

Among Cousins

The Bland Family Newsletter



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Dear Cousins,

This issue concludes the tenth year of "Among Cousins: The Bland Family Newsletter. Since publication of A Vision of Unity and the beginning of "Among Cousins" in 1982, through the Annual Bland Reunions and the continuing flow of correspondence and new contacts and information, I have been amazed at how this endeavor has prospered, even though it has existed seemingly on a edge between prosperity and famine. Nothing, however, has impressed me as much as the devotion and dedication of so many of you, whose hard work in the county libraries and court houses has made this possible, far beyond anything one person could accomplish.

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As you will see as the pages of this number of "Among Cousins" unfolds, the period of 1993-1995 shapes up as a time of transition and, I hope, continuation of the work our joint efforts have made possible.

So deeply have I been touched by the commitment from so many of you that I pledge to continue the work as long as there is a breath of life in me.

The Eighth National Bland Reunion Our Eighth National Bland Reunion will be held this summer in Denver Colorado, August 14-16, 1992. The Reunion is sponsored this year by Richard Parks Bland II and his family and is labeled "The Rocky Mountain Special". The Reunion will be conducted at the Christain Brothers Mullen High School and headquarters for the Reunion Group will be the Hampton Inn Southwest, which is shown on the map enclosed with this Newsletter. The Direct Phone to the Hampton Inn is 1-303-909-6900 or you may call 1-800-HAMPTON but in either case, specify that you are with the Bland Reunion and have been specified a rate of \$46.00 per night for up to four persons in a room.

Richard Parks Bland bears the namesake of his grandfather, Richard Parks Bland (1835-1899) the famous Missouri Congressman who was a Democratic candidate for President in 1896. **SILVER DICK FOR PRESIDENT 1992.** Better than Clinton, better than Perot, better than . . . what's his name. Better, let him join the GOP ticket in place of Danforth, campaign slogan, better a Silver Dick than a Silver Spoon! Anyway, this year's reunion will be dedicated to Silver Dick's ancestral family, those brave pioneers who left Virginia about 1780 and ventured out to Jefferson County Kentucky, settling around what became Washington County and set about creating a genuine Presidential Candidate, our best hope for salvation from that notorious wind'bag, William Jennings Bryan. This dedication, I hasten to add, does not suggest that anyone is excluded or not invited. The Reunion is for all those who are named Bland by birth or marriage, or descend from any branch of the Bland family, and your friends and family.

In his announcement of the Reunion, Richard Bland emphasized the attraction of Colorado as a vacation spot. Denver has fine attractions such as Water World and Elitch Gardens. There are museums, and other historical locations. As an added attraction, Ricard has arranged for those who can to attend a Dinner Theater Presentation of "Paint Your Wagon" by the Boulder Company on Sunday night the 16th. At the Reunion on Saturday August 15, there will be some special singing and some sing-alongs of old favorites like we had in Kentucky at the First Reunion. Richard also notes that air fares are a bargain this summer, so we hope to see many of you there. We are especially hopeful that this reunion will be an attraction to Western "Cousins" who never have a chance to attend the Reunions on the East Coast and Midwest.

John W. Bland of Elizabethtown Kentucky has agreed to be the designated "Cousin" who will receive a monthly computer disk or disks that contains all work done through the month. In the event of my death or disability, John has agreed to take responsibility to coordinate completion of the project with three other "Cousins" whom I have in mind but have not yet contacted. I am grateful to Richard and Jeannette Bickley Bland of Richardson Texas who have taken up the giant task of indexing the last five volumes of the Newsletter and scanning the book and earlier copies of the Newsletter onto a Word-Perfect disk for me. Jeannette has already sent me a preliminary index of names for Volumes 6-9 of *Among Cousins*, which has already proved useful in helping a correspondent find a contact.

At the Denver Reunion, there will be a drawing that includes the names of all those who pledged. First prize will be a complete set of the book. Second prize will be a single volume of the winner's choice. I will include the names of all those who pledge through August 15, 1992.

As of the time this issue went to press, the following "Cousins" who pledged have given me their permission to list their names in the Newsletter.

Angelia and Hop Alford, Masben Mississippi
Anne Armistead, Roanoke Virginia
Mary Bland Armistead, Roanoke Virginia
John W. Bland, Elizabethtown Kentucky
Robert E. Bland, Vandalia Missouri
Robert O. and Ethel A. Bland, Deland Florida
Reverend John W. French, late husband of Ruth Webb French,
Ferndale Michigan
Jean Hanson, Pocatello Idaho
Leslie and Fran Harton, Mount Holly New Jersey
Josephine Bland Holden, Las Cruces New Mexico
Mildred Hunter, State College Pennsylvania
Thomas Jones, Edwardsville Illinois
Edith C. Lanning, Dunnelon Florida
Sally Cox Lee, Orlando Florida
Mr. and Mrs. James B. Lewellen, Fort Worth Texas
Carolyn Bland Miller, Vicksburg Mississippi
Helen G. Pearson, Sacramento California
Mary Lou Shadduck, College Station Texas
Susan Stanley, Chesapeake Virginia, In memory of Mrs. Dorthea
Gilbreath
Eloise A. Stoudenmier, Orange Texas

Others who pledged but did not return the release form I enclosed with confirmation of the pledge, are listed as anonymous donors for now, though of course I will be happy to list them in the next Newsletter. I will also note the names of those who pledge between now and the reunion or between now and the date of the next Newsletter.

"Your proposal is of interest. The volumes of information that you have accumulated need integrating attention. For me the task would be overwhelming. Without the tools now available, it would take a life-time to complete the work. It is a job that needs to be done and I admire your courage."

"I can only imagine what kind of job it will be. . . Not many family lines are as fortunate as we are to have someone as capable and committed as you are."

I also was gratified by the fact that some of those who made pledges did so in financially adverse circumstances and dug deep to find even a little to contribute to the cause. Also, for those who told me they simply could not contribute because of medical bills, educational costs, living near the edge on pensions and unemployment, and especially those former frequent callers who haven't called lately, I understand. These are very difficult, troubling and sometimes frightening times that we live in. I know that many of you who did not pledge anything, would have if you possibly could.

One lady who pledged to the project assured me in response to my my follow up letter during May that there was no "flaw in the structure of my proposal", but rather a flaw in everyone's human nature that is called procrastination. The counsel to patience reminded me of one of my own flaws, impatience.

Finally, in response to those few inevitable negative letters, I hope the work of the next few years will convince you that this effort was a worthwhile undertaking.

A Stone for Theodorick The Suffolk Chapter, Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century, has initiated a fund to place a bronze marker at the head of the grave of Theodorick Bland (1629-1671), the founding father for practical purposes of the James River Virginia Bland family. Theodorick is buried at Westover Plantation along the James. You will recall, (AC 8-2, pp. 5-40) that Westover was one of the pieces of property that Anna Bennett Bland, Theodorick's widow, salvaged in her titanic fight with her sister in law Sarah Giles Bland in the Seventeenth Century, an action which at least contributed to the establishment of the Bland Family in America during the Eighteenth Century. The sons of Theodorick Bland sold the property to the Byrd Family and it has changed hands many times since, but the grave of Theodorick has remained in its original place. The tombstone reads:

Jesus, Savior of the World
The Remains of the Wise and Learned Theodorick Bland, Esq.
who died April 23rd A.D. 1671
Aged 41
Whose most disconsolate widow, Anna,
A daughter of Richard Bennett, Esq.
Erected this tomb.

The new marker would repeat verbatim the inscription on the original head stone, which has now been worn away to near illegibility by time and weather, and would include a credit to the Suffolk Chapter. The preliminary conservative estimate is that the project would cost \$700. and the Suffolk Chapter has \$250. to contribute to the project. The remainder must come from contributions. Its a worthy project, and to contribute, make your check to "Bland Marker Fund" and send it to Mrs. Gerald Williams, 7900 North Shore Road, Norfolk Virginia, 23505.

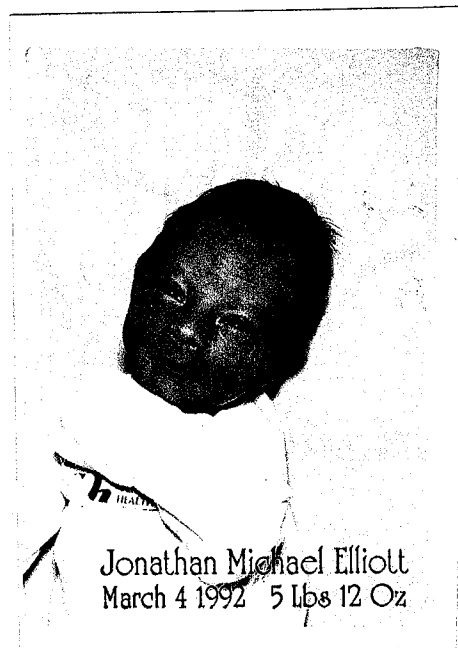
Future Issues of A Vision of Unity and Among Cousins Because of the diminution in the volume of sales of A Vision of Unity during the past two years, I will publish the book in October and then change to a once a year format, the book to be published once annually in October. This will continue in this transition period while the new book is being readied. The effort to rewrite the book will inevitably effect the publication of Among Cousins. I propose to publish the Newsletter in 1993, Volume 11. It would seem logical to suspend the Newsletter in 1994, when new information is being folded into the draft created in 1992-1993. A counter-argument for continuing the Newsletter may be that some cousins would like to have more timely information, or will not be able to buy the new book yet would like the information from the Newsletter. Your thoughts on this would be appreciated. Is it worth while to continue the Newsletter unbroken or should I suspend its publication in 1994 and begin a second series in 1995?

Transition

Let us begin with the happy news. Jane Morse, the daughter of Jim and Betty Bland Lovvorn and wife of True Morse, gave birth to a "beautiful baby boy" John Anderson Morse in December 1991. Betty Lovvorn descends from the Bland family that migrated from Edgefield-Union County South Carolina to Rutherford County North Carolina about 1831. Laverne and Kay Bland of Edgerton Missouri informed me of the birth of their grandson Jonathan Michael Elliott, son of Laverne and Kay's daughter Patricia W. Bland and John L. Elliott. Pamela Sue Sparks Jones, a favorite cousin of mine, whom I met at the Third Reunion in Solsberry Indiana, sent me a notice that she and her husband Lonnie Wayne Jones celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on March 5, 1992. We welcome John Anderson Morse and Jonathan Elliott to this mortal coil and offer sincere congratulations to Lonnie and Pam Jones. I am pleased to offer photos of Jonathan Elliott and Pam and Wayne Jones and to note that there are smiles all around.



Pamela Sue Sparks Jones and
Lonnie Wayne Jones



Jonathan Michael Elliott
March 4, 1992

In the last number of *Among Cousins* I announced that correspondent Ruth Webb of Ferndale Michigan had married The Reverend John French on May 8, 1991. Sadly, John French died November 1, 1991. Carolyn Bland Miller of Vicksburg Mississippi informed me recently that her brother Dennis Bland died at age 36 on June 22, 1992 of numerous complications stemming from diabetes. I'm sure my readers will join me in extending our sympathy to Ruth Webb French and Carolyn Miller.

Those who knew her as I did will surely mourn the passing of Marian Daniels on March 15, 1992 and have told a few correspondents in advance. I was notified of her death by her step-daughter. Marian was an avid genealogist to the very end and was an early and subsequently frequent correspondent of mine, offering me kindness, support and sobering criticism at times. I came to look forward to her letters and cherished the times we met at national reunions in 1985 and 1987, and I came to love her and cherish her friendship.

Clyde Ernest Bland of Pittsboro North Carolina, who with his wife Hazel Ellis Bland and their family, sponsored the Fourth National Bland Reunion in 1988, died on June 27, 1992 after a brief illness. Clyde was a veteran of World War II, an Insurance Businessman and Postal Service Employee, community leader, Methodist, good family man and a good Bland. He was a faithful Cousin who always took an interest in the history of our family. Clyde will be missed.

Richard Knight, Virginia Beach Virginia, sent me a clipping of the death of William R. Bland of Arvonnia Virginia, November 16, 1988. William was the son of Edward Bland (1851-1901) and Nannie Cooke, (AC 7-1, p. 9) Betty Lovvorn supplied a newsclipping announcing the death of James Clyde Yarber Jr. a son of James Clyde Yarber and the late Pearl Dot Bland, both of Oak Ridge Tennessee. Mr. Yarber died at age 62 on June 2, 1992.

THE BLAND FAMILY OF RANDOLPH COUNTY NORTH CAROILINA Later Generations

In the last issue of this Among Cousins we began a review of the known information about the first four generations of the Bland family that descended from Moses Bland (C1718-1800) and his wife Jane Wiggonton (AC 10-1, pp. 16-39). Here, I would like to complete the review by offering the three generations we know of that followed the fourth generation. It seems to be the seventh generation in this family that decisively crosses over into the Twentieth Century. Not all lines are researched of course, and much of what follows depends on the masterful compilations and analysis of Jane Midtby of Denver Colorado.

Descendants of Captain James Bland and Jane Johnston

I. Moses Bland (1718-1800) married Jane Wiggonton (C1735-after 1800).

II. William Bland (C1751-1801) married _____ Ward about 1771.

III. "Captain" James Bland (1773-1832) married Jane Johnston (1780-1868). The following information traces known family lines to the 20th century cross-over point for children of James Bland and Jane Johnston.

IV. (First Family) Reverend Thomas Bland (January 27, 1804 - 1892) fourth child and first son of James Bland and Jane Johnston. Thomas married his cousin Martha "Patsy" Bland (November 22, 1803 - 1891) on December 15, 1825. (This family is discussed in AC 10-1, at pp. 25-26). Thomas was born in Clarke's Grant Indiana Territory and lived in Jennings and Jefferson County Indiana. Martha was born in North Carolina. Most of their children were born and lived in Jennings County. Thomas and Martha had a family of eight children including:

1. Francis Asbury or Asberry Bland (October 1, 1826 - September 25, 1907). He married twice. Francis' first wife was Frances Ann Hall (March 3, 1829 - June 6, 1860) whom he married April 4, 1847. (Can't you just hear them talking now? "Come here Fran honey." "Coming Fran". By Frances Hall, Francis Asberry had five children:

A. John Hall Bland (March 25, 1848 - May 7, 1924). John was born and died in Jennings County. He married Mary Catherine Hansell (April 9, 1844 - November 14, 1900 or 1901)¹ on January 1, 1871. This couple had seven children, though it appears only two of them lived to adulthood and those two never married: (1) Susan Effie Bland (1872-1887) died young of Typhoid Fever; (2) Thomas Hansell Bland (1874-1899) who did not marry; (3) Blanchie Bland (1875-1876); (4) Luke F. Bland (1877-1958) never married; (5) Ralph C. Bland (1879-1880); (6) Benjamin Thomas Bland (1884-1892); (7) William J. "Willie" Bland, (1881-1949) developed polio at an early age and was bound to a wheel chair for the balance of his life. He never married.

B. Thomas Eubank Bland (May 3, 1850 - October 7, 1924). Known as "Bank" Bland, Thomas lived and died in Jennings County. He married Eliza "Jennie" Adams (1848-1922) on October 29, 1877. Thomas and Eliza had one daughter (1) Daisy who married Ross Winder.

C. Benjamin Franklin Bland (February 4, 1853 - October 12, 1933). Ben out ran all the women and stayed single all his long life.

D. Martha Ellen Bland (August 23, 1855 - 1929). Martha out ran all the men and stayed single all her long life.

E. Martin Champman Bland (February 14, 1858 - February 8, 1946). Martin out ran all the women and. . . hey wait a minute. With all these kids that never married, you think maybe no one was chasing?

Second Francis Asberry Bland married Jane Ann Hansell (1833-1896) on August 28, 1862. By Jane, Francis Asbury had one child:

F. Elizabeth Bland (June 13, 1865 - October 30, 1872).

2. Benjamin Franklin Bland (January 25, 1829 - September 28, 1862). Benjamin married the widow Permilia Violet Kail (1831-1880) about 1855 and by her had two children:

A. Charles W. Bland (C1857 - died after 1880).

B. Everett Elmer Bland (C1859- died after 1880). Elmer married a Quaker woman, Rebecca Woolman (C1861-). They had one daughter named Jennie.

¹ There is some confusion in Mary Catherine's date of death, shown alternately in Jane Midtby's notes as 1900 and 1901 but that she died of pneumonia, 37 years old.

3. James Calvin Bland (January 13, 1831 - July 19, 1896) married Sarah M. Burge (November 29, 1835 - October 10, 1895) on March 29, 1855. (A photo of James and Sarah appears on page 13 below). James Calvin Bland and Sarah M. Burge had a family of twelve children.

A. Edgar Burge Dayton Bland (July 11, 1856 - 1942). Edgar married Emma E. Van Tresse (1859-1944), about 1878 and moved with her to Sullivan Illinois. (A photo of Edgar Burge Bland and Emma Van Tresse with their three daughters appears on page 13, below). They had three daughters: (1) Myrtle, (1879-1971) who married H.H. Strickler of California; (2) Gertrude, (1882-1975) who did not marry; (3) Mae, (1885-1973), who married Rufus "Kamp" Ground.

B. James Omer Bland (C1858-April 1927). James married twice. First, he married Eugenia Petrie, who died during childbirth in 1884. By this marriage there was one daughter, Inez Bland (1884-1974), who married Clarence Ray Marsh on February 21, 1906.² After Marsh died, Inez married Walter C. Lough, (1871-1962).

Secondly, James Omer Bland married Clara Idale Shepherd, (1865-1905) about 1887. Children by this second marriage included (1) Ernest Elsberry Bland (1889-1959), who married Dora Stanley (1888-1930) and had two sons by her. A photo of Ernest E. Bland appears on Page 14, below) ; (2) Charles Omer Bland (November 30, 1895 - November 15, 1985) who married Meade Love Parker McCarnon (May 5, 1900 - July 5, 1979) and by her had a son and daughter.³

C. Sarah E. (Nettie) Bland (February 7, 1861 - March 3, 1926). Sarah married William Charles Robertson (September 27, 1855 - March 22, 1938) in Jennings County Indiana February 16, 1882. Afterward they moved to Oklahoma and thence Bethany Illinois where they died. Sarah and William had a son, Charles, (1886-1964) who married Bernice and who stayed Oklahoma and a daughter Grace May (1882-1940), who married S. Frederick Williams.

² Charles Marsh and Inez Bland had a daughter La Verne Margaret Marsh who married Wendell Lattimore Trapp Jr. Their daughter Mary Jane Trapp, married Donald Burgess Sine. Mary Jane, now of Louisville Kentucky, is my correspondent and accompanied her mother to the Seventh National Bland Reunion at North Vernon Indiana.

³ The daughter was Mary Ella Bland, who married Glen William Day. This couple now live in North Vernon Indiana and co-sponsored the Seventh National Reunion at North Vernon in 1991. The son William Omer Bland and his wife Margaret Ann Kreider also attended the Reunion and drove me and Tommy around the countryside looking at old Bland graves and picking buckeyes.

D. Angie D. Bland (January 25, 1862 - August 27, 1863).

E. Charles J. Bland (December 2, 1863, - August 11, 1890) was killed in Warsaw Wisconsin. Charles never married.

F. Ada (Addie) Bland (April 4, 1866 - May 6, 1960) Married John Samuel Smith (1863-1942) on December 25, 1889. (A photo of Addie Bland and John Smith with their daughter Alice appears on page 14, below). There were two children of this marriage, (1) Mildred, who married J. Armstrong and (2) Alice, who married a Huffman.

G. Josephine (Josie) Bland (July 15, 1868 - February 6, 1941). Josephine married Franklin Sporleder (December 13, 1870 - January 9, 1930) on January 13, 1892. A photo of this couple appears in AC 3-1, at page 24.

H. Thomas Bland (April 1869 - 1870).

I. Ernest Ellsberry Bland (May 6, 1870 - November 23, 1871).

J. Louisa "Lou" Bland (August 26, 1872 - August 8, 1959). Louisa married John Coleman (1853-1947). They had no children.

K. Lucy (Emmaline) Bland (May 28, 1875 - March 11, 1910). Lucy married George Louis Schuck on March 11, 1895. (A photo of Lucy Bland and George Schuck appears on page 15, below). They had three daughters, (1) Gladys, who married Chester Hake or Hoke in 1916; (2) Alice, who married another Hoke or Hake; and (3) Ursula, who married a Yank Park but had no children by him.

L. Pearl Bland (May 11, 1879 - September 24, 1886).



Clockwise from Left: James Calvin Bland and Sarah Burge (p. 11); Thomas Johnston Bland; Edgar Burge Dayton Bland and Emma Vann Tresse with children Myrtle, Gertrude and Mae in no particular order.



Clockwise from Left: Ernest Ellsberry Bland; Sarah E. Bland and William Charles Robertson with children Charles and Grace May:



Left: John Smith and Addie Bland with daughter Alice
Right: George Louis Schuck and Lucy Bland.
All Photos, pp. 13-15, Courtesy of Jane Midtby

4. William U. or V. Cooper Bland (1832-). It is probable that this man died before reaching age 21.

5. Thomas Johnston Bland (May 12, 1833 - January 18, 1864) Thomas was born in Jennings County and died in Shelby County Indiana, while he was enlisted in the Union Army. There is no record that he married. (A photo of Thomas Johnston Bland appears above, p. 13).

6. Elizabeth Jane Bland (December 4, 1835 - January 23, 1870) married Caleb G. Alexander on April 1, 1869. Elizabeth died, probably in child birth.

7. Doctor John Osburn (April 9, 1838 - after 1890). ⁴ John married twice. His first wife was Lucy Mooney (April 5, 1843 - May 13, 1891), whom he married June 28, 1862. One son was born in 1863 and died the same year. John's second wife was Josephine Warren Park, who was the mother of one daughter named Maude (1892-1959).

8. Marion Elhannan Bland (May 29, 1842 - February 10, 1884) married in 1873 the widow Aurilla L. Baker (1833- after 1900). They had one known child, named Bertha, born about 1874.

IV. (Second Family) James Bland (September 28, 1808 - December 1872). James was the fifth child and second son of James Bland and Jane Johnston. Johnston. James married Sarah Nichols (1814-) on December 22, 1831. James was born in Clarke's Grant Indiana and died in Keokuk County Iowa. Sarah was born in Ohio. James and Sarah's family was discussed in AC 10-1 at page 26). They had seven children:

1. Nancy A. Bland (1833-1876) who married an unknown (to us, not to her) man in 1857.

2. Mary Jane Bland (October 3, 1835 - December 8, 1910). Mary Jane married Thomas L. McCammon on September 25, 1853. Mary Jane and Thomas McCammon had a family of five children including Sarah Ellen; ⁵ Fannie Jane; Mary L.; James L. and Thomas.

3. Calvin L. Bland (June 14, 1840 - April 6 or 7 1862) Calvin died at the Battle of Shiloh fighting on the Union side for Iowa's Company F.

⁴ John appears as a physician in the records of the Jackson County Indiana medical society, Commissioner's record Book 6, page 50, June 4, 1862.

⁵ Sarah Ellen McGammon married Samuel Marsh Spencer, their daughter Fannie Spencer married Joseph J. Griffith and became the parents of my long time correspondent Fannie Elva Griffith Reitz.

A. Luella May Bland (September 1882 -) who married Isaac N. Williams on August 4, 1906. They had four children: (1) Edith Jackson Williams; (2) Esther Rachel Williams; (3) Isaac Volney Williams and (4) Betty Lou Williams.

B. Robert M. Bland (March 30, 1885 -) who married first Leona Randall on October 3, 1908. Leona died March 23, 1932 and Robert married second Ethel Spann Craig in August 30, 1935.

C. James Harvey Bland (May 19, 1887 - November 27 1889).

D. Russell H. Bland (September 28, 1889 -) married Elizabeth Sanford in Indianapolis Indiana, October 16, 1910. They had five children: (1) Robert Sanford Bland (1911-) who married Mary Parson, March 16, 1935; (2) William James Bland (1913-) who married Hazel Irwin September 17, 1935; (3) Howard Russell Bland (1916-); (4) Rachel Meade Bland (1921-) and (5) Mary Elizabeth Bland (1924-).

E. Homer Prather Bland (July 10, 1892 - April 2, 1893).

F. Bertha Elizabeth Bland (May 7, 1894 -) on December 28, 1922 married George Miller. They had a daughter Georgine E. Miller, born May 24, 1924.

G. Louis Isaac Bland (August 26, 1898 -) on November 30, 1922 married Edna Elliot. They had a daughter Roberta May Bland, Born August 16, 1923.

4. John Martin Bland (March 15, 1858 - February 28, 1916). John, a farmer and a Methodist, married Luella Shaw on September 24, 1884, probably at Batesville, Ripley County Indiana. This family was living at Otter Creek in Ripley County in the 1900 Census. They had a family of nine children:

A. Eunice Marian Bland (October 10, 1885 -) married Charles Shook (-August 14, 1943) on December 11, 1904. They had two children, Leland and John W. Shook.

B. Ivan Noble Bland (December 26, 1886 -) married Anna Basse on February 14, 1914. Their children were (1 and 2) twins, Luella and Clifford Bland; (3) Walter Bland (1918-); (4) Paul Bland (1919-) and (5) Mildred Bland, (1923-), who married Earl W. Strobel (-1986).

C. Mary H. Bland (June 29, 1888 -) on May 19, 1909 married Herman Mevius. They moved to California and had two children Herman A. and Vivan Ruth Mevius.

C. Marion Coleman Bland (May 5, 1897 - 1965) on February 21, 1921, married Lois McGee (1900-). They had three children: (1) Norma Jean Bland (1924-1926); (2) Lucy Anne (1929-) and (3) Kenneth E. Bland (1934-).

Descendants of John Bland and Mary Bland

I. Moses Bland (1718-1800) married Jane Wiggonton (C1735-after 1800).

II. William Bland (C1751-1801) married _____ Ward about 1771.

III. John Bland (1790-1830) the youngest son of William Bland and _____ Ward, married a cousin Mary Bland (C1793-1857) the daughter of Benjamin Bland, on October 9, 1811. (This family is discussed in AC 10-1, pp. 31-32 and 35. John and Mary had a family of six children, about whom extended information is known of:

IV. (First Family) Osburn Bland (C1812 - February 20, 1882).⁷ Osburn was the first son and child of John and Mary Bland. Osburn probably named for that great indian fighter, Osborne Bland, (C1748-1820) his Kentucky cousin. Osburn himself, a farmer and a Methodist, was born in Kentucky, at the Indiana border, and he lived and died in Bigger township, Jennings County Indiana. He married Mary Ann Clarkson (C1814-C1882)⁸ on February 20, 1836. This family appears on AC 10-1, pp. 31-32. Osburn Bland and Mary Ann Clarkson had a family of eight children:

1. Nancy Jane Bland (January 17, 1837 - after 1882).⁹

⁷ In AC 10-1, I referred to Osburn and his son Luther Osburn as "Osborne" which is the correct spelling, but "Osburn" is the way both men spelled their name.

⁸ Mary Ann's will was made out November 25, 1882, Jennings County Will Book #3, P. 231.

⁹ Of Osburn's eight children, Nancy Jane and Mary Evelina are known by their appearance in his will of 1882.

2. Thomas Jefferson Bland (January 17, 1840 - 1918) married Malissa Olivia Cole (July 10, 1840 - October 16, 1916) on July 11, 1861.²³ (A Photo of Malissa Cole is displayed below). Thomas, as noted in the last issue, was a Civil War Veteran. After the death of Osburn Bland in 1882, Thomas and Malissa moved to Shelby County Indiana. They were Methodists and had seven children:



Malissa Cole Bland, courtesy of Jane Cole Midtby

²³ Malissa was the daughter of Benjamin and Ruth Cole and the sister of Leonard W. Cole, who married Thomas Jefferson Bland's first cousin, Nancy Bland, daughter of Meredith Bland.

A. Leonard Ellsworth Bland (July 7, 1862 December 20, 1939), died in Shelby County Indiana. Leonard married Claudia Eberhart (May 13, 1867 - November 20, 1936) on January 15, 1893. They had six children: (1) A step-daughter to Leonard, Stella Bland (1889-1908) who married John LaMasters July 20, 1907, and probably died in childbirth; (2 and 3) two unnamed infant sons born 1893 and 1894 who died soon after birth; (4 and 5) twins Eva Ursula and Delilah Bland. Delilah was stillborn. Eva Ursula Bland (1896-1971) married Ralph Spurlin on April 17, 1913 and had by him six children; (6) Ernest Edison Bland (1903-1983), who married Elsie Irene Loudon. Ernest Bland was an interior decorator at Shelbyville Indiana during his working years. There were no children by this marriage.

B. Charles G. Bland (C1865-ante1870).

C. Anna Bland (C1867 - ante1890).

D. John Franklin Bland (November 17, 1870 - December 23, 1944). John Franklin died in Shelby County Indiana. On July 30, 1895 he married Maud Tucker (October 10, 1875 - March 12, 1930). They had two children: (1) Lyda Annis Bland, (1896-1943) who married Harry Neil Jr. on March 24, 1913, but divorced him in 1920; (2) Leonard Melvin Bland (1901-1974), who married Maud W. Woods. They had two children.

E. James Omer Bland (September 11, 1873 - December 22, 1947). James Omer died in Shelby County. On May 7, 1898, James married Myrtle May Patterson (December 28, 1879 - October 18, 1933). Their two children were (1) Leila Viola Bland (1904-1982) who married Clifford Matthew Hudson (1902-1987) and had two children with him.¹¹ (2) Leo Irvin Bland (1909-disappeared in 1959). Leo married and then divorced Verneda Parmerston and secondly married Virgie

F. Orlando (Pete) Melvin Bland (September 3, 1876 - February 12, 1949). Orlando died in Shelby County. He married Myrtle Spurlin (February 26, 1878 - June 30, 1943) on May 2, 1901. Their children were: (1) Mamie Marcelle Bland, (1902-) who on September 10, 1921, married Morris S. Marlowe, and on December 3, 1961, married Anastasias George; (2) Orville Melvin Bland (1910-) who on June 11, 1935 married Ruth Phares.

¹¹ These children included Lois Hudson Taylor, my friend and correspondent and Co-Sponsor of the Seventh National Bland Reunion in August 1991.

7. Lucretia Bland (1854-ante1870).

8. Luther Osburn Bland (1854-ante 1900). Probably a twin of Lucretia, Luther married Eva Chapman or Hines or Vines about 1881. This man apparently preferred the name Luther. After his father's death, Luther and his family moved to Shelby County Indiana. This couple had two children:

A. William Bland (C1881-).

B. Osburn (Ossie) Bland (C1884-).

Eva Chapman or Vines or Hines must have died about 1891, for on November 6, 1892, Luther Osburn Bland married Eva Jones, by whom he had two children:

C. Unnamed Child (1893-1893).

D. Everett Bland (1896-).

IV. (Second Family) Meredith Bland (February 19, 1813 - November 6, 1881). Meredith was the second son and child of John and Mary Bland. He lived out his life in Jackson County Indiana. In February 1835, Meredith married Priscilla Burge (February 22, 1813 - January 18, 1875). Meredith and Priscilla had a family of nine children (Discussion about this family appears in AC 10-1, p. 32):

A. Eliza "Ella" G. Bland (November 29, 1836 - October 20, 1912). On March 8, 1860, Eliza married Thomas Eubank Hall (March 23, 1839 - January 23, 1908). They had six children: (1) Mollie; (2) Everett; (3) Hannah; (4) John; (5) Willis Carl; (6) Francis.

B. George Washington Bland (October 8, 1840 - 1901). I erroneously identified him as George Meredith Bland in AC 10-1, p. 32. George married Harriet V. Painter on September 13, 1866. George served in the Indiana Infantry during The Civil War.

C. Nancy Elizabeth Bland (April 15, 1843 - January 22, 1907) married Leonard W. Cole, (December 28, 1837 - January 4, 1909) on March 9, 1865. Leonard was the brother of Malissa Cole, the wife of Nancy's cousin Thomas Jefferson Bland (See above). Nancy and Leonard had a family of six children: (1) Blanche Elizabeth; (2) Medora; (3) Meredith Dunham; (4) Benjamin; (5) Roy Francis and (6) Harry Dewitt Cole, who married Sarah Ann Williams. They were the parents of my correspondent and friend Jane Cole Midtby of Denver Colorado.

D. Mary Jane Bland (March 10, 1845 - December 4, 1864).

E. Margaret B. Bland (October 9, 1847 - July 5, 1927), married Zebuloh Tanner (April 7, 1848 - April 30, 1929). This couple moved to Scipio Indiana. They had three children: (1) Laura; (2) Roy, who was killed during the Civil War and (3) Blanche.

F. Martha Bland (1849-1860).

G. Benjamin M.F. Bland (August 15, 1852 - November 23, 1885).

H. Ruth Bland (January 13, 1855 - after 1881) married Andrew Adams on July 18, 1878. They lived at DuPont Indiana. This couple had four children (1) George; (2) Maggie; (3) Clarence; (4) Emory.

I. Lucy "Olive" Bland (June 16, 1857 -) who married Frank Whitmore (C1856-) on February 16, 1876. They had three children: (1) Mary and (2) Blanche; and (3) Nellie.

IV. (Third Family) Noah Bland (July 19, 1815 - February 14, 1897 to February 11, 1898).¹² Noah was the third son and child of John and Mary Bland. Noah Bland married Susannah Hand (1819-1866) on September 15, 1837. They were married in Jennings County Indiana. In 1840, Noah sold his land in Bigger Township, Jennings County and moved to Ripley County Indiana. After 1850, Noah and Susannah moved to Sharpville, Tipton County. Noah and Susannah had four children:

1. Calvin L. Bland (April 24, 1839 - June 18, 1860).

2. Nancy Ellen Bland (June 1, 1841 - January 29, 1904). Nancy married Joseph H. Robison on September 6, 1856, and they had one child a daughter Ellen.

3. John C. Bland (August 3, 1843 - November 9, 1861). As noted in the last issue AC 10-1, p. 32, John was killed in action during the Civil War while serving with Union Forces from Indiana.

4. Mary Ann Bland (April 11, 1849 - September 4, 1857).

After Susannah Hand's death, Noah married Elizabeth Marshall Franklin (March 28, 1830 - April 11, 1919) on April 2, 1868. They lived at Sharpville, Tipton County Indiana and had three children:

¹² A land transaction of August 29, 1840 between Noah and Susannah Bland and Benjamin Cole, father in law of Noah's nephew Thomas Jefferson Bland, is instrumental in showing the connection between Noah Bland and the family of John and Mary Bland.

5. Frances Eleanor Bland (February 21, 1869 - June 2 1961). Frances Eleanor Bland married Louis Austin Kirtley (1865-1954), on March 5, 1891 and had four children including A. Lucy Mae; B. Noah Raymond; C. Ottis Franklin Kirtley, who was the father of William Franklin Kirtley, husband of my correspondent Hazel Moody Kirtley, and D. Lucille.

6. Olive Bland (August 29, 1871 - August 7, 1950) who on September 26, 1896 married Thomas Broyles (1872-1929 in 1896. They had four children: A. Cordova; B. unknown name, married Charles Grayson; C. Iva Grace and D. Ross G.

7. Lucy C. Bland (January 28, 1873 - August 8, 1963) On September 22, 1893, Lucy married Oliver P. Nash and they had three children: A. Penn; B. Rachel and C. Virginia A.

IV. (**Fourth Family**) Rhuby (Ruby) Bland (August 27, 1822 - August 27, 1895) Rhuby was the fifth child and second daughter of John and Mary Bland. Rhuby married Nicholas McCarty Waggoner on January 1839. By him, she had two sons, James (1839-) and Moses (1841-). Secondly, Rhuby married Sidney King (1804-1866) in 1846 or 1847. They had eight children including 1 and 2., Twins Jemima and Phebe; 3. John; 4. Ruth; 5. Sidney; 6. Mary; 7. Noah and 8. Harriett.

This will conclude the known extended lines of the family that originated with Moses Bland and Jane Wiggonton of Prince William County Virginia and Randolph County North Carolina. I wish to express my thanks to Jane Midtby and to the many other correspondents who have shared their research information over the years to enable the construction of this major line of Blands, (AC 10-1, p. 16). On the following page I am pleased to display an annotated map of Bigger Township, Jennings County Indiana, where most of this family of Blands lived during the 19th Century.

THE BLANDS OF EDGEFIELD COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

John Bland Mobley of Columbia South Carolina has favored me with a document he has produced on his ancestor Avory Bland (1792-1857), a wealthy man whose plucky success story from the Ante-Bellum South is or should be an inspiration to us all. In a previous number (AC 6-1, pp. 8-35), following a research trip to South Carolina that was funded in major part by Mr. Mobley, I documented that Avory Bland was Avory Gunnels for the first 28 years of his life (Ac 6-1, P. 14). The research trip also yielded convincing evidence that Avory's father was Presley Bland (1768-1839), a son of Robert Bland and Anne Wormley, Presley or Payton (C1740-after1808). Presley, the evidence showed, had entered into a common-law marriage about 1791 with a woman named Dicey Gunnels (1773-1856) who is buried in a prominent position beside Avory Bland in Avory's graveyard.

EN. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, etc., and Caps, Boots, Shoes, Glass and in fact a full line of goods usually country store. All kinds of country coin in exchange. Bensville, P. O.
KENDRICK, Physician and Surgeon at residence. San Jacinto P. O.
MID, Steam Saw Mill and Dealer in also does custom work. Butler Switch

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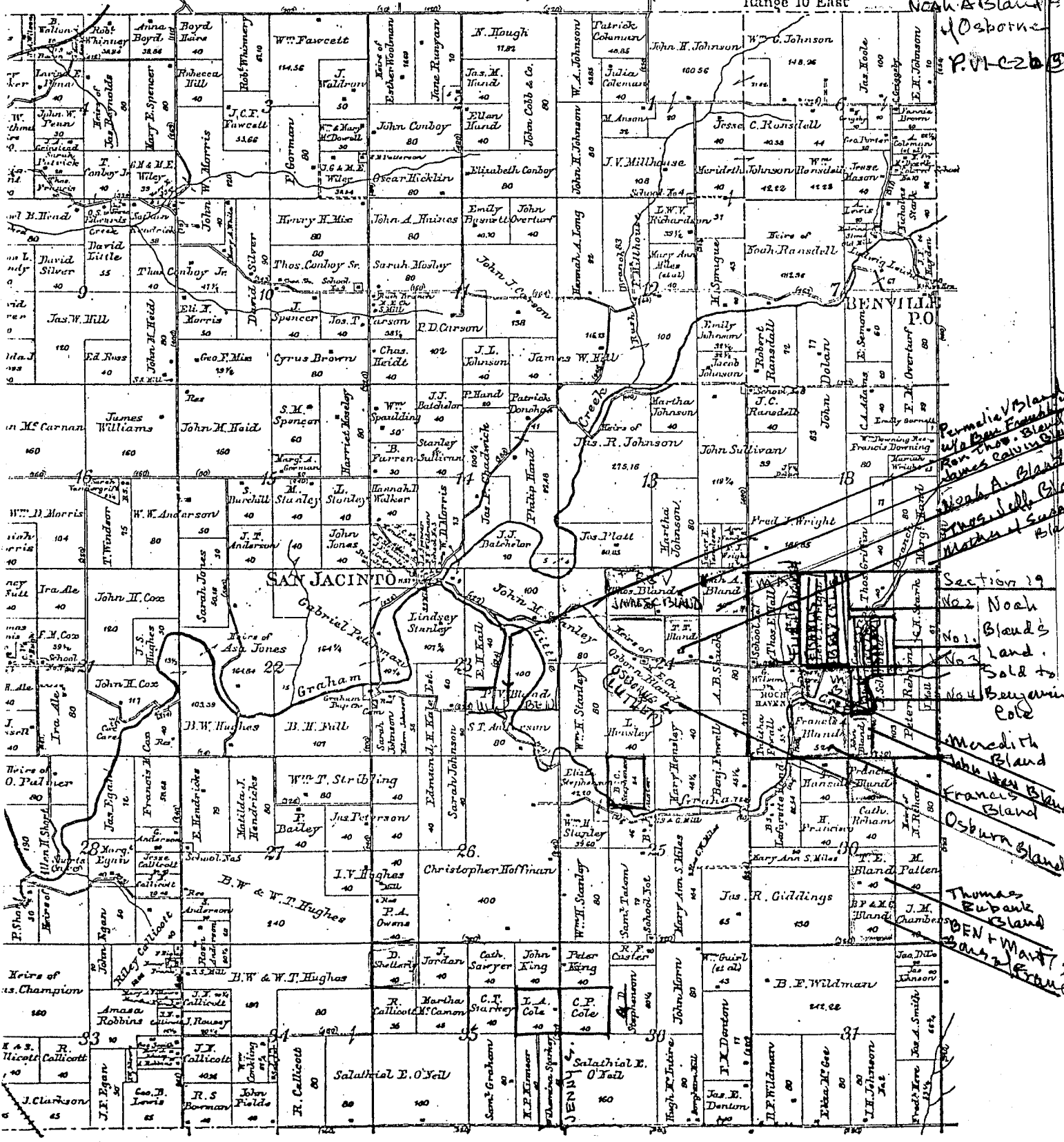
TOWNSHIP OF **BIGGER**

JENNINGS: CO. I. I. D.

Scale 2 Inches to the Mile

Town 6 North Range 9 East

Benjamin Cook Francis M. Cook
Grandson C.P. Cook Lucy Stephens Cook
Meredith Bland Widow of Francis Bland
Elizabeth + husband Thomas Eubank
FRANCIS A. BLAND + Sons John H. Bland
Thomas Eubank Bland + Martin Eubank
Osborne + son Osburn Luther
Thomas I Bland
Thomas Bland M.B. + son James B. Bland
Permelia V. Bland, widow of B. B. Bland
Thomas. Also her son, Edmund H. Bland
Range 10 East
Noah A. Bland
Osborne
P.M. 226



Later, Presley Bland married a woman named Martha Barrington, Barrentine, Barrenton. The rub in my interpretation is that members of the Edgefield County family, believe I have placed the second marriage too early, at about 1800. In my book (VU p. 510) and in the revision (AC 6-1, p. 17), I stated that Presley had eight children by his second marriage, including John Prestley Bland; Randall Bland; Sampson Bland; Luke Bland; Emily Bland; Mary Bland;; Martha Bland and Caroline Bland (AC 6-1, pp. 17-18). John Bland Mobley writes that there were eight children by the common law marriage between Presley Bland and Dicey Gunnels, including Avory Bland; Randall Bland (1804-1829) who in his will left his entire estate to "my brother Avory Bland" and six other children who are unnamed and died in infancy. Thus, according to Mr. Mobley, the relationship between Presley Bland and Dicey Gunnels continued through 1805, after which time Presley married Martha Barrington. X Mr. Mobley omits Randall Bland from the list of Presley Bland's children. I wish to make the following points:

1. In my book, and in the revision, I persisted in listing John Prestley Bland (1801-1889) as a son of Presley Bland. According to a footnote in my book (VU, p. 510, N. 1), Bland Goodwin of Augusta Georgia argued that John Prestley Bland was born in 1815 and was probably a son of one of Presley Bland's brothers. My recollection is that the different opinion about John Prestley's date of birth turned on a legal transaction completed by John Prestley Bland in 1823, suggesting an earlier birth date. Also, Presley Bland identified a son named John in his will of 1839 and there appears to be only one known Bland man that was in Edgefield County and could have been the father of John Prestley Bland, besides Presley himself. That would be James Bland (C1783-) the younger brother of Presley. James disappears from county records after about 1807, (AC 6-1, p. 30). That indicates he moved away which would reduce to speculation the question why John Prestley would have stayed behind. Since James has not turned up elsewhere in other state records, perhaps he died and became a charge of Presley Bland. A study of other movements of the sons of Robert and Anna Bland indicates that John Bland died in 1781 and his son Micajah moved away from Edgefield County before he married. Wormeley Bland died July 7, 1800, leaving behind two sons and a daughter, whose later lives have been well documented. Elisha Bland was in Georgia by 1794. Payton Bland (1780-1815) was in Edgefield County until about 1810, but his life has been pretty well documented and there is no trace that he had a son born before 1811. Thus only James remains.

2. If there was, as Mr. Mobley suggests, a child born to Presley Bland and Dicey Gunnels after Randall, it would have to have been born about April 1805 at the earliest. This raises a problem in the person of Sampson Bland, who is identified in 1850 census records as born in 1805. The next child, Luke, was born in 1807. Census Records are not always accurate so Sampson could have been born in 1806. If Sampson were born in 1805 the problem would be obvious.

3. Opposed to this is strong evidence that Avory and Randall were full brothers (VU, pp. 506-507). The weakest part of my argument about the composition of the two families was that John Prestley Bland, because of a juxtaposition of dates, must have been born in 1801, a suggestion I withdraw. On reconsideration, I agree with Mr. Mobley that Presley remained in his relationship with Dicey Gunnels through or perhaps until 1805 and that Randall Bland and Avory Gunnels Bland were brothers. I believe John Prestley Bland was Presley's son, and was born in 1815 and was an issue of the marriage between Presley Bland and Martha Barrington.

COUSINS IN SEARCH

I began this section with the last issue of the Among Cousins in hopes of providing direct reader response to long standing puzzles. I take the liberty of making my own inquiry here:

1. Charles L. Bland, Box 523, Williamsville New York, 14231-0523. What was the name of the wife of William Bland, (C1751-1801), Randolph County North Carolina, son of Moses Bland and Jane Wiggonton? There is some fairly good evidence that her maiden name was Ward and at one time, I formed the opinion that her name was Julia, but whatever evidence I had to that effect seems lost.¹³ Any help would be appreciated.

Second question: Can anyone shed light on the maiden name of Anne Bland, who married Robert Bland (C1732-1787), (above pp.26 and AC 6-1, p. 12). Many Cousins assume she is a Wormeley. She and Robert had three sons named for families in Virginia, Payton, Presley and Wormeley. I think Anne could have been from either of these families. Any help?

Third Question: Can anyone out there help with the parentage of William Bland (AC 6-1, pp. 32-34). So far as I know, this line is of interest only to myself, Betty Lovvorn, 118 Caldwell Drive, Oak Ridge Tennessee and Leslie Harton 2 Stafford Court Mount Holly New Jersey 08060. William appears in the record of Union County

¹³ See AC 10-1, pp. 19-20.

South Carolina about 1830 and by 1831 is across the North Carolina Border in Rutherford County. I am convinced that he is part of the family of Blands from Edgefield County South Carolina, but how he fits is not certain. For a long time, he was supposed to have descended from Wormeley Bland and Sarah Turner (whose mother's maiden name was Elsey). My great grandfather was named Berry Elsey Bland and the name Elsey appears at other points in the Edgefield family, but I am now convinced by fairly strong evidence that William was not Wormeley's son.

Fourth Question. Deborah Youskevitch of Coal City Illinois sent me an abstract from an entry in the Nelson County Kentuck Genealogist (Autumn 1991), p. 9 which discusses the Kinchloe Massacre of 1781 in that County. The reference was to "The Autobiography of Elihjah Bland." I presume Elijah was the son of John Bland and Margaret Osborne, but I have never seen or heard before about this document. If anyone owns it or knows where to get a copy, I'd like to read it.

2. Francis H. Bland, 511 North 2nd, Paragould Arkansas, 72450. Francis would like to find information about the parents of his great-great-great grandfather Jesse Bland of Amherst County Virginia. Since I have known him, Francis has done a great and steady job of piecing together his Bland family line which he says he began in 1984. His line has been discussed previously, AC 4-1, pp. 26-27; AC 5-2, pp. 18-22; ac 7-1, pp. 17-19; ac 7-2, p. 17 and AC 9-1, pp. 29-30. Francis had already established his furthest back ancestor as John Bland (C1804-1856) and his wife Elizabeth (C1804-1857) who were born in Virginia and died in Haywood County Tennessee.

Jesse Bland married Sally Newman in Amherst County Virginia on May 11, 1801. There is an Amherst County Court Document dated 1812, which identifies Jesse Bland was the father of an infant John Bland. In 1815, Jesse and Sally sold 228 acres on the Buffalo River in Amherst County Virginia. Later Jesse and John appeared together in a statement of indebtedness to a doctor in Rutherford County Tennessee.

Back in Amherst County Virginia, two antecedents of Jesse Bland lived along Pedlars River where Jesse later bought and sold land. They were John Bland, who had a survey made of a 154 acres on both sides of Pedlar's river in 1766 and a 99 acre property surveyed in 1767. At the same time, Charles Bland had 200 acres surveyed on the Pedlar River. Both names appear in later generations of the line beginning with Jesse Bland. The question, and I confess that Francis is the only Bland I have ever known who is researching this line, is threefold: Who exactly was Jesse's father and who was the immigrant in this line and where did they come from?

3. **Mary Leneve Sherman**, 270 Messina Drive, Sacramento California 95819, asks to know more about her mother Bessie Bland, born in Greene County Indiana about 1888. Who were her parents. One generation back we could surely connect her to the two major lines of Blands that settled in Greene County. Mrs. Sherman, who I believe is an elderly lady, supplied me just this information and I would like to help her if possible. Anyone with mmore information should write to Mrs. Sherman or to me.

4. **Donna Bland** 1120 East 500 St. North, Bountiful Utah, 84010, and S. Link Alley, 2824 Highland Avenue, Woodward Oklahoma, 73801, would like to know more about the parents of John A. Bland (C1837-), of Clark County Illinois, who served in the Civil War March 1 to August 23, 1865 and married Mary Ellen Hoyle. Mary Ellen later might have divorced John and married Wesley Holston. John had a son Samuel Marcus Bland (May 15, 1867 -), who was a brother to Francis Marion Bland (Francis Marion Blands known to me do not match up) and a father to Amos Orville Bland (December 4, 1897-) who was the father of Orville Ray Bland (1929 -).

5. **Cliff Turnbull** Box 403 Prescott Wisconsin 54021, some time ago wrote me in search of information about the aprents of his ancrestor Joseph Bland (C1825-C1909/1912) who married Elizabeth _____ (C1827 - February 16, 1868). Both Joseph and Elizabeth are from England. They had thre children including 1. Sarah Ann Bland (1853, who married Henry James Burley, Marcxh 14, 1878; 2. Mary J. Bland (1861-) who married J.C. Blakely on July 27, 1880 at Junction City Kansas and 3. Martha Bland (September 25, 1864 - September 10, 1887) who married Peter Turnbull Jr. on March 30, 1880 at Junction City Kansas. Joseph was naturalized in Geary County Kansas February 24, 1879. Land transactions for Joseph appear in the Geary/Davis County Kansas record between 1859-1864. Joseph served in the Civil War and was awarded 160 acres of land in Geary County September 3, 1863 in recognition of his service. On June 14, 1879 at Fort Riley Kansas, Joseph married Anna Felt, (1847-) a New York lady. About 1882, Joseph sold his land and moved to Utah where he joined the Church of Latter Day Saints and died, so Mr. Turnbull reports, "a financial (at least) success." Joseph's will was made out January 14, 1909 in Richfield Utah, and was proved July 8, 1912.

6. **Jodie Jackson** Route 2, Box 165-A, Higbee Missouri, 65257, wrote to me three times in 1991-1992 about further information on his ancxestor Joseph B. Bland, (C1823-) who is thought to have come to the US by way of Canada from Ireland and settled in New Hampshire. Joseph ,married Prudence _____ (C1825-) about 1843. They had a son Charles B.(perhaps Henry) Bland (February 28, 1844 - January 21, 1930). Charles left home in 1862 and became a Civil War soldier for the Union side and fought at Vicksburg alongside his father. After the war Joseph returned to New Hampshire.

Family legend has it that upon his departure for War Service, Prudence Bland slapped Charles hard on the face. When the war was over, Charles remained in Mississippi, and married one Deliah Leonard (June 1856 - December 29, 1929) on March 17, 1871. Charles never saw his parents again. He and Delia had ten children, including a son Joseph, (April 9, 1876. - April 21, 1951) who lived in Copiah Copunty Mississippi, and married Susan Martin (June 28, 1881 - June 10, 1924) on January 11, 1900. Joseph and Susan had a family of ten children including Bertha Maybelle Bland who married W.H. Jackson. They were the parents of Jodie Jackson.

7. **Mildred B. Hunter** 1424 Harris Street, State College Pennsylvania, 16803. Mildred is searching for the name of the wife of James Bland of Chatham County North Carolina (VU, pp. 282-284, 320-333, AC 1-1, p. 7; 1-2, pp. 5-6, and 2-1, pp. 7-8). James' children later migrated to Greene County Indiana and other locales in Indiana. Mildred and her late husband Al long have been interested in the identity of a woman named Bersheba Bland, a widow, who lived next to Jacob Bland, one of James' sons, in the 1800 Census. Identity of James' wife could help in the unraveling of this mystery.

8. **David C. Bland** 19301 Holke Road, Independence Missouri, 64057-1405, is searching for information about parents of James Bland (dates uncertain) who married Mary Evans about 1854. According to a grandson, James and family traveled from the St. Louis Missouri area, thence up the Missouri river, stopping at the Gasconde County Missouri and then the Moberly Missouri area, thence to Higsville in Lafayette County Missouri, and after that to Kansas City. James evidently was a Confederate soldier during the Civil War. James and Mary were both born in Kentucky. They had four known children:

1. Samuel Bland (C1855-) who married Mary E. _____ (C1860-) about 1877. Samuel and Mary had three children: A. Lillie M. Bland (C1888-); B. Howard J. Bland (C1893-) and C. Nellie E. Bland (C1895-).

2. James Lafayette Bland (November 8, 1858 - August 25, 1936) who married Minnie A. _____ (C1867-) about 1884. James and Minnie had one child: A. Harvey L. Bland (C1886-). Second, James married Aurora Alma Silvers (November 25, 1874 - April 21, 1962); Their children were B. Erwin Stanley Bland (1907-1980) who married Bertha ester Graham;

C. Lloyd Lester Bland (1910-) who married Dorothy Helen Carmichael. Lloyd and Dorothy had two children, including my correspondent David C. Bland. D. Goldie May Bland (1914-) who married Arthur Edwin Rose (-1975). E. Hugh Farris Bland (1917-1981) who married Bereneice McLain and second Maxine Fryer.

3. Alice Bell Bland - (1860-1942) who married Joseph Earnest Jarman (1859-).

9. **Joseph H. Gardner** 236 Barberry Lane, Lexington Kentucky is looking for further information about Sarah Bland who married Hezekiah Doane or Doan, about 1761 in Bladen County North Carolina. Sarah Bland Doane died in Harrison County Kentucky about 1814. I suspect **Edward McIntosh** 2499 Kapiolani Blvd. Honolulu Hawaii, 96826 also would like to know more about of this woman (AC 6-2, p. 9).

THE DIARY OF AMANDA BLAND

Mary Bland Bennett Lewis of Deland Florida, has sent me a lengthy diary describing the life of Amanda Bland (VU p. 385) (1824-1907), who married Mr. John Brannon and lived with him in Lewis County West Virginia. ASmanda was the daughter of Thomas Bland and Mary Newlon. The diary runs from January 13, 1864 to September 22, 1864. It is a very interesting slice of life that I will describe in greater detail in the next issue of "Among Cousins".