated with some reliability that Avory married Mary Johnson about 1820 (their first child was born in 1821). It seems probable that Avory adopted his father's name **Bland** prior to his marriage. A reward for this recognition of his patrimony might have been receipt of some wealth from Presley. In joint transactions, Avory Bland, on July 24, 1820, sold 219 acres of land on the Edgefield-Columbia Road to Augustus Nagle, for \$600. On the same day and in back to back transactions, Nagle purchased 13 acres called "Cross Keys" from Presley Bland for an equal amount of \$600. It may well be that these transactions constituted Presley's settlement with Avory upon his marriage, for in a third transaction, Nagle committed the entire 232 acres to Avory as security against a credit arrangement in which Avory was to be paid \$1,200 in three annual installments. The Cross Keys estate was expanded to 157 acres and sold to Avory's Cousin Elza Bland in 1825 for \$710. in a credit arrangement. In 1831, Elza resold this land to Avory, now expanded to 337 acres, for \$1,500. This information confirms what was strongly implied by various legal evidences that Avory Gunnels Bland was the half-brother of Presley Bland's other children, (VU, pp. 503-509). Avory was not mentioned in his father's will of 1839. Presley's settlement with Avory seems to have occurred at about the time of Avory's name change from Gunnels to Bland and his subsequent marriage. In what follows I will review what is now known about Presley Bland's children and grandchildren up to about 1850. In the next issue, I shall carry the family forward to about 1900.

1. Avory Bland: Avory's tombstone shows that his dates are October 27, 1792 to February 7, 1857. Avory, from the sketchy evidence available about him, appears to have been loyal to his family and somewhat defiant toward society. Certainly, a sort of opprobrium must have attached to the circumstances surrounding his birth. Yet although Avory took his father's name, he never forsook his mother for she is found living with him in 1850 (Dicey's

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Comp. Edgefield County, South Carolina Minutes of the County Court: 1785-1795, p. 2; Janie Revill, Edgefield County Records, pp. 71,91. Dicey Gunnels' dates appear on a tombstone in the Avory Bland cemetery, now buried beneath briars and brambles, observed by Charles L. Bland in company of Albert Turner, November 17, 1987.

parents turned up in Georgia in 1820 and thereafter disappeared from sight. How many of Dicey's siblings remained in Edgefield County is uncertain. She seems to have cast her lot with the Blands). Avory's grave is an obelisk that towers over the others. But while the tomb of his wife, son and brother flank him, that of Dicey Gunnels is directly in front of him. It is as if Avory Bland is raising his fist to posterity, saying "THIS IS MY MOTHER!!".

It is also certain that Avory Bland was an immensely wealthy man. In 1850, his wealth was reckoned at \$40,000, and in his will of 1857, he granted some 4,800 acres and 110 slaves to his children, (VU, p. 512). The source of his wealth is something of a mystery, though his sales and purchases of land between 1816 and 1838 seems to reinforce the supposition that he came into substantial wealth through his marriage about 1820 to Mary Johnson (born 1804 - September 24, 1839). Avory started with a modest purchase of 50 acres from his grandfather Daniel Gunnels in 1816, followed by a purchase of 144 acres from Gasper Donaldson in 1817, these purchases required an outlay of \$360. by Avory. Between 1820-1838, Avory purchased an additional 3,711 acres, plus one third share of an \$8,000. purchase of property in Edgefield town and two single purchases of lots in Edgefield Town for which he paid 2,600. Avory was a co-partner in a business enterprise called Bland-Caitland. He also bought up properties lost for indebtedness on several occasions. During the period 1820-1838, Avory sold 1,058 acres. Avory's purchase and acquisition of slaves is somewhat more obscure though I have noted that in his will, he apparently took care to keep slave families together (VU 512-13,518 n.1). Avory was a remarkable man who led a noteworthy life. <sup>13</sup>

Avory Bland and his wife Mary Johnson had a family of children, including:

A. Johnson Avory Bland (July 14, 1821 - January 12, 1884) who married Sarah A. Watson (August 9, 1833 - July 31, 1882) May 8, 1851. <sup>14</sup> (VU, p. 513-514)

B. Elbert R. Bland (April 29, 1823 - September 23, 1863), who married Rebecca Griffin (January 8, 1835 - March 29, 1891) on March 15, 1854. (VU, pp. 514-516).

C. Mary Ann Bland (February 24, 1825 - November 27, 1865) who married John Smyley, December 3, 1840. (VU, pp. 516-517).

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<sup>13</sup> Silas E. Lucas, Jr. The Third or 1820 Land Lottery of Georgia, (1985), p. 134, shows Daniel Gunnels in Wilkes County Georgia. Dicey and Rosannah Gunnels appear together in dwelling 77 in the 1820 Census.

<sup>14</sup> Bland Family Bible Record provided by John Bland Mobley, Columbia S.C.



D. Randall Bland (July 29, 1829 - January 4, 1849). Randall is buried side by side with his uncle Randall Bland (1804-1829) Avory Bland's half-brother, who was evidently very close to Avory, (VU. p. 506). The younger Randall was named in honor of his uncle who died just two months before he was born.

E. George W. Bland (C.1830, VU. p. 517). Buried in the cemetery of Johnson Avory Bland, Edgefield County. George was found living with the Rushton family in Edgefield County in 1850.

F. Harriet Bland (June 21, 1831 - ), married first Stanmore Holstein about 1851. Second, she married William Logue on May 16, 1854. Third, Harriet married Lawrence Johnson.

Avory Bland is the only known child of Presley Bland through his relationship with Dicey Gunnels. About 1800, Presley married a woman named Martha Barrentine or Barrenton ( Charles and Wilson Barrenton witnessed at least two deeds consummated by Presley and Elza Bland). By Martha, Presley had a family of seven children.

1. The eldest son of Presley Bland and Martha Barrenton was John Prestley or Bland, (C1801 - 1889, VU. pp. 510-511). There is an alternative possibility that John was born July 31, 1815, but that is difficult to square with a legal transaction in 1823. John married Martha Adaway Cogburn (1814-1868). Children of John Prestley Bland and Martha A. Cogburn, as known, have been previously noted. The only additional information is a marriage date for the eldest child, John Prestley Bland Jr. dates unknown, who died in Charleston S.C. John was married in Charleston, November 11, 1857, to Eliza A. Singleterry.

2. Randall Bland is buried in the Avory Bland Cemetery in Edgefield County. His tombstone states that he died May 9, 1829, aged 25 years. Thus his dates are (1804-1829). In his will, Randall left the entirety of his estate to "my brother Avory Bland", thus leaving a major clue to his and Avory's relation to Presley Bland.

3. Sampson Bland, the third son of Presley Bland and Martha Barrenton, was born about 1805 and was still living in 1853. He married a woman named Adeline, (C1818 - ) about 1834. Their family has been previously delineated (VU, p. 511), and includes Martha Bland (C1835 - ); Francis P. Bland (C1837 - ); Mary Bland (C1840 - ). Eliza Bland (C1843 - ); James Bland (C1845 - ); Emily Bland (C1847 - ) and Luke Bland (C1850 - ).

4. Luke Bland, the fourth son of Presley Bland and Martha Barrenton, was born about 1806/1807 he died in 1851. He married Rebecca Forest in Edgefield County, March 12, 1843, but they had no known children, (VU. p. 512). <sup>15</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> For the marriages of John Prestley Bland Jr. to Eliza A. Singleterry and Luke Bland to Rebecca Forest, see Carlee T. McClendon, Edgefield Marriage Records, p. 14.

5. The eldest known daughter of Presley Bland and Martha Barrenton was Emily Bland (C1808 - ) who married Simeon Christie, (C1802 - October 2, 1860) about 1833. They had a son John P. Christie, who died December 13, 1856 at age 22. Colonel Simeon Christie died of a protracted case of typhoid fever. In 1850, his worth was reckoned at \$13,000. He was twice sheriff of Edgefield, commander of a local regiment and a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives. (VU, p. 508).

6. The second daughter and sixth child of Presley Bland and Martha Barrenton was Mary Bland. She was born about 1809 and died before 1851. She married R.D Bryan. (VU, pp. 508-509).

7. The third daughter and seventh child of Presley Bland and Martha Barrenton was Martha Bland. According to a letter from Carolyn Dean Moore Gresette to the mother of Albert Turner of Johnston S.C. Martha's dates were 1819-1896. She married Aaron C. Dean (C1820 - ), on November 18, 1841. (VU, p. 509). <sup>16</sup>

8. The fourth daughter and eighth child of Presley Bland and Martha Barrenton was Caroline Bland, (C1822 - ). She married William C. Prather or Prator, (C1816 - ) of Montgomery Alabama, on December 3, 1840. By 1850, the Prators were wards of the poor farm. (VU. p. 509). <sup>17</sup>

6. Wormley Bland: (February 17, 1771 - July 7, 1800). Wormley's **proven** family is discussed briefly in my book, (VU, pp. 520-524, see further discussion below about William Bland, 1792-1868). Wormley married Sarah Turner, (C1773-1848), who was the daughter of William Turner and Sarah Ellzey. Both Wormley and Sarah were born in Virginia and died in Edgefield County S.C. Wormley must have died suddenly for he had no will. Sarah Bland was appointed administratrix for his estate July 7, 1800. The estate was settled August 23, 1800 by a simple inventory. Sarah Turner Bland remarried to Jeremiah Mobley, the son of a man bearing the same name. John Bland Mobley has furnished me a family group sheet that indicates Jereremiah Mobley, (C1744-1824) married Sarah Cheves (C1773- ) and had by her a son Jeremiah Mobley (C1774-1835). This revises information published previously that Sarah married a man named Jeremiah Mobley with dates of 1744-1835, dates which transpose the lives of father and son, (Some Colonial and Revolutionary Families of North Carolina, p. 304.).

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<sup>16</sup> McClendon, pp. 11,46.

<sup>17</sup> McClendon, p. 127.

According to John's notes the younger Jeremiah married the widow Sarah Turner Bland. Sarah made out her will August 26, 1848. Sarah's obituary in The Edgefield Advertiser, indicates that she died September 6, 1848 "in the 75th year of her age". She was said to have been a devoted Methodist.<sup>18</sup> The children of Jeremiah Mobley and Sarah Turner Bland were, according to her will, Mariah Parmenter, William Mobley, Jeremiah Mobley, Catherine Gamble, Harriet Herrin, Mary Paul, Ann Cockcroft, and John T. Mobley. By her will and by other evidence available, it is clear that Wormley Bland and Sarah Turner had the following children:

1. Margaret Bland (April 20, 1800 - September 20, 1868) was the only daughter of Wormley and Sarah. According to the DAR records of Eula Satcher Moyer, she married Darling Hazel (C1789 - died September 1835) in 1820. As noted above Margaret was mentioned in her mother's will. One of the children of Darling Hazel and Margaret Bland was John Bland Hazel, (1829-1909) who moved to Florida and married Ellen Frances Fitzpatrick. Their daughter Maggie Josephine Hazel married Michael John Murphy. Their child Cecil John Murphy married Mary Elizabeth Browning and had by her a daughter Mary Elizabeth Murphy of East Palatka Florida, who has been my correspondent and has provided very valuable information about this family, especially that of Elza Bland.

2. Turner Bland dates unknown. On September 17, 1801, Anna Bland, widow of Robert Bland (1732-1807) and mother of Wormley Bland, transmitted for \$300. paid by Sarah Bland, 100 acres to be divided by Turner and Elsey Bland "at their coming of the age of twenty one . . . their mother, Sarah Bland to live on the said land during her widowhood . . ." What happened to Turner must remain speculative. McClendon's compilation of Edgefield County marriages shows a Turner Bland marrying Mary Walker, December 15, 1867, but indicates "both negro".<sup>19</sup> Mrs. Nancy Mims, indicates that McClendon did not record marriages among blacks (notwithstanding that poor McClendon thought he did in this case). It should be noted that Turner was not noted in Sarah Turner Bland Mobley's will of 1848. Perhaps this marriage for Turner could have been a December union for in 1867, would have been about 70.

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<sup>18</sup> Carlee T. McClendon, Edgefield County Death Notices and Cemetery Records, p. 70. Will of Sarah Mobley, Edgefield County Probate Judge Office, Box 61, pkg 2499.

<sup>19</sup> Edgefield County Deed Book 19, September 17, 1801, pp. 546-548; McClendon, p. 14.

3. Elza Bland (March 5, 1798 - November 25, 1878) Elza's dates are provided in a Hazel Family Bible provided me by Mary Murphy. His name appears as Elza in the bible record as well as his mother's will. Little was known of Elza when the book was written but supplementary information was since provided in the Newsletter. (VU. pp. 521-522 and AC 3-1, pp. 33-36).

About 1818, Elza Bland married Sophia Pow, a widow of one Phillip Pow, a daughter of Moore Johnson and a sister of Mary Johnson, who married Elza's cousin Avory Gunnels Bland about 1820. In 1820, Elza and Sophia claimed control of land held by Phillip Pow and passed to his son Phillip. Moore Johnson made out his will on November 24, 1825, leaving a number of slaves and other property to his daughter Mary Johnson Bland, wife of Avory Gunnels Bland. To poor Sophia Johnson Pow Bland, Mr. Johnson left five shillings. The estate of Moore Johnson was not settled until 1835, by which time Elza and Sophia had moved to Alabama. Sophia's name did not appear in the final inventory. <sup>20</sup> Elza seems to have got his start from Avory Bland on October 15, 1825 when he purchased on credit for \$800. 157 acres called Cross Keys. He had purchased 300 acres in 1821, but also sold 95 acres the same year. Elza was also well enough off to purchase a lot in Edgefield Town in 1829. The record shows that Elza also increased his holdings through personal loans with total estates as security. His resale of Cross Keys to Avory Bland in 1831, expanded to 337 acres and valued at \$1,500., seems to have marked Elza's departure for Alabama, for he does not appear in the records afterward.

By Sophia Johnson Pow, Elza had the following children:

- A. John W. Bland, (May 14, 1819 -     ).
- B. Harriet Bland, (May 31, 1821 - August 16, 1822).
- C. James E. Bland (July 3, 1825 -     ).
- D. Elza W. Bland (August 29, 1830 - December 24, 1854).

Elza W. Bland apparently did not marry and little is known of him. In his estate was "one fine violin" which may have reverted to his father. Elza's third wife Sarah Neyland on November 1892 passed on to Elza Hazel the violin, explaining that Elza once lent the violin to someone who broke it. Elza laid it aside and never used it again. Mary Murphy now owns a violin passed to her through her family, which may be one and the same.

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<sup>20</sup> Will of Moore Johnson. Barnwell District S.C. Courthouse, Box 63, Pkg. 4, type copy provided by Mary Wallace Day. Abstracted in Janie Revill, Some S.C. Genealogical Records, (1986) p. 54.

E. Francis M. Bland (October 18, 1841 - ).

Sophia Pow died sometime before 1842. On June 5, 1842, Elza married Damaris Barnes (C1806 - ) in Dallas County Alabama.<sup>21</sup> The only child born to Elza and Damaris was Francis J. Bland (1846-1848). Damaris died about 1862 for about 1863, Elza married for the third time to Sarah L. Neyland (C1845 - 1916). The story of the marriage between Elza and Sarah has been told in a previous number, (AC 3-1, pp. 33-36, cf. AC 5-1, pp. 26-27).

7. Elisha Bland: (April 9, 1775 - 1837). (Mistakenly called Elijah, 5-1, p. 42. Cf, AC 1-2, pp. 20-21). Elisha's will was made out in Washington County Georgia August 1, 1836, according to an affidavit by John Bland, who stated that Elisha died in 1837. According to Nora Elder of Tampa, Florida, a descendant of Elisha, "he was "a respectable citizen and prosperous farmer." Nora indicates that Elisha "came to Georgia by 1794," evidenced by his appearance on the Muster Roll of the Washington Georgia Dragoons between November 1 and December 31, 1794. This is reinforced by a deed in Edgefield County, South Carolina in 1798 in which Anna Bland sells 100 acres to Elisha Bland "of the State of Georgia". By 1801, Elisha had sold these 100 acres, and he did not subsequently appear in the Edgefield records.<sup>22</sup> In 1806, Elisha received a land grant of 600 acres in Washington County, Georgia.

Elisha married Agnes \_\_\_\_\_ about 1796 in Georgia. Agnes was born in North Carolina about 1770 and died June 16, 1862. Elisha and Agnes Bland had the following family:

1. Simeon Bland (C1797-1798 - October 15, 1864). Simeon's will was made May 20, 1862. He was born in Washington County Georgia. He married Elizabeth Hodges (C1800 - April 19, 1853). Elizabeth was born in North Carolina and Nora Elder believes was the daughter of Henry Hodges of Beaufort County N.C. Simeon Bland and Elizabeth Hodges had the following children:

A. Henry Bland, (C1820 -February 12, 1869). According to Henry's descendant Mildred Mason Snyder of Panama City Florida, Henry married first on December 11, 1845, Elizabeth Ann Adams, who died in 1846/1847. Henry and Elizabeth had one child, (1) Simeon Micajah Bland (October 1, 1846 - June 1931). A newspaper notice indicates that Simeon Micajah enlisted in Company D, 68th Georgia Regiment in September 1863. He was captured in December 1864 and

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<sup>21</sup> Elza and Damaris were part of a property distribution in Edgefield County , from the estate of Mary Tillman, 1846.

<sup>22</sup> Edgefield County Deed Book 15, January 15, 1798, pp. 370-372. Deed Book 22, December 30, 1801, pp. 138-139.

imprisoned for six months at Camp Douglas Illinois. He had lived in Wheeler County, Georgia since 1896, when he died. On January 10, 1886, Simeon Micajah Bland married Mattie Carrie McMillan (January 5, 1866 - 1930) They had a family of eleven children including (a) Leon Micajah (1886); (b) Clara Manita (November 19, 1887) grandmother of Mildred Snyder; (c) Emil Strathmore Bland (1889); (d) Lester Alvin Bland (1891); (e) Ennis Alton Bland, (1893); (f-g) Verlon and Vergaline Bland, twins (1895); (h) Thomas Albert Bland (1897); (i) Carrie Lizzie Bland (1902); (j) Dana Otto Bland (1903); and (k) Oscar Lee Bland (1907). Second, Henry Bland married Martha Lawrence on September 1848 and third, Lavina Prosser;

B. Micajah H. Bland (November 28, 1826 - June 20, 1862). Micajah was killed in the Civil War in Richmond Virginia, where he is buried. He married on December 23, 1853, Sarah Louise Prosser of Baldwin County Georgia (May 7, 1837 - October 19, 1900) Micajah Bland and Sarah Louise Prosser had a family of five children, including (1) Augustus Prosser Bland (August 28, 1853 - March 4, 1930). Augustus married Doshea or Docia Underwood and had three children by her but no living males; (2) John Otis Bland (1855-1867) died of Typhoid dysentery; (3) Samuel Johnson Bland (February 27, 1858 - January 20, 1930), married first Martha J. McSwain, by whom he had (a) Louis Lester Bland (1886); (b) Max Weaver Bland (1889); (c) Augustus Prosser Bland (1894); (d) Thelma Bland (1896), who married an Underwood; and (e) Simeon (1901-1939). Secondly, Samuel Johnson Bland married Isadora Esther Burke, (1878 - 1948) and had by her, (a) Samuel Johnson Bland Jr., (1904), father of Nora Elder; (b) Nora Lou Bland (1906) and (c) Jessie Elizabeth Bland (1920); (4) Henry Micajah Bland (January 15, 1860 - March 10, 1928); and (5) Margaret E. Bland, (March 7, 1862 - November 20, 1940). Thelma Bland Underwood, daughter of Samuel Johnson Bland (1858-1930), claimed that her father had a brother Henry who had a son Edward.

(C). Mary H. Bland, who married Robert T. Sheppard, December 2, 1851.

(D). William Freeman Bland (died May 12, 1865 in the Civil War) who married Mary Elizabeth Williams. William had a son named William Rubin Bland. William Rubin Bland had a son named William Henry Bland, (1896-living in 1952);

(E). Jane Bland, who married Young A. Cox, September 16, 1847.

(F). Reubin H. Bland (died June 14, 1863 near Jackson Mississippi in the Civil War), never married.

(G). Elizabeth Bland, who married Robert F. Wood;

(H). Frederick Simeon Bland, (died May 14, 1863, near Jackson Mississippi in the Civil War), married Virginia C. Hall. On May 19, 1863, just before Frederick Simeon Bland was killed, his brother Reuben H. Bland wrote to his father to tell him of Frederick's death. The two brothers had been fighting against the yankees at Jackson, Mississippi May 13-14, 1863. On the second day,

while hauling ammunition to a gun, Frederick Simeon was struck by a six pound shell that went clear through his shoulder. He fell wounded and died soon after. Reuben grieved: "What hurt me to the very heart - we had to leave him on the field, where he fell into the hands of the enemy. Oh! If I could have got him away and buried him I would have been much better satisfied, but we had no time to take care of him as the yankees were so close on us."

(I). Sarah Ann Bland, (June 1, 1842 - February 27, 1928). According to Thelma Bland Underwood, Sarah married first, a Hodges and later a Smith. Sarah evidently died with a great deal of family information, including the Family Bible buried with her. Her nephew Edward did not have the wit to copy or save any of these gems, except the letter referred to above from Reuben to Simeon Bland.

2. Micajah Bland, (1797-1798 - July 7, 1866). Micajah's will was made June 8, 1866. He was probably Simeon's twin. Micajah married Elizabeth, probably Marshall, after 1820. Their children were:

- A. Elizabeth Jane Bland.
- B. Nancy G. Bland, who may have married Griffin Rains, February 4, 1844.
- C. Almira Bland.
- D. Marshall H. Bland, died in the Civil War.
- E. William F. Bland, died in the Civil War.

3. Rachel Bland, (C1803 - died after the 1860 census was taken). Rachel married Thomas Prosser between 1820-1824 and had a family of nine children. One of these, Martha F. Prosser, (July 3, 1830 - June 7, 1899) was the great, great grandmother of Mildred Snyder of Panama City, Florida, who descends from Elisha and Agnes Bland through their son Simeon and their daughter Rachel.

4. John Bland (1805 - died after December 24, 1885 in Telfair County Georgia). On March 30, 1830, John married Emiline Daniel, (1815 - living December 24, 1885). Their children were:

- A. Simeon Daniel Bland (1832 - ), who married Tabitha J. Wood on November 13, 1854.
- B. Susan A. Bland (C1837 - ) married first to a Meaghen and second to Robert T. Sheppard.
- C. Elisha Bland, (1839 -died from injuries received at the second battle of Manassas).
- D. Martha L. Bland (1842 - ) married a Dykes.

5. Jane D. Bland (1812 - died after 1860) in Washington County Georgia. Jane married John Hodges of North Carolina December 10, 1829 . Nora Elder believes he was the brother of Elizabeth Hodges, (1800-1853), who married Simeon Bland. Jane D. Bland and John Hodges had a family of five children. <sup>29</sup>

This concludes discussion of the family of Elisha Bland (1775-1837).

8. Lyddia Bland: (May 2, 1778 - ). To my knowledge, nothing more is known of Lyddia, but that she was living when her father's will was made in 1786.

9. Payton Bland: (January 1, 1780 - March 13, 1815). Following publication of the book, in which I had no information about Payton, aside from his birth, I made contact with Charles C. Bland of St. Louis, Missouri, who referred Juanita Alexander of Orange Texas to me. Quickly an avalanche of correspondents descending from this family began sending me family information. Today, our knowledge of this family is quite complete.

Payton was variously called Peyton and Paton. Although the Darwin Bible spelled his name Payton he called himself Peyton, which is how I will spell his name hereafter in this discussion. Peyton is noted in his grandfather's will, and a genealogist employed by Ruth Decuir of Beaumont Texas, called him a "sojourner" in the 1800 Census of Edgefield County, meaning that he lived alone. Peyton died shortly after returning to his home in Vermillion Parish, St. Martin County, Louisiana, following his discharge from Shadrach Porter's Infantry, part of Baker's 15th Regiment, during the War of 1812. (Peyton served January 3 to March 13, 1815). Peyton was enroute to the Battle of New Orleans, when he took sick and had to leave his unit to return home, where he died.

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<sup>29</sup>. Readers are referred to a previous discussion about the family of Elisha Bland and his wife Agnes, (AC 1-2, pp. 20-21). This information was based on a letter from Nora B. Elder to Charles Bland, April 3, 1983. The above presentation was enhanced by Letters to Daniel E. Bland from William H. Bland, Statesville Georgia, March 27, 1952; to Daniel E. Bland from Thelma Bland Underwood, Deveroux, Georgia August 12, 1953; Reubin H. Bland to Simeon Bland, May 19, 1863 (copy); To Charles Bland from Mildred Mason Snyder, Panama City Florida, February 25, 1986; and Mary-Helen Sears Foxx, Compiler, The Washington County Georgia Researcher, (1982), pp. 58,75,92, 95 and 98.



Peyton married Elizabeth Smith, probably of Darlington County, South Carolina, in St. Martin Louisiana,<sup>24</sup> sometime during 1809-1810. They were part of a party of migrants to St. Martin Louisiana. After Peyton died in 1815, Elizabeth Smith Bland married Joseph Dickerson and had one child, Joseph, by him in a brief marriage. After Dickerson, Elizabeth married Robert Johnson on January 18, 1817. Robert Johnson adopted the children of Peyton Bland and Elizabeth Smith and about 1834, took them to the Mexican Territory that became Texas, Jefferson County in 1836 and Orange County in 1852. That much said, the Texas settlement hereafter will be referred to as Orange County. Elizabeth Smith Bland Dickerson Johnson was a colorful local figure, standing six feet two inches (taller in her boots), over 200 pounds, red hair and fiery temper. She wore six-shooters on her hips, which were quite ample, and "was afraid of neither man nor beast." Elizabeth acted as a mid-wife for the local populace. She is said to have made her rounds astride a saddle horse, tailed at a respectable distance down wind by a negro on a mule. Legend has it that what became Orange County was a wilderness in 1834, run over by lazy and ruthless Mexicans, assorted indians, jack rabbits, Gila Monsters, cock roaches snakes and other varmints. One look at Betsey and they all vacated the premises, permitting civilization to take hold. <sup>25</sup>

Peyton Bland and Elizabeth Smith had three children:

1. John Bland. (March 5, 1811 - November 2, 1886). John was born at St. Martin County, Louisiana and died in Orange County Texas. John was indentured at age 12 to Asa Foreman. This connection with Foreman was beneficial (one presumes) to John, who was educated "to the third rule" under the indenture and, to boot, married Foreman's daughter Mary (February 4, 1816 - January 13, 1904) on February 21, 1831. As an adult in Orange County, John prospered as a farmer. He was said to have enjoyed liquor, gambling and horses in moderation, and he was also a soldier who fought in the Texas war for independence, (AC 1-1, p. 11).

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<sup>24</sup> A document called Early Louisiana Records, accuracy unproven but correct in other respects regarding the Blands, states that "Peton Blanc and Elizabeth Smith" were married in "S M CH".

<sup>25</sup> This discussion is framed and refined from a previous analysis of the Peyton Bland, Elizabeth Smith family (AC 1-1, pp. 10-13). VU, p. 490, displays a deed between Robert Bland and Robert Johnson, August 11, 1775, in Loudon County Virginia. Whether there is any relationship between the earlier Robert Johnson and the man who married Elizabeth Smith Bland in 1817, or between the younger Robert Johnson and the Moore Johnson family that was associated with Presley Bland and his son Avory Gunnels Bland, remains unknown.

John Bland and Mary Foreman had the following nine children:

A. Joseph Bland (June 8, 1832 - November 8, 1915). Joseph was born in St. Martin County, Louisiana and died in Orange County, Texas. He married first, Martha Thomas, by whom he had four children: (1) Henry W. Bland. Henry married Rachel Simmons on December 28, 1877 and Frances Henry, July 3, 1918; (2) Jefferson Davis Bland (June 30, 1861 - July 12, 1918) married Emily Myers November 11, 1883; (3) Clara Bland, married D.W. Stakes November 2, 1880; and (4) Flavia Bland, who married Adolph Prejean. Second, Joseph Bland (1832-1915) married Abigail Holden Parish, a widow, on November 21, 1865, by whom he had four children: (1) Malona Jacente Bland (October 15, 1866 - August 1936), who married Edward Hall On June 8, 1886. Malona is the ancestor of a correspondent Cheryl Kipp; (2) Margaret Bland, (1869 - ) married G.S. Russell, March 17, 1887; (3) Joseph Bland and (4) George W. Bland who married Maggie Peveto on June 29, 1892. On October 8, 1885, Joseph married a third wife, Mel Stakes, but by then poor old Joseph had run out of steam and no children ensued. Joseph's photo is displayed in (AC 2-1, attachment 9).

B. Oliver Bland (September 9, 1834 - June 2, 1909) born at St. Martin County, Louisiana and died in Orange County Texas. Oliver married Elizabeth McDonald (1849-1902) on July 11, 1871 and by her had five children: (1) John Horace Bland (April 15, 1872 - ); (2) William Walton Bland (August 25, 1875 May 23, 1935), married Daisy Rebecca Toland November 1, 1904; (3) Mary Allenah Bland (November 18, 1877 - May, 1937) married M.V. Anderson on December 23, 1893; (4) Elizabeth J. Bland, (May 12, 1880 - ) married Dr. D. R. Seastrunk on May 31, 1905; and (5) Maud E. Bland (December 12, 1884 - March 3, 1917) married Tom Dodd, September 7, 1904.

C. Malone (or Malona or Melanie) (September 6, 1837 - February 14, 1907) was born and died in Orange County Texas. Malone married William Fleming.

D. Peyton Bland, born July 22, 1839 and died the same day.

E. Mary Bland (September 25, 1840 - October 15, 1919), was born and died in Orange County Texas. According to a letter from Helen Bourque of Houston Texas, Mary first married William Hatton and had two children by him. Second, Mary married George A. Foreman, November 16, 1865, and had a family of six children.

F. David Bland (January 27, 1843 - November 25, 1927). Born and died in Orange County. David served in the CSA from August 1, 1861 to May 18, 1865, as a Private in Company B, 4th Texas Cavalry. A photo of David Bland, in uniform, appears in (AC 3-1, p. 37). David married Martha Allen on November 17, 1869. Prior to her marriage, Martha was a school teacher in Orange County. She established the Cove School in 1893. She taught the school for seven consecutive years. Land for the school was donated by David Bland and Martha's daughters Fannie Bland Newport, and Allie Bland were in charge of the school.

David had by Martha, a family of seven children: (1) Mary Minerva Bland (November 29, 1870 - May 17, 1946) Mary married J. W. Gates, December 23, 1890; (2) John Calhoun Bland (July 3, 1872-1941) married Mattie Chester Thompson on December 6, 1894. John C. Bland and Mattie Chester Thompson had at least three children, (a) Louise Bland; (b) Chester Bland; and (c) Mary, whose childhood photo is displayed on the picture pages. (3) Fannie Lourenia Bland (August 8, 1874- January 23, 1895) married George Elsworth Newport, December 23, 1890. Fannie was the grandmother of Helen Bourque of Houston Texas, a woman who has done prodigious research on this family in spite of severe physical handicaps. A photo of Fannie appears in (AC 3-1, p. 37); (4) Allie Bland (July 26, 1875-1964). Allie Bland was a family historian and also the first graduate of her mother's Cove School in 1892 or 1893. Allie's photo in childhood and in later life appears on the photo pages; (5) David Bland (1876-1888); (6) Thurston Bland (July 17, 1878 - July 6, 1956). Thurston was a first rate adventurer, a regular old guy, whose story has been previously told (AC 3-2, p.45). He married Ida Eddings, February 22, 1905; (7) Martha Bland (November 6, 1882-1965). Martha married A. Monroe Chapman on June 8, 1905. Martha Ann Bland Chapman appears on the photo pages with two of her daughters Nelle and Fanita.

G. John Clayborne Bland (December 16, 1848 - October 5, 1895). John was born and died in Orange County Texas. He married Martha Jane Johnson (February 18, 1856- September 28, 1938) on March 22, 1875. By her, he had a family of seven children, including: (1) Richard Henry Bland (September 25, 1876-May 29, 1901). Richard married Dora Bain Cook; (2) Percy Lafayette Bland (July 7, 1878-March 18, 1921); (3) Ada Jane Bland (February 14, 1881-September 10, 1953) married Andrew Lemaire on August 16, 1899; (4) Mary Melissa Bland (September 2, 1883-November, 1956) married W.L. Downey on January 7, 1901; (5) David Clarence Bland (March 7, 1886 -August 20, 1951). David Clarence married Kathleen Lomax on September 10, 1915 and had three children: (a) Martha Jane Bland Spradley, (b) Kathleen Lomax Bland Smith and (c) David Clarence Bland Jr. of Houston, one of my correspondents; (6) Lonie Florence Bland (January 11, 1888 -January 18, 1957) who married W.F. Rachel, October 26, 1915, and (7) Fara Elizabeth Bland (September 10, 1892 - ). Fara Elizabeth married Richard L. Kibbe, October 23, 1915. Note: Although it may be coincidental, there is an infant named Oliver G. Bland (1874-1874), buried in the Hatton Cemetery in Orange Texas, near John C. Bland and Martha Jane Johnson.

H. Elizabeth Bland (January 19, 1853 - February 2, 1918). Born and died in Orange County, Texas. Elizabeth married Jack Turner about 1876.

I. Lafayette Bland (1855-1861).

2. Caroline Bland (September 7, 1813 - June 2, 1888). Born in St. Martin County, Louisiana and died in Orange County Texas. Caroline married William Clark at St. Martin County, Louisiana about 1830 and had by him a family of six children.

3. Peyton Bland (October 25, 1815 - September 17, 1872 or 1873). Peyton was born at St. Martin County, Louisiana and died in Orange County. Peyton married Susannah Harmon (November 2, 1822 - August 15, 1892), on May 8, 1838. Peyton was a huge, colorful man, whose story has been previously told (AC 1-1, p. 12) Peyton was prone to illness and he died of pneumonia in 1872 or 1873 during a cattle drive. His children went out to search for his grave but never found it. Peyton and Susannah had a family of thirteen children:

A. Sarah Elizabeth Bland (May 1, 1839 - February 18, 1924). Sarah married Michael Peveto, (1836-1909), in Orange County July 31, 1855, and had by him a family of twelve children. Sarah's photo appears in (AC 1-1, Attachment 16).

B. Emily Bland (May 25, 1841 - December 25, 1902). Emily married Samuel Peveto (1835-1900) On March 27, 1856 and had by him a family of sixteen children.

C. Caroline Bland (August 16, 1843 - June 1, 1900). Caroline married Uriah Cooper on January 26, 1860. Nothing is known of any children by this marriage.

D. Nancy Jane Bland (May 26, 1845 - August 25, 1933). Nancy Jane married James Norwood, August 9, 1866. There were no children in this marriage, which was short lived. On January 6, 1871, Nancy Jane Bland Norwood married Colin Peveto (1849-1907), and had by him a family of nine children. Nancy Jane's photo appears in (AC 1-1, attachment 16).

E. Ursan Bland (July 5, 1847 - 1865) was killed in action during the Civil War.

F. Jonathan Bland (December 8, 1848 - July 29, 1878). Jonathan married first, Sue Beaks on November 21, 1866 and by her had a single child, Stafford Bland, of whom nothing is known. Second, Jonathan married Texana Alderman on November and had by her three children: (1) Jonathan Cooper Bland (December 6, 1872- ), married Hattie Van Housen, November 19, 1896; (2) Samuel Allen Bland (January 18, 1875- April 16, 1956) married Rosey Lee Pierce in 1897; and (3) Peyton Bland (March 3, 1879- ), married Alice Weaver C1871 and Ola Cole C1923.

G. Silas Bland (June 1, 1850 - January 24, 1933). Silas married Nora Alividi Lindscomb or Bossier (1850-1927) on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1870 and had by her a family of nine children: (1) Robert Bland (1871-1871); (2) Richard Bland (September 17, 1873 - ) married Aziline Grady on December 28, 1892; (3) Edward Bland (September 27, 1875 - ) married Viola Chochran; (4) Jo Ida Bland (October 14, 1878 - May 15, 1935) married L.W.B. Tarter; (5) Lender Lee Bland (January 6, 1881 - April 4, 1952) married Octavia Alice Peveto on January 31, 1901; (6) Oliver Bland (1883-1902); (7) Mary Ida or Ada Bland (April 4, 1885 - ) married Arthur Davis, March 20, 1904; (8) Sidney Ann Bland (February 3, 1887 - ) married George Shannon, June 19, 1903; (9) Vida Bland (February 24, 1894 - ), married William Walter Morris December 20, 1911.

H. James Bland (January 9, 1852 - June 12, 1894). I have some question about this date. James may have died as a young child.

I. Altha Ann Bland (September 20, 1854 - December 14, 1932). Altha Ann married John Dobbs, (1844-1881) October 26, 1869, and had five children by him. Altha Ann's photo appears in (AC 1-1, attachment 16).

J. Peyton Bland (May 19, 1858 - May 24, 1838). Peyton married Alice Gibson (1862-1960) on November 25, 1879, at Wallis Texas. They had a family of three sons, including: (1) Grover Bland (November 27, 1886 - September 11, 1928) married Mary Louise Hutchings; (2) Walter B. Bland (November 15, 1889 - October 21, 1952); and (3) Thurman Bland (dates uncertain).

K. Susan Bland (November 26, 1860 - February 20, 1926). Susan married Alonzo Wingate Lewis (1857-1910) on February 19, 1880. They had a family of nine children. Susan's photo appears in (AC 1-1, attachment 16).

L. Elzy Harmon Bland (May 25, 1863 - August 22 1938). Elzy married Martha Hare Wilkerson (1864-1941) on April 12, 1883. By her Elzy had a family of eleven children, including: (1) Maggie Wilkerson Bland (June 18, 1882- February 22, 1950) who married John Peveto; (2) Jessie Bland (August 20, 1885- June 7, 1958); (3) Frank Bland (1886-1888); (4) Lillie Bland (February 4, 1888- November 4, 1945); (5) Jasper Monroe Bland (February 21, 1890- August 15, 1951) who married Alta Smith March 3, 1920; (6) Fred Nolan Bland (August 28 1892 - November 25, 1956) Married Emma McDonald

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<sup>24</sup> Helen Bourque of Houston Texas, letter to Charles Bland, March 27, 1985, refers to Silas' wife as Alivildi Linscomb, married to Silas on September 14, 1870, whereas others refer to her as Nora Awilda Bossier, married on September 15, 1870.

April 10, 1918; (7) Denis Feral Bland (December 3, 1893 - ) married Sid J. Callavet January 21, 1917; (8) Henry Thomas Bland (April 18, 1895 - ) who married Lillie Granger December 31, 1916; (9) Lettie Bland (January 22, 1898 - ) married Arthur J. Reinhard, February 8, 1924; (10) Edmond Newton Bland (October 13, 1899 - November 15, 1952) who married Syble Johnson; (11) Susie Bland (1902-1902).

M. Joshua Bland (January 16, 1867 -October 26, 1947). Joshua's obituary calls him the "father" of the oil industry and credits him with the first oil explorations in Orange County. According to the obituary, the first oil well in Orange County was brought in on Joshua's property. Joshua married Ellen Nora Walles (April 7, 1872 - May 4, 1946) on September 5, 1888, and had family of nine children: (1) Elnora Bland (September 8, 1889 - ) who married Travis Linscomb; (2) Granville Shaw Bland (September 21, 1891- March 2, 1957). Granville married Minnie Lafleur, December 16, 1915; (3) Walles Bland (November 3, 1892 - May, 1969) married Georgia Wooley September 2, 1921; (4) Fannie Bland (August 30, 1894- August 24, 1924) married Carrol William Roebuck, June 5, 1915; (5) Jefferson Davis Bland ( February 2, 1896-December 3, 1963) married Lencie Landrum, March 1, 1916; (6) Walter Carl Bland (January 17, 1900-February 7, 1947) married Mary Maggie Stienecker; (7) Cora May Bland (September 9, 1901 - ) married Loran Henry Carr, March 16, 1922; (8) James Tracy Bland (April 24, 1906 - August 5, 1967), married Marian Carver and Ruby Lee Mitchell; (9) Charles Culberson Bland (December 22, 1908 - August 5, 1986). Charles married Virginia Sexton June 24, 1931. Charles, a remarkably creative man, (AC 3-1, p. 4) was the man who introduced the Orange County Texas family to me.

10. James Bland: (November 29, 1783 - ). Not much is concretely known about this youngest child of Robert and Ann Bland. In his will, Robert Bland left a special grant of 150 acres to James. On October 18, 1794, Anna Bland conveyed to James an additional 100 acres adjacent to Wormley and Payton Bland. Following this transaction, James' name does not appear in the deed records until 1805, by which time he would have achieved his majority. Between 1805-1807, in a series of transactions, James sold off 110 acres to Presley Bland, Mumford Perryman and Jeremiah Mobley. He never again appears in the Edgefield Records as far as I can determine. Further information about James Bland would be appreciated. #7

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#7 Edgefield County Deed Books 11, August 19, 1794, pp. 315-317; 26, February 13, 1805, pp. 162-164; 27, November 27, 1805, pp. 33-35; 28, September 29, 1806, pp. 528-529; 28, July 31, 1807, pp. 501-503.

Edgefield County: Missing Links

Talton Bland: Although Talton Bland lived at Edgefield, he does not have any direct transactions of land with other members of the family, seems to have lived apart from them. He was distinctly a poor man with little property. Previous information supplied by Terese Bueker of Woodlands Texas and McXie Martin of Saint Augustine Texas, shows that Talton was born in South Carolina about 1795/1800 and died in Chattahoochie County, Georgia between 1870-1880 (AC 1-1, p. 13). I have previously speculated about Talton's parentage (AC 5-1, pp. 42-43) and have tended to place him with the larger Edgefield County family because of that family's proclivity for naming their sons by allied family surnames (Presley, Wormley, Payton, Elza as in Ellzey, and Turner). <sup>29</sup> I have never turned up anything specific and concrete but the following makes it clear that although their might not be a specific relation, there is at least a semblance through association:

Talton married Mary Carter in Edgefield County on January 23, 1823. There is a high probability, or improbable coincidence, that this was a double wedding, for on the same date Gasper Donaldson married Peggy Bland. <sup>27</sup> At least three transactions establish some correlation between the larger family of Blands and these names: (1) On December 15, 1817, Avory Gunnels purchased 144 acres of land from Gasper Donaldson; (2) On November 5, 1821, Avory Bland and Gasper Donaldson witnessed a sale of land between Elza Bland and Presley Bland; (3) On January 1, 1795, Presley Bland witnessed a transaction between Daniel Parker and Sarah Gunnels, a sister of Daniel Gunnels, father of Dicey Gunnels, thus Avory Bland's aunt and grandfather. The land transacted was shown by a map to be adjacent to land owned by "Moses Carter's People". In 1790, Presley Bland acted as security for Moses Carter in a court matter. Again, on April 17, 1817, back to back trespass allegations occur between Henry Chipman and Avory Bland, Sarah Gunnels and Rose Carter. <sup>30</sup>

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<sup>29</sup> One correspondent believes Talton's actual name was Talmadge or Talmedge, but I have never seen any evidence of anything but Talton.

<sup>27</sup> McClendon, Edgefield Marriage Records, pp. 14, 49.

<sup>30</sup> Edgefield Deed Books 13, January 1, 1795, pp. 98-102; 34, December 15, 1817, pp. 354-355; 38, November 5, 1821, pp. 329-330. Holcomb, Minutes of the County Court, 1785-1795, p. 130. Edgefield County Minutes of Common Pleas, 1814-1825, pp. 29, 88.

None of this links Talton to the larger Bland family. Talton, however, purchased 45.75 acres of land from Thomas and Mary Chiles in November 1826. Talton appears to have failed as a landowner, for in 1829 and again in 1832 he was forced to relinquish portions of this land to a man called William Eddins, because an inaccurate survey encroached on Eddins' land. In both cases, the concession of land by Talton Bland to William Eddins was witnessed by Jesse Bettis. On October 4, 1834, Avory Bland purchased 70 acres of land, (not near that of Talton Bland), from William Eddins, by then of Greene County Alabama. Jesse Bettis witnessed the transaction.

These transactions may portend a significant association between the various families. One should, however, bear in mind that these individuals might have been only neighbors. Jesse Bettis might have been only a convenient witness. In the words of Christopher Johnston, written in another context, "we must bear in mind that the evidence is by no means clear, and that after all these may be no more than an accidental coincidence." (VU, p. 223). <sup>31</sup>

William Bland: According to a family bible, William was born February 2, 1792 and died November 25, 1868 This constitutes a rather significant rewrite of my book (VU, pp. 524-544). William Bland has been represented by my uncle Berry Jewell Bland and his daughter Margaret Bland Magliocco as well as by Betty Bland Lovvorn of Ooltewah, Tennessee, as a probable son of Wormley Bland and Sarah Turner (see pp.18ff above and VU, pp. 520-523). All these folks make the assertion based on oral traditions within the family, and I accepted the idea when I wrote my book. Subsequent research, however, persuades me that this is an error. Anna Bland, Wormley's mother, gave generously of land to many of her grandchildren, and specifically gave land to Wormley's sons Elzey and Turner. <sup>32</sup> William Bland was a small boy of nine at the time of this grant. It seems inconceivable that Anna Bland would have excluded him. Again, when she made out her final will in 1848 in Edgefield County, Wormley's widow Sarah Turner Bland Mobley left specific bequests to Elza Bland and Margaret Bland Hazel, and numerous grandchildren, but did not mention William.

William may have been a son of Wormley Bland by a short lived marriage that was antecedent to Wormley's marriage to Sarah Turner, which could have occurred as late as 1797, (Wormley was listed in the 1790 census and his mother conveyed land to him November 1, 1792, after his twenty first birthday). Alternately, to

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<sup>31</sup> Edgefield Deed Book 42, November 9, 1826, pp. 391-392; 43, January 7, 1829, p. 420; 46, November 26, 1832, pp. 535-536. 47, October 4, 1834, pp. 136-137.

<sup>32</sup> Edgefield County Deed Book 19, September 17, 1801, pp. 546-548.



give credit to the fairly specific oral tradition passed down to Berry Bland, Margaret Magliocco and Betty Lovvorn, William might have been the child of Wormley as part of a relationship similar to Presley Bland and Dicey Gunnels. On the other hand, there is no specific evidence that William ever was in Edgefield County.

In a trip to Union County South Carolina in November 1985, I found a record of William Bland in 1812. Union County was formed in 1798 from the 96th District that was parent to Edgefield, but adjacent to York County South Carolina and Rutherford County North Carolina. On December 9, 1812, William purchased from John Kendrick, 50 acres of land on the Broad River, (which runs through Rutherford County North Carolina into Union County). <sup>33</sup> William's name appears in the Union County Census for 1820 and 1830, with distributions that appear to match what is known about his family by his first wife. According to Margaret Magliocco, William married Caroline or Carolina Miller or perhaps Aiken. There is a deed in Union County South Carolina December 18, 1827, in which William Bland sells land to Payton B. Darwin. The transaction is attested to by "Nancy Bland, wife of the within named William Bland". <sup>34</sup> We are thus confronted with a contradiction, unless William married Caroline/Carolina Miller or Aiken after or before he married Nancy. Nancy, however, is identified at a time that would make her the mother of Jacob Calvin/Calhoun Bland (1827-1898) and Thomas R. Bland (1829-1904), (VU, pp. 531-544).

On January 1, 1831, William Bland purchased land in Rutherford County, North Carolina at the confluence of the Broad and Second Broad Rivers, no more than a few miles across the border from Union County. This land was where William Bland's family lived. His first wife died, probably between 1840 and 1845, for in 1847, William married Viannah Padgett in Rutherford County North Carolina.

The transaction in 1827 by William with Payton B. Darwin is significant on two counts: First, it clarifies the name of William's first wife. Second, Darwin is almost certainly Peyton Bland Darwin (1805-1883) the son of John Darwin and Jane Bland (1762-1827) daughter of Robert Bland (1732-1787) who died in Edgefield County. This links William concretely with the older Edgefield family. The John Darwin family, however, made its home in York County, adjacent to Union, as did Edward Bland (1730-1800), brother of Robert. This leads me to believe that William Bland (1792-1868) who was the ancestral grandfather of both Betty Bland Lovvorn and me, is part of the family of Edward Bland.

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<sup>33</sup> Union County South Carolina Deed Book M, December 9, 1812, pp. 149-150.

<sup>34</sup> Union County Deed Book S, December 18, 1827, p. 515.

Betty Bland Lovvorn descends from William's son Jacob Calvin or Calhoun Bland, (1827-1898) whereas I descend from Jacob's younger brother Thomas R. Bland, (1829-1904), (VU. pp. 531-544). A photo collage of Jacob Calvin and several of his children is featured on the photo pages.

Aside from these two Blands about which a considerable amount of information is already known, the following names appear in Edgefield County records:

Alexander Bland: In 1795, Alex. Bland was involved in a court dispute with Edward Court. ☞

Barnet F. Bland: On November 7, 1832, Barnet F. Bland purchased 130 acres on Stephen's Creek near the Savannah River in Edgefield County, near settlements of the larger Bland family. On January 9, 1843, Barnet F. Bland and his wife Elizabeth, acknowledged receipt of \$125.27, a 1/6 share in the estate of Mariam Adams. The presence of a Jeremiah Burnet in this distribution may provide some clue to an antecedent marriage of a Bland man and Burnet or Barnet woman who were parents of this man. Although it is not certain, Barnet F. Bland may have died between 1846-1850, leaving the following family (number 907) in the Census: Elizabeth, (1810- ); born in South Carolina; Jack (1832- ) a farmer; Shelyey (Shelby?), a male, (1836 - ); Margaret (1839 - ); Adeline (1841 - ); **Bury** (Berry?) (1843- ); Martha (1844 - ); Edmund (1846 - ). This is complicated by the presence of two Elizabeth Bland's, head of household in 1850, (I have records for only one) and the fact that one of them was head of household in 1840, even though Barnet was obviously alive in 1840. Business as usual. To be continued.

George Bland George is noted by Chapman as a signatory on a deed, June 17, 1772, but to my knowledge never appears again in the records, (VU, p. 494, note 2).

Granberry Bland: This man appears in Edgefield County in the 1800 Census, living in dwelling (145) close to Payton Bland (139), William B. Bland (151), Jeremiah Mobley (159) and Daniel and Sarah Gunnels (186). He appears to be a young man, aged 26-45, recently married, his wife aged 16-26. The household includes one male and two females under ten. To my knowledge, Granberry and his family do not appear again, suggesting they moved away sometime between 1800-1810.

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☞ Holcomb, Minutes of the County Court, p. 180.

Samuel Bland: Samuel Bland witnessed the will of Robert Bland (1732-1787). South Carolina Records show a Samuel Bland serving as quartermaster in Colonel Thomas' regiment, February 16 to May 10, 1779 near the Savannah River. No more is known of Samuel. <sup>36</sup>

This does not exhaust the Blands of South Carolina. More new questions were raised than old ones answered. Further, there are scattered pockets of Blands located in other counties in South Carolina and at least one large family in Beaufort County (VU, p. 494). Further, even for Edgefield County, lines are pursued only up to about 1850. The Edgefield County family will be carried forward in time up to about 1900 in the next number and the Beaufort County and smaller family groups will be covered at a future time.

### THE TRIAL OF HIRAM BLAND

On August 14, 1987, the day before the National Reunion, I was privileged to travel with Kenny Bland of Solsberry Indiana and John W. Bland of Elizabethtown, Kentucky to the present home of Minnie Pilk, an elderly lady in Bloomfield, Indiana. Mrs. Pilk lives upon the ground where poor old Hiram Bland (1825-1851), youngest child of Osborne Bland Jr. and Patsy Donahoo, was hanged on June 13, 1851, in retribution for the murder of his brother in law William Walker on September 17 1850, (VU, pp. 451-455). Hiram was tried for the murder of Walker on September 23, 1850, found guilty and sentenced to be hanged November 15, 1850. On October 28, however, he made his escape by breaking open the floor of the jail. He squirreled himself away at home, scrambling through a tunnel to his corn crib whenever visitors came to call. He was recaptured on January 2, 1851. On April 9, he was scheduled for hanging on April 25, but two days before his big day, the Governor granted a stay in order to review the case.

Hiram was found at the trial to have stabbed William Walker, husband of Hiram's sister Lettice (VU, p. 445). According to testimony by Lettice, Hiram was drinking some hard stuff across the way at her brother Warren's house, while William Walker, Lettice, Polly and John Wesley Walker (two of their children) labored in their tobacco patch. Hiram "hollered" for Walker to come over and imbibe and Walker "hollered back" for Hiram to "kiss his arse." Whereupon Hiram came running across the field. Lettice warned Walker to run, for she saw Hiram had a knife, but Walker turned to

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<sup>36</sup> Moss, p. 77. A service record for Thomas Bland appears on the same page but it is not clear he belongs to the Edgefield County Family.

face his assailant and was struck in the chest with a wound 2" wide and 6" deep (Lettice described the knife as "something longer than her hand". Walker staggered a few steps and collapsed whereupon Hiram pounced on him and stabbed him a second time. Lettice twice attempted to pull Hiram off but was shoved away and Hiram stabbed Walker twice more. Lettice screamed that Hiram had killed Walker, but Hiram turned on her, telling her "I am a horse." Walker, miraculously, stood up long enough to proclaim "Oh Lord, I am murdered," and fell dead.

John Wesley Walker, son of William and Lettice and an eleven year old boy, testified that Hiram got to the fence of Walker's property and challenged him to meet him half-way. When Walker refused, Hiram jumped the fence. Clicking his heels together and shouting "Whoopee, I am a horse", Hiram drew out his knife, whereupon he began stripping the tobacco. Walker yelled at him to stop, and Hiram said words to this effect: "Your life is mine" John Wesley did not hear his father tell Hiram to "kiss his arse". Whereupon Hiram fell on Walker and stabbed him. John Wesley saw his mother pull Hiram off Walker twice, before Walker stood up and said "I am murdered" and fell dead. Warren came running and yelled for John Wesley to run and get Hiram's brother James, and that the murder was taking place when he returned. John Wesley said that his father had a hunting knife strapped to his chest, and that during the last stab, the blade of Hiram's knife struck the blade of Walker's knife, causing Hiram's to shut between Hiram's thumb and fingers, cutting his hand. The knife was in this posture when Hiram struck his sister also, thus sparing Lettice Bland Walker's life.

Polly Walker told more or less the same story but remembered her father running away rather than standing to face Hiram Bland.

Cynthia Bunch (or Burch), wife of Warren Bland, testified that three or four hours before the stabbing, Hiram had been drinking. Unlike the others, she remembered that Walker had a club or big stick, with which he struck Hiram, who turned and ran, pursued by Walker, when the two faced off and Hiram stabbed Walker.

Warren Bland, Hiram's brother, testified that Hiram arrived at his house drunk and with a pint of liquor, which he proceeded to drink before making his demarche on Walker. Warren said that Hiram behaved as if mad, tore his clothes and hair and tried to vomit, yelled across the way to Walker, inviting him to join Hiram in his revelry. Walker refused, whereupon Hiram drank more. Hiram started for Walker's accompanied for a few yards by Warren who then turned back to his yard. Next thing he knew Cynthia his wife, was yelling for him to go to Walker and Hiram for Walker was hitting Hiram with a club. Contrary to his wife, Warren could see no evidence that Walker had struck Hiram, (A doctor testified that he dressed the cut on Hiram's hand on September 19, and also examined a bruise that appeared to have been inflicted by a heavy blow).

The jury found Hiram guilty, whereupon James Bland, a brother of Hiram, introduced new evidence. He said that on the night of the murder, John Wesley Walker had gone home with him and before bedtime, told a story that more or less corroborated that of Cynthia Bland's, that prior to stabbing Walker, Hiram had been attacked and struck twice with a club, by Walker. After the last blow, Walker turned and walked away and Hiram fell upon him from behind. James also later testified that after the killing, Hiram had appeared before him with a severe wound on his head.

There was thus a dichotomy of statements: (1) Those made by Walker's wife and children, who were nearby when the killing occurred and (2) those of Cynthia Bland, corroborated in all respects by her husband, save for the account of Walker hitting Hiram with a club, and the later softening of the account of Walker's son John Wesley, whose later recollection to James Bland corroborated the testimony of his aunt Cynthia.

The later testimony was discounted and Hiram was found guilty. He was hanged, appropriately enough, on Friday, June 13, 1851. One might say that it was Hiram's unlucky day. <sup>37</sup>

#### FORTHCOMING

The following items have been earmarked for publication in Volume 6, Number 2:

1. Further information about the children of Osborne Bland (C1748-1820/1830 - ) and his wife Lettice.
2. Additional information about the Bland-Lawrence connection in the Randolph County North Carolina family.
3. New information about the Blands of King and Queen County Virginia.
4. New information about the Bland families of New Hanover-Duplin, Pitt and Martin County North Carolina.
5. The Blands of Cambria County Pennsylvania.
6. New details, supplied by Jack Bailey of Lancaster, Kentucky, about the murder of Elizabeth Bland (1802-1882) in Garrard County, Kentucky by her nephew Will Austin, (VU, pp. 411-413).

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<sup>37</sup> The Trial Papers of Hiram Bland were given me by Loretta Heyen of Ellettsville Indiana. I am not certain of the specific citation.

7. Important new details about the children of Thomas Bland of Fauquier County Virginia (C1719-1788), including a theory that Lettice Bland who married William King in Prince William County Virginia was Thomas daughter. There is additional and, in my opinion, important information about Thomas' son James Bland (1780-1829) and his wife Susannah Stark (1783-1852), provided in a history of the Stark family, sent to me courtesy of John Bland of Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

8. New information supplied by Al and Mildred Hunter that supplies insights into the relationship between Henry and Abraham Bland, of Hendricks County Indiana, with James Bland (C1749-1799) of New Hanover-Duplin-Chatham County North Carolina, as well as information about the possibility that the following four Bland women who married in Orange County Indiana between 1819-1821 were daughters of James Bland: Mary Bland, who married Samuel Daughtery November 5, 1819; Isabell and Fanny Bland who married respectively Felix Armstrong and Henry Leatherman, March 29, 1820; and Rachel Bland, who married Elisha Baldwin, March 13, 1821, (AC 1-1, p. 7).

I know that some of you may be somewhat anxious about these very issues and would of course be happy to correspond with you about them. I hope all of you have a pleasant and productive Spring 1988.

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Allie Bland (1875-1964)  
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Jacob Calvin or Calhoun Bland (1827-1898)

Son of William Bland (1792-1868)

See discussion above, pp. 32-34 and VU 524-544, esp. 531ff

For a younger photo of Jacob, VU p. 534A

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Sons of Jacob C. Bland  
(Top) George Washington Bland,  
(1851-1882) (VU, p. 532)



(Lower) Noah Jonas Bland,  
(1853-1936) and wife Matilda  
Catherine Scoggins (1863-1933)  
(VU, pp. 532-533)

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Sons of Jacob C. Bland  
(Top) William Lindsey, "Copper Bill",  
Bland, (1855-1931) and his wife,  
Lorraine Haynes, (1852-1929)

(Lower) John Tolliver Bland  
(1867-1952)

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**BLANDS IN DEED BOOKS  
EDGEFIELD COUNTY SC, 1788-1838**

1. Anna Bland "widow and executrix of estate of Robert Bland," (1732-1787), (also variously called Anne and Nancy. Grantee, purchases 350 acres on little Mine Creek of Little Saluda River, grantor William Brown.DB 2, March 7, 1788, pp. 129-133.
2. Anna Bland, Grantor, to William Humphreys, for 20 pounds sells 62 acres she purchased from George Mason , located on Mine Creek of Little Saluda River. Presley Bland witness March 3, 1790. DB 8, May 9, 1789, 433-436.
3. Anna Bland Implication of 62 acres conveyed to her by George Mason, transaction between William Humphreys and Mumford Perryman, DB 8, July 23, 1791, pp. 255-258.
4. Anna Bland, grantor and Wormley Bland, grantee, Anna sells 120 acres on the road from Ninety Six to Charleston, for ten shillings. Part of a tract conveyed to Anna by William Little June 8, 1787. DB 7, November 1, 1792, pp. 297-302. Future researchers should note that Anna Bland's mark was a sharply drawn A (                    ).
5. Anna Bland Grantor,(called Nancy, "widow") James Bland, grantee.For 5 pounds, Nancy sells 100 acres on Mine Creek on north side of the road from Cambridge to Charleston. Property is adjacent to that of Wormley and Paten Bland and witness by Wormley Bland and Jeremiah Mobley, October 18, 1794. DB 11, August 19, 1794, pp. 315-317.
6. Anna Bland, grantee, Wormley Bland grantor, for ten shillings, Wormley sells 120 acres to Anna, located on the Ninety Six-Charleston Road. DB 13, February 25, 1796, pp. 54-58.
7. Anna Bland, (called Nancy) Grantor, Presley Bland, Grantee, for 20 pounds, Anna sells 105 acres located on the north side of the road from the Ridge to Ninety Six. Witness by "Sally Bland", May 18, 1796. DB 13, May 14, 1796, 58-60.
8. Anna Bland, (Called Nancy), grantor, to Jacob Brown, "my loving grandson" "for love and good will and affection" gives him 50 acres, property where "William Brown Now Lives". DB 13, May 18, 1796, pp. 60-61.

9. Anna Bland, grantor, sold to John Wells for \$100., 100 acres from the Perkins Road to Edgefield Court House. Witness Wormley Bland March 4, 1797. DB 14, January 14, 1797, pp. 370-372.

10. Anna Bland, grantor, Elisha Bland (her son), grantee. For \$50. sells 100 acres, part of a 250 acres tract bought from William Brown, located on the west wide of the new road from Perkins Ferrry on the Big Saluda River to Edgefield and on the south side of the Cambridge-Charleston Road. DB 15, January 15, 1798, pp. 370-372. Witness same day by Wormley Bland.

11. Anna Bland, (called Susannah at head, body has Ann struck out replaced by Nancy), Grantor, Turner and Elsey Bland, (Anna's grandsons), Grantees. For \$300., Anna sells to Turner and Elsey "at their coming of the age of twenty one" and Sarah Bland, "their mother. . . to live in the said during her natural life or widowhood . . ." 100 acres of land originally conveyed to Anna from William Little, situated on the west side of the road from Ninety Six to Charleston. DB 19, September 17, 1801, pp. 546-548.

12. Anna Bland (called Ann), Grantor. Sold to Lewis Mobley, for \$500., 210 acres part of a tract of 310 acres granted to Anna Bland by Governor Pinckney, August 21, 1797. On Shaw's Creek, off South Edisto River. DB 29, February 20, 1808, p. 20.

13. Avory Bland, (called Avory Gunnels, son of Presley Bland, lived 1792-1857), grantee, purchase from Daniel Gunnels for \$50. 50 acres on the Columbia Road, near "a pine corner on Presley Bland's Land". DB 32, January 8, 1816, pp. 436-437.

14. Avory Bland (called Avory Gunnels), grantee. Purchase from Gasper Donaldson, for \$310. 144 acres near "my father David Donaldson." DB 34, December 15, 1817, pp. 354-355.

15. Avory Bland Settlement of boundary question between Thomas Hatcher and Avory Bland of 101 acres of land on Turkey Creek. Avory Bland secures part of Hatcher's land for a burying ground, "in consideration of the sum of two hundred fifty dollars to me paid by **Avory Gunnels commonly called Avory Bland.**" For the price, Avory Bland also secures 100 acres originally granted to Richard Johnson in May 1786. DB 37, March 24, 1820, pp. 108-110.

16. Avory Bland grantor. For \$600. sold to Augustus G. Nagel 219 acres on the Edgefield-Columbia Road. Witness Wilson Barrenton. DB 37, July 24, 1820, 201-202.

17. Avory Bland Grantee. Augustus Nagel indentures himself to Avory for payment of \$1,200. due January 1, 1821, 1822, 1823. Security placed is 13 acres sold to Nagel by Presley Bland and 219 acres sold to Nagel by Avory Bland DB 37, July 24, 1820, pp. 203-204. (See the three transactions in unison. Nagel bought the 232 acres on credit, with the cash mingled, suggesting a less than totally alienated relationship between Presley and Avory).

18. Avory Bland, grantee. For \$43.50, purchases 15.25 acres from Eldred Simkins, situated on each side of the Old Crop road leading from Edgefield to Augusta. DB 39, January 8, 1823, 324-325. (A map shows this land in the midst of several boundaries marked south to north, A. Bland's or Bland's land).

19. Avory Bland grantee. For \$500. purchases 245 acres from Thomas Hatcher, situated at the Saw Mill Branch on Turkey Creek, close to the Widow Burt, adjoining the land of Hatcher and Bland. Witness by Gaspar Donaldson (who signs his name, no mark). DB 39, December 28, 1822, pp. 326-327.

20. Avory Bland grantor. For the sum of \$400. and after reserving one acre as a burial ground, sells to Thomas H. Loveless, 100 acres, part of a tract granted to Richard Johnson in May 1786, now evidently owned by Mary Johnson Bland, Avory's wife, and another granted to one Buffington (?), joined to land owned by Susannah Burt, Loveless and Avory Bland, location not specified. Witness by Charles Barrenton, February 27, 1823 and released by Mary Bland February 28, 1823., DB 39, February 28, 1823, 381-382.

21. Avory Bland grantee. For the sum of \$72. purchases the property of Ezekiel McClendon, lock, stock and barrel. A mortgage that is returnable if McClendon pays back the \$72. by December 1, 1824. Location not mentioned. DB 40, December 1, 1823, pp. 217-218.

29. Avory Bland grantee. Purchased for \$300. from Alexander McDaniel, 150 acres on Rocky Creek at Stevens Creek near the Savannah River. DB 44, February 13, 1830, pp. 197-198.
30. Avory Bland grantee. Purchased seized land from the Sheriff A.B. Belcher. Paid \$200. for 200 acres on Turkey Creek at the Savannah River, adjoining lands of Randall Murrill, Philip Raiford and Aquilla Miles. DB 46, October 5, 1830, pp. 82-83.
31. Avory Bland grantee. Pays to Daniel Holland et. al., \$330. for 266 acres situated on Turkey Creek waters of Steven's Creek at Savannah River bounded by Turkey Creek and the Road from Hamburg to Chappels Ferry on Saluda. DB 45, January 20, 1831, p. 229.
32. Avory Bland grantee. Paid to Martin and Amelia Palmer of Jefferson County, Middle Florida, \$330. for 266 acres on waters of Turkey and Stephen's Creek near the Savannah River, along road from Augusta to Chappel's Ferry on Saluda River. DB 45, August 27, 1831, pp. 279-80.
33. Avory Bland grantee and Elza Bland, grantor. Elza, for \$1500. sells to Avory, the property called "Cross Keys". Property is on the Columbia Road about two miles from the Edgefield Court House and has 337 acres. DB 45, November 1, 1831, p. 324.
34. Avory Bland, grantor. For payment of \$31. from Daniel Holland, sells 31.5 acres on both sides of Little Turkey Creek, a branch of Big Turkey Creek, off Big Stephen's Creek waters of the Savannah River. DB 46, September 3, 1833.
35. Avory Bland, grantee. Paid David W. Raney \$400. for 477 acres situated at Turkey Creek, on land adjoining Hart, Avory Bland, Coates and Teter. DB 46, December 19, 1833, pp. 290-291.
36. Avory Bland Co-grantee with Benjamin Frazier and John Teter, paid \$8,000. for purchase of unspecified amounts of land from Wiley Milton, situated on either side of Big Horse Creek. DB 46, January 18, 1834, pp. 300-301.
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39. Avory Bland Grantee. Paid to Samuel F. Goode, \$590.25 for 196.75 acres on little Turkey Creek. DB 46, April 17, 1834, p. 434.
40. Avory Bland Grantor. For \$81.75 sells 27.25 acres to Susannah Burt situated on Turkey Creek near the road from Augusta to Chappels Ferry on the Saluda River. DB 47, May 23, 1834, pp. 111-112.
41. Avory Bland grantee. For \$46. purchased 70 acres from William W. Eddins of Greene County Alabama, situated on the road leading from Augusta to Chappels Ferry Road on the Saluda near Beaver Dam Creek and Stephen's Creek. Witness Jesse Bettis. DB 47, October 4, 1834, pp. 136-137. See transactions of Talton Bland.
42. Avory Bland indenture with Wiley Milton, who conveys to Avory all of his property including land he owns, a 35 year old slave named Alsey, two "Gold Lotts" from the State of Georgia, assorted farm animals etc. for the loan of \$3,000. Deed Book 48, March 5, 1835, pp. 506-507.
43. Avory Bland Grantor. Sold to Hugh Neale for \$375. two tracts on Turkey Creek, "Quinney Prong" equaling 206 and 40 acres. DB 47, March 14, 1835, pp. 283-284.
44. Avory Bland grantor. Sold to Daniel Holland for \$25., 12 acres on Turkey Creek a branch of Stephens Creek and Savannah River. DB 47, June 4, 1835, pp. 258-259.
45. Avory Bland grantee. Purchased from George W. and Elizabeth Neale for \$1,000. some 133 acres on Turkey Creek on Stephens Creek of Savannah River. DB 46, January 5, 1838, p. 333.
46. Avory Bland Grantee. Purchased from Allen Y. Burston for \$1,200. property in "the village of Edgefield on the corner of the lot where on B.A. Wallace now resides, bordering on the public square, containing all the land covered by the stockhouse now occupied by Bland and Catlin. DB 48, September 13, 1838, p. 268.
47. Avory Bland grantor. Sold to Daniel Holland one acre for \$5. situated on Turkey Creek. DB 48, November 30, 1838, pp. 547-548.

48. Barnet F. Bland grantee. Purchased from Wiley Harrison for \$200., a total of 130 acres on Stephens Creek near the Savannah River. DB 46, November 7, 1832, p. 58.
49. Elisha Bland (of the State of Georgia, Washington County), Grantor. To William Daniels, for \$50., 100 acres on north side of Perkins Road. DB 22, December 30, 1801, pp. 138-139.
50. Elza Bland grantee. Pays \$1200. to John Coats for 300 acres on Turkey Creek at Rocky Creek. Witness by Charles Barrenton and Moore Johnson. DB 38, August 29, 1821.
51. Elza Bland grantor, and Presley Bland grantee. For \$350., Elza sells to Presley, 95 acres on the Red Bank Creek of the Little Saluda River. Land borders Presley Bland and Jeremiah Mobley. Witness, Avory Bland and Gasper Donaldson. DB 38, November 5, 1821, pp. 329-330.
52. Elza Bland indenture to Avory Bland. Elza promises to pay Avory \$710. for possession of "Cross Keys" 157 acres, payments to be made in two installments, January 1, 1827 and 1828. DB 41, December 5, 1825, pp. 291-292.
53. Elza Bland loan to Jonathan Williams. Elza loans \$30. on condition that Williams turn over to him "all or as much as is coming to me from my grandmother Mary Bush at her decease." DB 41, March 13, 1826, pp. 449-450.
54. Elza Bland loan to Thomas Richardson, for \$107. for all of Richardson's property as security. Witness by Sampson Bland. DB 41, February 11, 1826, 451.
55. Elza Bland loan of \$50. to Thomas Richardson. Security is 109 acres of land at Richland Creek and the Little Saluda River, part of a 500 acre tract granted to Jacob Smith, March 7, 1796. DB 41, February 11, 1826, p. 451.
56. Elza Bland grantee. Paid \$100. to John Gray for 50 acres known as Crop Roads. DB 44, September 8, 1829, p. 70.
57. Elza Bland grantee. Pays \$600 to John Martin et al. of Montgomery County Alabama for lot 13 in Edgefield town, on the corner of Baldwin and Jefferson. DB 45, April 28, 1831, pp. 462-464.

58. James Bland (son of Anna) grantor. Presley Bland (son of Anna), grantee. James sold to Presley 20 acres on Mine Creek near the little Saluda River. DB 26, February 13, 1805, pp. 162-164.
59. James Bland, Grantor. for \$54. sold to Mumford Perryman, 25 acres on Cedar Branch of Mine Creek of Little Saluda River. DB 27, November 27, 1805, pp. 33-35.
60. James and Anna Bland (son and mother) grantors. For \$147. sold to Jeremiah Mobley (who married Sarah Turner Bland, widow of James' Brother and Anna's son Wormley, sometime after 1801), 50 acres on Cedar Branch, off Mine Creek, off the Little Saluda River. DB 28, September 29, 1806, pp. 528-529. Witness by Presley Bland and Alsey Mobley.
61. James Bland Grantor and Presley Bland, Grantee. For \$70. sold to Presley 15 acres near Mine Creek and north of the Cambridge Road where Jeremiah Mobley and Presley Bland live. DB 28, July 31, 1807, pp. 501-503.
62. Presley Bland Witness, DB 13, January 1, 1795, 98-102, transaction between Daniel Parker and Sarah Gunnels (probable mother of Dicey Gunnels). Map shows property adjacent to "Moses Carter's People". Note an apparent double wedding January 23, 1823, between Talton Bland and Mary Carter, and Casper or Gasper Donaldson and Peggy Bland. Carlee T. McClendon, Edgefield Marriage Records: Edgefield, South Carolina, from the Late 18th Century up Through 1870, pp. 14, 49.
63. Presley Bland, Grantor, for \$300., sold 416 acres to Andrew Gomillion, located on the branch of Shaw's Creek off the South Edisto River. Land granted to Presley Bland by Governor Pinckney in 1797. DB 18, January 24, 1800, pp. 287-88.
64. Presley Bland, Grantor. For \$300. sold to John Allen 200 acres, part of a 500 acre tract granted to Presley March 19, 1796, land located near the Edgefield Court House. DB 29, July 18, 1806, pp. 273-274.
65. Presley Bland, grantor, sold to Colonel Thomas Ellis for \$450., 500 acres at Beaver Dam Creek on the waters of the Savannah River. DB 30, July 6, 1811, pp. 372-373.
63. Presley Bland, grantee. Purchase from James Hart for \$300., 150 acres southwest side of the Hart Branch, off Red Bank creek. DB 37 October 15, 1819, pp. 360-362.

67. Presley Bland grantor. Sold for \$600., to Augustus G. Nagel, 13 acres on the Edgefield-Columbia Road. Called "Cross Keys". Land sold borders Nagels, Aaron Carter's Edmund Bacons and Avory Bland's. Wilson Barrenton was a witness. DB 37, July 24, 1820, pp. 202-203.
68. Presley Bland, grantee. Purchase from Elizabeth Perryman, widow and executrix of Mumford Perryman, for \$250., 105 acres, including 18 acres on the South Side of Cedar Branch, part of a tract of 312 acres granted to William Humphries and a tract of 200 acres to Arthur Ford; 62 acres originally granted from Anna Bland to William Humphries and thence to Mumford Perryman; 25 acres conveyed from James Bland to Mumford Perryman. DB 38, August 27, 1821, 328-329.
69. Presley Bland grantor. For the sum of \$100. or \$900. sells to Edward Garrett, 100 acres, part of an original tract to Ann Bland August 21, 1797, at Shaw's Creek and South Edisto River. DB 40, November 23, 1823, 240-241.
70. Presley Bland grantee. Paid to Amos Satcher \$60. for purchase of 736 acres consisting of 236 at Reedy Fork of Bridges Creek and 500 acres at the Branches of Bridge Creek and Lin Branch on Shaws Creek. DB 44, January 4, 1830, p. 319.
71. Presley Bland grantee. Paid to Ellis Satcher \$50. for 930 acres bordering on Barnwell District. DB 44, April 5, 1830, pp. 327-328.
72. Presley Bland Grantee. Paid William Daniel \$200. for 120 acres at Mine Creek at the Little Saluda River. Near Cedar Branch on the Cambridge- Charleston road. Part of a tract originally granted to Elza and Turner Bland by Anna Bland, the balance of the tract purchased from Anna by James Bland bought from James Bland by Jeremiah Mobley now deceased. Premises were purchased by William Daniel at a sheriff's sale in 1824. Witness Sally Mobley (probably Sarah Turner Bland Mobley). DB 45, November 25, 1830, pp. 148-149.
73. Talton Bland grantee. Purchase from Thomas and Mary Chiles for \$46., 45.75 acres running from the road leading from the Saluda River to the Piney Woods House. Miles Radford or Raiford witness. DB 42, November 9, 1826, pp. 391-392.
74. Talton Bland Adjustment of land sold by Thomas and Mary Chiles, Talton concedes a part of the 45.75 acres he bought to William Eddins. Witness by Jesse Bettis. DB 43, January 7, 1829, 420.