

Among Cousins

The Bland Family Newsletter



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Greetings From a Prodigal Cousin,

This is the 14th Volume of "Among Cousins: The Bland Family Newsletter, representing 1996. It has also been two years since a volume was published, so production is slow. For a time in 1997, I received inquiries whether the Bland Family History project was dead. My answer was no, but when no publications came forth, it has not been a shock to me during these past few months that correspondence has dropped off to nearly zero. But though the Bland Family History Project may have been moribund, it is not dead.

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There is still a flicker of life. Though life has not been easy for me, I realize that it isn't easy for anyone and I will make no more excuses. This redeems the payments you made to me back in 1996-1997 for this issue. I have made so many promises about publishing this newsletter that I am gun shy about any more promises and you are within your rights to be skeptical. I worked on this number for about three weeks in March and have given the better part of the last month to it. During this time, I realize the sheer joy I get in preparing these Newsletters, and this is an extra special one (see below), that for those of you who love the Bland family as I do, will find rewarding, perhaps even worth the wait. The rhythms of my life have so changed, including not least my energy level since the first number was published in 1982, that I cannot make any promises about Volume 15. When I have finished Volume 15 and it is ready for publication, then I will invite subscriptions.

Address Change I have changed box numbers. My new address is Box 1002, Amherst New York, 14226. Home Phone 716-832-5263; Office Phone 716-645-6018; Fax 716-645-3042; E-Mail cbland@acsu.buffalo.edu. I would be grateful for your e-mail addresses and will make a conscientious effort to incorporate them on the address list of Volume 15.

Stephen's Box: About Volume 14 Beginning on page 23 below, the genealogical portion of this issue of "Among Cousins" is given over entirely to a reprisal of the known information about descendants of William Bland (C1748-1816) of New Hanover/Duplin County North Carolina and his two sons, William Bland (C1771-1854) and James Bland (C1772-1818) both of Duplin County North Carolina. This family was previously discussed in VU, pp. 293-320.

The decision to undertake a major revision of this family's history sprang from a number of simultaneous inquiries from descendants including Milton Bland, Oldsmar Florida, Robert Russell Bland, Upton Massachusetts, A. Clarke Blanton, Westfield New Jersey, Susie Maus, Winchester Tennessee, Willie Moseley, Stateboro Georgia, Karen Roberts, Deland Florida, Gail Youmans Stokes, Blackshear Georgia and Frances Toth, Jacksonville North Carolina. In the course of Spring 1998, some of these cousins made inquiries, most contributed new information that helped tremendously. Most importantly, however, was the renewed acquaintance with Stephen McLeod of Tallahassee Florida. In 1982, while I was writing A Vision of Unity, Stephen was recommended to me by William Graham Bland as a 16 year old "wunderkind". The material Stephen sent me then and the acuity of his insights literally blew me away then. Much of the portion of the book dedicated to the Blands of Duplin County North Carolina was attributable to Stephen's research. Little did I know that I hadn't seen anything yet.

The reappraisal began as an anticipated half of the current volume, based on scraps and fragments I had received over the years. Then I wrote to several of the key correspondents and sent them a draft of a revision I had done, asking for comments. In

process, I reestablished contact with Stephen. He told me he was just too busy to make detailed comments to my draft, but offered to send me all his collected material in a big box, which arrived about the end of April. Stephen's box is a genealogist's equivalent of winning the Kentucky Derby, New York Lottery and Irish Sweepstakes enroute to Heaven. All I can say is Glory be! Never in my twenty years of research on the Bland family have I encountered a cache even remotely as rich and rewarding. After reading this issue, those who descend from this family will recognize its outlines, but also that it is no longer the same family history. Those who are not of this line, but love the Bland Family as I do, also will recognize and rejoice at the tremendous importance of what has happened with this issue, how significant it is that there has been so much to add about this family.

I am grateful for the opportunity to bring out this new information, but I am only the collator. The true credit goes to young Stephen McLeod (time marches on for us all and Stephen is now a young man in his early thirties). It also goes to all those cousins of his who furnished him information and nurtured his love of genealogy when he was a teenager. There has been no greater step forward in the Bland Family History project. But true to the nature of genealogy, Stephen also recognizes his indebtedness:

So much of what I know began with visits to Harrells N.C. with my great aunt Iris Bland Burch who truly was a fountain of information. She had gone back and forth between NC and GA all her life, her father being born there in 1876. She wanted to see that this history was not forgotten and passed that interest on to me. She was a remarkable lady and dearly loved by all that knew her. Perhaps this history could be dedicated to her memory - she did so much . . . to make what you see in the box a reality.¹

This volume then, is dedicated to Iris Bland Burch. Thank you Stephen and thanks to Graham, Willie and all the other cousins who encouraged Stephen for these many years. I think that William and Rachel and James, Esther and Jemima and their children and grandchildren must all be smiling.

Finally, I offer my apologies to others who sent me information about their family lines, especially those who descend from Peyton Bland (1780-1815) and Elizabeth Smith (1794-1856) of the Edgefield County South Carolina Family. I gathered a lot information about this family in conjunction with the 1996 Bland Reunion, (see below) and will cover it in Volume 15.

¹ E-Mail, Stephen McLeod to Charles L. Bland, June 13, 1998. See Iris Bland Burch below, p. 58, paragraph (b).

1996 and 1997 Reunions

In the lapse of time since Volume 13 of "Among Cousins" was published, we have had two National Reunions. The Twelfth National Reunion took place in Orange Texas on August 9-11, 1996 and was sponsored by Cousins Johnson and Joann Bland Gabriel, as well as Henry Bland Jr., Patsy Bland Viator, and Mary Jane Bland Johnson. Various tabulations showed an attendance of approximately 200-225, which would make this Reunion among the largest we have had and certainly one of the most fun, best and best organized. During the three day Reunion, I spoke to the assembly about the larger history of the Bland Family and how our ancestors traced down in time to Peyton Bland (1780-1815) his wife Elizabeth Smith (1794-1856) and their three children. Derry Dunn, a local family historian, traced the family's line forward in time to the present day.

It was our good fortune that a local historical magazine, Las Sabinas gave over an entire volume ² to the Reunion, complete with transcripts, proclamations etc, attendance and photographs. This product was far superior to my previous efforts at Reunion Specials and so I did not publish one for the 1996 Reunion.

The Thirteenth National Reunion was held at Shelbyville Indiana on August 15-17, 1997, sponsored by David and Lois Taylor of Shelbyville, as well as Jim and Kay McKinney of Shelbyville and Jim's sister Jannis McKinney Peterdy of Chesterfield Missouri, a very warm and cozy meeting attended by about 80-100 souls from all over the country, including many new faces and some I hadn't seen in years. In my talk, I tried to learn lessons from the past and keep it short, regaling the audience about the line of Blands that descends from Moses Bland (1718-1800) and his wife Jane Wiggonton, who settled throughout the midwest. One of these prairie settlers was Mariah Bland, whom some believe was a serial killer who disposed of at least four husbands. That was not half as interesting, however, as Lois Taylor's bus ride through the local area, which established new ground for speed and curves, and left us all, how best to say it? Breathless!! Far Out Man!!

The 1998 National Reunion The 1997 Reunion was the third Indiana Reunion. The Fourteenth National Bland Reunion will be at Mississippi, Lake Tiak-Okhata, near Louisville (Mississippi), August 14-16, 1998, and will honor the descendants of Joseph Bland (C1754-1799) of Duplin County North Carolina, brother of William Bland (1748-1816), whose family has been reappraised in this issue. The Reunion Sponsors are John and Sharon Black, 898 East Road, Starkville Mississippi, 39759. Their phone is 601-324-5377. A notice of the Reunion is enclosed. John and Sharon represent a younger generation of Bland descendants whom we need to encourage. It should be the goal of all those who attend the reunion, and I

² Las Sabinas, Vol. XXII, Book 4, (1996)., Box 1345, Orange Texas, 77631. Cost per copy is \$6.

hope to see all of you there, to bring at least one cousin with you, including someone from the younger generation.

Famous Blands on Postage Stamps??? In April 1996, I wrote to The US Philatelic Fulfillment Center, proposing that Richard Bland the Patriot (1710-1776) and Richard Parks Bland (1835-1899) be honored on a stamp (actually one for each). I sent a brief biography of each man. I received a reply May 31, 1996, advising me to be calm that the Philatelic Society had everything in hand and I shouldn't call, they would contact me, etc. How many times have you heard that line? I haven't heard a word since.

It may be that this request went on a back burner. The Philatelic Center's policy is, if the candidate is chosen, to issue commemorative stamps in conjunction with significant anniversaries of their birth. Richard the Patriot will be 300 in 2010 and Silver Dick will be 200 in 2035. I have a hunch that this is a long term project, perhaps for the next generation.

Frances Farries Bland (1922-1996) My mother, Frances Farries Bland died at age 73 on June 17, 1996. According to my Aunt Eunice, she died peacefully. I am grateful for, God knows, she did not have an easy life. Mom was born in 1922, a child of the Great Depression, from which many of her life's lessons were learned. During a visit home in 1979, I allowed my father and mother to record their stories on tape for me, for posterity. My father knew how to put on a good front, embroider just a bit.

My mother lacked these skills and her story was brutally frank and left me feeling shaken and sad at the misery her life brought her. Frances Farries was born on December 29, 1922 in West Cramerton, a tiny burg in Gaston County North Carolina, which was also a major part of my own life. Her parents were Lewis A. Farris (she spelled her name Farries) and Pearl Brazwell, hard working souls whose lives were sacrificed in the local textile mills. Truth be known, Grandpa Lewis was much more positively influential in my life than my Bland grandfather. But Lewis and my mother suffered a severe emotional blow in 1937 when my grandmother Pearl died. Lewis quickly remarried to an educated woman from Alabama, whose arrival was upsetting to my mother in a way she never resolved until late in her life, if even then. As oldest sister Mom became a mom for her younger siblings and then had to give way to her father's new wife. Mom's out was her own marriage at age 16 to Bruce Steven Bland (1922-1984) whom she had met in 1938.³ I have a photograph of my mother taken the day she met my Dad, which she remembered because of the new dress her father purchased for her. Mom and Dad were married June 30, 1939 and I was born in July 7, 1940.

My Dad became a factory worker, but he had wanderlust in his heart and joined the US Army Air Corps shortly after Pearl Harbor.

³ A biographical obituary of my father appears in AC 2-2, pp. 3-9).

Mom and Dad went separate ways during the war years, then reconciled for another four years, but were divorced in 1952. It can be truly said that no two people were less alike than my father and mother. Shortly after, my father remarried. For a few years after men came and went, some good, kind and gentle, (I remember one such gentleman named Woody, who was a good friend to me and a gentle man with my mother) but none stayed for the long term. Mom never remarried and she grieved because in her own view, life was wearing away and she believed she was no longer beautiful, as she once was. There was always in these years, the 50s, a sense of loneliness and frustration in Mom that I could never assuage. Mom never left West Cramerton until she was forced into a nursing home in 1991. Her life was defined by the boundaries of that little postage stamp on the globe.

As her marriage began to crumble, so did my mother's sanity and she spent several months in a mental institution in 1950, and was recommitted in 1952 and again in the late Fifties and early Sixties. There is, of course, the undiscoverable question of what "insanity" was in 1950. Years later, in 1979, Mom permitted me to investigate this question. A doctor at the Broughton State Hospital, where she had been confined, explained somewhat uncomfortably that her diagnosis of the 1950s would be treated as a problematic but mild disorder in present day. But this knowledge was years too late for Mom. When I returned from the Air Force in 1963, Mom had relapsed and was institutionalized again. She was, as they say, "calmed" by electric shock treatments. Permanently disabled, Mom survived by medication for the rest of her life.

Excepting a brief time in 1952-1954, when I lived at a boarding school, with my aunt in Texas and with my father, Mom and I were together between 1950-1958. Mom worked as a drapery sales lady and kept her demons under control. Although those years were not easy, I have fond memories of Mom then. She took good care of me, always kept me clean, well dressed and well fed. She gave me as much love as a son could want. She helped me grow up and get out on my own. What more could I ask of her?

Mom's mental illnesses left her unable, later in life, to truly appreciate me, Mary Jane or Christina and Tom. She could never focus coherently on any subject for more than a few moments. It is sad for her, and sad for my children as well. Mom missed out on two super grand children, whose maternal grand parents died before they were born. Christina and Tom were small children when my father died, so they never really knew a grand parent's love. In Mom's last years, she sent me a video tape of old home movies that one of our relatives had strung together. On one of them, it is 1946, and there is a family reunion at my great grand parents home. There we are. I pull a wagon through the gate. My Dad, drop dead handsome as always, saunters in. And there is my Mom, young, tall, dark haired, rangy and beautiful. I wish you could see her. She turns her head briefly to the camera and begins to smile, then flits away. The photo on the next page was made at about that same time, forever young, the way Mom wanted to be remembered.

Virginia Viril Bland Long (1914-1996) My Aunt Virginia died on November 9, 1996, apparently peacefully. Aunt Virginia was born June 3, 1914, the seventh of a large family of ten children by my Grand Parents Thomas Bunyan Bland (1876-1955) and Margaret Kirby (1883-1958). She was called "Jenny Wren" in her childhood and at the behest of my Grandfather, who was not enlightened about the value of education, started work in the local cotton mill at age fourteen. Influenced however, by her older sister Grace Bland (1909-1981) and her grandmother Martha Greene Bland (1849-1935), Aunt Virginia graduated from high school in 1934. She again went to work in the Cotton Mills but secured a scholarship at Fruitland College, and then moved away to Baltimore Maryland where she stayed with her aunt Hester (1884-1983) where she completed a Nurses Training Program at Maryland General Hospital. She declined a scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania to marry Maurice R. Long. From 1945, until late in their lives, Maurice "Slim" and Virginia lived at aa home they built near her parents near Cramerton North Carolina. In the 1970s they moved to Florida, where Slim died in 1984.

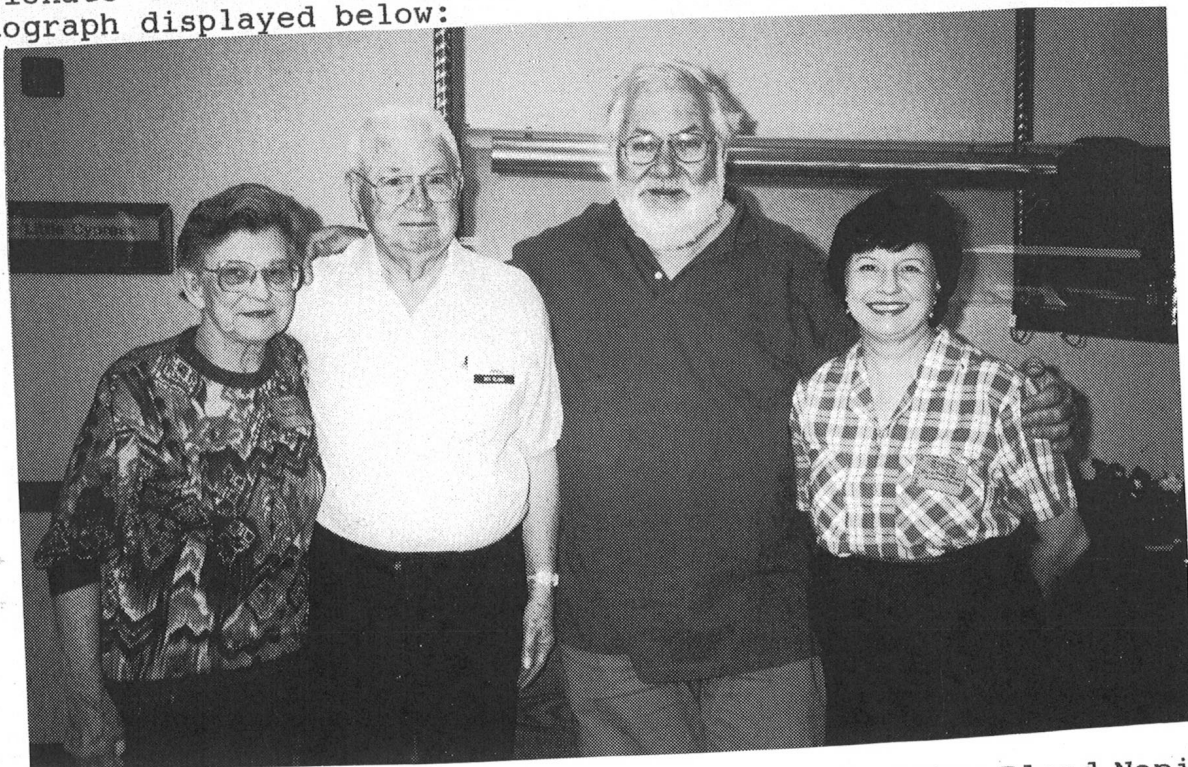
Virginia lived in a little town near Deland Florida where the Ninth National Bland Reunion was held. She attended many of the early Reunions in company with Keith and Edith Lanning and seemed to lead a happy retirement. I last saw her at the Ninth Reunion. Virginia and Slim were always very kind and good to me and for that I remember them both with fondness. The photo of Virginia was taken at the time of her parent's fiftieth anniversary, when Virginia was thirty four.



Virginia Viril Bland Long
(1914-1996)

Transitions: Cousin Sherrill Hoefer from Craig Colorado, informed me that her daughter Darcy Corrine Pell had given birth to a grand child, William James Pell, on May 28, 1996. I was invited to attend Cousin Leota Bland' Ruder's 85th birthday party on February 16, 1997. I last saw Leota at the 1995 National Reunion in Rogers Arkansas. I couldn't attend her 85th, and realize that now her 86th has passed, but wish her a double happy birthday. Cousin Virgil Bland of Phoenix Arizona, who has become a faithful attendee at the Bland Reunions, married Jeannie Targaczewski on November 22, 1996. In Volume 13, I announced the passing of Earl Brown, husband of Cousin Lenore Bland Brown of Paris Texas. It is my pleasure to announce that on May 3, 1997, Lenore was remarried, to an old friend Albert Chanslor Nichol. They now live in Paris Texas. Cousins Bob Bland and his wife Ethel Abbott Bland of Deland Florida, sponsors at the 1993 National Reunion, celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on June 1, 1997. I give my congratulations to all.

Sadly, just a week after the National Bland Reunion in Orange County Texas, one of that branches most devoted members passed away. Ben Bland died suddenly on August 21, 1996. Ben was a very likeable and loquacious fellow who took me under his arm and showed me all the sights while I was at the 1996 Reunion. He first attended the 1991 Reunion In Indiana with his wife. Ben was a teacher. At the 1996 Reunion I was lucky enough to meet his wife and daughter Alice Bland Napier, who promises to carry on Ben's passionate love for genealogy, and to pose with them for the photograph displayed below:



L-R: Merle and Ben Bland, Charles L. Bland, Alice Bland Napier

Cousin Joyce Bland McCool notified me that her father died April 17, 1997. I learned that Lineous Preston Bland III died after a long illness at age 70, on May 19, 1997. Lineous was the son of Lineous Preston Bland (1901-1986) who was instrumental in defining much of our known history of the King and Queen County Virginia branch of the Blands.

Jim McKinney of St. Paul Indiana, whom many may know as a regular attender of the Bland Reunions, an Executive Editor of the Shelbyville Indiana News, wrote an article called "This Cancer Story is Different; Its Mine." On May 10, 1998, Jim lost his fight with cancer. Six days later, May 16, 1998, Mary Bland Day of North Vernon Indiana passed away. Mary was a dyed in the wool Bland and in her illness of recent years, attended the Reunions that were close to her. I have learned that she loved horses and that she was taken to her burial site in a horse drawn carriage. Both she and Jim will be missed.

JAMES BLAND (1661-1709)

Any discussion of the major Bland families in North America would begin with Theodorick Bland (1629-1671), founding immigrant of the James River Family, and his Northern Virginia Bland "cousin" James Bland (1661-1709).⁴ By this time, most of those who do Bland research have laid aside the thought that James was a descendant from the James River Bland Family and have accepted that he was a fourth generation Bland, who came from Penrith Township, Saint Andrews Parish, Cumberland County England (See TABLE I Below, P. 13). For those like me in my earlier years, who still look for a common origin for all us Blands, take comfort in the fact that Penrith lies in modern day Cumbria, just north of Sedberg and Orton, seat of the James River Family. Before the year 1538, however, when King Henry VIII took a census of all his subjects, in order that he might better tax them, information is sketchy and anecdotal and I have found nothing reliable to link the two families together.

Rather James descends from his great grandfather James Bland, who married Alice or Ellis Pattison or Patterson in Penrith, on June 4, 1599. That would suggest that the earliest ancestor in this line that we know of was born no later than about 1578, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. The northern England in which James and Alice (as I prefer to know her) embarked on their marriage was

⁴ James made a will that was probated on March 9, 1708. under the "old style" Julian Calendar, which began the new year on March 25. The British didn't adopt the Gregorian Calendar that begins January 1 until 1752. In our own reckoning his will was probated in 1709. He was then 47 when he died. James will is recorded in Will Book 2, page 460, Stanford County Virginia. Relevant previous discussions about James are found in VU, pp. 191-266. Also see AC 3-1, pp. 8-9; 6-1, pp. 5-8; and 10-1, pp. 8-11.

bitter, hard scrabble. The area was impoverished, rife with disease and starvation. Lest Penrith be mistaken for a thriving city, note that in 1664, just a few years after our immigrant ancestor was born, its census counted 378 homes. The primary occupation was sheep farming. When James and Alice began their marriage also, England was well into the era of the Renaissance and the massive changes that were being wrought throughout Europe by the Protestant Revolution. It was the time of the great enclosures, in which old landed wealth that competed with the power of the crown was giving way to capitalistic enterprise and acquisition. Poor farmers like James and Alice, who may have belonged to an old manorial order or at least have known of it in memory, would stay put, lacking the imagination and perhaps, resources, to do more. But not long after they were married, Englishmen first set foot in that dreadful wasteland called Virginia, named for the "virginal" Queen Elizabeth.⁵ Not too many generations would pass before young people would be leaving Cumberland and striking out to make their fortune in big cities like London, or in the new world. Our ancestor was one of those.

The only known child of James Bland and Alice Patterson was James Bland, (C1600-1652), who married Susan Cook (C1600-1653) in Penrith on December 16, 1620. James and Susan had eight children in the Penrith Registry, but only two lived to adulthood.

One son who lived to adulthood was named John (1639-), who married twice and by his second wife Julia _____ had at least five children, including a son named Thomas, for whom a plausible though unproven argument may be made that he was one of the original settlers in what became King and Queen County, Virginia.⁶

The other son who lived to adulthood was George (C1636-died after 1675) who married Grace _____ about 1658. Among six children of George and Grace was a son named James, who was born October 31, 1661 in Penrith.

⁵ Meaning the old lady never married. Anyone looking for the bottom line on good Queen Bess may consult Carroll Erickson's Elizabeth. In my opinion, she was one of the greatest rulers England has had, but discussions of her virginity are greeted with gales of laughter. Astute students of the Bland family know that Queen Elizabeth's "skinner" from 1560-1594 was Adam Bland, founder of the James River family, whose son Peter took over upon his death. See VU, pp. 8-11 and 23-33. As is discussed in the first few chapters of VU, and extensively in AC 8-2, Peter went mad and the unseemly family fight for his wealth, for by about 1615, Peter was a very wealthy man, may have given the rising wealth of Peter's younger brother John, and especially his sons, the resources he needs to lay down stakes in Virginia.

⁶ For a synopsis of this family line, see AC 9-1, pp. 14-36, esp. pp. 15-16.

James appears to have been one of those young men who left Cumberland County for a better life elsewhere, because after his birth, all traces of him disappear. A James turns up in St. Mary's County Maryland as witness to probation of a will on February 14, 1684. On March 17, 1685, another entry is found in the Lord Mayor of London's Waiting Book showing a young man named James Bland, aged 22, a "glazier and plumber," by trade, shipping out to fulfill an indenture in East Jersey province of the foundling British colonies in North America.⁷ Could these two be the same man and are they in turn the same man as the one who began to turn up in Stanford County Virginia records as early as 1687? Most certainly the witness to the deed in St. Mary's county was the same man, for James spent a lot of his life between 1687-1701 shuttling back and forth between St. Mary's Maryland and Stanford Virginia. Though we have subsequently shown that the James Bland who was born in Penrith disappeared from the county records,⁸ and that the ages fit well with the man recorded in the Lord Mayors records in 1685, those entries were made after James Bland witnessed the probate settlement in Maryland in 1684. This is problematic, for poor immigrants tend not to return to the country of their origin, and even less to remigrate. But I tend to accept them as the same person, because the dates are very close together. Nothing is proven, but both sources appear in secondary works and I have never been able to get the actual records. One researcher pointed out to me that officials were never too precise and especially in a purely commercial entry like to Mayor's Waiting Books, the entry might have been recorded on a date long after James actually shipped out. It would be wonderful if someone who is travelling to London could actually find the time to battle through the fierce bureaucracy

⁷ VU, p. 199, 249. I discussed the possibility that James Bland descended from the Virginia Family of Adam Bland, through a great grandson Thomas Bland (C1634-1700) in VU, pp. 228-249, but ultimately abandoned the idea. Throughout the remainder of this issue, I will make repeated reference to the McLeod File, representing sources found in a huge box supplied by Stephen McLeod of Talahassee Florida, (see above, pp. 2-3) I was surprised to find in the McLeod file, a letter to Stephen McLeod from Helen L. Wikoff, March 10, 1982, which also listed Thomas as James' father. I don't recall communicating with Mrs. Wikoff but this was about the time my book came out, and it leaves me wondering whether we independently came to the same conclusion back then. Another letter from Ruth Walker to Graham Bland, December 18, 1970, includes a map, C1750, of Palatinate Maryland, which reveals the close geographic proximity of Stanford County Virginia and St. Marys County Maryland, "just a row boat away" as Mrs. Walker put it, and also of what in the 17th century would have been East Jersey.

⁸ AC 3-1, p. 9.

TABLE I

First Four Generations: England
Cumberland County, Saint Andrews Parish, Penrith Township *

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1. JAMES BLAND (Dates Unknown) M. Alice/Ellis
Patterson/Pettison, June 4, 1599
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2. James Bland (1600-1652) M. Susan Cooke, (C1600-1653),
December 16, 1620 James and Susan had eight
children, only two of whom grew to adulthood and
married:
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- 3A. George Bland (July 3, 1636 -
died after 1675), M.
Grace _____ about 1658:
4A Susan (1659 -)
4B James October 31, 1661 - Will
Probated January 9, 1708/1709,
Stanford County Virginia)
4C Margaret (1669 -)
4D Elizabeth (1671 -)
4E Jane (1675 -)
- 3B. John Bland (1639 -) M. (1) Margaret Walton, February
12, 1660/1661; (2) Julia _____ about 1676:
4A Margaret (1677 -)
4B Thomas (1678 -)
4C Miles (1680 -)
4D Edward (1685 -)
4E Arthur (1689/1690 -)
- 4A James Bland (1661-1709) M. (1) Unknown
(2) Margaret _____

* These early English generations are discussed in VU, pp. 249-254; AC 3-1, pp. 8-9; AC 6-1, pp. 5-8; AC 10-1, pp. 8-11 For the possibility that the children of John Bland, (3rd generation) had children who migrated to Virginia, see AC 9-1, pp. 15-16.

that guards London records, and see what could be found, or if even the LDS records could be searched for any confirming evidence. In my own mind, I feel comfortable, until proven wrong, that these are the same person. With that premise, the founder of the Northern Virginia line would be James Bland, (1661-1709), who bought 600 acres in Stanford County in 1701 and lived out his life there.

In 1701 James, in a land purchase of 600 acres in Stanford County Virginia, "on the south side of Powell's Creek", is identified as "now living at poplar hill." James evidently lived the balance of his life on these 600 acres and left them to his children and widow when he died. Upon his death, James left an estate with liquid assets of about \$68,000 in 1983 terms.¹⁰

James appears to have been married to a second wife named Margaret _____, whom he identifies in his will.¹¹ The structure of his will suggests that at the time of his death, James had two adult sons, William and James, a third son John, who was about to reach his majority when the will was made in 1708, and five minor children, including a son Robert and daughters Alice, Hannah, Patience and Ellen, who were born between 1693-1708.¹²

One of the elements of Bland research that is lacking is what happened to these daughters. One of my earliest and most avid associates, Mr. Leslie Dawson, descended from Ellen Bland, who married William Davis, a business associate of James eldest sons William and James. Nothing else is known of the daughters.¹³

Regarding young son Robert, it appears certain that he died before reaching his majority, or at the least before marrying and having children.¹⁴ This was another area of my early research in which I obscured rather than enlighten. The gist of Chapter XI of A Vision of Unity was that the son was born about 1708 and died in 1760. being the father of two Blands who migrated to South

¹⁰ Robert Russell Bland, The Bland and Williams Lines, (1983), p. 7 hereafter referred to as Robert Bland.

¹¹ James Bland (1661-1709), probably married sometime after arriving in the North American colonies, about 1685. His eldest child was William (1686-1744). No one has ever identified the maiden name of his second wife Margaret. Regarding Margaret's maiden name, see VU, pp. 258-260, esp. the notion that she may have been a Sison or Sisson.

¹² See discussion in VU, pp. 260-263.

¹³ See Leslie Dawson, History of the Dawson-Davis Family and Related Families of Fairfax and Prince William Counties, Virginia (1984), pp. 150, 153, 179, 181, 195. Dawson notes the marriage of William Davis and Ellen Bland inter alia, but provides no evidence to suggest where he found the information.

¹⁴ VU, pp. 485-486.

Carolina.¹⁵ Following publication of the book, the sharp and sometimes barely civil criticism I received for this boner, prompted me to reread the evidence and to publish a subsequent revision, as well as to make sure all my doors were locked at night.¹⁶ Robert Bland, infant son of James Bland did, as amply noted in printed evidence, die without issue. James eldest son William had a son named Robert, probably about the same age as his uncle Robert, who is the man whose name appears in the Prince William and Loudon County deed books in the first half of the 18th Century, who died in Loudon County Virginia in 1760.¹⁷

THE THREE SONS OF JAMES BLAND

James Bland, (1661-1709) had three sons who lived to adulthood and married. They were William Bland (C1686-1744), James Bland (C1687-1756) and John Bland (C1688-1763).

James married Mary _____ Gwatkins and had a family that included at least two sons, Benjamin (1724-1771) and Arthur (C1725-1763). James Bland (- 1802) and Charles Bland (1765-1842) sons of Benjamin Bland and his wife Mary, migrated to Kentucky.¹⁸

John Bland, married Patience _____ and had two children, John and Jesse.¹⁹ One of his sons, John Bland, (C.1742 - 1807) moved to Kentucky, then evidently moved back to Virginia. It was my misfortune to confuse the two men. John's wife Rachel died in Washington County Kentucky about 1799.²⁰

The eldest son of James Bland, and the man from whom most living Blands and Bland descendants living today descend, was William Bland.

WILLIAM BLAND (1686-1744)

After his father's will was probated, William Bland first appears in official records in 1709/1710. The structure of James' will suggests that William would have been born no later (and

¹⁵ VU, pp. 484-493, inter alia.

¹⁶ AC 2-2, pp. 13-14.

¹⁷ VU, pp. 488-491.

¹⁸ ¹⁸ See VU pp. 401-416.

¹⁹ For Jesse, (1756-1835), who evidently never married, see AC 4-2, pp. 7-8.

²⁰ For a summary of the life and family of John Bland's son John (1742-1807) See AC 13, pp. 17-37.

TABLE II ²¹

The Family of James Bland (1661-1709) (Fourth Generation) of
Cumberland County England, East Jersey Province,
St. Mary's County Maryland and Stafford County Virginia

JAMES BLAND (1661-1709) M.(1) Unknown
(2) Margaret

Fifth Generation

| <u>Daughters</u> | <u>William Bland</u> (C1686-1744) | <u>James Bland</u> (C1687-1756) | <u>John Bland</u> (C1688-1763) | <u>Robert</u> |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|

Alice

Patience

Ellen m.
William Davis

Hannah

²¹ James Bland married twice. The three sons, William, James and John were by his first wife, whose name is unknown. The younger children, Robert, Alice, Patience, Ellen and Hannah were children of his marriage to Margaret. Margaret's dates are uncertain but there is evidence that she was alive as late as 1723 (VU, pp. 262 and 264A).

probably not much earlier) than about 1686. At various points in writing "Among Cousins" I have suggested that he was born earlier, perhaps as early as 1680, but this seems to be in error. The best evidence points to the 1686 date.²²

On the basis of available evidence, William acquired about 2,100 acres of land in Northern Virginia, mostly in the area that became Prince William County in 1730. William, his brother James and some of his neighbors also became engaged in a mining enterprise that failed several years after his death.

William married twice. Though dates of his first marriage are not known, it was about 1706. William had two sons by this first marriage, James (C1707-1767/774) and Robert (C1708-1760). The descendants of James Bland (C1707-1774), William's eldest son, are discussed below (pp.18ff). Robert (C1708-1760) married Jane _____ about 1729. They died in Loudon County Virginia, Robert in 1760, Jane about 1764. They had three sons, of whom two Edward (C1730-1797/1800) and Robert (C1732-1787) moved to South Carolina and raised families.²³

William married for a second time in Stafford County Virginia, to Catherine Key (C1694-) on February 16, 1716/1717.²⁴ By Catherine, William was the father of Moses Bland (C1718-1800) who moved to Randolph County North Carolina about 1770 and became a distinctive founder of a major branch of the family.²⁵ The same is true of Thomas Bland (C1719-1788), who died in Fauquier County Virginia, but had several of his children move into the vicinities of Harding and Nelson Counties in Kentucky as well as western Virginia. John Bland, (C1725-1795) third son of

²² Though this is true, it also is problematic, for it leaves only the narrowest margin of time for succeeding generations to evolve. For example, if our estimates for the birth year of the eldest son of William, James Bland (C1707 - 1766/1774) are correct, William would have been barely 20 when married for the first time. By the time one begins to calculate the generational line backward from James' grandchildren, who have dates more accurately established, it is obvious that James' son William could have been born no later than about 1726, meaning James was about 18 when married, and that his son William was about 20. In the realm of genealogical speculation, anything is possible, but these dates are uncomfortably close. See discussion of Charles Bland, son of William, (C1726-1775), page 21, note 36 below.

²³ For previous information about this family line, see VU, pp. 484-544 passim and AC 6-1, pp. 8-35.

²⁴ VU, p. 272

²⁵ The Moses Bland line is fully discussed in AC 10-1, pp. 16-39 and 10-2, pp. 9-26.

William Bland and Catherine Key, married Margaret Osborne about 1747. About 1776/1780 John moved his wife, children and grandchildren to that part of Jefferson County Kentucky that would become Nelson County in 1785, where they set down extensive roots.²⁶ Through these five sons, William Bland (C1686-1744) has become the principal ancestral grandfather of Blands and their descendants living today. Of first interest to us is his eldest son, James Bland (C1707-1767/1774).

JAMES BLAND (1707-1767/1774)

James was born in Stafford County Virginia about 1707 and was the eldest son of William Bland (1686-1744). He is sixth generation in his family line. Milton Wilson, in his earlier study of the family, concluded that James migrated to New Hanover County North Carolina between 1757-1760. There was a local rebellion in Stafford County in 1732, in which James participate, and in 1752, the mining business James and Moses Bland inherited from their father went bad.²⁷ There is a legal transaction in Prince William County in 1754, which involves James. On the other hand, James acquired 200 acres on Black River on October 7, 1747. Either of these transactions could have been made in absentia, so it would seem prudent to give James a wide berth for his move to North Carolina, say 1747-1760. Certainly James was in New Hanover County North Carolina by that time, for in 1761, he returned to Prince William County Virginia to divest himself of his lands there.²⁸ James settled in the northern sector of New Hanover County. When James died, he was in possession of 1,800 acres in North Carolina and 300 in Virginia.

In his will, which was made out in New Hanover County North Carolina September 11, 1766, James distributed property to a wife Mary and seven children, including sons William and James Buchanan Bland and daughters Elizabeth, Catherine, Sarah, Ann and Lettice.²⁹

²⁶ John Bland and Margaret Osborne's family is discussed in AC 13, pp. 37-79.

²⁷ VU, pp. 272,278.

²⁸ Robert Bland notes that James would also have been eligible for an immigrant's grant of 50-100 acres, as well as 50 acres for each member of his family. James used proceeds from his Virginia sales to reinvest in North Carolina property, purchasing some 700 acres in 1763 at Bull Tail Creek and Bull Tail near Rock Fish River in New Hanover County.

²⁹ The name of the younger James had led to speculation that the elder James' wife was a Buchanan. Milton Wilson etched her maiden name by hand as "Buchanan". Wilson also confused this James

TABLE III

The Family of William Bland (C1686-1744) (Fifth Generation)
Stafford and Prince William Counties Virginia

WILLIAM BLAND (C1686-1744) m. (1) Unknown
(2) Catherine Key

| <u>James Bland</u> (C1707-1767/ 1774) | <u>Robert Bland</u> (C1708-1760) | <u>Moses Bland</u> (C1718-1800) | <u>Thomas Bland</u> (C1719-1788) | <u>John Bland</u> (C1725- 1795) |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Founder: Duplin County North Carolina | | Founder: Randolph County North Carolina | Founder: Fauquier County Virginia/ Hardin County Kentucky | Founder: Nelson County Kentucky |

Table VI

The Family of James Bland (C1707-1767/1774 (Sixth Generation)
Stafford and Prince William Counties Virginia
and
New Hanover County North Carolina

JAMES BLAND (C1707-1767/1774) M. Mary _____

| <u>William Bland</u> (C1726-1775) | <u>James Buchanan Bland</u> (C1727-) | <u>Daughters</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| | | Elizabeth Bland (M. Francis Lober) |
| | | Sarah Bland (M. James Hennessey) |
| | | Catherine Bland (M. _____ Sanders) |
| | | Anna Bland |
| | | Lettice Bland |

with James Bland (C1687-1756), who was our James' uncle. Cousin Edith Lanning sent me some material indicating that a "Buck" Bland was found buried in Fauquier County, AC 3-1, p. 15. Over the years there have been suggestions that James' daughter Lettice, was the wife of Osborne Bland (C1748-1820), eldest son of John Bland and Margaret Osborne, AC 13, pp. 40-42 or that she married a man named King in Stafford County Virginia. Neither of these ideas has been proven.

Genealogy is a sum product of attention to particular family groups by researchers. A particular line tends to be developed, like any other historical subject, according to the number of researchers who work on the line. Thus, in the family of James Bland (1707-1774, Table IV above, p. 19), the greatest amount of information is known about the eldest son of James and Mary Bland, William Bland. Very little is known about any of the other children.

WILLIAM BLAND (C1726-1775)

William is seventh generation in his family line. William's birth date is estimated at about 1726, since several of his children began to appear in the Duplin County North Carolina records in the late 1760s, meaning they were themselves born in the late 1740s.³⁰ Thus William, as the eldest child, would have been born about 1726 in order to reach his majority, marry and have his eldest child, reckoned to be William Bland (C1748-1826).³¹

William appears to have married about 1747, probably while the family was still in Prince William County Virginia. No one has ever determined the name of his wife, who must have already been dead in 1775 when William made out his will. What remained in the will was disposition of his estate to his children, noted in this order: William; Thomas; Charles; Mary Parker; James; John; Joseph.³²

Four of William Bland's children have been well researched and are as follows:

1. William Bland (C1748-1816). William's family, primarily known through two sons William and James, is discussed in Vision of Unity, pp. 293-320.

2. James Bland (C1749-1799) James and his Descendants are discussed in Vision of Unity, pp. 320-342. James and his brother John settled in Chatham County North Carolina. James descendants moved away, primarily to Greene County Indiana, while John's

³⁰ Duplin County was formed from New Hanover County in 1750.

³¹. If the date of birth of James son William, dictated by the probable ages of his proven sons, was about 1726, James would have been married at about age 18, C. 1725. This would have allowed his new wife about one year before William's arrival and would have allowed the younger William a scant 21 years to mature and marry himself.

³² VU, pp. 283-284. The will is found in Duplin County N.C. Will Book A, p. 25 and is summarized in Milton Wilson, Pioneer Families of Polk County and South Florida (1944) P. 285.

descendants have tended to the present day to remain nearby (See Par. 4, below) and were sponsors of the 1988 National Bland Reunion. My late and much missed cousin Al Hunter supplied me with Revolutionary service vouchers in Wilmington N.C. District for James, Joseph and John, dated between 1781-1783, confirming eligibility for DAR and SAR membership for any who descend from these lines. ³³

3. Joseph Bland (C1754-1800). Joseph was noted in early issues of "Among Cousins". His descendants migrated to Alabama and Mississippi and the line has been summarized in "Among Cousins" Volumes 3-1 and 8-1. ³⁴

4. John Bland (C1758-1827) John and his family are discussed in Vision of Unity pp. 284-293. ³⁵

5. Charles Bland Very little is known about Charles Bland. A record has been found showing that he married Rachel Alderman and on April 19, 1791, a court proceeding named Mary Bland as his widow, with a brother William (1 above) named to divide Charles' estate equitably between his widow and children. This indicates the obvious, that Charles was dead by April 1791 and that he had minor children by a second wife, adding substance to his status as a minor when his father died in 1775. ³⁶

³³ The descendants of James Bland are noted inter alia in the early copies of "Among Cousins" and were summarized in AC 11-1, pp. 10-32. Some supplemental information is supplied in AC 11-2, pp. 4-8 and 12-2, pp. 32-36

³⁴ AC 3-1, pp. 15-20; 3-2, pp. 30-32; 8-1, pp. 11-15 and 9-2 pp. 31-32.

³⁵ See also, AC 2-1, p. 5 for a suggestion that John's date of birth should be no later than 1758. It was originally given as C1760 in VU. Also, AC 2-2, p. 34

³⁶ Alvaretta Kenan Register, One Branch of the Parrish Family of Bulloch County Georgia, (1966), p. 25, hereafter identified in notes as Register, makes an interesting observation that requires further research. Citing as her source William Alderman Parker's The Alderman's in America (1957) p. 42., Register delineates the family of Daniel Alderman and Abigail Harris, and finds that one of their children was Rachel Alderman, born C 1744. In our analyses of the sons of William Bland (1726-1775) we have followed the sequence of names on William's will, and concluded that Charles was a minor when his father died in 1775. We also know from the above that Charles had died by 1791. Inasmuch as men were generally at least a few years older than their wives (exceptions always being possible), this would seem to raise very interesting and intriguing

TABLE V

The Family of William Bland (C1726-1775) (Seventh Generation)
Stafford and Prince William Counties Virginia
and
Duplin County North Carolina

WILLIAM BLAND (1726-1775) M. _____

| | | | |
|---|--|--|---|
| <u>William Bland</u> (C1748-1816) Founder: Duplin County North Carolina; Bulloch County Georgia | <u>James Bland</u> (C1749-1799) Founder: Green County Indiana | <u>Joseph Bland</u> (C1752-1799) Founder: Mississippi Blands | <u>John Bland</u> (C1754-1827) Founder: Chatham County North Carolina |
|---|--|--|---|

Thomas Bland

Charles Bland

Mary Bland
M. _____ Parker

questions about this line: If Charles were older than his wife, born in 1744, or even as old, he would easily be the eldest of William Bland's children, and this would necessarily imply that his father was born before 1726, which would imply also that his grandfather James Bland was born earlier than 1707, which would then of course raise questions about the accuracy of our assumptions that his great grandfather William Bland was born as late as 1686, which rubs up against some pretty hard documentary evidence regarding James Bland (1661-1709) etc. This is a very interesting project awaiting someone with time, patience and resources to pursue it, suggesting a need to research New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and perhaps English records. The results of a thorough search would be of immense value to the Bland family.

6. Thomas Bland Nothing further is known of Thomas Bland.

7. Mary Bland m. _____ Parker, was living in Sampson County North Carolina in 1800.³⁷

WILLIAM BLAND (1748-1816)

William was probably born in Virginia and moved to Duplin County North Carolina with his parents and grandparents as a child. A critical deed, dated April 2, 1816, suggests the time of William's death, and in referring to a "patent granted to me on December 16, 1769," suggests that William was born no later than 1748. It is probable that William married Rachel Powell about 1769.³⁸ William also was a soldier in the American Revolution. See the discussion with the family of William's grandson William (C1794-1873) below, pp. 29-31, for speculation that a major upheaval in the families fortunes, including the elder William's death and his grandson's migration from North Carolina, might have resulted from the world wide damage of a volcano that year.

Three children have been traced to William Bland and Rachel Powell. A daughter, Elizabeth Bland may have married Isaac Milton Newton in Duplin County NC, January 19, 1808.³⁹

³⁷ AC 2-1, p. 6. Milton Wilson refers to her as Nancy.

³⁸ Milton Wilson also entered "Powell" in handwriting as wife of William Bland.

³⁹ AC 2-1, pp. 6-7. This is qualified because it has been opened to serious doubt. Nina Newton Usher, The Newton Family of Effingham County Georgia (ND) p. 5, shows Isaac Newton (C1770 -) married Elizabeth Alderman, a notation I have seen elsewhere, cf. Newton Quarterly Vol. 1, No. 1, September 15, 1980, p. 9. E-Mail, April 6, 1998. Karen Roberts writes "I want to caution you about passing along the notion that Isaac Milton Newton married Elizabeth Bland. As I recall, you had a hard time fitting in this Elizabeth with any of the Bland families. I have seen her listed as LAND and have confirmed that there were families living in the area with the last name of LAND. . ." In McLeod File, an annotated copy of the History of the Bland Family by Milton Wilson, attached to Wilson's page 4, an unknown commentator makes Elizabeth the daughter of William Bland (1748-1816) and Rachel Powell. CF Ruth Walker to William Graham Bland, May 23, 1971. An undated letter from Elizabeth Newton Turner to Stephen McLeod shows the same marriage and family group sheets also apparently prepared by Elizabeth Newton Turner feature this marriage between Isaac Newton Jr. and Elizabeth Bland in a file marked "Bland-Newton: The Family of Isaac Newton Jr. and Elizabeth Bland," McLeod File.

TABLE VI

The Family of William Bland (C1748-1816) (Eighth Generation)
Prince William County Virginia
and
Duplin County North Carolina

WILLIAM BLAND (c1748-1816) M. Rachel Powell

James Bland
(1772-1818)

M (1) Jemima Alderman
(C1773-1800)

Children:

(1) William Bland
(C1794-1875)
(2) Daniel White Bland
(1796-1871)
(3) Edith Bland
(C1779 -)
M (2) Esther Newton
(1779-1854)
(4) Dorcas Tabitha
Bland (C1801 -)
(5) Anna Bland
(1802-1847)
(6) Isaac Newton
Bland (1803-1875)
(7) Mary Bland
(C1807-1840)
(8) Amariah Bland
(1809-1869)
(9) James Thomas Bland
(1810-1886)
(10) Jemima Bland
(1812-1889)
(11) David Bland
(C1813-1840)
(12) Enoch Bland
(C1815-1871)
(13) Timothy Bland
(1818-1883)

William Bland
(C1771-1854)

M. Mary C. Parker M. Isaac M.
Newton

Children:

(1) Rachel Bland
(2) Lucretia Bland
(3) James Bland
(1798-1862)
(4) Nancy Bland
(1799-1845)
(5) Susannah Bland
(1800-1887)
(6) Elizabeth Bland
(1802-1842)

WILLIAM BLAND (1771-1854)

William Bland (February 23, 1771 - 1854) was the subject of study of Milton Wilson. He married Mary C. Parker about 1793 and had six children by her. ⁴⁰ Their six children, in approximate order of birth are as follows:

1. Rachel Bland, who married (1) Joshua Lee and (2) William Powell.
2. Lucretia Bland married William Newton on March 1, 1817. They moved to Tennessee.
3. James Bland (April 27, 1798 - December 15, 1862). James lived in Duplin County North Carolina and married Mary C. Powell (C1796/1798 -) Their children included: ⁴¹

A. Isaac Thomas Bland (C1822/1826 -). Isaac served in the CSA, as a Private in Company H, 40th North Carolina Regiment. ⁴² He married Mary J. Register ⁴³ (1837-) and they had six known

⁴⁰ VU pp. 293-296. Robert Bland P. 60, noted a will probated August 23, 1838 by Brittain Powell, who refers to his daughter Mary C. Bland.

⁴¹ Robert Bland p. 60. Brittain's Wife Mary Powell, in her will of March 6, 1847, refers to a son in law James Bland and a grandson Isaac. Bob has surmised that these are James Bland (1798-1862), son and Isaac, grandson, of William Bland (1771-1854). The 1850 Census of Duplin County North Carolina William and Mary Bland, both 78, living in Dwelling 133. In dwelling 134, there is James Bland and a wife Mary, both 52, with children Isaac, 24; George 21; William (somewhat illegible) 18; Mary E., 16; Julia, 11; and James, 7. Confirmed by Memorandum of William Graham Bland, October 5, 1973, in McLeod File. The same family is found in 1860 in Magnolia North Carolina, with James, 63; Mary 64; with Julia and James still in residence, ages 22 and 21, and a granddaughter Mary. The 1880 Census of Sampson County finds George Bland, age 52, living with a wife Elizabeth, 40; and James 18; Luscion (Lucian?) 14; Julia 10; Mary 8; and George 7. Source, McLeod File, Memorandum by William Graham Bland, October 30, 1973.

⁴² AC 1-1, attach 6.

⁴³ Death Certificate, Sampson County North Carolina, Albert Floyd Bland, August 12, 1935 (page 25, (6) shows his mother was Mary Register, married to Isaac Bland. McLeod File.

children, (living at home in the 1880 Census of Sampson County North Carolina).⁴⁴

(1) Henry H. Bland (C1862 -)

(2) Laura E. Bland (February 5, 1866 - December 23, 1964) married Bert Stokes Rackley (1874-1956).

(3) Sarah Bland (April 30, 1868 - September 12, 1963) married Dillard Drew.

(4) Lilly Ray Bland (C1872 -)

(5) Charlie T. Bland (May 27, 1873 - January 4, 1945)

(6) Albert Floyd Bland (C1875 - August 7, 1935) married Carrie Wood.⁴⁵

B. George Tate Bland Sr. (C1829-1895) George Tate Bland served in the CSA, as a Private with Company A, 41st North Carolina Regiment.⁴⁶ George married Elizabeth Emmeline Rackley (March 24, 1840 - February 18, 1916) and they had eight known children:⁴⁷

⁴⁴ A handwritten slip of paper in the material sent to Stephen McLeod by Robert L. Bland, records the following family in the 1880 Census for Sampson County North Carolina: I.T. (Isaac Thomas??) Bland, with family, ages noted in the above narrative. I am assuming from other information that this is an older brother of George Tate Bland (1829-1895).

⁴⁵ Death Certificate, Sampson County North Carolina, Albert Floyd Bland, August 12, 1935.

⁴⁶ AC 1-1, Attch. 6.

⁴⁷ Robert Bland, p. 60, finds reference to George Washington Bland (C1845-1925) with two sons, James Henry Bland (May 28, 1884 - December 12, 1963) and Walter Bland (C1885-1955). In a letter to "Mr. Bland" in McLeod File, January 9, 1984, Alfreda Bland Parker, Wilmington North Carolina, also the source of Robert Bland, states that she is the daughter of James Henry Bland and that he was the son of George Washington Bland "(b.1840s d.before 1900)" and that George was a farmer on "Bull Whip" (Perhaps Bull Tail) Creek. Though Mary Alfreda Parker's information is vital to establishing the main features of this line, it appears that she meant her grandfather was John Washington Bland, son of George Tate Bland. This would also explain the appearance in these records of a George Washington Bland. Robert L. Bland to Stephen McLeod February 21, 1982, McLeod File, calls him George Tate Bland and adds substantial

(1) John Washington Bland (November 3, 1857 - January 26, 1929). John married (1) Kate Ritter by whom he had his first three sons and (2) Walsea Johnson by whom he had six children:

(a) James Henry Bland (May 28, 1884 - December 12, 1963), father of Alfreda Bland Parker.

(b) Walter Bland (C1885-1955)

(c) Archie Bland

(d) Charlie Marsh Bland (April 24, 1892 - February 4, 1971). Charlie married Rachel Ann Mitchell (1888-1966). They had four children.⁴⁸

(e) Lottie Bland (August 31, 1893 - living in 1982).

(f) Harvey Bland (December 26, 1894 - November 26, 1932)

(g) Roy Lee Bland (August 3, 1897 - November 21, 1968).

(h) Clarence D. Bland (August 13, 1899 -)

(i) William Perry Bland (April 25, 1901 - June 27, 1962).

(2) James Iveson Bland (August 6, 1861 - September 25, 1950). James married Martha Carolyn Godwin (-1954) on March 20, 1889. They had three children:

(a) Carolyn Elizabeth Bland (c1892-)

(b) James Elmer Bland (c1895-1974)

(c) Ellis Talmadge Bland (c1901-1935)

information to this family's history. Emmeline Rackley Bland was the daughter of James Shepard Rackley. Robert Bland at p. 61, refers to a conversation between Dorothy heater Bland and Robert L. Bland which partially outlined this family.

⁴⁸ Death Certificate, February 6, 1971, Sampson County North Carolina, Charlie Marsh Bland, McLeod File.

(3) Ezra Thomas Bland (April 30, 1863 - January 31, 1933). Ezra married Fannie Ellen Ezell (1870-1965). They had at least one son: ⁴⁹

(a) James T. Bland who married Kate Colwell (1897-1959). ⁵⁰

(4) Julia Elizabeth Bland (October 21, 1865 -) who married (1) W.R. Bonham on August 7, 1890 and (2) Jessie N. Bowden on July 31, 1913. She may also have married N.F. Register. ⁵¹

(5) Lucian, Lucevius or Luscion Bland (February 5, 1866 - December 8, 1938), married Maggie A. Rackley (1876-1948). ⁵²

(6) Mary Lori or Lou Bland (1872 -) who married Rudolph E. Cox.

(7) George Tate Jr. or George Terry Bland (1874 -) married Mamie F. Terry.

(8) Lemuel C. or Seymour Bland (June 10, 1881 - January 30, 1933)

C. William Bland (1832-)

D. Mary E. Bland (1834-)

E. Julia Bland (1839 -) aged 22 in the 1860 census.

F. James Bland (1843 -) aged 21 in the 1860 census.

⁴⁹ Ezra Thomas Bland was living with his uncle Isaac Thomas Bland when the 1880 census was taken. Robert L. Bland declares him firmly the son of George Tate Bland and Emmeline Rackley.

⁵⁰ I reach this conclusion on the basis of two death certificates in Sampson County North Carolina, for Kate Colwell Bland, December 31, 1959, and Fannie Ezell Bland June 21, 1965. McLeod File.

⁵¹ A slip of paper in McLeod File, along with this family group, records Julia Bland, dates indicated, by Benjamin Register, with N.F. Register. The information was not clearly stated.

⁵² Information in McLeod File, which is somewhat confusing, indicates two other wives for Lucian Bland: Kezzie V. West, whom he married October 21, 1890 and Lizzie Alford, whom he married February 22, 1900.

4. Nancy Bland (C1799 - 1845). Nancy married Brian Lee and had a daughter who married a man named Baucom.

5. Susannah Bland (1800 - August 1887), married (1) Ephraim Johnson (1796-1835) in 1824 and (2) Naaman Stephens. By Johnson, Susannah had two children:

A. Enoch Johnson (1825-1886) who married Lucinda Miley.

B. Milton Washington Johnson (1828-1867) who married Maria Ann Knight on September 2, 1858. Milton and Maria were grand parents of the family historian, Milton Wilson.

6. Elizabeth Bland (June 8, 1802 - 1842) married Jacob Highsmith.

JAMES BLAND (1772-1818)

The son of William Bland (1748-1816) that seems to have attracted the most concentrated attention more recently is James Bland, (C1772 - September 12, 1818).⁵³ The reader will recall that in his 1775 will, James' grandfather William left him two cows, a calf and three yearlings, as well as a riding horse, saddle and bridle, some furniture and twenty pounds of "proclamation money," suggesting James got a good start by having his grandpa as a fan, if no one else.⁵⁴ As a result, James

⁵³ The remainder of this Newsletter updates material first introduced in VU, pp. 296-320. Delineation of this line which follows depends heavily upon notations from the McLeod File. Robert Bland has provided much of the refinement in what follows. He appropriately noted my error in fixing James' dates at 1770, yet calling him the second eldest after William, born 1771. Ah but that this was the greatest mistake I've made. Other sources are introduced in appropriate notations throughout the narrative. I wish to note especially, Beth Engle, note on VU. p. 297, publisher of children's books including Ride the Pine Sapling (Harper and Row, 1979) based on a South Georgia town in the great depression. and Big Words Source Atlanta Weekly Magazine, April 5, 1981, McLeod File.

⁵⁴ VU, p. 283. Fittingly enough, Robert Bland points out that James' father William Bland (1748-1816) at the time of his death showered gifts on James son Daniel White Bland (1796-1871) on Daniel's wedding day. One wonder's if this may have been because William's name sake, William Bland (C1794-1873) had already migrated from the North Carolina home to Georgia. James property was distributed in New Hanover County, North Carolina, May 21, 1825. Also, the Dower of Esther Bland was established May 19, 1825.

died a well off if not wealthy man, claiming 1,156 acres in Duplin County North Carolina.⁵⁵

James lived in Duplin County North Carolina.⁵⁶ He married twice. First, he married Jemima Alderman (October 4, 1773 - 1800) about 1793. Jemima was the daughter of Daniel Alderman and Sarah Newton.⁵⁷ James and Jemima had a family of three or possibly four children (see below page 62, paragraph 4, re new information about Dorcas Tabitha Bland Cl801 -). Secondly, James married Esther Newton, (1779-1854) about 1801 and by her had a family of ten children. Thus, by his two wives, James was father of thirteen children, eight sons and five daughters. By Jemima Alderman, James children were:⁵⁸

William Graham Bland to Iris, August 15, 1957, Document 1, McLeod File.

⁵⁵ Ruth Walker to William Graham Bland, January 7, 1971, McLeod File.

⁵⁶ Duplin was formed from New Hanover County in 1749. Also noteworthy is the formation of Sampson County in 1784 from Duplin/New Hanover and Pender County from New Hanover in 1875, Wilmington North Carolina, in New Hanover County, was first "New Liverpool", then "Newton" and lastly "Wilmington", named for Spencer Compton, the Earl of Wilmington. William Graham Bland to Stephen McLeod, May 1, 1982, McLeod File.

⁵⁷ This branch of Blands, which might be called the Bulloch County Georgia Blands, intermarried extensively with the Newton and Alderman family and because of this, they were a prominent part of William Alderman Parker's book. Parker's work, as well as the McLeod File, information supplied by William Graham Bland, of Jacksonville, Florida, and other members of this family, enable a rather extended sketch of the family's growth and direction.

⁵⁸ Birth dates for James Bland's children by his two wives are documented in a fragment that appears in McLeod File, written by William Graham Bland. As long time subscribers are aware, I have generally followed the practice of not tracing forward in time female lines of descent, for the obvious reason that to do so would increase the size of the already accumulated corpus exponentially. On occasion, however, it seems meritorious to give a little on that premise. In this case, I will detail for one generation, the children of the daughters of James Bland by his two wives.

1. William Bland (1794 - February, 1873).⁵⁹ William Bland was born in Duplin County North Carolina, though he lived his married life and died in Bulloch County Georgia. About 1814, William married Susannah Alderman, (March 14, 1795 - 1880) daughter of David Alderman, a Revolutionary War Soldier, and Jemima Hall. Susanah was born in Duplin County North Carolina. About 1816, seemingly a momentous year for this family, William and Susannah moved to Bulloch County Georgia, her parents following soon after.⁶⁰ This move to Georgia may have been precipitated by the effects of what today we would call "nuclear winter" from the fallout of a huge volcanic explosion in Indonesia, whose debris spread around the world and caused a lowering of temperatures even in North America. Their grand son Michael recalled "they came in January of the year of the September Storm."⁶¹ Such a natural disaster would have been seen as having religious as well as physical implications. In Georgia, William and Susannah were members of and were buried at the Old Bland Cemetery located on the road between the Bethlehem and Upper Lott's Creek Church which replaced Parrish's Meeting House in 1841.⁶² Though William seems not to have shared in his father's estate, (see discussion of Daniel White Bland, 1796-1871, below), he died with nearly 1,000 acres in Bulloch County. William Bland and Susannah Alderman were parents of a large family of eleven children:

⁵⁹ See Robert Bland, pp. 34-35. Register, at page 39, gives William's birth date as 1794, which would make him the oldest son. Register quotes Alderman, pp. 166-167, 229, 232, 400-402. The 1850 and 1860 census list Williams age as 55 and 65, meaning he could have been born in 1794. The traditional date of birth given for William appears to be too late, for one must remember that he moved with a wife to Bulloch County Georgia about 1814/1815. If born in 1797, he would have married while still a minor. William's will was made July 12, 1872, Bulloch County Georgia Will Book, 13-A, pp. 336-338 Register, p. 41.

⁶⁰ Moseley. David and Jemima Hall Alderman, Susannah Alderman's parents, are buried at Brannen Cemetery on Westside Road, west of Statesboro Georgia.

⁶¹ "The Bland Family of Bulloch County Georgia" McLeod File. Shortly after her mother's death in 1815, Susannah's father moved to Bulloch County Georgia with his minor children, suggesting that like Susannah, other older children had moved there.

⁶² Willie Lee Moseley to Charles L. Bland, May 7, 1998. Hereafter called Moseley. Mrs. Moseley attached Dorothy Brannen, Life in Old Bulloch: The Story of A Wiregrass County in Georgia, (Gainesville Georgia: 1987) p. 29, which explained the origins of Upper Lotts Creek Church.

A. Jemima Bland, (September 17, 1815 - January 31, 1890). Jemima was born in North Carolina. She was an invalid who never married. Jemima is buried in the Old Bland Cemetery. ⁶³

B. James Bland (July 24, 1817 - April 28, 1893). James was born in Georgia, so the variants in birthplace between him and his sister Jemima fairly well define the move to Georgia. James married Malberry Smith, (July 7, 1824 - May 13, 1904) on November 30, 1842. James and Malberry Smith moved to Hamilton County, Florida and had a family of twelve children: ⁶⁴

- (1) Daniel Bland, (November 30, 1842 - March 17, 1845).
- (2) Susannah Bland (April 7, 1843 - April 3, 1850).
- (3) Elbert Bland (March 18, 1847 - 1933) married Elizabeth Ratcliff.
- (4) Celestia Bland, (April 5, 1849 -) married R. W. McCall.
- (5) Missouri Bland, (June 30, 1851 -) married C. R. Harrington. Before Harrington, Missouri may have married Lot Townsend.
- (6) Josephine Bland, (October 14, 1853 -)
- (7) Theodore Bland, (October 2, 1856 -) married Cornelia Prather.
- (8) Orpha Bland, (May 14, 1859 -) married E. H. Sewell or Sowell.
- (9) Sarah Bland, (September 3, 1861 -) married Thomas Culbreth.
- (10) William Jobe Bland, (March 8, 1864 -) married Eleanor Brannen on August 21, 1889.

⁶³ Dates from Lawrence M Edwards, Family and Church Cemeteries, (Savannah Georgia: 1969), hereafter referred to as Edwards.

⁶⁴ Tombstone markings for Lower Lotts Creek Church find Daniel Bland (1816-1880), James brother buried near a "Niel" Bland (1817 -) who may be James. There is also Jincey Bland (September 1, 1880 - February 8, 1906) Newton Bland (1885 -) and Annie Bland, whom I have not be able to match. Perhaps they were children or grandchildren of James (1817-1893), who were not articulated. "The Blands of Bulloch County Georgia" McLeod File.

(11) James David Bland, (March 23, 1866 -)
married Lillian Harring.

(12) Ezekiel Bland, (September 26, 1868 -)
married Eveor Prather.

C. Daniel Bland (1819 - January 10, 1880). Daniel was born and died in Bulloch County Georgia. On September 19, 1839,⁶⁵ Daniel married Jincy "Jency" Parrish, (September 11, 1821 - February 13, 1905), a cousin of Jane Parrish, who married Daniel's brother Timothy (see E Below). Daniel and Jincey were married September 19, 1839. Daniel and Jincy are buried at the Lower Lott Creek Cemetery in Bulloch County. They had ten children:

(1) William Bland (June 30, 1842 - July 6, 1918)
William served with the CSA, 61st Georgia Regiment. He married Nicie Riggs (February 20, 1847 - February 17, 1933) on August 24, 1865. William and Nicie are buried at the Zora Baptist Church Cemetery in Appling County Georgia. Their children were:

(a) James Bland (May 31, 1866 - 1925) who married
(1) Ada Akins on December 30, 1888⁶⁶ and (2)
Lila Black.

(b) Roswell Bland (February 1, 1868 - 1940), who
married Florence Tillis. They had one daughter.

(c) Shelton Bland (March 23, 1869 - 1935) who
married Florence Carter.

⁶⁵ About 1922, Michael Bland, Daniel's grandson, erected tomb stones for Daniel and Jincy, but had to estimate their birth dates at 1817. It was later discovered that Daniel's brother James was born in 1817, and a study of old records convinced Michael that Daniel was born between 1818-1820. Gail Youmans Stokes to Stephen McLeod, June 30, 1994, notes that the 1880 Mortality Schedule of Bulloch County Georgia records Daniel Bland as age 60 when he died in January 1880. McLeod File. Robert Bland, p. 34, gives the date as September 19, as does "Marriage Records of Bullock County Georgia, from about 1875 to 1895" in Georgia Genealogical Magazine, (Winter 1990) pp. 167, 170-171. Many of the marriages noted below are gleaned from this source provided by Willie Lee Moseley in her letter to me, May 7, 1998. Cf "The Bland Family of Bulloch County Georgia" McLeod File.

⁶⁶ "Marriage records of Bulloch County Georgia" in Georgia Genealogical Magazine Vol 30.1, (Winter 1990) p. 170, McLeod File.

(d) Sallie Bland (November 1, 1870 - 1893) who married Willie Allen.

(e) Jincy Bland (October 10, 1872 -) who married George Homer Bridges.

(f) Daniel Bland (May 5, 1874 - May 5, 1959), who married Annie Gertrude Hallman (-1967). They had one son.

(g) Francis Bland (February 9, 1876 -) married Jake Johnson (1874-1949)

(h) Maggie Bland (November 6, 1878 - November 2, 1953) who married Benjamin Johnson.

(i) Addie Bland (September 5, 1880 - 1898) married Willie Sellers. Addie died in childbirth to their only child.

(j) William G. Bland (May 29, 1882-1938) Married Malissie Lane (-1970). They had no children.

(k) Jasper Bland (March 1, 1885 - 1905) never married.

(l) Walton Bland (April 1, 1887 - June 3, 1969) married Etta Brown, who lived near Baxley.

(m) Minniew Bland (June 28, 1889 -) married Matthew Aycock or Peacock.

(2) James Bland (June 16, 1844 - July 19, 1925). James served in the CSA Company E, 5th Georgia Cavalry. He married, (1) Rebecca Bowen (October 9, 1846 - July 9, 1891), by whom he had ten children: ⁶⁷

(a) M.G. "Dock" Bland (July 11, 1866 - April 13, 1940), married (1) Elizabeth Scott and (2) Elizabeth Parrish.

(b) William B. "Willie" Bland (July 15, 1868 - July 22, 1945), married Margaret Elizabeth Kennedy (- 1959).

⁶⁷ Rebecca is buried in the "Old Bowen Cemetery" near the Hamp-Brannen Farm in Bulloch County.

(c) Macy Ann Bland (October 8, 1870 -) married A.B. Bird.

(d) Susan L. Bland (December 23, 1872 - March 1898) married Tom Scott.

(e) Jincy Bland (February 20, 1875 - February 1896) married Hiram Kennedy.

(f) Daniel B. "Donnie" Bland (July 11, 1877 - October 24, 1953) married Era Waters (-1955).

(g) Lawrence Bland (September 11, 1879 - 1943) married Florrie Brooks Bennett.

(h) Aden Bland (September 28, 1881 - January 1928) married Elizabeth Jones.

(i) Elliot Bland (October 26, 1883 -) married Gertrude Arnett.

(j) Lily Bland (February 13, 1885 -September 11, 1890).

After the death of Rebecca Bowen in 1891, James Bland married (2) Ella Butler (October 15, 1865 - July 26, 1947). They had three children: ⁶⁸

(k) Kidron Bland (January 17, 1896 -) married James D. Alderman (1895-1973).

(l) James Bland (October 16, 1903 - March 1, 1948), married Audrey Lee.

(m) Gibbsby Bland (March 17, 1906 -) married T.E. Davies.

(3) Elizabeth Bland (September 11, 1846 - November 6, 1934) ⁶⁹ who married John E. "Uncle Cap" Groover (1840-1922). Both are buried in the Lower Lotts Creek Cemetery. They had a family of nine children.

(4) Michael Bland (August 14, 1848 - August 27, 1934). Michael was conscripted to serve in the CSA a few days before the war ended and never saw combat. As

⁶⁸ James and Ella are buried at the Brooklet Georgia Cemetery.

⁶⁹ Alternate date of death is November 22, 1924.

a result he lived on to meet Anne Rigdon (May 21, 1853 - January 26, 1944) whom he married on January 12, 1876. Michael and Anne are buried at the East Side Cemetery in Statesboro Georgia. Their children were:

(a) Glenn Bland (May 16, 1877 - November 15, 1959), who married Mattie Jones (1881-1968). They had six children.

(b) Alonzo Oliver Bland Sr. (December 5, 1879 - January 13, 1943), who married Eugenia Matthews (1885-1968). They had four children.

(c) David Lemuel Bland (September 22, 1882-May 13, 1947) who married Nettie Edenfield (1883-1968) on December 10, 1914. They had two children.

(d) Leeanna "Lee" Bland (April 9, 1885 - March 13, 1966) who married John Allen Jones (1870-1937). They had eleven children.

(e) Remer Bland (February 19, 1887 - September 4, 1907) was an invalid who did not marry.

(f) Charles Kelly Bland (December 19, 1890 -) married Bertha Mozelle Boyd (1895-1964) on December 20, 1914. They had five children.

(g) Daniel Edgar Bland (November 28, 1894 -) married Catherine Amanda O'Neal, (1897-) on November 28, 1916. He is the Dan E. Bland frequently referred to in genealogical work of this family, an active antecedent of our own time.

(h) An Un named infant son (September 2, 1897 - September 13, 1897).

(5) Malachi M. Bland (June 9, 1851 - December 28, 1912) married Martha "Mattie" Mercer, (February 25, 1862 - October 14, 1939) on October 9, 1878.⁷⁰ Malachai and Mattie are buried at Lanes Church Cemetery in Stilson Georgia. Their children were:

(a) Lester Bland (July 25, 1879 - August 2, 1928), who died in New Orleans Louisiana.

⁷⁰ Paula Sloat calls this person Mollie. Moseley cites marriage records of Bulloch County Georgia.

(b) Lee Bland (March 29, 1884 - September 1975), married Henry Levy Sikes (1880-).

(c) Lillian Bland (February 5, 1887 -) married Charley C. Newmans (1880-1956).

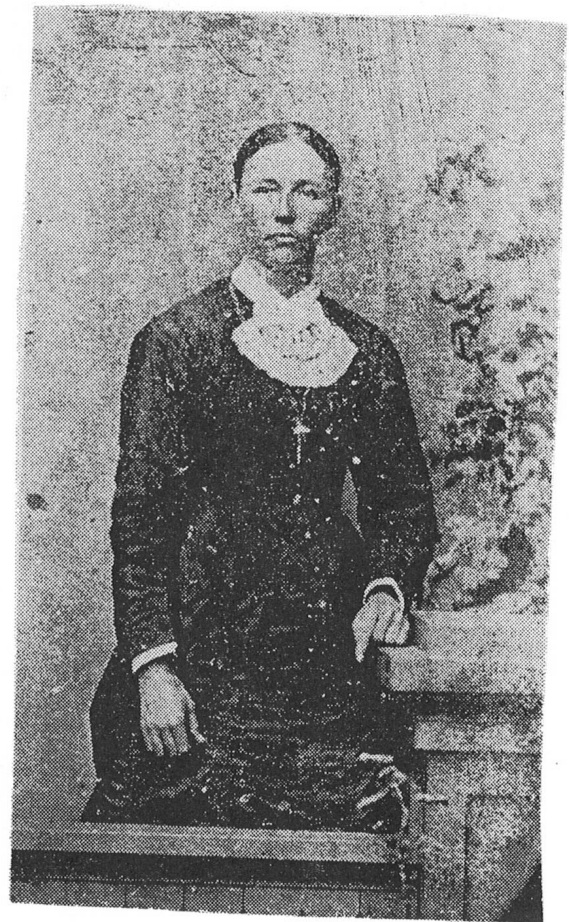
(6) Mitchell Bland (February 8, 1853 - October 4, 1933). Mitchell spent his early years in Bulloch County and married there to Narcissus "Sis" Johnson Tanner (March 8, 1852 - June 6, 1921) on February 7, 1883.⁷¹ Mitchell and Narcissus moved to Appling County Georgia in the 1890s and from there to nearby Montgomery County, where they were found in the 1900 Census and back to Appling County in 1910, where they settled in the section that became Bacon County in 1914. Narcissus suffered a stroke, her third, and died in 1921. The memories of one of his grandchildren, Dorothy Bland Crowley, suggests that Mitchell was a somewhat private, introspective man who loved nature and enjoyed playing the violin for himself and his grandchildren, but did not share his wife's passion for religion.⁷² He was a hunter and older people said he was born with a veil

⁷¹ Moseley states "Some of my information shows Mitchell Bland married Narcissis Tanner "Bulloch County Marriage Records" cited above. Information collected by Dan E. Bland show Mitchell Bland married Marsis (Sis) Johnson. (I found notes in my files in which a great grand daughter of Mitchell Bland stated her great grandmother was Narcissis Johnson. Marsie or Marsis was probably a pet name for Narcissus, but I cannot explain the name Tanner." On a stickum note to her letter Willie Moseley wrote "Narciissis Johnson was probably married to a Tanner before she married Mitchell Bland." More substantial information is provided by Gail Youmans Stokes, a descendant of Mitchell, in Volumes 1-7 of her "Bland Family News", (1992-1997) and various group sheets, which I rely on in delineating Mitchell Bland's family, Gail Youmans Stokes to Charles L. Bland, June 5, 1998. Gail's Newsletters are filled with memories and anecdotes about Mitchell, Narcissus and their children. They make for rewarding reading for anyone who descends from this line, but cannot only be touched on briefly in this number.

⁷² In "Bland Family News", Vol. 2 (May 1993) p. 4, Gail Stokes records a family legend that Narcissus was haunted by the fear that her husband's first death was caused by her refusal to prepare wine and unleavened bread for the Lord's Supper. She also was troubled by the sounds of horses screaming in a barn fire while she was married to Tanner. In this sense, Mitchell the skeptic and Narcissus the believer must have made a great couple.

over his eyes, signifying a sixth sense or psychic powers. He was buried in a coffin made from cypress lumber cut and aged by himself.

Narcissus' photo reveals a woman who is slender and tall, with black hair, long, silky and flowing, according to one of her grandchildren, but always worn in a tight bun. According to Gail Stokes, Narcissus had "very dark skin" and there is a suggestion from family stories that she may have had indian blood. Mitchell and Narcissus are buried at the Patterson Cemetery in Alma Georgia.



LR: Mitchell Bland 1853-1933 and Narcissus Johnson Tanner Bland (1852-1921) Courtesy of Gail Youmans Stokes.

Mitchell's father Daniel and his wife Jincy owned slaves, probably passed to them through Jincy's family. When the Civil War ended, Daniel told them they were free to leave, stay with him or work as share croppers. An older freed woman stayed on as a house servant but after Mitchell and Narcissus were married, took up with them. Narcissus confided to the black woman that she had never been able to have children with her former husband. As the story goes, the old black woman told Narcissus to hold onto her hat (or britches maybe!), "cause she just didn't know them Blands." ⁷³ As it happened, Mitchell and Narcissus were parents of six sons, all born in Bulloch County Georgia:

(a) Benjamin Bland (November 3, 1883 - May 5, 1957). ⁷⁴ Benjamin married Thursie Ellen Stewart (1889-1953) on February 20, 1910 in Appling County Georgia. Ben died of cancer and he and Thursie are buried together at the Stewart Cemetery in Bacon County Georgia. They had a family of seven children ⁷⁵

(b) John Eljie Bland (June 15, 1885 - August 4, 1951). John married Piety Yawn (1894- 1973) on July 25, 1912 in Jeff Davis County Georgia. John Eljie was buried near his children at Stewart Cemetery in Alma Georgia. John Eljie and Piety had a family of seven children.

(c) Simeon "Sim" Bland, (May 8, 1887 - January 10, 1968). Simeon married Bessie Mae Hutchinson (1894-1952) on February 26, 1911 in Appling County Georgia. Bessie and Simeon died of strokes and are buried together at the Patterson Cemetery in Bacon County Georgia. They were parents of eight children.

(d) Willie Bland (1891 - 1891).

⁷³ Interesting statement. "Bland Family News", (May 1992), p. 4. Who knows the name of that freed woman?

⁷⁴ Moseley states that obituary notices give Benjamin Bland's death as listed, though original sources I had showed August 4.

⁷⁵ Ben Bland and Thursie Stewart had a daughter Thoris, who married Elliott E. Youmans, parents of Gail Youmans Stokes.

(e) Lee Andrew Jackson "Leander J." Bland (May 1, 1891 - January 24, 1957).⁷⁶ Leander married Sanella Carter (C1894-1964) on March 12, 1922, in Bacon County Georgia, where they lived out their lives. They are buried at the Pine Level Cemetery. They had five children as well as a daughter of Sanella's, whom they raised.

(f) Clayton M. Bland (July 1, 1894 - July 22, 1971).⁷⁷ Clayton married Weltha Elizabeth Stewart (1894-1984) on April 9, 1916. They lived out their lives in Bacon County, Georgia. Clayton and Weltha had a family of eight children.

(7) Benjamin Bland (December 6, 1855 - October 4, 1891) who married Elizabeth Beasley (August 5, 1858 - January 27, 1944) on October 9, 1878.⁷⁸ They had four children:

(a) Lemuel Bland (April 9, 1881 - January 14, 1929). Lemuel married Nanie Brown on March 8, 1914.

(b) Mollie Bland (August 16, 1884 - August 22, 1951). Mollie married Harrison Akins (-1931).

(c) Frank Bland (May 28, 1888 - August 30, 1932). Frank never married.

(d) Cordelia Bland, dates uncertain, died age 14.

(8) Newton Bland (December 6, 1855 - C1863), a twin of Benjamin Bland, above, died of diphtheria.

(9) Richard Bland, died of diphtheria.

⁷⁶ Moseley says that Obituaries show this man as Lee Andrew Jackson Bland and that "Leander J." is probably a phonetic shortening.

⁷⁷ I am grateful to Moseley for this information, which she confirms through family and obituary information.

⁷⁸ Paula Lynette Dreggors Sloat, has Benjamin's date of death as October 14, 1855, two months before he was born. I am grateful to Moseley for Benjamin's date of death, the dates of his wife and the information regarding his children.

(10) Unnamed infant ⁷⁹

D. David Bland, (November 20, 1820 - November 18, 1891). David was born in Duplin County North Carolina but moved away to Thomas County, Georgia. There he met Nancy Carolina Lanier and married her on October 2, 1845 ⁸⁰ He was a Georgian when he fought for the Confederacy in the Civil War. The Yankees never laid a glove on him, but he had his arm shot off by bush whackers while he was home on furlough. David and Nancy had four known children:

(1) William "Billie" Bland, (1846 - November 1901). Billie fought in the Civil War. He had a close call when a Yankee shot a hole in his hat, leaving the more vital parts undisturbed. Billie married Mary _____. They adopted three children, two girls and a boy. One of the girls was named Fannie and the boy, Willie, became a scientist for Western Electric of Newark New Jersey.

(2) Unnamed son, died young.

(3) George Washington Bland (January 14, 1855 - July 10, 1930). He was born in Colquitt County Georgia. George married Katherine Lanier (January 14, 1855 - April 9, 1918). ⁸¹ Together, they formed the Metter Baptist Church. They are buried at the Salem Cemetery. Their children were:

(a) Lela Bland (February 20, 1886 - March 8, 1887).

(b) Foy J. Bland (January 25, 1889 -) married Ola Williamson in 1906. They had two children.

⁷⁹ Children 8-10 are noted in VU, p. 303, N. 1, and Register but are not noted in Robert Bland.

⁸⁰ Moseley, citing information obtained from Dan E. Bland and 1850 Census for Thomas County Georgia, which is on the Florida border, some distance from Bulloch County. Some sources say he moved to Lumpkin or Toombes Counties. Robert H. Pridgen to Dan E. Bland, September 15, 1953. Family History of David Bland's family in "The Bland Family of Bulloch County Georgia" McLeod File.

⁸¹ Note that the source lists January 14, 1855 as birth dates for both George and Katherine.

(c) Cora Lee Bland (August 6, 1892 - January 13, 1982), married William J. Bland, a first cousin, son of her uncle Timothy Bland (see below, P. 44, Par (3) (e) on July 31, 1910.

(d) Josh C. Bland (September 5, 1894 - April 20, 1958) married Mattie Collins on December 14, 1919. They had four children.

(e) Burnette Bland (September 19, 1897 - December 31, 1912).

(f) Augustus Burch Bland (December 14, 1901 -) married Evelyn Dunson on June 10, 1924. They had two children.

(g) George Alton Bland (September 1, 1904 - November 21, 1967) married Alma Reta Beasley, (1911-) on July 10, 1937. They had three children.

(3) Francis "Frank" Bland, (March 11, 1859 - 1919) who married Ida Texas Warren. Their children were:

(a) Stanford Bland (July 18, 1886 - June 4, 1939) who married Lula Trapnell on June 4, 1908. They had three children.

(b) Delma Bland (April 4, 1888 - May 19, 1896).

(c) Day Bland (December 23, 1890 -) married Charles H. Blount in September 1912. They had one child.

(d) Bailey Bland (September 22, 1892 - October 1923) married Abbie Collins. They had two children.

(e) Emory Bland (June 17, 1894 - November 20, 1898).

(f) Mace Bland (July 15, 1896 - November 18, 1918) married Daily Collins. They had two children.

(g) Bonnell Bland (October 6, 1898 -) married Kibbe Morgan on March 12, 1919. They had two children.

(h) Lovett Bland (November 8, 1901 - married Elbert Warren (1896 -) on November 6, 1919. They had two children.

(i) Frank Bland (January 25, 1904 - February 10, 1978) married Ann Margaret Edingfield on November 23, 1935, and they had one child.

(j) Felton Bland (January 29, 1906 -) married (1) Barnie "Bollie" Bland on November 22, 1925; and (2) Ella Mae Marthus.

E. Timothy Bland (September 7, 1823 - August 12, 1893). Timothy married Jane Parrish (February 19, 1827 - August 10, 1908) on September 4, 1845 in Bulloch County Georgia. Jane (whose nickname was "Jincy" was a cousin of the Jency Parrish who married Timothy's brother, Daniel. Timothy and Jane are buried at Lake Cemetery in Bulloch County.⁸² Whilst they were quick, they had a family of nine children:⁸³

(1) Mary Anne Bland, (February 16, 1847 - November 4, 1902) never married.⁸⁴

(2) Sarah Bland, (July 9, 1849 - July 30, 1910), who married Isaiah M. Parrish, (1843-1929), about 1870 in Bulloch County Georgia. Both are buried at lake cemetery in Candler County Georgia. They had eight children.

⁸² Alvaretta Kenan Register, Compiler, One Branch of the Parrish Family of Bullough County Georgia (1966)., p. 39. This material was given to me by Karen F. Roberts of Deland Florida.

⁸³ "The Bland Family of Bulloch County Georgia," McLeod File, I believe by Jewell Bland Rocker, says that all of Timothy and Jincy's children were born and died in Bulloch County. Register, p. 32, as part of the Johnson Family Bible, copied by Leora McEachern, identifies Isaac Bland who died September 19, 1848. Given his location, it would make sense that he was the son, or grand son of William Bland and Susannah Alderman, but no suggestion as to where he belongs has been found.

⁸⁴ Register, at p. 42, does not list Mary on family group sheets for Timothy Bland and Jane Parrish. Register cites Parker, p. 402 and the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 census records. Moseley identifies Mary on 1860 and 1870 census records and provides her precise dates.

(3) Milton Bland, (March 16, 1851 - September 21, 1913) who married Missouri Holloway (December 27, 1850 - June 3, 1930) on April 11, 1872.⁸⁵ Milton and Missouri had the following children:

(a) Algerine James Bland (February 3, 1873 - May 10, 1961). Algerine married Georgia Menter (1876-1953). They had eight or nine children.

(b) Remer Bland no information, died young.

(c) Harley Bland no information, married with a daughter.

(d) Debbie Bland (February 2, 1884 - February 3, 1974) Married George Clayton Coleman on December 16, 1900. They had five children.

(e) William J. Bland (no dates) married a first cousin Cora Lee Bland (1892-1982) (see above, p. 42, par (c). on July 31, 1910. They had two children.

(f) Alice Bland (January 29, 1894 -) married Henry Carl Wallace (August 13, 1892 -). They had one child.

(4) Safronia Bland, (January 14, 1854 -) who married Cooper Freeman.

(5) William Hillary Bland, (March 31, 1856 -) who married Marietta Byrd on April 29, 1875. Their children were:⁸⁶

(a) Dade Bland

(b) Tim Bland

(c) Frank Bland

⁸⁵ Moseley provided date of marriage. Further detail is provided in "The Bland Family of Bulloch County Georgia", McLeod File.

⁸⁶ The 1850 Census refers to this person as a male, William; The 1870 census finds William has become Hillery. He is listed as 4 and 14 in the 1860 and 1870 censuses. Moseley provides marriage dates.

(d) Ruth Bland

(6) Francis "Frankie" Bland, (November 20, 1858 -) who married James "Little Jim" Lanier⁸⁷ Their children were:

(a) Ola Bland (July 24, 1894 -) who married _____ Lee. They had one child.

(b) Ethel Bland, who married Claude Davidson. They had two children.

(7) Hiram Bland, (June 26, 1861 - November 12, 1936) who married (1) Ida Parrish (September 25, 1867 - February 12, 1906) on December 6, 1885 and (2) Carrie Lord (- December 14, 1956) on September 26, 1906.⁸⁸ Hiram and Ida had six children:

(a) Rufus Bland (November 1, 1886 - August 28, 1888).

(b) Zola Bland (June 8, 1888 - July 13, 1931) Zola married Logan Cassidy (1882-1922) on November 8, 1903 and had a single child by him. Second, Zola married Joseph Walter Street and had a single child by him.

(c) Luther Bland (March 12, 1893 - September 22, 1893).

(d) Julian Otis Bland (September 16, 1893 -) married Annie Mae Rivenbark (1896 -) on December 28, 1915.

(e) Unnamed Infant son.

(f) Alda Pearl Bland (September 20, 1901 - October 18, 1957). Alda married Remer Herbert Lee. They had one child.

⁸⁷ Register, p. 42, shows that Frankie was a nickname for Francis or Franklin creating a gender problem for this construction, especially since he married a woman named James Lanier. Mrs Alma Bland in a fragment of a letter, undated, says "Jim 'Little Jim' Lanier and my husband Alton's mother were sisters." McLeod file.

⁸⁸ Moseley provided Hiram's precise dates.

By Carrie Lord, Hiram had the following children:

- (g) Gordon Bland (August 1, 1907 -) never married.
- (h) Fred T. Bland (June 22, 1910 -)
- (i) H.C. Bland (February 20, 1916 -)
- (8) Laura Bland, (May 4, 1864 -) who married John Hendrix. They had ten children.
- (9) Ezekiel Leonard Bland, (December 17, 1867 - March 28, 1945) who married Mary Pauline "Polly" Buie (May 25, 1872 - November 14, 1955) on July 25, 1889. Leonard and Mary's children were: ⁸⁹
 - (a) Clyde Bland (May 20, 1890 - November 28, 1964), married Beulah Francis Hartley (1894-1979) and they had seven children. Clyde and Beulah moved away to Pompano Beach Florida. ⁹⁰
 - (b) Theron Bland (March 21, 1892 - November 28, 1901). ⁹¹
 - (c) Julion Bland (July 22, 1894 -)
 - (d) Maggie Bland (October 26, 1896 -)
 - (e) Ruby M. Bland (April 5, 1899 -), married Ozzie Lee Tyson. They had five children.
 - (f) Buddie Bland (September 27, 1900 -)
 - (g-h) Twin infants (July 1902 - July 1902)
 - (i) Clara Bland (November 26, 1904 -) Married Marshall Taylor, (1904 -) they had no children.

⁸⁹ Moseley provided date of marriage. Register at p. 42. The 1870 census calls this person a female, age 2 named Lecurrah. By 1880, he is Lenard, a 14 year old male.

⁹⁰ One of the children was Jewell Bland, who married Robert Byron Rocker on August 12, 1937.

⁹¹ A variant date of death for Theron is May 21, 1901.

(j) Wilma Bland (September 19, 1909 -) married Teniel Trapnell. They had one child. Second, Wilma married Bob Tulle.

(k) Mary Lee Bland

(l) Marguerite Bland (September 26, 1916 -) married J.T. Rocker (1915-) they had three children.

(m) James C. Bland (February 16, 1917 -) who married Mary Lee Caston (1916 -) on June 24, 1937. They had three children.

F. Hiram Bland (C1824 - November 24, 1864) Hiram was a Confederate soldier. He was taken prisoner by Sherman's army, near Atlanta. He was sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, where he died of Pneumonia. He married his second cousin, Jincy Crumpton, (C1826 - about 1851. Their five children were: ⁹²

(1) Ivy Bland, (C1852 - May 1889) who married Louisa Woodrum.

(2) Timothy Bland, (April 1854 - 1917) who married Levicey "Vicie" Woodrum on January 22, 1873.

(3) Susan Bland, (C1856 -) who married John Franklin.

(4) Mary "Polly" Bland, (C1858 -) who married Frank Deal. They had five children.

(5) Asbury "Berry" Bland, (May 1, 1860 - June 16, 1899) who married Katherine "Kate" Bird or Byrd on January 13, 1887. Their children were:

(a) Rochel Bland, married Esther Donaldson. They had three children.

(b) Alma Bland, married Melton Deal, a first cousin, son of Mary Bland and Frank Deal (4) just above.

⁹² Moseley. This supersedes information that Hiram was killed during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain near Atlanta Georgia. Moseley calculates Jincy's age from the 1860 census which listed her age as 34. Moseley also provides dates for children of Hiram and Jincy.

(c) Elmer Bland, married Janie Eliza Glasner in 1910.

(d) Frank L. Bland, Married Daisy Womack.

(e) un named daughter, married Arnold Towels.

G. Rebecca Bland (C1828 - August 13, 1895). Rebecca was buried at the Old Bland Cemetery. About 1841-1842, she married Mitchell Pridgeon (C1819 - September 1, 1861) who was killed in the Civil War.⁹³ Rebecca and William had a family of four or five children.

H. Edith "Eady" Bland (March 5, 1829 - September 25, 1906). Edith married Batte Gay, (January 8, 1825 - February 25, 1899), in Emanuel County Georgia, February 13, 1845. They had a family of eight children.⁹⁴

I. Safronia Bland (January 1, 1831 - September 28, 1900), who married (1) Barry Gay and (2) Aleck Clark. Safronia had three children by each of her husbands.

J. Sarah Bland (January 15, 1833 - September 25, 1906). Sarah married Clement Mercer on November 14, 1880, but they had no children. They are buried in the Batt Gay Cemetery in Jenkins County Georgia.⁹⁵

⁹³ Children of Rebecca Bland and William Pridgeon are identified in VU, p. 304.

⁹⁴ Moseley. Also, Moseley to Charles Bland July 29, 1990. We are indebted to Connie Gene Funderburke of Beaver West Virginia for information about Edith and Batte Gay. Edith and Batte had a child Laura Gay, who was Mrs. Funderburke's great grandmother. Emanuel was formed from Bulloch County in 1812, suggesting that Edith and Batte were not far from the core family. I am also grateful to Willie Lee Moseley, Statesboro Georgia, who pointed out that Edith and Batte are buried in the Batt Gay cemetery east of Highway 25, south of Millen Georgia, not, as previously noted at the Batte Gay Memorial Library in Jenkins County Georgia.

⁹⁵ Willie Lee Moseley to Charles Bland, July 29, 1990. Sarah is found in the 1850, 1860 and 1880 census as a resident of the home of William and Susan Bland, indicating that her marriage occurred in the 1850s and was short lived. Edwards lists a Sallie Bland, (March 12, 1836 - June 8, 1911) in the same cemetery was William Bland and Susan Alderman.

K. William Bland Jr. (July 5, 1835 - December 7, 1886) William Bland served in the CSA, Company D, 61st Georgia Regiment, and was captured by the Yankees. He was not released until after the Confederate forces surrendered in 1865. Excepting his service in the Civil War, William appears to have lived near Stateboro, Georgia. On September 25, 1856, William married Sarah Gay (March 12, 1836 - June 8, 1911) on September 5, 1856. They are buried at the Old Bland Cemetery. Their children were: ⁹⁶

(1) Mary Ann Bland (May 19, 1858 - November 1, 1945) who married James E. Beasley (April 6, 1849 - July 17, 1900), on April 4, 1878.

(2) Fulton Bland (September 17, 1859 - 1935) who married Fluvanna Green on March 30, 1884.

(3) Arian Bland (April 10, 1861 - August 1911) a twin of Ada Bland (4 below) who married Mills Brinson.

(4) Ada Bland (April 10, 1861-) a twin of Arian, who married Erastus "D. E." Bird or Byrd.

(5) Hanson Bland (April 4, 1866 - April 16, 1897) who married Ella J. Franklin on January 24, 1889.

(6) Susan Bland (April 14, 1868 -) who married James A. Calhoun.

(7) Absola "Abbie" Bland (March 1, 1870 - March 26, 1898), who married Robert L. Graham. Absola is buried at the Bland cemetery with two infant daughters.

(8) Winnifred Bland (December, 1871-) who married J. H. Johnson.

(9) William W. Bland (September 16, 1873 - March 11, 1931) who married Elizabeth Parrish (March 21, 1874 - February 4, 1956) on January 26, 1898. In the Upper Lotts Creek Church Cemetery, William and Elizabeth are buried with their children: ⁹⁷

⁹⁶ Dates for Mary Ann and Walter Bland, children of William Bland and Sarah Gay, were found on a handwritten slip, no source, in McLeod file.

⁹⁷ No author, Tombstone Markings in Upper and Lower Lotts Creek Churches. "The Bland Family of Bulloch County Georgia", McLeod File.

(a) Neil Trapnell Bland (December 28, 1900 - February 2, 1932).

(10) Walter Bland (August 25, 1875 - December 12, 1934) who married (1), Kittie Parrish, (September 20, 1871 - April 24, 1902) and (2), about 1904, Annie Belle Robinson (April 24, 1882 - December 10, 1922).

These are the children of William Bland, first son of James Bland and Jemima Alderman, and his wife Susannah Alderman.

2. Daniel White Bland (February 15 1796 - March 30, 1871) was the second son of James Bland and Jemima Alderman. As his father had been, Daniel was a favorite of his grandfather William Bland, (1748-1816) who on April 2, 1816 "in consideration of the natural affection I have," left Daniel 200 acres on "Miry Meadow Branch" in Duplin County North Carolina, adjoining a patent given to elder William on December 16, 1769, as well as another 115 acres from a parcel of land granted to Daniel's great, great grandfather James Bland (C1707-1766/1774) in 1768. The grant was conditional, to occur with the death of William and Rachel, which occurred in 1816, that most terrible of years for this family.⁹⁸ Daniel married Dorcas Page, (1798- living in 1880)⁹⁹ on April 2, 1816. Dorcas was a sister in law to Daniel's half-brother, Amariah Bland (1809-1869), (See page 75 paragraph 8 below), who married Dorcas' sister Mary. This transaction, an obvious display of affection for Daniel, speaks volumes of unarticulated words for the relations that may have existed between the elder William (1748-1816) and his grandson and namesake William (1794-1875), who moved away to Georgia about 1816.¹⁰⁰

⁹⁸ Deed, William Bland Sr. to Daniel Bland, Duplin County North Carolina Deed Book DFTU, April 2, 1816, Page 290. Proved, October 1816. McLeod File, transmitted from William Graham Bland to Stephen McLeod, December 10, 1980.

⁹⁹ Dorcas Bland is found in the 1880 census for Duplin County, in Dwelling 77, aged 82, living with her son Joseph, who is 45. Details of her parents and siblings is found in McLeod File, Letter from Mrs. E.M. McEachern to Stephen McLeod, October 30, 1980 and William Graham Bland to Stephen McLeod, June 3, 1981. I am struck by the fact that for all the attention given Dorcas Page, I have never seen reference to the date of her death.

¹⁰⁰ It is worth noting I think, that in the distribution of the estate of James Bland (1772-1818) Daniel White Bland receives 50 acres and every child of James Bland by either Jemima Alderman or Esther Newton receives some land, excepting William Bland (1794-

Daniel and his family stayed in North Carolina. Daniel White Bland "the fair" as we might call him, made out his will in Duplin County North Carolina November 20, 1865 and it was probated June 10, 1871.¹⁰¹ Daniel White Bland and Dorcas Page had a family of nine children:¹⁰²

A. Jemima Bland, (May 4, 1818 - August 26, 1862) who married Allen Taylor Johnson (August 11, 1804 - July 23, 1893) on March 22, 1838. After the death of Jemima Bland, Allen Johnson married Mary Bland Mathis, Jemima's sister (see B. below). Allen Johnson and Jemima Bland had eight children.¹⁰³

B. Mary Bland, (C1821 - September 26, 1875) married Mathis on September 23, 1851.¹⁰⁴ On October 8, 1863, Mary married Allen Taylor Johnson, her brother in law and husband of her older sister Jemima (See A. above).

C. James Thomas Bland, (February 22, 1822 - February 26, 1879. About 1854, James married Mary Ann Simmons (June 21, 1824 - September 4, 1878)¹⁰⁵ They lived in Sampson County, near Bull

1875) who is omitted. Robert Bland pp. 18-19. Ruth Walker to William Graham Bland, January 7, 1971, McLeod File.

¹⁰¹ Duplin County North Carolina, original Will in McLeod File.

¹⁰² In Duplin County North Carolina Census of 1880, a Nancy Bland age 39; with three children Ira; 12, William H. 10 and Lure E. 8. Nancy would be a Bland through marriage, and it is not known how this family fits in, but was living close to Dorcas Page Bland. McLeod File.

¹⁰³ McLeod file Family Group Sheet, citing Johnson Family Bible and will of Daniel Bland as sources. Also, in an undated fragment, an arrow links "Polly" Bland, listed just above "Jamimia" to Allen Johnson. Confirmation of these double marriages are found in the Allen Johnson Family Bible Record in "Bland Johnson: The Family of Allen Taylor Johnson and Jemima Bland", McLeod File.

¹⁰⁴ Robert Bland, p. 60.

¹⁰⁵ McLeod File, Family Group Sheets and folder "The Bland Papers, Descendants of James Thomas Bland and Mary Ann Simmons". James Thomas Bland married Margaret Blanton in 1879, cited by Robert Bland p. 37, as a death bed marriage to assure the raising of his young children. For speculation that Margaret might have been a fourth daughter of Dorcas Bland, (sixth child of James Bland

Tail Creek and had a family of eight children:

(1) Emma Bland (January 2, 1855 - February 24, 1932). Emma was born in Duplin County North Carolina. On March 21, 1878, Emma married a cousin, Lewis Frank Bland (August 13, 1848 - January 16, 1919), a son of Enoch Bland (1815-1871) and Mary Jane Lee (1823 -) (See below, Page 95, paragraph 12A. Lewis and Emma had a family of six children which is discussed below, paragraph 12A, children of Enoch Bland. ¹⁰⁶

(2) Ira Bland (March 7, 1856 - August 4, 1943). Ira was born at Harrells North Carolina. As a young man, he moved to Telfair County Georgia, but returned to North Carolina where he married the first of his two wives, Ivey Harris Alderman (December 5, 1869 - June 12, 1902), a third cousin, on January 2, 1890. By this marriage, there were five children: ¹⁰⁷

(a) Charlie Love Bland (June 3, 1893 - June 9, 1933), who married Ethel Jones (May 18, 1896 - July 20, 1972). Charlie died in a drowning accident. After his death, Ethel remarried to Parker. Charlie and Ethel had eight children. ¹⁰⁸

(1770-1818) and John Blanton, see Robert Bland p. 45 and below page 62, paragraph 4D. See also, Lessie Mae Blanton Batchelor to Stephen McLeod, Undated, McLeod File, which asserts that Margaret was James Thomas Bland's (1822-1879) second wife. Mrs. Batchelor imparted a lot of information, but had some inaccuracies which leads one to wonder just which Margaret Blanton ended up marrying James T. Bland. Margaret is found in the 1880 census living near Dorcas Bland, listed as step-mother to James Thomas Bland's children, McLeod File, handwritten note, 1880 Census, Duplin County North Carolina.

¹⁰⁶ Death Certificate of Emma Bland, February 27, 1932, Sampson County North Carolina, McLeod File.

¹⁰⁷ See letter, Mary and Theodore Bland to Stephen McLeod, October 15, 1981, and Mary Jane Bland to Stephen McLeod, undated, McLeod File.

¹⁰⁸ Robert Bland, p. 36, notes that Ethel Bland Parker is buried at Welles Chapel Church adjacent to Charlie Love Bland.

(b) Ernest Julian Bland (October 3, 1895 - June 7, 1969), who married Thelma Carolina Newton (1904-1981) on January 10, 1940. Stephen McLeod credits Thelma for much of the research that contributed to his knowledge of this branch of the Blands. Ernest and Thelma had one child.

(c) Nellie Jane Bland (August 15, 1899 -) living in 1983), married Robert Peal Johnson (1891-) on June 11, 1917.

(d) Bobbie Bland (August 13, 1900 - December 2, 1902).

(e) Harris Bland, (June 4, 1902 - July 11, 1902). This child must have been the cause of Ivey Harris Alderman's death.

Following the death of Ivey Harris Alderman, Ira Bland married Margaret Dixon Boyette (1883-1975) C1909, and by her had two children:

(d) Theodore Cyrus Bland (December 20, 1910 - August 22, 1986), of Harrells, North Carolina, who married Mary Jane Waters (1921-) on November 25, 1941. ¹⁰⁹ Theodore and Mary Jane had three children.

(e) Emma Oleta Bland (April 23, 1913 -) married Richard Southerland of Wallace North Carolina on December 23, 1938. Emma and Richard had four children.

(3) Lafayette Bland (June 18, 1859 - September 23, 1943). Family historian Lillian McRee writes "It seems that La Fayette walked to Georgia with his musket slung over his shoulder." Interestingly enough, Lillian doesn't hint at the objective of such a purposeful journey. She speaks tenderly of her grandfather, remembering him as kind and gentle with girls and women, but somewhat rough with boys. She described him in his later years, "ramrod straight, full head of

¹⁰⁹ It is rare that I have had an opportunity to meet any of the old Blands I write about, but in December 1981, my late father and I spent a delightful afternoon with "Teddy" and his wife Jane, and I was able to return to see Teddy again in 1985, with my wife Mary Jane and our two children Christina and Tommy, shortly before his death. AC 5-1, p. 7.

white hair, sharp blue eyed man." ¹¹⁰ Whatever his intent, in Telfair County Georgia, he met and married Huldah Jane Wooten (November 6, 1872 - November 5, 1927) ¹¹¹ on February 23, 1888 and supposedly put the musket away. Perhaps he learned in Georgia that the Yankees had been gone for more than a decade. Lafayette and Huldah were married at Wooten's Mill and they lived at Jacksonville Georgia and later at Lumber City where Lafayette had a lumber mill and a small railroad named the Old Erie Lumber Company Railroad. Later in life, Lafayette and Huldah moved to Valdosta and Georgia and in his later years, following Huldah's death, Lafayette moved to Atlanta to live with his sons. He is buried at Valdosta Georgia. Lafayette and Huldah lived substantially and seemed to prosper in their lives. Lillian McRee writes that the family tradition had it that Lafayette and his brother Dan (page 55, paragraph 4 below) dated Mattie and Huldah Wooten in the reverse of which they were married. One day they decided to swap partners and then never swapped back. Lafayette and Huldah had family of seven children:

(a) Claude Bland, (December 6, 1888 - C1978/1979) later known as John Sweet, was born at Wooten's Mill, Georgia and he died at Fort Dodge Iowa. He married (1) Mamie Hyman, by whom he had three children; (2) Cora Kline by whom he had a daughter who died in infancy and (3) Mary Ellen _____. There were no children by the last two wives.

(b) Edwin D. "Edd" Bland, (March 2, 1891 - September 11, 1894).

(c) Lee Roy Bland, (May 25, 1893 -) Lee Roy married (1) Artis Smith and (2) Irene Gervin. There were no children by either of these marriages.

¹¹⁰ The Lafayette Bland, Huldah Wooten Family record is brought to life by a narrative written by Lillian McRee for her daughter Beth McRee Cannon, undated, in McLeod File.

¹¹¹ Lillian Mcree paints a portrait of Huldah Jane Wooten as fearless, who once avoided a panther by driving straight into a church and slamming the door. Charmingly, she said her grandmother "could dream in chapters, picking up the dream each night for another exciting addition." McLeod File.

(d) Henrietta Elizabeth Bland, (June 18, 1895 - February 23, 1980). Henrietta married (actually she eloped with) Hugh Jane "Eugene" Gibson Newham (1894-1933) on July 27, 1913. Stephen McLeod writes "Henrietta was a beautiful person whom all the family loved." Lillian McRee wrote that Henrietta's parents forbade her to see Newham, a son of a horse trader, who was considered beneath their station, thus they eloped. Henrietta and Edwin Newham were separated and eventually divorced, and Newham had the misfortune of having his leg amputated after being run over by a train.¹¹²

(e) Rosa Lee or Rosalie Bland, (May 25, 1897 - February 19, 1933), who married Otto Floyd Helm on June 5, 1915. They had two children.

(f) Merrie Woodberry Bland, (June 28, 1899 -) who never married.

(g) Alma Edda Bland, (November 6, 1902 - January 13, 1959. She married Harry J. Craig. Alma and Harry had one child.

(4) Daniel Tate Bland (November 2, 1860 - January 24, 1959) at Harrells North Carolina. Like his older brother, he removed to Telfair County Georgia, where he lived out his life. Daniel served in the Civil War on the side of the CSA though you wouldn't find him on any of the muster rolls. As it happened, when the Yankees came to his father's house and started pilfering property, they made the serious mistake of taking little Danny's change purse. Dan "lit into the soldier for all he was worth, kicking, hitting and biting. When the commanding officer was alerted to the commotion, he ordered the soldier to 'give the little boy back his money.'" ¹¹³ God Damned Yankees, but that was a nice commanding officer eh? Like his brother, Lafayette (above, pp. 53-54, Paragraph 3) Dan married a Wooten

¹¹² Henrietta Bland and Eugene Newham were parents of Lillian Marie Newham, who married Jerry Jones McRee. Lillian Mcree has been an active researcher of this branch of the family and my correspondent. We owe the colorful stories about this family to Lillian's narrative written to her daughter.

¹¹³ E-Mail, Stephen McLeod to Charles L. Bland, June 13, 1998.

girl, this one Martha Elizabeth Wooten (April 12, 1863 - January 5, 1923). Martha "Aunt Mattie" and Huldah Jane "Aunt Janie" Wooten were sisters. Daniel and Martha had five children: ¹¹⁴

(a) Ralph Edwin Bland (August 16, 1888 - February 6, 1952) who married Addie Grubb (1894-). Ralph and Addie had ten children.

(b) James Richard Bland (September 16, 1891 - August 15, 1960) married Ina Lorette Middleton (1902 -) on January 13, 1921. They had four children.

(c) John Wooten Bland (April 29 1894 - January 26, 1969), married Ethel McDougald (1898-1976). They had three children.

(d) Mattie Bessie Bland (September 9 1895/1898 ¹¹⁵ - June 5, 1977) married Robert Bruce Smith (1889-1953) in 1918. They had two children.

(e) Stanley Bland (August 21, 1899 - March 20, 1951), a PFC in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II, never married.

(5) Edwin Dawson Bland (February 5, 1865 - April 5, 1919) in Duplin County North Carolina. Edwin went to Crenshaw County Alabama and married Velma Frazier (March 21, 1885 - December 17, 1865). After Edwin's death, Velma married August Pete Belins. Edwin and Velma had four children: ¹¹⁶

(a) John Frank Bland (August 31, 1908 - October 20, 1964) who married Clara Lucille Boone (1918-1971). John and Clara had one child.

¹¹⁴ This family line is reinforced by a letter from Beth ____ to Stephen McLeod, May 22, 1981, McLeod File.

¹¹⁵ Mattie always kept the year of her birth a secret.

¹¹⁶ This family is detailed in a typed but unsigned family group sheet, McLeod File.

(b) Dan Edd Bland (August 17, 1912 - January 16, 1978) who married Ruby Lee Croxton (1916 -) on January 20, 1943. Dan and Ruby lived at Crestview Florida, and had three children.

(c) Jim Andrew Bland (December 26, 1914 - October 12, 1919).

(d) David Paul Bland (November 10, 1918 -) Married Lula Mae Scott (1921-) on November 10, 1945. David and Lula had one child.

(6) Cornelia "Neely" Ann Bland, (December 28, 1867 - December 24, 1932) married Willis Hall Wooten, (Cl869-1941), a brother of Huldah and Mattie Wooten,¹¹⁷ by whom she had seven children.

(7) Ida Dorcas Bland, (July 31, 1874 - September 6, 1972). According to Stephen McLeod, Ida was "a wonderful person" and was a great contributor of knowledge about this branch of the Blands. Ida created a scandal when she refused to marry the father of her only child:

(a) Arthur Bryant Bland (February 22, 1894 - July 25, 1970) Arthur was raised and educated by his mother and became a dentist. He married Eva Mae Jones (1902-1964). Arthur and Eva had three children.

(8) James Oscar Bland Sr. (March 7, 1876 - February 21, 1960). James moved to Telfair County Georgia between 1885-1890 with his grandma Margaret Blanton Bland begging "please Jim, don't leave me." But like the old song goes, Georgia was on Jim's mind and off he went. James married Lula Clements (March 21, 1878 - June 18, 1944) on November 22, 1898. James was a successful businessman in Jacksonville, Telfair County Georgia, where he died. According to Stephen McLeod, "A cousin once said that he had a mortgage on practically the entire city of McRae Georgia. I think the Depression and other things eventually reversed a lot of his fortune."¹¹⁸

¹¹⁷ Letter, Olive Wooten to Stephen McLeod, June 30, 1981, McLeod File states that Willis Wooten is believed to have died in 1941.

¹¹⁸ E-Mail, Stephen McLeod to Charles L. Bland, June 13, 1998.

James and Lula are buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery in McRae Georgia.¹¹⁹ By Lula, James had a family of eleven children:

(a) James Oscar Bland Jr. (September 30, 1900 - June 4, 1902/1903.

(b) Iris Mae Bland (June 24, 1901 -). Iris was a graduate of Old South Georgia College, Mercer University and Wesleyan College in Macon Georgia. Iris was a consummate artist and contributed significantly to Stephen McLeod's research.¹²⁰ Iris married Edgar Sylvester Burch (1910 -) on August 15, 1934. They had one child.

(c) Earl Elgin Bland, (October 21, 1902 -) married (1) Mary Louise Malloy (1905-1963) on June 12, 1929 and (2) Mildred Newton (1913-).

(d) Guy Rupert Bland (July 31, 1905 - November 10, 1977). Guy married Martha Olivia Boney (1912-) on April 21, 1932. There were three children in this marriage.

(e) Azelene "Addye" Bland (October 15, 1907 -) married Floyd Walter Williams (1901-1956) on January 1, 1928. They had one child.

(f) Daniel Ed Bland Sr. (June 10, 1910 -), Born in Telfair County Georgia, Dan attended South Georgia and Douglas Colleges. On June 10, 1937, he married Mary Alice Thomas (1915-). They had three children.¹²¹

(g) Charlie Walter Bland (July 14, 1915 - May 3, 1934) was born in Telfair Georgia and died of a heart attack.

¹¹⁹ McLeod File, Family Group Sheet. A variant source sets the marriage at November 19, 1898. E-Mail, Stephen McLeod to Charles L. Bland, June 13, 1998.

¹²⁰ See the tribute to Stephen McLeod's Aunt Iris above, p. 3.

¹²¹ Daniel Ed's grandson Stephen McLeod, gives his date of birth as June 10, 1910. Daniel Ed and Mary Alice Thomas had daughter Patsy Bland married W.M. McLeod, father of Stephen McLeod, born on July 17, 1965.

(h) Jimmy Ethella Bland (February 16, 1916 - November 6, 1917).

(i) Mary Josephine Bland (July 21, 1919 -). Mary Josephine Bland was a teacher, who received her degree from the George Woman's College at Millidgeville. She married J. Frank Hatton (1917 -) on June 21, 1947. They had two children.

(j) An unnamed infant, born and died 1920.

(k) James Julian Bland (February 10, 1922 -) married Dorothy Anderson (1924 -) on June 10, 1942. They had five children.

D. John Bland (C1823 - C1862). John was killed in the Civil War. Robert Bland believes he must have served in Company H, 40th North Carolina Regiment. John never married.

E. Elizabeth "Betsy" Bland (C1824 - living in 1871) On March 10., 1853, Elizabeth married Joshua Blanton (C1830 -) and moved with him to the Florida territory. Joshua Blanton was the son of Elizabeth's aunt and uncle, Dorcas Bland Blanton and John Blanton, (See Below, page 63, paragraph 4F). Joshua was remembered as "old man Joshua Blanton". The story is told that during the Civil War, while the Yankees were marching through Harrells, (see the story of Daniel Tate Bland p. 55 above), Daniel White Bland hid all the livestock in the woods so that when the Yankees arrived, they found a far with no stock. The story is told that the Yankees dragged Joshua off alone and harassed, and then bribed him to tell them where the live stock was. This event left Joshua in disfavor and contributed to his decision to move to Florida. Elizabeth and Joshua may have settled in Madison County Florida, and they had three sons, Cason, Dan and Will. ¹²²

There follows a ten year gap in child births, by our best calculations. A good question would be why this was?

¹²² Elizabeth Bland and Joshua Blanton's Marriage Date is given by Stephen McLeod, quoting the Fayetteville N.C. Observer, March 21, 1853. E-Mail, Stephen McLeod to Charles L. Bland, June 13, 1998. An alternate date July 10, 1852, is found in Lessie Mae Blanton Batchelor to Stephen McLeod, Undated, McLeod File.

F. Joseph William Bland (C1835 -) Joseph was an invalid who never married. He is shown living with his mother with occupation of a farmer, in the 1880 Census of Duplin County North Carolina.

G. Daniel White Bland Jr. (January 10, 1836 - January 11, 1897). Daniel married Ivey Rogers (October 23, 1859 - July 20, 1906) and by her had two daughters Ruth and Naomi (1896-1900).

H. Harmon Bland (July 22, 1839 - August 12, 1924). Harmon married twice: (1) Alvania Peterson (April 15, 1842 - October 8, 1896) and (2) Sarah Sylvania Bland (1852-1937), a cousin and daughter of Timothy Bland (1818-1883) and Adaline Ward (see below, page 100, paragraph 13G). Harmon had three daughters by Alvania Peterson:

(1) Dollie Bland (December 21, 1873 - April 6, 1946). Dollie married (1) William Wright Harvell and (2) Thomas Ashley Garriss.

(2) Minnie Vance Bland, (C1873 -) ¹²³ who married Jesse B. Farrow.

(3) Nettie Priscilla Bland, (C1879 -) who married James J. Moore, a chief of police in Wilmington. ¹²⁴

I. Tabitha Caroline Bland (October 21, 1842 - January 1, 1901) "Aunt Lina" married Allen Bryant Peterson and by him had a family of six children. ¹²⁵

This concludes the known descendants of James Bland and Jemima Alderman through their son Daniel White Bland and Dorcas Page.

¹²³ Per the 1880 Census for Duplin County North Carolina.

¹²⁴ Per the 1880 Census for Duplin County North Carolina and undated, unknown fragment in McLeod File.

¹²⁵ Substantial information about the descendants of Allen Bryant Peterson and Tabitha Caroline Bland is found in "Bland-Peterson: The Family of Allen Bryant Peterson and Tabitha Caroline Bland" McLeod File.

3. Edith "Eady" Bland (C1799 - antel880). Edith or "Eady" or "Eddy" about 1819, married John Fryar (C1790 - May 24, 1884) in Duplin County North Carolina April 14, 1814.¹²⁶ John Fryar was a soldier in the War of 1812, farmer and cooper. They had seven children.

A. James Fryar - (C1820 -). James married Esther Blanton, (C1820 -) a daughter of John Blanton and Dorcas Bland on May 8, 1846, (see below, page 62, paragraph 4A).¹²⁷ They had five children.

B. Elizabeth Fryar (C1828 -), married Josiah Johnson and by him had three children.

C. George Washington Fryar (C1829 -) M. Tabitha Blanton (C1822 -), daughter of John Blanton and Dorcas Bland, (see below, page 63, paragraph 4G. They had six children.¹²⁸

D. Daniel Fryar (C1832 -) Daniel was a Private in Company I, 18th North Carolina Regiment, CSA. He married Martha McDermitt and they had one child.

E. Sarah Fryar (C1834 -) never married.

F. Rachel Fryar (C1836 -) never married.

G. Margaret Fryar (C1840 -) never married.

This is the extent of information known about descendants of Edith Bland, third child of James Bland and his first wife, Jemima Alderman, who died about 1800. James Bland remarried, probably about 1801, to Esther Newton, (October 11, 1779 - September 17, 1854). Esther was the daughter of Isaac Newton and

¹²⁶ An invaluable source for this family is John Fryar's Petition for a Pension for Service in the War of 1812, collected between 1876-1879, formally submitted April 14, 1879. Supplied by Elizabeth Newton Turner to Stephen McLeod, July 10, 1989, McLeod File. Unidentified article attached to McEachern notes. John's will was made September 25, 1882 and probated May 28, 1884 in Sampson County. Robert Bland, p. 39, gives his date of death as May 24, 1884.

¹²⁷ See Robert Bland, pp. 39,45.

¹²⁸ Robert Bland, pp. 39,45.

Jemima Chambers, and the aunt of James Bland's first wife, Jemima Alderman. Esther was a member of the Wells Chapel Baptist Church as early as 1819.¹²⁹ James Bland and Esther Newton had a family of ten known children, numbers 4-13 for James:

4. Dorcas Tabitha Bland (C1801 -) married John Blanton (C1794 -) about October 1, 1818 in Duplin County North Carolina. They had nine children, some who intermarried with their Bland cousins.¹³⁰

A. Esther Blanton (C1820 -) Esther married James Fryar, also a son of John Fryar and Esther's mother Edith Bland, on May 8, 1846 at Wilmington, New Hanover County North Carolina, (see above, page 61, paragraph 3A).

B. Joseph James Blanton (C1822 - January 18, 1865) Born in New Hanover County North Carolina and died in Elmira New York. Joseph served in the Civil War and died as a Prisoner of War. Joseph married Sarah Ann Hawes and they had six children.

C. Susan Blanton (C1824 -) born in Duplin County North Carolina.

D. Margaret E. Blanton (C1826 -) who married James T Thomas Bland (See Above, page 52, note 105).

E. Catherine Blanton (C1828 -) married _____ Knowles.

¹²⁹ McLeod File, Jimmy Comer to Stephen McLeod, May 23, 1982.

¹³⁰ From McEachern Notes: The daughter of John Blanton and Dorcas Bland, Esther Blanton, was born about 1828. She married James Fryar, son of Edith Bland and John Fryar. CF Robert Bland, p. 45. A. Clarke Blanton to Charles L. Bland, April 17, 1998, gives Dorcas a middle name Tabitha, the only source I've seen for this so far. Clarke Blanton has also enlarged the number of children of Dorcas Bland and John Blanton, and I rely on his information, since he is, I believe, the first to descend directly from the line. Also, the marriage date of October 1, 1818, forces us to push the date of Dorcas' birth back as far as possible to c1801. The 1850 Census of Duplin County North Carolina finds John Blanton, age 56, married to Tabitha Blanton, age 50. Given Dorcas Tabitha's now known marriage date, this is quite realistic. It would certainly make her the eldest of James Bland's children by Esther Newton and would raise the question whether she was the daughter of Jemima Alderman, born more precisely as the census taker reported, in 1800. More information about this would be appreciated. Hereafter, A. Clarke Blanton's letter is referred to as Blanton.

F. Joshua Blanton (C1828 -) Joshua married Elizabeth Bland (C1826 -) daughter of his mother's half-brother Daniel White Bland (1796-1871) and Dorcas Page, (See Above Page 59, paragraph 2E). Joshua and Elizabeth moved to Florida.

G. Tabitha Ann Blanton (C1833 -) Tabitha married George Washington Fryar, a son of John Fryar and Edith Bland, half sister of Tabitha's mother, (see above, page 61, Paragraph 3G). Tabitha and George had six children. ¹³¹

H. John Thomas Blanton (C1833 -)

I. Moses Newton Blanton (C1839 - 1930) born in North Carolina and died in Horry County South Carolina. Moses served with the First South Carolina Regiment from Horry County between August 7, 1861 and was still enlisted December 31, 1864. Moses married (1) Avy Jane Alford and (2) Helen Victoria Alford. Between these two women, Moses had ten children. ¹³²

These are the children of Dorcas Tabitha Bland and John Blanton.

5. Anna Bland (May 2, 1802 - May 16, 1847). On April 6, 1823, Anna married her first cousin, Enoch Alderman (January 16, 1801 - September 4, 1879). They moved to Marion County Georgia between 1840-1845. This was a family that knew tragedy for two and possibly three of their sons were killed in the Civil War. They had eight children: ¹³³

¹³¹ Robert Bland, pp. 39,45.

¹³² Moses Newton had a son, Marcellous Newton Blanton (1861-1954) who married Dora Shelley; their son James Cleveland Blanton Sr. (1901-1938), married Emma Vencia Hooks; Their son was James Cleveland Blanton Jr. (1930 -), father of Anthony Clarke Blanton, my correspondent.

¹³³ Information about this family is provided primarily from Mazine Winstead to Stephen McLeod, May 7 and May 30, 1989, McLeod File. This family history is so detailed and meticulous that in questions of dispute, I rely on it. Cf. Robert Bland, pp. 40-41. After the death of Anna Bland, between 1854-1855, Enoch Alderman moved away to Leake and then Lincoln County Mississippi, where he served as a Baptist preacher. On November 27, 1850, Enoch Alderman remarried to Susan Ann Hardage (1816-1889).

A. Amariah Alderman (July 30, 1825 - August 13, 1858) married Mary Emaline Clayton on October 12, 1848. No information was found by Parker about descendants from this marriage.

B. Esther Ann Alderman (October 24, 1827 - November 24, 1898), married (1) Redmond Yates (- 1857) on September 17, 1846. They had four children. Second, Esther married John Wells on March 30, 1858 and by him had five children.

C. James Alderman (December 9, 1828 - October 25, 1862).
¹³⁴ James married Mary E. Sanders November 19, 1850 and may have moved to Mississippi after relocating to Georgia with his father.

D. John Henry Alderman (September 9, 1831 - August 29, 1862). John served in the CSA, with the 26th Georgia Regiment and was killed at the Second Battle of Bull Run. John married Lavinia Alderman, a cousin, on July 2, 1854. They had two children.

E. Charity Alderman (September 21, 1833 - November 4, 1844).

F. Margaret James Alderman (August 3, 1835 - June 1902), married John Newton Heath on September 14, 1852. They had six children.

G. Stephen Alderman (October 23, 1837 - August 12, 1863), was killed in the Civil War. Stephen married Melvina McPhail on June 8, 1859 and by her had one child.

H. Jemima Alderman (March 9, 1840 - September 27, 1873) married Jones Brown on October 7, 1858 and they had two children. Second, Jemima married John W. Jordon on April 11, 1866 and had two children with him. The juxtaposition of the last child's birth date suggests that Jemima died from child birth.

These are the children of Anna Bland and Enoch Alderman.

6. Isaac Newton Bland (December 17, 1803 - August 16, 1875).

¹³⁵ Isaac Newton Bland was a church deacon at the Bull Tail-

¹³⁴ The date of death suggests that James was a Civil War Soldier.

¹³⁵ Major changes in information about this line came from a folder marked "Isaac Newton Bland - Mary Elizabeth Alderman" in McLeod File. Though the information was random, it contained information about the families of most of their children and their allied families. Additional precision for Isaac Newton Bland's dates were provided by Karen Roberts, Deland Florida, at the 1993 Bland Reunion.

Wells Chapel Baptist Church near present-day Wallace, in Duplin County. He filed his will in Sampson County, North Carolina, adjacent to and formed from Duplin, where he lived out his life. Isaac married Mary Elizabeth Alderman (May 30, 1808 - December 30, 1847) on July 1, 1824. Mary was the daughter of John Alderman Jr. and was Isaac Newton Bland's second cousin. Isaac and Mary were parents of ten children: ¹³⁶

A. Milton Bland (April 26, 1826 - January 26, 1897). Milton served in the CSA, Company B, 1st North Carolina Heavy Artillery Battalion between November 19, 1862 and August 1864. ¹³⁷ He was a native of Duplin County, but spent his adult life as a farmer in Sampson County. Milton married Elizabeth J. Turner, (April 5, 1828 to July 20, 1873), on March 20, 1851. ¹³⁸ Milton Bland and Elizabeth Turner had a family of six children:

(1) Mary Ann Bland, (February 25, 1852 - September 18, 1908) ¹³⁹ who married Isaac Francis Newton (1850-1909) on June 30, 1896. Mary Ann and Isaac are buried at the Wells Chapel church cemetery in Duplin County North Carolina. They had eleven children.

(2) Esther Susan Bland, who married James Boney Jones. They moved away to Pooler Georgia.

(3) Sarah Caroline Bland, (January 19, 1856 - June 16, 1931) who married John Calvin Newton (1852-1928). They moved away to live in Stateboro Georgia. They had one child.

(4) Melissa Jane Bland (December 21, 1857 - January 4, 1940), ¹⁴⁰ who married David Poindexter Averitt (1857-1937), a third cousin, on April 4, 1877. They moved to Stateboro Georgia and had a family of nine children.

¹³⁶ Robert Bland discusses Isaac Newton Bland's and Mary Elizabeth Alderman's Family on pp. 42-44.

¹³⁷ McLeod File, handwritten note.

¹³⁸ McEachern, Op. Cit. shows that the bond for the marriage was issued March 16, 1851.

¹³⁹ Following Mazine Winstead, but other sources put Mary Ann Bland's death at September 25, 1933.

¹⁴⁰ A Handwritten family group sheet, unidentified author, places Melissa's date of death as March 26, 1937, McLeod File.

(5) Sidonia Pettaway Bland (November 13, 1860 - August 8, 1942) married Isaac R. or Preston Newton (1850-1925) on April 4, 1877. There were seven children by this marriage. ¹⁴¹

(6) Solomon Newton Bland (January 13, 1867 - September 30, 1950). Solomon was a merchant and lived near Willard, in Pender County, North Carolina. Solomon married Varina Davis Newton (March 14, 1863 - June 22, 1900) on January 13, 1886. Solomon and Varina had four children: ¹⁴²

(a) Rossie Bell Bland (November 9, 1886 October 4, 1920) who married Nova James Register (1882-1927).

(b) Sarah Elizabeth Bland (June 4, 1888 - February 6, 1918) who married a cousin, Herbert Sydney Bland (August 10, 1884 - on December 25, 1911. Herbert was a son of John Thomas Bland (1843-1913) and Susan Highsmnith, (see below page 73, paragraph H (6). ¹⁴³

(c) Liston Elonidas Bland (October 26, 1892 - June 15, 1909).

(d) Mary Beulah Bland (July 29, 1896 - living in 1983) who married Thomas Jefferson Carr (1873-1949) on October 21 1914.

Following the death of Varina Davis Newton, Solomon Newton Bland remarried on October 30, 1904 to Flossie Newton, (March 3, 1880 - July 15, 1959), ¹⁴⁴ a cousin of his first wife. Solomon Bland and Flossie Newton had two children:

¹⁴¹ McLeod File.

¹⁴² Family Group Sheets of Solomon Bland and Varina Newton, McLeod File. Cf Death Certificate for Solomon Newton Bland, Sampson County North Carolina, October 5, 1950. McLeod File.

¹⁴³ Death Certificate for Sarah Elizabeth Bland, Sampson County North Carolina, February 7, 1918. McLeod File.

¹⁴⁴ Robert Bland, P. 42, shows Flossie born in 1881.

(e) Barnie Lee Bland (September 3, 1910 - June 28, 1970) who married Jessie Inez Howard (1919-) on December 22, 1935. They were divorced in 1941. ¹⁴⁵

(f) Newton Curtis Bland (December 21, 1912 - June 7, 1951), who married Mary Christine Wells (1915 -) on May 29 1937.

B. Martha Ann Bland (November 15, 1829 - November 29, 1912). Martha married (1) David Isaac Newton (January 1, 1828 - December 12, 1855) on May 6, 1854, and by him had one daughter. David Newton died shortly after Martha gave birth to their only child, and on May 30, 1858, Martha married James Rooks (1813- 1870) and by him had five children. ¹⁴⁶

C. Esther Bland (April 5, 1832 to February 2, 1882). Esther never married.

D. James Finley Bland (September 23, 1834 - September 24, 1908). James Finley was a soldier in the CSA, Company E, 18th North Carolina Regiment. He was born in Sampson County, North Carolina, but after the Civil War, he left home. He tarried at Mayesville, South Carolina, proclaiming that the town had "more fine horses and rigs driven by prosperous looking people . . . than at any other place." In 1872, James went back to Sampson County to fetch his sweetheart, Mary Johnson, (September 10, 1844 - February 13, 1930), whom he married on October 1, 1872. Having married Mary, he took her off to South Carolina and kept her there very well. William Alderman Parker described James as a man of boundless energy, a sucessful businessman in Mayesville and Sumter, who engaged in lumbering, turpentine farming, and merchandising. James Finley Bland and Mary Johnson had three sons. Parker indicates all three were successful businessmen in Mayesville and Sumter, South Carolina: ¹⁴⁷

(1) Robert Johnson Bland (October 30, 1873 - January 7, 1935) who married Jane Poole (February 6, 1876 - June 9, 1969) on June 1, 1898. Their children were:

¹⁴⁵ Death Certificate for Barnie Lee Bland, Sampson County North Carolina, July 6, 1970. Most other sources put the year of Barnie's death as 1910. McLeod File.

¹⁴⁶ McEachern, Op. Cit. Shows only four.

¹⁴⁷ James Finely Bland family information is in part from tombstone inscriptions in Mayesville and Sumter South Carolina, compiled by R.P. Bland Jr. McLeod File.

(a) Martin Poole Bland (March 23, 1899 - June 2, 1901).

(b) Mary Bland (May 29, 1901 - May 28, 1975) married Edward E. Wright (1884-1968).

(c) Robert Purdy Bland (May 29, 1904 - September 29, 1950) married Mary Allene Carroll (1904 -) on November 4, 1925. ¹⁴⁸

(d) Janie Bland, (April 24, 1909 - June 28, 1967) married Robert Roper (1907 -). ¹⁴⁹

(2) James Finley Bland, Jr. (November 25, 1876 - December 29, 1946) married Margaret Barringer (February 4, 1883 - June 4, 1957) on October 7, 1904. Their children were:

(a) Margaret Bland (December 20, 1905 -) married Frank Clarke at Mayesville South Carolina on November 23, 1932.

(b) Frances Bland (March 26, 1912 -) married Gaston Quartz M.D., on October 17, 1936.

(c) Elizabeth Bland (March 2, 1909 -) married Robert Arial M.D. (1905 -) on November 22, 1930.

(d) James Finley Bland III (June 12, 1917 - 1977) married Virginia Walter (June 27, 1915 -) on November 15, 1940.

(3) Hamilton Carr Bland (September 20, 1882 - August 24, 1967). As a child Hamilton was crippled by disease and as a consequence walked with a cane for most of his life. He married Corilla Holley (April 17, 1886 - May 17, 1965) on September 1, 1905. ¹⁵⁰ Hamilton noted for posterity that he liked to sit on the front rows at

¹⁴⁸ Robert P. Bland Jr. to Stephen McLeod, December 26, 1981, McLeod File. Robert Bland has been a long time subscriber and good Cousin.

¹⁴⁹ R. Bland Roper to Stephen McLeod, June 25, 1982. McLeod File.

¹⁵⁰ She is identified in VU p. 308 as Corilla Hawley, phonetically but not literally correct. She has also been called Cora lee Howley.

the county fairs to see the hoochie-coochie dances, making him a refreshingly honest late Victorian.¹⁵¹ He was an inveterate tinkerer, who never met a clock, watch, automobile, radio or woman's heart he couldn't disassemble and put together again, and he was a photographer as a hobby. Hamilton once assembled a car from scratch and he was an automobile dealer in Sumter, selling long forgotten models like Kissels, Roamers, Saxons, and Milburnes as well as Hudson-Essexes and Oldsmobiles (you remember Oldsmobiles, right?). Hamilton is best known, however, as the creator of Swan Lake and Heath Gardens in Sumter South Carolina. Hamilton stocked and nourished the gardens with exotic flowers and wildlife and cared for them for many years. The gardens were established on properties donated to the people of Sumter by A.T. Heath and Hamilton Carr Bland. Swan Lake now is a respite of flowers and plants, swans, geese and other wildlife and flora, visited by people from all over the world. It is a living tribute to our good cousin Hamilton Carr Bland.¹⁵² Hamilton Bland and Coralie Holley had two children:

(a) Coralie Bland (1907-1974) was a graduate of the University of South Carolina. Coralie married G.G. Miller.¹⁵³

(b) Ray Hamilton Bland (September 8, 1919 - July 24, 1935).

E. William Bland (January 13, 1837 - March 8, 1917).¹⁵⁴ William Bland was an ambitious young man, a bright star of sorts. He joined the CSA Army and served from March 5, 1862 to August

¹⁵¹ Poor man, died a quarter century too early to see Sharon Stone without britches in a police lineup.

¹⁵² Mary Cuttino Snyder, Swan Lake Gardens and Mr. Bland (1967) and Cassie Nichols Historic Sketches of Sumter South Carolina, II (1981) pp. 181-185, previously cited in AC 5-2, p. 7.

¹⁵³ Obituary for Coralie Bland Miller, Columbia S.C. The State, February 9, 1974, McLeod File.

¹⁵⁴ Dates for the Family of William Bland and Mary Ellen Newton is found in letter from Bill Bland to Stephen McLeod, April 30, 1982, McLeod File.

1864, with Company B of North Carolina's 1st Heavy Artillery Battalion.¹⁵⁵ After the war, he returned to North Carolina and settled down in Mingo, Sampson County, where he lived out his life. William obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wake Forest College. During his life he was a Baptist preacher founding the Mingo Baptist Church. William also was the founder and first principal of the Mingo High School, organized about 1880 in Sampson County, North Carolina.¹⁵⁶ He devoted much of his life to the enhancement of the Mingo school. William married Ellen Newton, (March 31, 1858 - April 1, 1939) on January 27, 1882. They had a family of nine children:

(1) Victor Manly Bland (October 15, 1883 - October 21, 1921). Victor came to Green Cove Springs Florida, selling fruit trees. There he met and married Ella Lee Rivers (October 15, 1881 - May 7, 1947) on October 21, 1906. Victor became a farmer, but while still young contracted cancer in his eye. This was not only physically painful but his customers avoided him for fear of getting the same cancer (a sad bias of the day). When he was only 38, Victor shot and killed himself. Children of Victor and Ella were:¹⁵⁷

(a) Grace Rivers Bland (July 28, 1907 -) who married Allen Bell on May 21, 1925.

(b) Willard Morris Bland (February 22, 1910 -) who married Lydia Evelyn Wager (May 23, 1915 -) on October 29, 1932.¹⁵⁸

(c) Annie Mae Bland (April 5, 1911 -) married Horace Eugene Wager.

(d) David Leroy Bland (July 29, 1912 -) married Allene _____.

(e) Lola Lee Bland (November 13, 1914 -) married Robert Franklin Lee.

¹⁵⁵ McLeod file, handwritten note.

¹⁵⁶ E-Mail, April 6, 1998, Karen Roberts to Charles L. Bland.

¹⁵⁷ William T. Bland to Stephen McLeod, December 12, 1981. This family line is defined by group sheets of William T. Bland, Green Cove Springs Florida. McLeod File.

¹⁵⁸ Willard and Lydia were the parents of William T. Bland.

(f) Clara Eugena Bland (May 12, 1916 -) married Robert Walters.

(g) John Walton Bland (December 30, 1919 -) married Eva Mae _____.

(2) Verus Clio Bland (August 25, 1885 - October 1, 1963) married Ella Jackson, April 2, 1886 - November 3, 1967. ¹⁵⁹

(3) Farris Mavry Bland (September 19, 1887 - June 19, 1888).

(4) Lorena Clyde "Rena" Bland, (April 28, 1889 - January 22, 1981) married George Ferrell (1889-1948) in 1915. Karen Roberts writes that one of Lorena's biggest disappointments was that she could not be ordained. People of her time told her that a woman's place was in the home and not out doing something that men were supposed to do, like preaching. In spite of this prohibition, Lorena took up work as a circuit minister and was also a Sunday School teacher. Prior to her marriage, she also was a school teacher. ¹⁶⁰

(5) Donnie Alberta Bland (February 4, 1891 - October 2, 1891).

(6) Cyrus J. Bland (October 19, 1892 - January 26, 1924), never married.

(7) Florence Eva Bland (April 18, 1894 - August 8, 1921), never married. A family story has it that Florence or her younger sister Rosa tried to commit suicide by jumping down a well.

¹⁵⁹ Death Certificate Versus Clio Bland.

¹⁶⁰ Lorena's daughter Lila Belle Ferrell married A.J. Roberts, and they were parents of my correspondent Karen Roberts. The personal information about Lorena and Allie Bland is gleaned from Karen's letter to William T. Bland, February 20, 1982, and a cover letter by Lila Roberts, McLeod File, "Isaac Newton Bland . . ." Light Blue Folder.

(8) Allie Persis Bland (January 1, 1896 - July 31, 1981), never married. Allie was a very religious, outspoken and stubborn, who complained and laughed it off with equal ease. Unlike her sister Lorena, Allie was not a big one for formal education, and Lorena remembered that it was often necessary for her to be whipped to make her go to school (I know the feeling). On the question of marriage her advice to her niece Karen Roberts was that a woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle (I think that's the way it goes), telling her "she could never understand why so many young women got married and had lots of children and for the rest of their life have 'some old man bossing them around.'" ¹⁶¹ There you go! I must say, however, that if all Bland women followed her advice, my Newsletters wouldn't be as long as they are.

(9) Rosa or Rose Bland (September 13, 1898 - March 9, 1929), never married.

F. Mary Elizabeth Bland (October 7, 1839 - January 10, 1908). Mary Elizabeth married John R. Register (November 26, 1848 - February 25, 1899). Prior to marrying Mary Elizabeth, John Register married Elizabeth Rogers, daughter of Mary Bland (C1807/1808 -) and Reuben Rogers. (see below, page 74, paragraph 7A).

G. Lavinia Bland (January 18, 1842 - April 30, 1915). She married Thomas Vann on February 1, 1866. ¹⁶² Lavinia is buried on the Vann farm in Lisbon, Sampson County N.C. They had four children. ¹⁶³

H. John Thomas Bland (October 26, 1843 - May 3, 1913). Of John Thomas Bland's life, Parker learned only that he served in the CSA, Company A, 41st North Carolina Regiment. After the war, he returned home to marry Susan Rebecca Highsmith, (January 18, 1850 - February 6, 1916,) on May 6, 1869. John Thomas Bland and Susan Highsmith were parents of eight children: ¹⁶⁴

¹⁶¹ Karen Roberts to Bill Bland, August 20, 1982.

¹⁶² Thomas Vann is referred to erroneously I believe by Robert Bland at Page 60.

¹⁶³ Note in McEachern, Op. Cit.

¹⁶⁴ Information for this family is found in No Author, The Highsmiths in America (no date), p. 114, 263-265, 416-418. McLeod File.

(1) Lillian "Lillie" Alderman Bland (April 26, 1870 - May 19, 1965) married Ralph Fitzgerald Highsmith (1868-1960) on February 12, 1899. Ralph was a brother of Lewis Berry Highsmith, who married Lillian's sister Susan (3) below. Lillie and Ralph had a family of four children.

(2) Mary Irene Bland (October 15, 1873 - April 13, 1956) married Howard Graham Gromartie (1871-1954) on May 29, 1907.

(3) Susan Alice Bland (January 17, 1876 - 1966) married Lewis Berry Highsmith (1874-1929) on December 25, 1900. Lewis was a brother of Ralph Highsmith, who married Susan's sister Lillian (1) above.

(4) Ellen Ivey Bland (December 5, 1878 - March 22, 1914), married James Pendleton Newton (December 15, 1870 - April 30, 1936)) on January 23, 1913.

(5) Ethel Octavia Bland, (November 27, 1881 - February 19, 1959) married Walter B. Register (1873-1950) on November 9, 1904. They had three children.

(6) Herbert Sidney Bland (August 10, 1884 - living in 1983) married (1) Sarah Elizabeth Bland (1888-1918), a cousin, daughter of Solomon Newton Bland and Varina Davis Newton, (see above page 66, paragraph A (6)(b)), on December 25, 1911. Cousins Herbert and Sarah had three children:

(a) Dorothy Allene Bland (October 4, 1912 -). Dorothy married A. V. Laffiteau on August 12, 1939

(b) Mary Davis Bland (August 2, 1914 -), M. George Lucas Perry.

(c) Sarah Elizabeth Bland (August 23, 1917 - February 28, 1920). ¹⁶⁵

When Sarah Elizabeth Bland died in 1918, Herbert Sidney Bland remarried to (2) Estella Brice (August 4, 1899 - April 30, 1969) on July 13, 1919. ¹⁶⁶ They had a single child:

¹⁶⁵ Death Certificate for Sarah Elizabeth Bland, Sampson County North Carolina, February 28, 1920.

¹⁶⁶ Death Certificate for Estella Brice Bland, Sampson County North Carolina, May 2, 1969.

(a) Herbert Sidney Bland Jr. (July 18, 1922 -). Herbert married Lucy Johnson on October 14, 1944.

(7) Norma Pauline Bland (March 30, 1889 - July 31, 1972) married Luther Wright Register (1879-1952) on December 5, 1912. They had four children.

(8) Iola F. (Edna Irene) Bland (March 5, 1892 - July 22, 1908), did not marry.

I. Sarah Elizabeth Bland (September 12, 1845 - September 2, 1914). Sarah married Robert Fennell Pigford (January 1, 1846 - July 30, 1923) on May 9, 1867. They had five children.¹⁶⁷

J. Jemima Bland (June 4, 1847 - September 23, 1872). Jemima never married.

These were the children of Isaac Newton Bland and Mary Elizabeth Alderman.

7. Mary Bland (c1807/1808 - before September 12, 1840) Mary probably died in child birth. She married Reuben Rogers, Jr. (January 29, 1801 - after August 8, 1870), about 1838. Reuben is buried in the Old Rogers Family Cemetery in Sampson County North Carolina. Reuben, an interesting man, was known to his neighbors as "tetched" for trying to make his wagon go without horses, making him something of a progenitor of the inventor of the automobile. Reuben Rogers, according to Parker, was the brother of Benjamin Rogers, who married Jemima Bland (1812-1889) (see below, p. 92, paragraph 10) and their mother was named Christian Alderman. This means that the children of these two marriages were double first cousins.¹⁶⁸ Mary and Reuben lived in New Hanover County North Carolina and Reuben moved to Sampson County after Mary's death. They had one known child:

A. Elizabeth Rogers (C1840 - October 1879) who married John Rice Register (November 26, 1848 - February 25, 1899). After the death of Elizabeth Rogers, John married her

¹⁶⁷ True Copy of Bible Record for Robert F. Pigford and Sarah E. Bland, furnished to Stephen McLeod by Elizabeth Newton Turner, July 1989, McLeod File.

¹⁶⁸ Robert Bland, p. 57. By now, the reader is aware that the cousin relationships between the Blands, Rogers, Johnsons, Aldermans, Newtons, Powells, Parkers and Pages in the Duplin County area were dense and prolific.

cousin Elizabeth Bland, daughter of Isaac Newton Bland and Mary Alderman. (See above page 72, paragraph 6F) ¹⁶⁹

8. Amariah Bland (January 21, 1809 - November 1, 1869). ¹⁷⁰ William Graham Bland, a long time correspondent from Jacksonville Florida, indicates from family stories, that Amariah was a man of great dignity, fine bearing, and reserved manner. About 1854, Amariah purchased a tract of land near Rose Hill, in Duplin County, North Carolina, and built a house upon it that was occupied by Blands until about 1889, and is still standing near Rose Hill, North Carolina. ¹⁷¹

About 1830, Amariah Bland married Mary Page, (December 16, 1810 - February 1, 1874) a sister of Dorcas Page, who married Amariah's half-brother, Daniel White Bland (See above, page 50, paragraph 2). Amariah and Mary had a large family of eleven children including: ¹⁷²

A. Sarah Ann Bland (April 21, 1832 - December 19, 1861). On December 16, 1856, Sarah married Charles Wright Savage (1831-1916), and by him had a son and two daughters.

¹⁶⁹ Jimmy Comer to Stephen McLeod, April 30 and June 10, 1982 and December 30, 1983. Mr. Comer believes Reuben Rogers and Mary Bland had two children, though the name of one is unknown. He indicates that by the time of the 1870 census, John Register was widowed and was living with his in-laws. McLeod File.

¹⁷⁰ Amariah's family is discussed in Robert Bland, pp. 47-50. Amariah Bland is the ancestral grandfather of a key correspondent to the author, William Graham Bland of Jacksonville, Florida. Graham related an apocryphal story of two Union soldiers who were killed and buried near the Amariah Bland house during the Civil War. According to legend, Anne Eliza Young, wife of Amariah's son, George Washington Bland, was spooked by the sight of an apparition of a horse and phantom rider galloping past her house, a short distance from the Amariah Bland house, which might have been one of these Union soldiers who went South to die, reversing James Dickey's dictum for Southerners that the North is a place where southerners go to die. Key dates are found in William Graham Bland, Application to SAR, #115869

¹⁷¹ McLeod File, News Article, "Bland-Bradshaw House Near Rose Hill Century Old," Source unknown.

¹⁷² The family of Amariah Bland and Mary Page is annotated here by the George Washington Bland Bible made by Leora McEachern in 1971.

B. John James Bland (May 19, 1834 - July 12 1864). ¹⁷³
There was a John J. Bland, aged 24 who on August 28, 1861, enlisted in Company E, 30th Regiment, North Carolina Troops along with David Bland (1840-1862) (See Below, page 78, paragraph 8E).
¹⁷⁴ John was captured at Malvern Hill Virginia on July 1, 1862, He was exchanged at Aiken's landing, James River Virginia on August 5, 1862. He returned to duty January-April 1863 but was wounded on August 21, 1864. There was no further record of John J. Bland. He married Mary Catherine Johnson (July 24, 1842 - C1895) on February 26, 1863. Mary Catherine was the daughter of Allen Taylor Johnson and Jemima Bland (See above page 51, paragraph 2A). Nothing more is known about this couple. It may be that in their brief marriage, no children resulted. Mary Catherine remarried after John's death, to John E. Powell on March 22, 1866. ¹⁷⁵

C. George Washington Bland (March 4, 1836 - April 2, 1906). George served in the CSA, Company A, 41st North Carolina Regiment. On February 14, 1875, George married Anne Eliza Young (August 25, 1850 - June 19, 1927) ¹⁷⁶ There were six children by this marriage, including:

¹⁷³ William Graham Bland, Memorandum for the Record April 6, 1982, AC1-1, Attachment 5, quotes a letter from Stephen McLeod, November 18, 1981, "In my possession is the Johnson Family Bible, with a very good record of the family. John James Bland died July 12, 1864, with no issue. Mary Johnson was the daughter of Allen Taylor Johnson and Jemima Bland (Daughter of Daniel). She was a second cousin of John James Bland. She was later married to Mr. John E. Powell and had 3 children." The noted military record of John J. Bland indicates that he was wounded August 21, 1864 and thus offers an alterative date of death.

¹⁷⁴ Affidavit, William Graham Bland, April 6, 1982. Graham Bland concluded this affidavit with this caution

¹⁷⁵ These marriages of Mary Catherine Johnson Bland Powell are recorded in the Allen Taylor Johnson Bible Record, McLeod File.

¹⁷⁶ This family information is reinforced by the Bible Record of George Washington Bland and Anne Eliza Young, McLeod File. See Photo of George Washington Bland and Ann Eliza Young in VU, p. 312A.

(1) Franklin Thomas Bland, (November 29, 1875 - October 29, 1893). ¹⁷⁷

(2) Amariah Bland, who styled himself "Amy R. Bland," (May 15, 1877 - November 9, 1954). Amy R. Bland married Adell Scott (March 2, 1890 - September 1, 1957) and they had two children:

(a) Anne Katharine Scott Bland (August 26, 1914-still living in 1983). ¹⁷⁸

(b) Amy R. Bland, Jr. (1921-1977).

(3) John David Bland, (June 24, 1879 - July 31, 1958). On July 2, 1916, John David Bland married Elizabeth Irene Ezzell (September 15, 1890 - April 20, 1934). ¹⁷⁹ They had two children:

(a) William Graham Bland (September 3, 1920 -), my long time correspondent. ¹⁸⁰

(b) Mary Belle Bland (February 28, 1923-), who married Marvin Lorenzo Pound on August 27, 1944.

¹⁷⁷ McEachern, Op. Cit. states Franklin was "70 yrs., 11 mo." Undoubtedly a typo since James Bland died in 1818 and there was no chance for a similarly named older brother.

¹⁷⁸ On a cold day in December 1981, just before Christmas, my dad and I visited Theodore Cyrus Bland of Harrells and on our return, stopped at Rose Hill and visited the Bland cemetery, which I had already heard of through William Graham Bland. From out of nowhere there appeared a sprightly lady tearing across the road like Snyder's Hound (Thanks Mom. I never met Snyder and his dog but when you said this, I knew what it meant and it was always funny), coming after us like a Victorian father chasing a dust man out of his daughter's bedroom. It was this very Anna Katherine Scott Bland, who, discovering we were not grave robbers, but rather poor Bland cousins, showed us through the well and lovingly kept grave yard, of which I had heard so much. She then invited us back to her home for coffee and sweets and a nice chat before we resumed our homeward journey. It was a nice visit, and a nice day with my Dad, one of the very few left to me before he died in March 1984.

¹⁷⁹ McEachern, Op Cit, shows that Elizabeth was 44 when she died.

¹⁸⁰ See my tribute to Graham in VU, p. vii.

Following the death of Elizabeth Irene Ezzell John David Bland remarried on January 10, 1935, to Josephine Johnson (1894-1962).

(4) Mary Jane Bland (February 14, 1881 - December 10, 1893).

(5) Ann Julia Bland (October 11, 1883 - August 31, 1885).

(6) Willie Washington Bland (July 18, 1886 - September 9, 1939). Willie married Berta Knowles Heath.

D. Mary Elizabeth Bland (April 11, 1838 - April 29, 1912). Mary Elizabeth married William W. Mallard (December 15, 1836 - July 10, 1913) on March 20, 1856.

E. David Bland (February 22, 1840 - March 8, 1862) David died in the Civil War. He must have been a much loved young man. Amariah Bland inscribed upon David's tombstone (David is buried beside his parents) a passage that is simple, eloquent, and a perfect inspiration for genealogists: "...to live in the hearts we leave behind, is not to die." ¹⁸¹ David enlisted August 28, 1861, with Company "E", 30th Regiment, North Carolina Troops. David's company was called the "Duplin Turpentine Boys". Some time later David was hospitalized at Wilmington North Carolina with typhoid fever. He died at Wilmington and was "carried home by his father." ¹⁸² David was the first of Amariah and Mary's children to be buried in the family center and his grave originated what is now the Rose Hill North Carolina Cemetery.

F. Joseph Marion Bland (September 12, 1842 - December 1843). The death of baby Joseph was followed quickly by the death of Amariah Bland and Mary Page's seventh child:

G. Ester Caroline Bland (August 5, 1844 - November 1844).

¹⁸¹ See VU, Title Page. David was the first Bland buried in the Bland cemetery at Rose Hill North Carolina, which as of 1981 anyway, was still standing and kept in good order. McLeod File, News Article, "Rose Hill Cemetery Approaches Hundredth Year, Was Begun by Bland Family in 1862" Source unknown.

¹⁸² Affidavit, William Graham Bland, April 6, 1982. This document notes David's death as March 9, 1862 whereas his tombstone and the Family Bible Record indicates shows the date as March 8 (William Graham Bland, Memorandum for Whom it May Concern, April 6, 1982. Both documents appear as Attachment 5 of AC 1-1.

H. Abram Francis Bland, (December 18, 1845 - August 31, 1918). During the Civil War, Abram served the CSA with I Company, 10th North Carolina Regiment. Abram is buried at the Rockfish Creek Cemetery in Wallace North Carolina. He married Harriet Dobson (December 27, 1853 - August 19, 1906) on April 24, 1873. Abram Francis Bland and Harriet Dobson resided at Teachey North Carolina and had a family of seven children, including:

(1) Margaret Juanita Bland (March 11, 1874 - June 20, 1946), who married John C. McMillan Jr. (1863-1932). They had eight children.

(2) Mary B. Bland (February 29, 1876 - December 12, 1927) who married Henry Franklin Boney (1875-1950). They had four children.

(3) Coy Bland (March 10, 1877 to March 30, 1938) who married Gabrielle Robinson. They had five children.

(4) Louise Bland (May 24, 1883 to May 29, 1950) who married Henry D. MacMillan (1871-1954). They had four children.

(5) Daniel Graham Bland (January 17, 1889 - 1943). Daniel attended Wake Forest College for three years but was forced to leave college because of serious illness. He was a successful business man in lumber and real estate. He was a member of the Georgia House of Representatives from 1919-1936 and a member of the Georgia Senate from 1940-1942. Daniel married Willie Love Wall (1891-1944) on July 12, 1910. Their children were: ¹⁸³

(a) Henry Wall Bland (May 13, 1911 -)

(b) Stephen Graham Bland (May 1, 1914 -)
Stephen attended the University of Georgia Law School in 1936. Stephen served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II. He was married to Madge Patterson Elkins on September 15, 1945. They had one child.

(c) Harriette Love Bland, (November 23, 1916 -)
who married C. Norman Williamson.

¹⁸³ Biographical data for Daniel Graham Bland and Stephen Graham Bland comes from an unnoted source, pp. 650-651.

(6) Grover Dobson Bland (September 22, 1892 - August 4, 1930) married Ruth Teachey (1892-1927). Grover Dobson and Ruth Teachey had three children, including:

(a) Kathryn Bland, who married Levi Simmons.

(b) Grover Dobson Bland, Jr. (April 5, 1922 - the genealogist of this branch. Grover resided in Raliegh North Carolina.

(c) Mary Evelyn Bland, who married Edward Pashayan.

(7) John Hanby Bland (January 12, 1896-). John resided in Teachey North Carolina.

I. Benjamin Franklin Bland, (May 23, 1848 - August 4, 1916). Benjamin married Ada Caroline Cook (January 18, 1860 - February 26, 1913) on February 2, 1879. ¹⁸⁴ Benjamin Franklin Bland and Ada Cook had a family of eleven children:

(1) Charles Adrian Bland (January 28, 1880 - August 18, 1937).

(2) Repiton Amariah Bland (September 13, 1881 - December 18, 1948). Repiton married Annie Iola Rooks (August 1, 1895 -) on February 13, 1916. Their children were:

(a) Frances Iola Bland (November 18, 1917 - August 15, 1951). Frances married Reese Polston.

(b) Repiton Amariah Bland Jr. (September 21, 1921 - 1983). Repton married Elizabeth Taylor

(3) Ora or Ara Catherine Bland (October 2, 1882 - October 8, 1960).

(4) Benjamin Franklin Bland, Jr. (January 12, 1884 - February 9, 1964). ¹⁸⁵

(5) Henry Pryson Bland (May 14, 1886 -).

¹⁸⁴ Jennie B. Booth to Stephen McLeod, August 23, 1982, in McLeod File.

¹⁸⁵ In his burial place, Benjamin Franklin Bland Jr. shares a tombstone with Philip D. Bland.

- (6) Philip Dodrige Bland (September 25, 1887 - February 15, 1964). ¹⁸⁶
- (7) Arthur Pritchard Bland (May 1, 1889 - April 21, 1890).
- (8) Leroy Bland (August 18, 1890 - November 17, 1940).
- (9) Mary Virginia (Jennie) Bland (September 22, 1892 -) married James Henry Booth (September 18, 1869 - May 4, 1940) on November 12, 1919. They had three children.
- (10) Bertha Caroline Bland (August 21, 1894 - July 26, 1902).
- (11) Ada Cook Bland (September 17, 1897 - living in 1983) who married David Lucas Pigford of Sampson County North Carolina on December 23, 1928. They had three children.

J. William Rufus King Bland (April 29, 1852 - June 30, 1903). William married twice, (1) On May 25, 1873, William married Mary Catherine Young (July 30, 1848 - November 30, 1893), a sister of Anne Eliza Young, who married George Washington Bland, a brother of William Rufus King Bland. Second, on October 13 1894, William married, about 1894, Lizzie Savage (C1874 -) William Rufus King Bland had an even dozen children by his two wives. Mary Catherine Young was the mother of:

- (1) Jacob Junius Bland (April 14, 1874 - June 28, 1901).
- (2) Mary Susan Bland (February 10, 1877 - October 19, 1903). ¹⁸⁷
- (3) William Francis Bland (February 1, 1879 - August 4, 1903).
- (4) David Calvin Bland (April 19, 1881 -) who married Matilda Hanchey (June 15, 1886 -) on March 8, 1903. Their children were:

¹⁸⁶ See (4) above, Benjamin Franklin Bland Jr.

¹⁸⁷ Robert Bland, p. 50, indicates that Mary Susan Bland appears in the Bland family bible as "Mary S. Blanton".

(a) James Junius Bland (September 29, 1904-) who married (1) Nellie May Merritt, who died March 17, 1926. There were no children by this marriage. James Junius married (2) Irma C. Cavanaugh, about 1928-1929, and by her had four children.

(b) Emily Marie Bland (April 25, 1906 -), who married Ernest Wayne Johnson on July 2, 1932.

(c) David Carroll "Punky" Bland (July 6, 1910 - April 6, 1935), married Beulah Dare Batson on June 6, 1929.

(d) Mary Catherine Elizabeth Bland (June 19, 1921 -).

(5) Laura Catherine Bland (September 3, 1882 -).

(6) Jesse King Bland (April 14, 1885 - November 6, 1886).

Lizzie Savage was the mother of:

(7) Julia Norma Bland (July 16, 1895 -).

(8) Mabel Ruth Bland (July 1897-).

(9) Annie Elizabeth Graham Bland (June 30, 1899-).

(10) Arthur Bland (born and died August 27, 1900).

(11) Shuler Divine Bland (August 29, 1901 -).

(12) William Rufus Bland, Jr. (February 14, 1904 -).

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¹⁸⁸ I am grateful to Shuler Divine Bland, Honolulu, Hawaii, 11th child of William Rufus King Bland, and to William Graham Bland Jacksonville Florida, for this information, AC 2-1, pp. 5-8. Shuler called me in 1983 to say that he had never known who his mother was because he was adopted at about age 2, by his uncle Gaston Amariah Wilder Bland and Gaston's wife Annie Mason. Graham Bland was good enough to reveal the name of Shuler's mother.

K. Gaston Amariah Wilder Bland, (May 18, 1857 - 1932). "Willie," as he was called, ¹⁸⁹ married Annie Mason. When they were married or whether they had children does not appear.

These were the children of Amariah Bland and his wife, Mary Page.

9. James Thomas Bland (December 30, 1810 - August 23, 1886). James Thomas lived most of his life on Long Creek or Moore's Creek, in Sampson County, North Carolina and had a reputation as a good citizen. He is buried above the upper stretch of Moore's Creek in Pender County North Carolina. ¹⁹⁰

James Thomas Bland married two women. His first wife was Dinah Alderman, (October 20, 1813 - 1850) whom he married about 1830. The interrelationships of families was such that Dinah was the niece of Jemima Alderman, James Thomas's step mother. James Thomas Bland and Dinah Alderman had a family of six children: ¹⁹¹

A. Daniel P. Bland (December 6, 1831 or 1836 - January 9, 1903) married Eliza Corbett (1845-1925). Daniel with his brother Hanson, was also enlisted in the CSA, Company A, 41st NC Regiment.

B. Hanson Alderman Bland (May 13, 1841 - December 22, 1912). Hanson married Sarah Ann Moore, (February 7, 1843 - August 19, 1921) a cousin, on January 1, 1878. She is said to be buried in the Herring Graveyard, presumably in Pender or New Hanover County North Carolina. ¹⁹² Hanson with his brother Daniel,

¹⁸⁹ McEachern, Op. Cit. identifies him as "William"..

¹⁹⁰ As of 1983, his burial site had been overrun by nature and a tree was growing at his foot stone. Per E-Mail to Charles Bland, April 26, 1998, Robert Bland informed me that in the early 1990s, "The descendants of James Thomas Bland moved the headstone from his grave to the family plot in Burgaw, NC, where his son James Thomas and others are buried. The headstone was set up and a marker giving explicit directions to his actual grave was installed. A new headstone was erected in the woods at the site of his grave."

¹⁹¹ Information re this family is taken from Robert R. Bland, The Bland and Williams Line (1983), pp. 22, 51-56.

¹⁹² McLeod File, family group sheet. A strikeover obscures whether the date of birth for Daniel Bland, whom McLeod refers to as David, is 1831 or 1836.

served as a soldier in Company A, North Carolina 41st Regiment, C.S.A. Hanson Bland and Sarah Moore had three sons: ¹⁹³

(1) Franklin P. Bland (October 22, 1878 - May 15, 1927) who married Lillie Alvesta Gravis of Guildford County on December 28, 1904. ¹⁹⁴ Robert Bland says that Franklin was treasurer and secretary of the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford North Carolina. Parker says of Franklin, "he was faithful in all things and left a rich moral legacy for his children," who were:

(a) Mary Bland

(b) Margaret Bland.

(2) Aaron Thomas Bland (December 14, 1880 - August 20, 1949) who married Sallie Irene Corbett (September 14, 1875 - October 2, 1928) on December 3, 1902. Aaron is buried near his father on US 421, near the Shiloh church. Their children were:

(a) Ruth Elizabeth Bland (November 10, 1903 - June 25, 1976). Ruth married John Roland McCormick (1901-1968) on March 27, 1936. They had two children.

(b) Julia Mae Bland (September 23, 1906 - living 1983). Julia married Patrick McGeachey Thigpen (1901-1962) on November 9, 1930. They had five children.

(3) Henry Alderman Bland (August 10, 1883 - March 19, 1971) who married Allie Ruby Williams on December 11, 1907. ¹⁹⁵ Their children were:

¹⁹³ Information about the Hanson Alderman Bland family is taken from miscellaneous group sheets and especially "Bland Family Bible" in McLeod File. When dates vary, I use the ones that appear in the bible. This bible record also contains many names for Alderman, Moore and Taylor. Hereafter referred to as Hanson Bland Bible.

¹⁹⁴ Franklin's wife was previously called Verra., Verta, Veta and Verga, Garvis. These names may be nicknames from Alvesta. Hanson Bland Bible and Robert Bland, pp. 22, 51.

¹⁹⁵ Information about Henry Alderman Bland (1883 -) derives from Parker and McLeod File. He is not mentioned by Robert Bland.

(a) John Henry Bland (March 4, 1909 -) who married Ruth Elizabeth Staley on December 5, 1936. They had four children.

(b) Ruby Jessamine Bland (February 1, 1911 - who married Victor Bradshaw Holland Jr. on August 5, 1939. They had two children.

(c) Daniel Alderman Bland (July 4, 1912 -) married Jessie Tant on July 17, 1939. They had three children.

(d) Herman Atkins Bland (March 14, 1914 -) married Virginia Davis on May 17, 1941. They had two children.

(e) Sarah Anna Bland (October 29, 1917 -) married George Leon Kiser on July 5, 1941. They had 3 children.

(f) Ramona Bland (born and died July 18, 1930)

C. Nancy or Mary Blount Bland married Robert Henry. ¹⁹⁶

D. Margaret Bland (June 9, 1844 - January 8, 1912) who married Dixon Bowden.

E. Sarah Bland, (C1845 -) who married James Corbett.

F. Dinah Bland, (C1847 -) who married William G. Moore.

After the death of Dinah Alderman in 1850, James Thomas Bland married Margaret Henry (November 27, 1810 - 1855) of Pender County on November 10, 1851. ¹⁹⁷ They had a single child, a son:

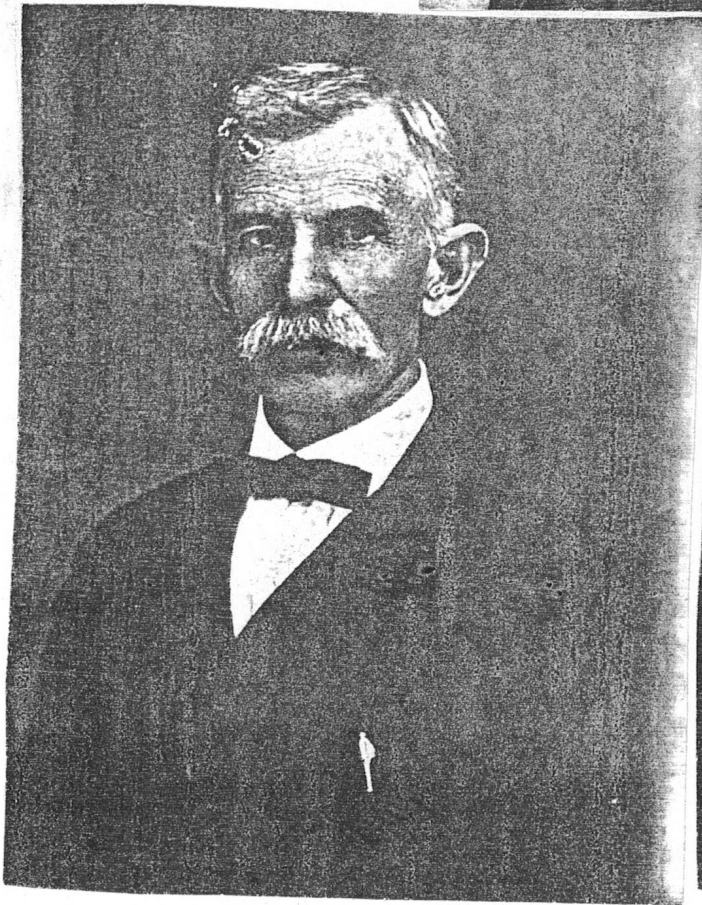
¹⁹⁶ McLeod calls her Mary Blount and Robert Bland calls her Nancy.

¹⁹⁷ Robert Bland, p. 30. I have previously referred to Margaret as Hendry. According to Robert Bland, Hendry is a variant of Henry, Robert Bland, pp. 23-24. In 1983, Robert expressed doubts about Margaret's birth date. She evidently, if census records are to be believed, 41 when she married and had never married before. Robert indicates that she was not a physically strong woman and that child birth in 1853, extremely difficult in those days for a 43 year old woman, must have shortened her life.

G. John Thomas Bland Sr. (January 22, 1853 - July 24, 1928)
¹⁹⁸ John was born near Burgaw in the section of New Hanover County North Carolina that became Pender County in 1875. John Thomas graduated from Wake Forest College in 1876 with a Bachelor of Law Degree. He read for the Law under J.L. Stewart of Clinton N.C. and was admitted to the North Carolina Bar in June 1878. John practiced law in Burgaw, North Carolina, as an attorney for the Atlantic Coast Railway. He was an active Democrat, serving on the party's executive committee for Pender County and as a North Carolina State Representative from Pender County, 1885-1887. He was the founder of the Burgaw Baptist Church. On January 15, 1880 married Lorena Davis Williams (September 16, 1864 - September 23, 1936), ¹⁹⁹ by whom he had a large family of eleven children :

¹⁹⁸ Information from McLeod File and Robert Bland, pp. 22, 51-56. In the McLeod File,, there is an interesting letter from "Ruth" (Mrs. Robert Harris Walker) to William Graham Bland, November 20, 1973, speculating that John Thomas Bland (1853-1928) might be John Fryar, adopted by his father. In the 1850 Census a niece, Elizabeth Fryar was with James Thomas Bland, who was unmarried. Elizabeth would have had to be the daughter of John and Elizabeth Fryar, who was also enumerated in the census with her parents. There was also a boy named John Fryar, age 7, along with the six children by Dinah Alderman. By the 1870 Census, John Thomas is listed as Bland. Please, this is offered as an interesting insight, but is speculative and has not been proven. Known as "the Honorable J.T. Bland of Pender County," John supplied most of the information about the Blands that Parker used in his study of the Alderman family. I am also grateful to the late John Thomas Bland III, Arlington, Virginia, whose correspondence helped to understand and enlarge upon this line and whose personal courtesy to me while I was traveling through Virginia with my son in late 1984, has not been forgotten. Additional details of John Thomas Bland Sr. and his family are found in Bill Reaves, A History of Pender County North Carolina, (Wilmington NC: 1979), pp. 167-168, hereafter referred to in notes as Reaves.

¹⁹⁹ Robert Bland, p. 32, identifies Lorena as "the fifteen year old daughter of Archibald Hendry Williams. . .", cf Robert Bland, p. 52. With this new information, I am pleased to correct the confused information that appears in AC 1-2, p. 4. Robert Bland wrote a second large work which he sent to Stephen McLeod in 1983, called The Blands of Topsail, which supplements the piece referred to in this work inter alia as Robert Bland. The second work will be referred to only as TopSail, and its pages are unnumbered. It appears to have been written before Robert Bland. Topsail discusses primarily the descendants of John Thomas Bland Jr. Robert R. Bland to Stephen McLeod, June 16, 1983 and December 16, 1983, McLeod File.



Photos: (upper) James Thomas Bland (1810-1886); (lower) John Thomas Bland Sr. (1853-1928) and Lorena Davis Williams (1864-1936), courtesy Robert R. Bland.

(1) Zelma Bland (c1881/1882 -) married the Reverend C.C. Wagoner in November 1911. They had 3 children.

(2) David Hendry Bland (December 4, 1883 - June 11, 1953). David was admitted to the bar in 1908 and practiced law in Burgaw and Goldsboro North Carolina.
²⁰⁰ He married Lizzinia Moore on April 12, 1912 ²⁰¹ (interesting date, the day the Titanic set sail). Their children were:

(a) David Hendry Bland Jr. (March 22, 1913 - 1975). David married Katherine Roberta Brendle on February 16, 1937. They had two children.

(b) Sonora Bland (March 11, 1915 - living 1983). Sonora married Raymond Carson Benthall on April 24, 1940. They had three children.

(c) Wedigan Powell Bland (January 15, 1919 - living in 1983). Wedigan married Lillian Hooker Wooten on October 9, 1954. They had three children.

(d) Thomas Williams Bland (May 5, 1923 - living in 1983). Thomas married Mary Ann Coe. They had two children.

(e) Ralph Wingate Bland (April 9, 1927 -) who never married.

(3) Grace Bland (no dates) married John Enoch Crutchfield. They had five children.

(4) William Benjamin Bland (no dates) Moved to Washington D.C. and worked with the Phone Company. He married Mae Graham, who was from Nebraska. ²⁰² There were no known children.

²⁰⁰ Reaves, p. 42.

²⁰¹ I am grateful to Wedigan Powell Bland, Goldsboro North Carolina, son of David Hendry Bland and Lizzinia Moore, for this information. Cf AC 2-1, pp. 5-8.

²⁰² Reaves, p. 140.

(5) Wingate F. Bland (died at age nine months, he is buried under an undated stone).

(6) John Thomas Bland Jr. (June 10, 1890 - March 8, 1935). John was a Wilsonian Democrat, which must have been one of the most exhilarating experiences a politically conscious young man could have had at that time. God, how I envy him that experience! In San Francisco in 1920, he seconded the nomination of James Cox, who would win the nomination and ultimately lose the election while running with 38 year old Franklin Delano Roosevelt, a dynamic young man who in 1920 had powerful legs and would later have the most powerful coat tails of any President. Reaves, however, paints an ultimately pessimistic picture of this man's life:

John Thomas Bland was a young man of unusual ability, gentle, refined and a lovable nature. John was, however, exceedingly temperamental, which caused him to live in a world all his own - the land of fanciful dreams, but whose untimely death brought sorrow to many hearts.

Reaves takes his cue from a poem written by John "These Lowly Lays of Mine" in which he begins

"I live in the land of far-away,
In the land of Fanciful Dream" 203

Robert Bland in Topsail writes: "It was difficult to express one's creative spirit in Burgaw. And the rejection of Wilsonian Dreams by the "return to normalcy" of the twenties, affected J.T. These problems led to heavy drinking . . . his drinking, combined with the onset of diabetes in an age when the disease was basically untreatable, led to his death. 204

John married Nancy Daniel Goode (July 21, 1888 - March 8, 1979), on July 19, 1913. Their marriage was called "rocky and productive" by Robert Bland, and John's

²⁰³ Reaves, p. 168-169. This placement of John Thomas Bland Jr. is somewhat arbitrary but logically fits between a brother born in 1883, three siblings with no dates, himself and a sister born in 1893, see Robert Bland pp. 53-55.

²⁰⁴ Topsail.

drinking ultimately led Nancy to leave him in 1925.
Their children were: ²⁰⁵

(a) Lorena Williams Bland (May 3, 1914 - c1988). Lorena married Edward Paulette on August 19, 1934, but divorced him with no children between them. Second, she married James Edward Shew (- December 9, 1971) on July 24, 1939. They had three children.

(b) John Thomas Bland III (January 6, 1916 - December 17, 1991). John married Elaine Alberta Spencer on May 12, 1942. They lived in Arlington Virginia and had three children.
John was a good man. ²⁰⁶

(c) Joe Ben Bland (August 28, 1917 - May 20, 1919).

(d) Nancy Goode Bland (August 24, 1919 - C1996). Nancy married Oscar Downey Turner on August 9, 1941. They had two children.

(e) William Archibald Bland (September 21, 1921 -). William married Dorothy Lee Heater (November 17, 1924 - living in 1990). William and Dorothy had four sons. ²⁰⁷

(f) Grace Bland (Born and died, February 17, 1923).

(g) David Morton Bland (January 23, 1924 - living in 1990). David married Virginia Aloise Boswell (April 30, 1925 - living 1998). They had two children.

²⁰⁵ E-Mail Robert Bland to Charles Bland, April 26, 1998, gives approximate dates for his aunts Nancy Goode Bland and Lorena Williams Bland, below.

²⁰⁶ AC 10-1, p. 7.

²⁰⁷ Two of these sons, Thomas Henry Bland and his wife Diana Jo Kramer and William Goode Bland and his wife Diane Daphne Soros, sponsored the Sixth National Bland Reunion at Prince William County Virginia, with one of the largest turnouts of any of the thirteen we've had so far. Their son Robert Russell Bland, is the compiler of Bland and Russell Lines noted throughout this work.

(7) Wayland Bland (dates unknown) Wayland married Helen _____. They had:

(a) Unknown son.

(b) William Bland (- died about 1963)

(c) Unknown daughter.

(8) Lorena Bland (July 28, 1893 - November 15, 1959). Lorena married (1) _____ Humphrey by a child. Lorena subsequently married a Mr. Herring and Mr. Williams.

(9) Joseph Wharton Bland (October 12, 1895 - November 7, 1934). Joseph served in World War I in the 177th Corps of Engineers, 42nd Division, U.S. Army. Joseph married Norma Jane Carr about 1919. Their children were:

(a) Joseph Wharton Bland Jr. (April 24, 1920 - living 1983). Joseph married (1) Betty Jean Simmons (- 1967) on May 25, 1945. They had four children. After Betty Jean Simmons died, Joseph married Violet Myree Herring on August 10, 1969.

(b) Dorothy Vernon Bland (May 5, 1921 - living in 1983). Dorothy married Edward Stern on February 18, 1945. They had three children.

(c) Jane Carr Bland (August 10, 1923 - living in 1983). Jane married Ritchie Devon Watson on December 27, 1942. They had three children.

(d) John Barnett Bland (May 29, 1926 - living in 1983). John married Jane Carole Shoffner on May 11, 1954. They had three children.

(10) Ralph Hanson Bland (February 9, 1900 - July 4, 1906).

(11) Dorothy Bland (no dates) married Lloyd Sox and they had three children.

James Thomas Bland married, after Margaret Henry's death, a widow, Mrs Lucaty Smith Moore.²⁰⁸

These were the children of James Thomas Bland by his wives Dinah Alderman and Margaret Henry.

10. Jemima Bland (October 3, 1812 - December 15, 1889). Jemima's obituary notice portrays her as a deeply devoted and religious person. Jemima must have been a wonderful cook. Her husband was almost 100 when he died and the children who escaped the Civil War lived into the 20th century and died between ages 71 and 95. On January 2, 1829, she married Benjamin Rogers (April 10, 1810 - January 31, 1908), a brother of Reuben Rogers, husband of Jemima's sister Mary (see above, page 74, paragraph 7). They lived in Sampson County and had a family of 14 children:²⁰⁹

A. Infant Child No dates.

B. Margaret Ann Rogers, (August 15, 1831 - January 21, 1918). Margaret never married. A photograph of Margaret Ann Rogers is displayed below.

C. Mary Elizabeth Rogers, (October 17, 1833 - July 20, 1928). Mary never married.

D. William Wells Rogers, (March 5, 1836 - March 6, 1864), never married and died in the Civil War. He served in the 61st North Carolina Regiment, CSA, and died in a hospital in Petersburg Virginia. William wrote his parents several letters in 1863 including one from Wilmington North Carolina in September, telling them how much he missed home and hoped that a new doctor

²⁰⁸ McLeod File indicates that marriage records for James Thomas and his last two wives are filed in the New Hanover County Court House. Lucaty Smith Moore was previously identified as, "the widow Douglas Hand."

²⁰⁹ This family is discussed in Robert Bland, p. 46. Dates of Jemima Bland and Reuben Rogers' family is reinforced by letters from Jimmy Comer to Stephen McLeod, June 9, and July 15, 1982. Obituary of Jemima Bland Rogers, January 15, 1890. Mr. Comer also notes that most of the family are buried at the Rogers Family Burial Ground near Franklin in Sampson County. Also useful was a letter from Margaret E. Sterle to Stephen McLeod, undated, which provided information from the Rogers family bible. There is also a microfilmed copy of the actual bible record. In cases of conflict of dates, I have relied on the bible information. see census data written out by Stephen McLeod on a Memorandum by William Graham Bland, October 30, 1973. McLeod File.

in the regiment would release him to go home, since he had suffered from an aguish fever. But it wasn't to be. William's letters were articulate, sweet and sorrowful and did not contain the graphic descriptions of war that marked the letters of his brother David (G below). When they could, both William and David passed on news to neighbors of the whereabouts and well being of their sons.

E. Sarah Catherine Rogers (July 9, 1837 - February 6, 1926). Sarah married James William Merritt (1827 - 1887) on January 3, 1867. James was a Civil War Soldier. A photo of Sarah Catherine Rogers Merritt is displayed below.

F. Isaac Thomas Rogers (April 9, 1839 - February 22, 1915), married Elizabeth Ann Oates Ezell (1839 - 1914) September 5, 1865. Isaac enlisted as a private in Company D, 63rd North Carolina Regiment May 16, 1862 and served through September 1864.

G. David Franklin Rogers (July 8, 1841 - March 24, 1865). David never married and died in the Civil War of Dysentery. Historian Kenneth Davis in Don't Know Much About The Civil War, notes that dysentery on both sides was the greatest killer in the war. David wrote home on December 21, 1863, "expecting the yankeys to make a raid every day." On June 3, 1864, David wrote a touching letter to his mother and father telling them that he had been in "a grait battle today. I don't think our loss was very grait. It is said that the slaughter of the enemy great, the part of my Company are almost awl killed, wounded and taken prisoners."

H. Susan Jemima Rogers (January 11, 1844 - September 24, 1917). Susan married Marshall Henderson Oates November 24, 1867.

I. Tabitha Helen Rogers (November 30, 1846 - January 20, 1930). Tabitha never married.

J. Benjamin Howell Rogers (January 5, 1848 - March 11, 1927). Benjamin never married.

K. James Marshall Rogers (February 5, 1850 - July 14, 1938). James married (1) Dicey Ann Highsmith Robinson (C1846 -) sometime between June 14, 1880 and June 16, 1881 and (2) Maggie Rebecca Highsmith, May 15, 1907. James was living at home as late as 1880.

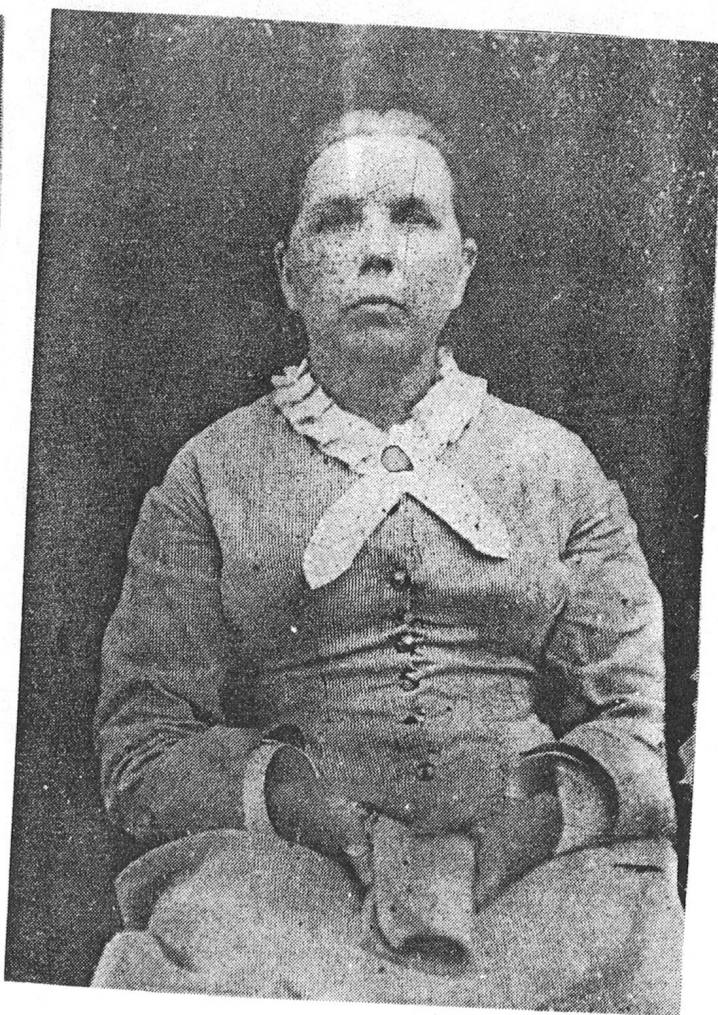
L. Anson Edward Rogers (May 10, 1852 - October 29, 1923). Anson never married. Anson fell off a roof when he was young, but his legs got caught, leaving him dangling upside down, an

experience that damaged his spinal cord, and left him with what Jimmy Comer calls "St. Vitus' Dance".

M. Stephen Oliver Rogers (August 18, 1854 - April 19, 1934). Stephen married Celena Clyde Highsmith (C1858-1900) about 1880.

N. Luther Rice Rogers (April 1, 1857 - May 23, 1934). Luther married Catherine "Cate" Euphina Rackley (June 21, 1874 - July 14, 1955) in 1896.

These are the children of Jemima Bland and Benjamin Rogers.



Photos: (L) Margaret Rogers (1831-1918); (R) Sarah Catherine Rogers Merritt (1837-1926). Courtesy, McLeod File,

11. David Bland (c1813/1814 - C1840) died as a young man and never married. ²¹⁰

12. Enoch Bland (C1815 - March 21, 1871). ²¹¹ Enoch served in the CSA as a private, Company A, Third NC Cavalry, From October 1861 to June 1862. ²¹² Enoch is buried at the Wells Chapel Church. He married Mary Jane Lee (January 9, 1823 - living in 1880) about 1837. ²¹³ Their four children were:

A. Lewis Frank Bland (August 13, 1848 - January 17, 1919). Lewis was born in Duplin County North Carolina. He married his cousin Emma Bland, (1855-1932) grandchild of Daniel White Bland and Dorcas Page and son of James Thomas Bland and Mary Ann Simmons, (see above page 52, paragraph 2C(1)). Both Lewis and Emma are buried at Wells Chapel Cemetery in Harrells North Carolina. They had a family of six children: ²¹⁴

(1) Claudius Bland (January 17, 1879 - July 16, 1879).

(2) Edgar Lee Bland (April 13, 1881 - March 6, 1948) Edgar operated a store in Harrells North Carolina but never married. He is buried at Wells Chapel Cemetery. ²¹⁵

(3) Mary Fannie Bland (October 16, 1885 - August 13, 1923). Mary never married and died of cancer.

²¹⁰ The fact that David died without heirs is borne out by a sale of 118 acres from various of James Bland's children to Timothy Bland, the land that previously was awarded to David. John Fryar et al. September 12, 1840, proved December 1845, New Hanover County North Carolina. McLeod File. This transaction may correspond to David's death.

²¹¹ Enoch's birth is fixed at 1815 from a source that says he died "the 56th year of his age." Robert Bland, p. 56.

²¹² McLeod File. Blands with Civil War Service.

²¹³ Jimmy Comer to Stephen McLeod, November 8, 1982, shows Mary Bland, age 57, living with her son Robert C. Bland, in Sampson County. McLeod File.

²¹⁴ Dates are based on Death Certificate of Lewis Bland Sampson County North Carolina, January 18, 1919 and Folder "The Bland Papers". McLeod File.

²¹⁵ Death Certificate for Edgar Lee Bland, Sampson County North Carolina, March 9, 1948. The Death Certificate lists Edgar's birth date as April 6, 1881. McLeod File.

(4) Mattie Tate Bland (April 13, 1888 - January 10, 1964), married Walter White Peterson (September 28, 1881 - March 10, 1945).

(5) Luther Eugene Bland (May 29, 1890 - April 21, 1959). Luther was born in Sampson County North Carolina. He married Addie Gavin, (October 10, 1893 - December 4, 1956). Both are buried at Wells Chapel Cemetery. They had a single daughter: ²¹⁶

(a) Addie Eugenia Bland (December 5, 1922 -), who married Robert Ray Smith (1922 -).

(6) Mazie Bland (May 19, 1896 - May 4, 1951) married Allen David Johnson (February 27, 1888 - May 5, 1947).

B. Robert C. Bland (February 17, 1850 - May 13, 1929). Robert Bland married Helen K. Stringfield (September 17, 1848 - September 18, 1888). They had one known child:

(1) Robert James Bland (September 12, 1889 - September 29, 1967). Robert married Ida Mae Cook on November 7, 1910. There was only one child by this marriage:

(a) Sidney Denziel Bland (August 29, 1911 -) who married Eva Mae Gurganious on September 2, 1932. Sidney moved to Salt Lake City Utah. They had three children.

C. Milton Gaston Bland (C1854 - December 1927). Milton lived in Wallace North Carolina. Milton married Nettie Hill (1872- April 9, 1931). They had a single child: ²¹⁷

(1) Hubert Gaston Bland, (August 3, 1891 - May 29, 1975) > Hubert married Elizabeth Catherine Wells (1890 - June 1927) on January 5, 1908. They had two children:

(a) Annie Lee Bland (October 1, 1919 -) married Pearl James Moore (1913-) on December 31, 1939.

(b) Ruth Elizabeth Bland (October 16, 1926 - January 1929).

²¹⁶ Death Certificate, Luther Eugene Bland, Sampson County North Carolina, April 27, 1959. McLeod File.

²¹⁷ Death Certificate, Nettie Hill Bland, Sampson County North Carolina, April 10, 1931, McLeod File.

D. David Luther "Luke" Bland (January 30, 1860 - November 19, 1916). David married Dora A. Lee Jones, (August 29, 1869 - November 26, 1893) ²¹⁸. No information regarding children is available. David and Dora are buried at the Lee Family Cemetery in Duplin County.

These are the children of Enoch Bland and Mary Jane Lee.

13. Timothy Bland (May 29, 1818 - September 1, 1883). ²¹⁹ According to Ann Bland Morris Timothy lived in a village called Goshen Creek, near Kenansville, North Carolina, in Duplin County. Timothy was described by an old timer who knew him as a tall man. A tintype of Timothy in Ann Morris' genealogy of his family shows a man with a somewhat outdated beard for the fashion of his day, a derby hat poised atop his great round head, with a very alert, intelligent expression. Timothy married two women including (1) Adline Ward, (May 7, 1825 - December 13, 1861), on May 13, 1841. In the twenty years they were married Timothy and Adline had eleven children: ²²⁰

A. Mary Elizabeth Bland, (May 13, 1842 - February 19, 1905) Mary married Daniel Teachey (1834-1884) on January 12, 1860.

B. Samuel James "Captain" Bland, (October 26, 1843 - March 10, 1910). Samuel served during the Civil War with the CSA, I Company, 10th North Carolina Regiment, and though he served with the rank of private was known around Duplin County as "Captain." It is unknown whether he married and had children.

C. Frasanah Caroline Bland (September 5, 1845 -).

²¹⁸ McLeod File, by Dora A. Jones, daughter of Milton and Susie Lee. "I joined the Baptist Church at Wells Chapel on Friday, the 18th day of July 1881. The ministers were D.W. Herring and W. B. Oliver. I was baptized on the third Sunday, the 21st of July 1884, in Black River, by W.B. Oliver. Never will I forget the fine sermons preached that week. They preached night and day. I was fourteen years old when I United with The Baptist Church at Wells Chapel.

²¹⁹ I am taking as authoritative, Ann Bland Morris The Bland Family of Rocky Mount North Carolina (1977), Also useful is a long letter to Stephen McLeod from Mary L. Brown, December 16, 1981. She refers to Timothy as Romulus Timothy. McLeod file.

²²⁰ Timothy's Family is discussed by Robert Bland at p. 59. Major sources appeared in Ann Bland Morris, "The Bland Family of Rocky Mount North Carolina," McLeod File.

D. William Jefferson Bland (October 25, 1847 - October 25, 1918). Known among his friends as "Billy," William Jefferson Bland moved to the town of Willard in Pender County. One of his sons described him as a short, red haired man. He was a preacher for the Life and Advent Church. He was said to be a "medium preacher" meaning he preached not too loud and not too soft. Billy was said to have the power of divine healing and went on the church circuit healing bodies and saving souls. He died from kidney complications. William married three times, (1) Lucy Mallard who died two years after their marriage. There were no children by this marriage; (2) to Jane Lee, by whom William had two children: ²²¹

(1) Tommie Attie Bland, (January 1, 1876 - July 7, 1967). Those who knew him described Tommie Attie Bland, a minister, as a tall, stately man with beautiful white hair, soft spoken, quiet and very easy going, but a little long winded. ²²² He married (1) Nancy Catherine Rivenbark (1878-1935) on March 10, 1897. In 1916, Tommie Attie and Nancy moved to Rocky Mount North Carolina. He operated a grocery store and barbecue business, but went bankrupt in the 1930s. Nancy died of a stroke in 1935. She and Tommie had six children:

(a) Susan Jane "Sudie" Bland (1897-) who married Needom Franklin English. They had two adopted daughters.

(b) Lily G. Bland (May 6, 1900 - February 23, 1914).

(c) Samuel William Bland (March 12, 1902- January 7, 1966), who married Pearl Elizabeth Whitfield (1907-) in August 1928. They had one child, who was very significant for the family history of this branch. ²²³

²²¹ Details below about William's marriage to Ann Giddens is found in Annie M. Teachey to Stephen McLeod, January 25, 1982, McLeod File.

²²² Like me, except I can't do anything with what's left of my hair.

²²³ Samuel William Bland and Pearl Elizabeth Whitfield's son Samuel William Bland, Jr. (April 14, 1929 -) married Faye Jennie Lawson. Their daughter Faye Annette Bland married Samuel Webster Morris. She is Ann Bland Morris, the author of the Timothy Bland genealogy.

(d) Ruth Ellen Bland (June 2, 1905 - 1976) married Jesse James Barnhill (1902-). They had four children.

(e) Lucy Adelaide Bland (October 16, 1907 -) married Randolph Cooper (1912-). They had two children.

(f) Phoebe Bland (February 23, 1910 -) married Draton McKinley Jenkins (1898-1945). They had two children.

(g) Annie Laura Bland (November 16, 1912 -) married Arnold Ray Brass (1907-1960) in 1933. Secondly she married William Doyette Murray (1911-

(h) Herbert Daniel Bland (September 20, 1915 - October 31, 1964) married Dorothy Virginia Moore (1918 -). They had three children.

Following Nancy Rivenbark's death, On April 9, 1939, Tommie married (2) Ella Ayers (February 16, 1896 - June 30, 1954), a woman who shared his passion for the ministry of God and traveled with him throughout Mexico and the United States. By the time Ella died, Tommie was 78, had seen a lot of the world and was doubtless finished with the parenthood game, but cashed in his chips for yet a third marriage, to Sarah A. Giddens.

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(2) Callie Jane Bland (January 24, 1878 - July 30, 1960), who married James Leonard Mills, Jr. (1872-) on February 19, 1896. They had eleven children.

Jane Lee died of breast cancer about 1879. William married a third time on October 4, 1880 to Sarah Ann Giddens (- February 2, 1909) and had six children:

(3) William Edward "Willie" Bland (August 15, 1881 - November 2, 1970). William lived his life in Willard North Carolina. He married on November 29, 1904, Sallie Blanton, (May 10, 1882 - February 12, 1963), and they are buried at Antioch Cemetery in Willard. In their life, Willie and Sallie were considered "poor but rich" and after her death, Sallie's grave was ransacked by someone searching for money believed to be buried with her. No children have been noted.

224 The dates given by Robert Bland, p. 59, seem problematic.

(4) Emma C. Bland (June 2, 1883 -)

(5) Robert Timothy Bland (April 21, 1886 - June 8, 1973). A tough guy, Robert was a boxer and made a living by breaking oxen, like Mongo in *Blazing Saddles*. Robert moved to Wilmington and became a street car driver. He married Susan Ida Upgrove (September 3, 1904 - October 1, 1973) on March 4, 1921. Tim and Susan are buried at the Antioch Church in Willard.

(6) Jeff Bland (June 6, 1888 - 1951) who married Bessie M. _____ (1883-1947). ²²⁵

(7) James Rufus Bland (June 20, 1892 - February 26, 1970). At the time of his death, James was married to Lizzie Armstrong. James was buried at the Armstrong cemetery in Sampson County North Carolina. ²²⁶

(8) Ailsie Sam Bland (March 31, 1897 -). Ailsie moved to Wilmington to work for a ship building company. He married Rebecca _____. In 1977, Ailsie and Rebecca had seven living children, William, Marjorie, Annie, Alberter, Callie, Barbara and Johnnie. Two of their children died.

E. Ann Victoria Bland (April 3, 1849 -). Ann married Jessie Mills. They had seven children including a set of triplets.

F. Helen Frances Bland (February 23, 1851 - August 26, 1862).

G. Sarah Sylvania Bland (November 14, 1852 - January 2, 1937). ²²⁷ Sarah married a cousin, Harmon Bland, (1839-1924) (see above page 60 paragraph 2H) but there were no children.

²²⁵ A parent child relationship is assumed because of graveyard proximity to others in Tommie Attie Bland's family.

²²⁶ Death Certificate for James Rufus Bland, March 4, 1970. Sampson County North Carolina. The death certificate says James was 76 when he died.

²²⁷ Robert Bland established Sarah's birth as November 1, 1854 while VU, p. 319, lists her birth as November 14, 1852. Inasmuch as the 1854 date is an obvious impossibility, given its proximity with Edwin Jay Bland's birth, I am opting for the original listing in VU.

H. Edwin Jay Bland (August 22, 1854 - August 23, 1896).

I. Cornelia Adeline Bland, (May 20, 1856 -) married Frank Lee. They had five children.

J. John Clifton Calhoun Bland (March 2, 1858 - September 9, 1862).

K. Emma Estelle Bland (August 9, 1860 - January 29, 1913). Emma died of cancer. She married Andrew Brown (1854-1931) on February 24, 1876. They had thirteen children.

Adeline Ward died in 1861. Timothy may have served a stint in the Civil War for he next married Ala Bradshaw (July 12, 1836 - June 5, 1924), in 1865 or 1866. Timothy and Ala had a family of five children including:

L. Esther Isabella Bland, (January 1, 1867 - June 1, 1934). She married John W. Teachey (1861-1919). They had eight children. Ester is buried at the Carr Cemetery.

M. Mary Jane Culbreth Bland, (July 24, 1868 -), Mary Jane married Sam Register and they had four children.

N. Romulous Timothy Bland, (October 17, 1871 - July 16, 1939). Romulus is buried at the Bland Cemetery. He married Sarah Elizabeth Bostic (June 19, 1874 - October 17 1960) on November 24, 1904. They had six children:

(1) Edward Thomas Bland (September 19, 1905 -) who married Margaret Blanton (March 27, 1910 - January 14, 1975). Edward and Margaret are thought to have had children but nothing further is known of them.

(2) An Infant who died in 1907.

(3) Davis Timothy Bland (August 11, 1908 -).

(4) Jimmie Norman Bland (September 14, 1910 -)

(5) Bertha Bland (May 24, 1912 -)

(6) Thelma Elizabeth Bland (February 25, 1914 -)

O. Jemima Bathsheba Bland, (June 7, 1874 - November 5, 1941), who married Joe Wood (March 20, 1876 - November 4, 1947) on December 15, 1898. They had eight children.

P. Bessa Newton Bland (January 20, 1877 - September 4, 1949) who married David W. Johnson (October 12, 1880 - September 19, 1967). They had four children.

These were the children of Timothy Bland and his wives Adeline Ward and Ala Bradshaw.

This concludes the family of Blands in New Hanover, Duplin and Sampson Counties, North Carolina, who descended from William Bland (C1748-1816) and his two sons, William Bland (1771-1854) and his wife Mary Parker and James Bland (C.1772- 1818, twelfth generation) and his two wives, Jemima Alderman and Esther Newton. In an undertaking of such dimension, there are bound to be mistakes, both factual and conceptual. I would be glad to receive any corrections and to make amending notations in the next issue.

Miscellaneous Robert Bland found a woman named Elizabeth Bland (December 23, 1810 - February 7, 1892) married to Enoch Johnson (June 7, 1813 - June 1, 1885). If the dates are correct, she is not likely to be a daughter of James Bland and Esther Newton since their son James Thomas Bland was born December 30, 1810. She also is born too early to be a daughter of James Bland (1798-1862) and James father, William Bland (1771-1854) has a daughter Elizabeth born in 1802. Whose child is Elizabeth? ²²⁸

A similar question may be asked of Catherine A. Bland (June 26, 1862 - May 20, 1890). ²²⁹

A similar question may be asked about Katherine D. Bland (November 14, 1849 - August 20, 1906) married to Isaac Newton, (May 13, 1848 - May 18, 1895). ²³⁰

AND THIS CONCLUDES THIS VOLUME OF "AMONG COUSINS"

GOOD LUCK, GOD BLESS AND SEE YOU AT THE REUNION

²²⁸ Robert Bland, page 60, citing McEachern Stone Records, Vol V, p. 13.

²²⁹ Robert Bland, P. 60, citing Sloan Cemetery, Vol. 1, p. 12.

²³⁰ Robert Bland, p. 60, citing McEachern records. p. 19.