

Group 04-Prince William Co., VA and IL – Original Surname Probably Wroe

The Most Recent Common Ancestor of the three Blands who tested into **Group 04** has been determined to be John Bland of Prince William County, VA (see G04.1). However, DNA evidence proves that the ancestral father (“Old John”) was not a Bland male. Traditional genealogical evidence seems to suggest that his mother was a female in the **Group 02** family. This female could have been a single woman (the daughter of a Bland) or a married woman (the wife of a Bland). Although “Old John” is the most distant proven ancestor of one of our DNA examples, it is still possible that the NPE occurred a generation or two before him, i.e., with his mother or grandmother. Research has offered some hints, but not positive identification of either the Wroe father or the Bland mother.

G04.A John Bland[**Family #24**] (ca 1782-1857) of Prince William Co., VA married 1st Mary Ann Nancy Buchannon, ca 1801; 2nd Mary Angeline, ca 1843Ann. See: AC21/23, p. 198.

DNA participant in this group is:

Wilbur Preston Bland

G04.B John A. Bland[**Family #25**](1836/37-1910) of Clark Co., IL married Mary Ellen Hoyle (Hoile) 1861. See: AC24/26, pp. 91-94. This John was erroneously linked to Osborne Bland (ca 1748-1828).

DNA participants in this group are:

Gary Dean Bland

Murrel Wesley Bland

G04.C The Wroe Connection DNA matches showed up for the first time for **Group 04** in 2016. Not Blands, however, these men are from two different Wroe lines--Original Wroe (1697-1774 of Westmoreland Co., VA) and Absalom Wroe (ca1758-1834 of VA and Washington, D. C.), both of whom had ties to Prince William County, VA. As **Lawton** is from the Original Wroe line and is the most closely matched to our Blands, it is assumed that the non-paternity event (NPE) occurred in the Original line.

Lawton Wroe

Kenny Wroe

Brice Wroe