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## THE BLAND FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Cousins

I will try to get a jump on the new millenium by some changes in the masthead and front page format, as well as to take what I hope will be an adequate step toward catching **AMONG COUSINS** up to date. During the years 1995-1997, I published only one singe issue volume, and followed with another singe issue volume in 1998. In some measure of compensation, this year I am

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## THE QUINTESSENTIAL BLAND



NANCY BLAND NEEDHAM (C1810- )

Nancy was the daughter of Benjamin Bland (C1768- ) of Randolph County North Carolina and the granddaughter of Moses Bland (C1718-1800) and his wife Jane Wiggonton (C1730- ). Nancy was born in Randolph County North Carolina. On December 24, 1839, she married a cousin Bailey Needham in Jennings County Indiana. Before marrying Nancy, Bailey Needham married Zerilda Holman in 1838, who evidently died giving birth to their only child George. Bailey Needham and Nancy Bland had three children, Zerila, Silas and Emerine. Bailey's mother was Ann Bland, (C1774-1855), who was born in Guilford County North Carolina, the daughter of Moses Bland and Jane Wiggonton. Ann married John Needham (C1769-1850) about 1789, in Henry County Kentucky. Ann died in Tipton County Indiana after a life in which she gave birth to thirteen children, including Bailey.

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Photo was provided by Ann Marie Coady, Mason Michigan

putting out a super sized single issue and calling it volume 15-17 for 1997-1999. For the foreseeable future the nature of my life will limit me to one single volume of **AMONG COUSINS** annually.

There are exciting changes afoot in the world of genealogical research. The most prominent is the advent of the computer as an aid to research. Some states are placing genealogical records on line and web-sites related to genealogical research are popping up frequently if not every day. To me, one of the most interesting and useful for new contacts is **The Genealogy Forum**: <http://genforum> an exchange site for the name you are researching. During the past year, **The genealogy Forum** has aided me greatly in outreach to new sources, including some dramatic discoveries that are incorporated into this volume of **AMONG COUSINS**. For the past several years, the National Bland Reunion has considered possible ways to open up our own Bland Family web-site, and I am hopeful that we will accomplish that goal in 1999-2000.

Another tool of course, is E-mail, which enables correspondents to communicate instantly and at low cost, to make quick clarifying inquires about complex questions, or simply to stay in touch. Beginning with this issue, I am including available e-mail addresses in the **Subscribers and Correspondents** section, pp. . If your name appears in this section without e-mail, please send your e-mail address and I will include it in the next volume.

**THE 14<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL BLAND REUNION:** Our Fourteenth National Reunion was held in Louisville Mississippi, August 14-16, 1998, sponsored by John and Sharon Black from Starkville Mississippi. John and Sharon organized the reunion at the pleasant, Lake Tiak-O'Khata Resort, and the ambiance was great. Attendance was about eighty, including a half and half mix of old timers who come to all or many of the reunions and local Blands, mostly from the family of Blands settled in Webster County Mississippi by descendants of the ancestor Joseph Bland (C1754-1800) of Duplin County North Carolina. This marks the second reunion sponsored by this family, who has surely given freely of itself to support the reunion tradition. The 14<sup>th</sup> Reunion honored this branch of the Bland family. On the following page I am displaying a photograph taken at the Reunion, of John and Sharon Black, as well as Angela and Hop Alford, who sponsored the 1989 Reunion in Cumberland Mississippi and several other cousins from the Mississippi Branch. Also, see the photo of Pinkie Miller (1862-1890) an ancestor from this family, on page 7.

One of the pressing issues for the Reunion which has been episodically addressed in the past is the need for a permanent organization. At the 14<sup>th</sup> Reunion, we held a special meeting to address how to begin this process. The conclusion was that we



1998 Bland Reunion: Mississippi Cousins

Seated: John and Sharon Black

Standing: L-R Charles L. Bland, Carolyn Bland Miller, Mack and  
Carolyn Gibbons, Angela and Hop Alford

(I apologize for not knowing the names of the other cousins)

Courtesy: Patricia Bland Marsh

appoint a special committee to work for a presentation of the issues at the Fifteenth Reunion. The committee consisted of myself and: John and Sharon Black, Starkville Mississippi; David Bland and Joan Bland, Independence by God Missouri; Virgil Bland, Phoenix Arizona; Mildred Hunter, Pleasant Grove Utah; Patricia Marsh, Sellersburg Indiana. In February, David Bland wrote a preliminary position paper, masterfully positioning himself like the Virginia Delegation to the Constitutional Convention of 1787, since from that point we debated slight alterations in David's master plan. In essence, I wrote to about twenty cousins who have been faithful supporters of the reunion since its inception and asked them to attend a special meeting on August 6, at the Fifteenth Reunion, at which time we will appoint six members of a Board of Directors, who will thereafter stand election, beginning in 2000, in staggered terms, so that two members of the board stand for election each year. I will announce the composition of the original Board of Directors on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup>. This board will in turn appoint a working committee of 4-6 members, each of whom will have some specialized task to work on during the year and will be available to consult with other committee members as well as members of the Board. Members of the working committee will serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, who are elected by the plenary reunion group (or a similar body). Issues that immediately present themselves are:

1. **Use of Computer Technology** at a range of levels, including the outreach necessary to stabilize and increase attendance at Reunion, as well as to enhance interest in Bland Family research in general.
2. **Administration:** Maintenance of financial and other records relative to the Reunion and Family History Project.
3. **Reunion Planning:** One of the most pressing immediate issues is that there is no Reunion Site for the 16<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2000. For too long, this task has been a matter of my locating a Cousin who will sponsor the reunion and that Cousin then shouldering the work of organizing and planning the Reunion, either alone, or with assistance of family or friends.
4. **Special Projects:** There are some issues relative to the Bland family's history that we should be involved in. One of the immediate issues is involvement in the episodically addressed but on-going issue of maintenance of the historical cemetery (or what's left of it) at Hopewell Virginia, where is buried Richard Bland (1710-1776) the Revolutionary Patriot and cousin and mentor of Thomas Jefferson. This is an issue that has long been a sore spot, for there is no continuous mechanism for preservation and care of this historical site. On June 18, 1999, Cousin Vera Moore of Hopewell called me and told me that she and her husband Bill, were paying a caretaker from their own pocket to have this done. Vera later told me that Richard Bland College has reimbursed her partially. The point is that these are all ad hoc measures, done with sacrifice and goodness. What is needed is for the Bland Reunion Group not to raise money for ad hoc assistance but to lend its support to establishment of a permanent and continuing maintenance of these grounds.

At the Fifteenth National Reunion we will make a beginning. I'm sure our efforts will take work and patience to evolve into a smoothly working process, but this is the first step.

**THE 15<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL REUNION** It is amazing to think that we have persisted since 1985, when John Bland and I organized the First National Bland Reunion at John's home in Elizabethtown Kentucky. After 15 years, we now come full circle back to Kentucky where we will congregate on August 6-8 at Berea Kentucky, near Lexington. It will be great. Our host, Patricia Marsh, who in the age of e-mail, has kept in touch with me more closely than reunion sponsors did in previous years, has done a magnificent job of organizing the Reunion, which will pay tribute to the Kentucky pioneers, especially to the family that descended from Charles Bland (1765-1842) and his wife Phyllis Pope (1773-1818). For those who are inclined to read the meanest, most exclusionary and

worst in everything, let me hasten to add that if you are from another family, you are still welcome. It's just that at each Reunion, we honor the specific family from which the host descends.

If you receive this newsletter before the Reunion and decide that you'd like to attend, I encourage you to contact Patricia Marsh at 812-246-9122 or e-mail [pmarsh@venus.net](mailto:pmarsh@venus.net). Pat will assist you with information on how to proceed. I can sense that this is going to be a special reunion in which we also will take positive steps toward continuing our reunion through a viable family organization. I hope to see all of you there.

### **PINKIE MILLER BLAND (1862-1890)**

Joseph Bland of Duplin County North Carolina, (C1754-1800), was a Revolutionary Soldier. When he died, Joseph had two children, Joseph Henry Bland and Mary Bland. A son called "Henry" was Joseph Henry Bland (October 16, 1785 - 1862) born in Duplin County North Carolina and died in Perry County Alabama. He married Mary Ann Rea May (1793-1850) of Raleigh North Carolina on February 17, 1810. Joseph Henry and Mary Ann moved from North Carolina to Alabama with their 10 children, and the children moved on to Webster County Mississippi. Among these ten children was Robert Galbert Bland (1817-1862), who married Frances Morgan Wilkinson (1824-1902). They were parents of six children, including an oldest son Joseph Henry Bland (1847-1941), who married a woman named Pinkie Miller (1862-1890 on February 7, 1878. Of Pinkie, Joseph Henry Bland the dreamy lover, wrote: <sup>1</sup>

"I was near 30 year old before I found that sweet girl of my dreams. She was born May 1862 and you can bet your socks she was a Pink of the rarest kind and pretty, as pretty as she could be. But the half I have told, she was so sweet, so lovely, so kind and tender hearted . . . her eyes were blue and her hair was golden. She was so kind, she never spoke an unkind word to no one, and was a true lover of the Lord. We had four girls. Well, I lost dear Pinkie, she died in 1890, the 12<sup>th</sup> of April. . ."

A photograph of Pinkie one of the founding mothers of the Mississippi Blands, appears on the opposite page:

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<sup>1</sup> AC 8-1, p. 14, A Photo Of Joseph Henry Bland (1847-1941) is displayed in AC 3-2, p. 31. CF AC 2-1, p. 6 and AC 3-1, p. 17.



Pinkie Miller, (1862-1890)  
Courtesy: Elton White

#### UPDATE OF THE KEY TO BLAND FAMILY LINES

Periodically, it is useful to update the key to family lines that I previously laid out in Volume 12-2, pp. 10-17. Please note the name and address list for your name, pp. and if you think you are designated to the wrong group, let me know. When I hear from new correspondents, If your name and address is not included or no key is assigned, also let me know.

### The James River Blands

1-1. Robert or Roger Bland (C1500- ), Westmoreland County England, wife unknown.

1-2. Adam Bland (1528-1594), Westmoreland County and London, married Joan Atkyns, (C1530-1596). Adam and Joan had thirteen children including:

1-3. John Bland (1572-1632), "The Grosser" of London, who married Susan Deblere (1590-1665). John and Susan had a family of 17, of whom 12 lived to adulthood. Of these, the following were responsible for settlements in Virginia.

1-4A. Susan Bland (1609 - ) who married Thomas Pearson.

1-4B. Edward Bland (1614-1652), who married Jane Bland, daughter of Edward's uncle Gregory Bland.

1-4C. Theodorick Bland (1629-1671), who married Anna Bennett.

Sources: This family is discussed in Vision of Unity (VU), pp. 1-75. The Virginia experience of this family is found in VU, pp. 76-249.

Information about this family in the Seventeenth Century was enlarged in Among Cousins (AC), Volume 8-2, pp. 5-40; The Eighteenth Century line was updated by AC: 3-1, p. 6; 3-2, pp. 7-8; 5-1, pp. 7-25; 7-1, pp. 7-11; 8-1, pp. 6-8; and 8-2, p. 41; 11-1, pp. 7-8, 33.

### The Northern Virginia Blands

2-1. James Bland (C1575- ) of Penrith, St. Andrews Parish, Cumberland County England, married Alice Pettison or Patterson.

2-2. James Bland (C1600-1651/1652), of his father's town and parish, married Susan Cooke.

2-3. George Bland (1636-died after 1675), of his father's town and parish, married Grace \_\_\_\_\_.

2-4. James Bland (1661 - 1709), of his father's town and parish, moved to London and to East Jersey in 1684, was in Virginia by 1687, and died in Stafford County in 1709. He may have married twice, but at the time of his death was married to Margaret \_\_\_\_\_.



Sources: Re the Blands of Penrith, St. Andrews Parish, Cumberland County England, see VU, pp. 249-254 and AC: 3-1, pp. 8-9; 6-1, pp. 5-8; 10-1, pp. 8-11, 14, pp. 10-18. On some theories about the parentage of James Bland (1661-1709) see VU, pp. 191-248, inter alia, and pp. 255-266.

2-5A. William Bland (C1686-1744), eldest son of James (1661-1709). William resided in Stafford/Prince William County Virginia. He married twice, to an unknown woman and Catherine Key. See VU, pp. 267-275 and AC 12-2, p. 18.

By his first wife, William had the following sons:

2-5A-6A. James Bland (1704-1774), Prince William County Virginia and New Hanover/Duplin County North Carolina. James married Mary (Buchanan?). See: VU, pp. 275-342 and AC: 1-1, pp. 3-6; 1-2, pp. 4-6; 2-1, pp. 5-8; 2-2, pp. 32-34; 3-1, pp. 15-20; 3-2, pp. 30-39; 4-1, pp. 4-6; 4-2, pp. 18, 22; 5-2, p. 25; 6-2, pp. 5-7; 7-1, pp. 20-21; 7-2, pp. 18-20; 8-1, pp. 11-15, 27; 8-2, p. 42; 9-2, pp. 31-32; 11-1, pp. 10-32; 11-2 pp. 4-8; AC 12-2, pp. 32-36; AC 14, pp. 18-102; AC 15-17, pp. 124-134.

2-5A-6B. Robert Bland (C1708-1760), Prince William and Loudon Counties Virginia. Robert Married Jane \_\_\_\_\_. See: VU, pp. 484-544 and AC: 1-1, pp. 10-13; 1-2, pp. 20-21; 2-1, p. 15; 2-2, pp. 13-14; 3-1, pp. 33-40; 3-2, pp. 44-51; 4-1, pp. 15-16; 4-2, p. 23; 6-1, pp. 8-35; 6-2, pp. 26-33; 7-1, pp. 28-30; 7-2, p. 26; 8-1, pp. 31-32; 8-2, p. 45; AC 9-2, pp. 35-36; AC 10-1, pp. 12-16; 10-2, pp. 26-29; 11-2, pp. 8-19; AC 12-2, pp. 36-39; AC 13, pp. 85-86; AC 15-17, pp. 21-22, 114, 134-146.

**NB:** Robert's linkage to William Bland C1686-1744, though probable, remains hypothetical. Re the hypothesis that Robert was the son of William Bland, (C1686-1744), see AC: 2-2, pp. 13-14.

By his second wife, Catherine Key, William Bland (C1686-1744) had three sons:

2-5A-6C. Moses Bland (C1718-1800) of Prince William County Virginia and Randolph County North Carolina, married Jane Wiggonton. See: VU pp. 342-363 and in AC: 1-1, pp. 7-8; 1-2, pp. 13-18; 2-1, pp. 9-11, 2-2, pp. 34-35; 3-1, pp. 21-26; 3-2, pp. 39-40; 4-1, pp. 6-11; 5-2, pp. 23-25; 7-1, pp. 21-23; 8-1, pp. 15-25; 9-2, pp. 29-30; AC 10-1, pp. 16-39; 10-2, pp. 9-26; 11-1, pp. 34-35; AC 12-2, pp. 31-32; AC 13, pp. 81-85; AC 15-17, pp. 130-133.

2-5A-6D. Thomas Bland (C1719-1788) of Fauquier County Virginia, married Jane (English?) Smith. See: VU, pp. 367-390 and 396-398 and 478-479 and in AC: 1-2, pp. 8-9; 2-2, pp. 37-38; 3-1, pp. 11-13 and 30-32; 3-2, pp. 27-30; 4-1, pp. 13-15 and 21-23; 4-2, pp. 8-9 and 31-32; 5-2, pp. 10-13; 6-2, pp. 23-25; 7-1, pp. 14-17; 7-2, pp. 15-17; 8-1, pp. 8-9; AC 15-17, pp. 46-50.

NB: Re the hypothesis that Thomas Bland (1719-1788) was the father of Joseph Bland (C1752-1820) of Frederick County Virginia, see AC: 4-2, pp. 8-9 and 9-2, pp. 7-10 (See Below, number 4, p. .

2-5A-6E. John Bland (C1725-1795) of Prince William County Virginia and Nelson County Kentucky, married Margaret Osborne. See: VU, pp. 417-462, and AC: 1-1, pp. 8-9; 1-2, pp. 7-13, 24-25; 2-1, pp. 11-13; 2-2, pp. 25-26 and 29-32; 3-1, pp. 8-9 and 26-30; 3-2, pp. 9-15, 43-44 and 51; 4-1, pp. 11-13, 20-21 and 30-32; 4-2, pp. 26-31 and 38-39; 5-2, pp. 25-27; 6-1, pp. 35-37; 6-2, pp. 10-23; 7-1, pp. 24-27; 7-2, pp. 21-22; 8-1, p. 30; 10-1, pp. 45-46; 11-1, pp. 36-37; 11-2, pp. 19-36; AC 12-2, pp. 39-40; AC 13, pp. 37-79; AC 15-17, pp. 50-76.

Discussions about whether John Bland (C1725-1795) is a son of William Bland (C1682-1744) or William's brother John (C1688-1762) appear in VU, pp. 419ff and AC: 2-1, pp. 11-12 and 4-1, pp. 13-15.

For critical information about a hypothetical parent-child relationship between John Bland's son Osborne (C1748-1828) and John Bland (C1770-1842), Daniel Bland, (C1780-1848) and Moses Bland (C1781-1849), see AC, 6-2, pp. 13-14 and 20-22.

2-5B. James Bland, (C1687-1756) of Prince William County Virginia, married Mary Gwatkins. James is discussed in VU, pp. 401-416, esp. 401-403. James and Mary had two known sons.

2-5B-6A. Benjamin Bland (C1724-1771) of Prince William County Virginia, married Mary \_\_\_\_\_. Benjamin's line is discussed in VU, pp. 403-415, and AC: 1-2, p. 22; 4-2, pp. 23-26; 5-2, p. 35; 6-2, p. 33; 7-1, pp. 27-28; 7-2, pp. 23-24; 8-1, p. 8; AC 9-2, pp. 34-35; AC 10-1, pp. 40-44; 11-1, pp. 37-39; AC 12-2, pp. 40-41; AC 15-17, pp. 22-46.

2-5B-6B. Arthur Bland (C1725-1763), of Prince William County Virginia, married Mary \_\_\_\_\_. Benjamin's line is discussed in VU, pp. 415-416.

2-5C. John Bland (C1688-1762), of Prince William County Virginia, married Prudence \_\_\_\_\_. It would seem plausible that Prudence was not John's first wife. John is discussed in VU, pp. 417ff and 463-477, and AC: 4-2, pp. 7-8. John and Prudence appear to have had two sons:

2-5C-6A. John Bland, (C1742-1807), of Prince William County Virginia and Washington County Kentucky, married Rachel. John's line is discussed in VU, pp. 463-477 and AC: 1-1, pp. 6-7; 1-2, pp. 13-18; 2-1, pp. 13-15; 2-2, pp. 27-29; 4-2, pp. 33-37; 5-2, pp. 27-32; 6-2, pp. 33-34; 7-2, pp. 4-8; 8-1, pp. 27-30; AC 9-2, pp. 33-34; AC 12-2, p. 41; AC 13, pp. 17-37; AC 15-17, pp. 77-81.

2-5C-6B. Jesse Bland (1756-1835), of Prince William and Greenbrier Counties Virginia, did not marry. Jesse is discussed in VU, p. 419 and AC: 4-2, pp. 7-8.

2-5D. Robert Bland, dates unknown, was a minor child noted in the will of James Bland, (1661-1708). A later document attests that he died without issue. Robert is discussed in VU, pp. 484-488. It is my belief that this child died young, and that the Robert Bland who lived to adulthood and whose children migrated to Edgefield County South Carolina was a son of William Bland (C1682-1744, cf AC: 2-2, pp. 13-14).

2-5E-H Alice, Ellen, Patience and Hannah Bland. Dates unknown, all were minors in 1709. Ellen Bland married Isaac Davis. Nothing more is known of these daughters of James Bland (C1661-1709). They are discussed in VU, pp. 260-261 and 267.

NB: The division of the children noted by James Bland in his will of 1709, between older brothers William, James and John, and minor children Robert, Alice, Hannah, Ellen and Patience, leads to my speculation that James was married twice and that his wife Margaret was the mother of the minor children only.

#### Other Extensively Developed Bland Family Lines:

3. George Bland, (C1734-1797) of Pitt County North Carolina. Sources: AC: 1-1, p. 15; 2-1, pp. 22-24; 2-2, pp. 38-39; 3-2, pp. 40-42; 5-1, pp. 28ff; 6-2, pp. 7-9; 7-1, pp. 23-24; 8-1, pp. 25-26; AC 15-17, pp. 98-114.

4. Joseph Bland (C1752-1820) of Frederick County Virginia, VU, pp. 396-398 and AC 9-2, pp. 6-28; AC 10-1, pp. 47-48; AC 12-2, pp. 18-21.

5. Reuben Bland, (1790- ) of Wayne-Greene-Pulaski Counties, Kentucky. Sources: VU, pp. 479-483; AC: 1-1, p. 9; 1-2, p. 26; 2-1, p. 24; 4-2, pp. 39-40; 6-2, p. 34; 7-2, pp. 24-26; 8-1, p. 28. AC 15-17, pp. 81-88.

6. Samuel Bland, (C1700- ) of Mecklenburg County Virginia. Source: VU, pp. 586-590 (First Ed.) and 548-552 (second Ed.) and AC: 2-1, p. 24; 2-2, pp. 36A-37; AC 12-2, pp. 21-22. AC 15-17, pp. 146-151.

7. Stephen Bland (1782-1850) and Silas Bland (1792-1858) of Dallas County Alabama. Source: AC: 2-1, pp. 16-19; 5-1, pp. 27-41 and 6-2, p. 34; AC 15-17, pp. 114-124.

8. Thomas Bland, (C1740-1826) of Pendleton County Virginia/West Virginia. Source: VU, pp. 398-399 and AC: 2-2, pp. 14-23; 3-2, pp. 23-27; 4-2, pp. 9-20 and 41; 5-2, pp. 15-18; 7-1, pp. 19-20 and 8-1, p. 10; 12-1, pp. 7-54; 12-2, pp. 17-18; 13, pp. 79-81.

9. William Bland (C1717-1803), of King and Queen County Virginia. Source: VU, pp. 392-396 and AC: 1-2, pp. 26-27; 2-1, pp. 19-22; 2-2, pp. 24-26; 3-1, pp. 8-9 and 39; 3-2, pp. 9-10 and 15-22; 4-1, pp. 17-20; 4-2, pp. 5-7; 5-2, pp. 13-15; 6-2, pp. 3-5; 7-1, pp. 12-14; 7-2, pp. 13-15; and 8-1, pp. 9-10; 9-1, pp. 14-36. 9-2, p. 28.

#### Bland Families Noted but Without Extensive Developmental Lines

10. Allen Bland, Champaign Illinois. AC: 1-2, p. 25.

11. Charles Bland, Guilford County North Carolina. AC, 3-2, p. 53, and 5-2, pp. 32-33.

12. Charles B. Bland (C1819- ) of Mississippi. AC 8-2, pp. 42-43.

13. Elizabeth Bland Ballard, Spotsylvania County Virginia. AC, 3-2, p. 51; 4-2, pp. 41-42 and 8-1, pp. 28-29

14. George Bland (C1795-1868) of Kentucky, AC 1-1, p. 15; AC 12-2, pp. 42-43. AC 15-17, p. 99.

15. George Gideon Bland, (1790- ), of North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. AC 3-1, p. 39; 4-1, pp. 32-33; 4-2, p. 4; 5-1, pp. 29-30.

16. Gladwin Bland (1876-1932) of Ireland and Mexico (AC 2-2, p. 40).

17. Isaac Bland, (C1813-1853) of Louisiana. AC 5-2, p. 35.

18. James Bland (C1793-1871) of Henry County Tennessee. AC 6-2, pp. 36-37; 7-1, pp. 30-31.

19. Jane Bland Forrester of Stokes County N.C. AC, 3-1, p. 41.

20. John and Charles Bland (C1775 - ) of Amherst County Virginia. AC 4-1, pp. 26-27; 5-2, pp. 18-22; 7-1, pp. 17-19; 7-2, p. 17, 9-2, pp. 36-37; 10-2, pp. 30; AC 12-2, pp. 23-30; AC 15-17, pp. 151-160.
21. John Bland ( 1791-1878) of Toronto Gore Canada. AC 1-2, p. 26 and 2-1, pp. 24-25.
22. John Bland (1812-1864) of Peoria Illinois, AC 3-2, pp. 5-6.
23. John, Thomas and William Bland of Martin County North Carolina. AC 1-2, p. 27; 5-1, pp. 28ff; 8-1, pp. 26-27; 9-2, p. 6, AC 15-17, pp. 88-98.
24. John Bland, (C1832 - ) of England and Greenwood Counties Kansas. VU p. viii and AC 3-2, pp. 52-53.
25. John Bland Smith (1590-1668) of Martha's Vineyard Massachusetts. AC 4-1, p. 34; 8-1, p. 34; 8-2, pp. 40-41.
26. Joshua Bland (C1790-1843) of Virginia, AC 12-2, pp. 43-44.
27. Morris Brewer Bland (C1829- ), of England. AC 5-2, p. 34. AC 15-17, p. 151.
28. Richard Percival Bland (C1700-1737) of St. Helena South Carolina, VU, p. 494.
29. Robert Bland ( -1795) of Monroe County Virginia/ West Virginia. AC 2-2, p. 14; 3-1, p. 10; 4-2, pp. 7-8.
30. Robert Bland (1783-1836) of Berks County Pennsylvania. AC 6-2, pp. 35-36.
31. Samuel Bland, (C1793-living in 1850), Blount County Alabama, AC 4-1, pp. 29-30; 5-1, pp. 49-50.
32. Talton Bland, (C1795-1870) of Edgefield County South Carolina and Chattahoochie County Georgia, AC 1-1, p. 13; 2-2, pp. 36-36A; 5-1, p. 42 and 6-1, pp. 31-32.
33. Thomas Bland of England (C1789- ), AC 3-2, p. 52.
34. William Bland of Pike-Barbour County Alabama, AC 1-2, pp. 21-22; 3-1, pp. 37-38, 42; 4-1, pp. 28-29; 5-1, pp. 42-49 and 8-1, pp. 33-34.
35. William Bland of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, VU, pp. 365-366; AC 1-1, p. 8; 1-2, pp. 25-26.
36. William Bland (1813-1898) of North Carolina and Mississippi, AC 8-2, pp. 43-45.

37. William Bland (1817-1875) of Wheeling West Virginia, AC 3-2, p. 54.

38. William Bland of England, AC 2-2, p. 41; 3-1, p. 39.

#### 1850 Census

AC 4-1, pp. 24-27, Tennessee.

AC 7-1, pp. 32-39, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York.

AC 7-2, pp. 32-49, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

AC 8-1, pp. 35-51, Virginia/West Virginia.

Roster of Soldiers of the War of 1812: AC 7-2, pp. 27-30.

**INDEXING AMONG COUSINS** Those who know the history of my writing will remember that Edith Lanning indexed **A Vision of Unity**, I Indexed the First Five Volumes of **AMONG COUSINS** and Jeanette Bickley Bland indexed Volumes 6-11. Volumes 12-17 have not been indexed. I would be glad to discuss with anyone who is interested in putting in the work for part of this project, some reward for your effort, which will most likely consist of one or more free volume of a future **AMONG COUSINS** as well as the one you index. You will also earn the gratitude of Bland family historians. As a guide for those who might be interested in taking on the work, the following subjects appear in these following issues:

**VOLUME 12-1:** The entire issue, pp. 7-54, above p. 12, Number 8, Thomas Bland, (1740-1826) Pendleton County Virginia/West Virginia.

**VOLUME 12-2:** pp 18-21 Joseph Bland (1752-1820) above p. 10, Number 25A-6D and P. 11, Number 4.  
Pp 21-22 Samuel Bland, Mecklenburg County Virginia, above p. 12, number 6.  
Pp 23-30 John/Charles Bland, Amhurst County Virginia, Above, p. 13, number 20.  
pp. 31-33 Moses Bland (1718-1800) Randolph County North Carolina, above p. 9, Number 25A-6C.  
pp. 36-39 Robert Bland, (1708-1760) Edgefield County South Carolina, page 9, number 25A-6B  
pp. 39-40 Nelson County Kentucky Blands, above p. 10, number 25A-6E.  
pp. 40-41 Garrard County Kentucky Blands, above p. 10, number 25B-6A.

pp. 42-43 George Bland, Hopkins County Kentucky,  
above p. 13, number 14.

**VOLUME 13:** PP.17-37, John Bland (1742-1807) of Washington County  
Kentucky, above , p. 10, Number 25C-6A  
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Kentucky, above, p. 10, number 25A-6E  
pp. 79-80 Thomas Bland (1740-1826) Pendleton County  
Virginia/West Virginia, above p. 12, number 8.  
pp. 81-85, Moses Bland (C1718-1800) Randolph County  
North Carolina, above p. 10, number 25A-6C.  
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**VOLUME 14:** pp. 10-18, James Bland (1661-1709), England and Stafford  
County Virginia, above pp. 8-9, number 2-4.  
pp. 18-102, James Bland, (C1707-1774), Virginia and  
Duplin County North Carolina, above p. 9, no. 25A-6A.

**VOLUME 15-17:** See below, *inter alia*.

**TRANSITIONS:** Knowing how truthful and conscientious you all are, I  
believe the rate at which I receive news of new births, indicates  
there won't be any Blands or Bland descendants by the year 2100.  
Undaunted I offer the cheeriest of news, welcoming in to this old  
world, my fourth cousin, **Nathaniel James Valentin**, whom was born on  
December 2, 1995 at Hershey Pennsylvania to Leo Valentin and my  
third cousin Janetta Rose Bland. His grand paw was my paw's first  
cousin. According to his proud Mom, he's a very intelligent boy and  
a real ball of fire. I'm quite pleased to offer a photograph of  
**Nathaniel James Valentin** on the opposite page.

I also received, from Cousin Carolyn Bland Miller, Vicksburg  
Mississippi, an announcement that their daughter **Stacey Michelle  
Miller**, would be married on July 11, 1998 to Varian Edmond Fewell.  
Carolyn sent a photograph of this stunningly handsome couple, which  
I was pleased to see and the Bland family wishes them the very  
best.

This past year witnessed the passing of two of the most loyal  
of Bland Cousins. In addition to being devoted supporters of the  
cause of Bland Family History, both were fine gentlemen and I  
considered them truly a friend.

**Thomas Franklin Jordan**, born August 9, 1912 in Richmond  
Virginia, died October 6, 1998 at Climax Michigan, where he and his  
wife Geraldine had lived near their children in recent years. Tom  
was married to his wife Geraldine Harmon, in Richmond on

December 2, 1933. They had three children in their marriage. Tom served a stint in the U.S. Army in the waning months of the war in Spring 1945. After his discharge, Tom went into the construction business. Tom descended from the family of Blands that originated in King and Queen County Virginia, and his parents were Agnes Bland and Charles Jordan. I am pleased to display a photograph of Tom Jordan in the space below:

Nathaniel James Valentin  
Courtesy Leo and Janetta  
Valentin



Thomas Franklin Jordan (1912-1998)  
Courtesy Geraldine Jordan



I received a letter from Nelle Mang, on June 3, 1999, telling me that her husband **Conrad Dell Mang** had passed away on February 10, 1999. This is very difficult news to learn and impart to you, for among the early correspondents in my work, Conrad Mang was singularly energetic, generous and insightful in his work. Nelle was descended from David Bland (1843-1927) a son of John Bland (1811-1886) and Mary Foreman (1816-1904) of Orange County Texas, whose line originated with the Loudon County Virginia/Edgefield County South Carolina stem family. David's insightful history is put to good use below in the discussion about this family, (see pp. ). Conrad then, married into the Bland family but took up the cause of its history. He taught me so much of what I know about this family and with Eva Dowdy and the late Juanita Alexander and Eloise Stoudenmier, should be counted among its best historians. Conrad also traveled to England in 1984 and came back with a rich lode of information, including the detail that enabled me to conclude without ambiguity that James Bland born in Cumberland County England in 1661 and died in Stafford County Virginia, were the same man. Conrad and Nelle joined with the late Marian Daniels to give a copy of A Vision of Unity to the Clayton Library in Houston Texas, and Conrad and Nelle donated a copy of A vision of Unity to The Museum and Library of Maryland History in Baltimore.

Conrad was born on March 29, 1920 in Lockhart Texas. In March 1942, when it came time to sign up with Uncle Sam, Conrad, because of his love of boats and aversion to killing, served in the U.S. Coast Guard. The previous Fall, he'd met a beautiful and charming young woman named Nelle and they were married on August 7, 1943. They had two children.

After his Coast Guard stint, Conrad earned his Bachelor's degree in Education at University of Houston. He worked as an elementary school teacher and principal and was a Professor of Education and Departmental Chair at Lamar University in Beaumont. Conrad retired in 1982 and pursued many hobbies, joining his love of travel and genealogical research among many others. I am grateful to Nelle Mang for providing such a thorough and interesting biography of Conrad and the photograph displayed below of Conrad Mang in the summer of his life. Conrad, my friend, you will be missed.

Conrad Dell Mang (1920-1999)  
About 1954  
Courtesy Nelle Mang



## COUSINS IN SEARCH

Addresses for the cousins who place these search notices may be found in the **Subscribers and Correspondents** section, pp.

**CHARLES BLAND** Cousin C.P. Jester (Phone 901-759-2099) is seeking the origins of **Charles Bland** of Guilford County North Carolina, (C1770 - ) possibly in Maryland or Delaware. He had a brother, Arthur and possibly another brother George. Charles died about 1841 in North Carolina. Charles married (1<sup>st</sup>) Margaret Weatherly (C1778 - ) who was born in Caroline County Maryland. Their children were Rebecca Bland Jester, Polly Bland Ozment, Arthur, Peggy Bland Armfield Griffin, Thankful Bland Armfield Short, Elvira Armfield. Charles married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Catherine Shelly. By Catherine, Charles was father of Sally Bland Baxter, Angelina Bland Rick, Louisa Bland Willis, Jane Rosaline Ann Bland Clark, Emily Catherine Bland Irwin. Hint, check **AMONG COUSINS** 3-2, p. 53 and 5-2, pp. 32-33.

**ISAAC BLAND** Cousin Loretta Bland Oakley, phone 252-446-6957, is seeking information about **Isaac Bland**, who was born in Staffordsville, Giles County Virginia in 1817-1818.

**JOHN BLAND** Cousin Susan Folmar is searching for further information about **John Bland** (C1828- ), himself a son of David Bland (17992-1874), within the Bland Family of Frederick County Virginia (AC 9-2, pp. 6-28, esp. p. 27). John married Rebecca Core, (C1822- ). Cousin Susan writes to me, "I'd like to know where that information came from. Hope you have time to check your files." My best answer is that this is an assertion I made in 1991 and my files are presently in chaos. One of the big projects in the next year is to get them organized. Until then, anyone else who can help, both Cousin Susan and me would be grateful.

**JOHN A. BLAND** Cousin S. Link Alley is searching for the parents of **John A. Bland** (C1837-1926), whom he believes is the father of his second great grand paw, **Francis Marion Bland** (1865-1939). John married Mary Ellen Hoyles, (1840-1900). John was born in Clarke County Illinois. He was buried at the Wright Cemetery in Sullivan, Moultrie County Illinois. Francis Marion Bland was born in Lovington, Moultrie County Illinois, and married Mary Alice White on November 18, 1884, in Moultrie County.

**JOHN H. BLAND** Cousin Linda Matthews is looking for information dated from the 1800s on the **Bland** family of Howard Township and Bellefonte Boro, Centre County, Pennsylvania. Of specific

interest is **John H. Bland**, who was born in Howard, C1838 and who may have died in either Anderson, Indiana or Kane Pennsylvania around 1888.

**JOHN MILTON BLAND** Cousin Jeanette Crerar is searching for the father of **John Milton Bland** (c1827-1900) born Oldham County Kentucky, and died in Clark County Missouri. According to Cousin Jeanette, "family say its Isaac Bland, but I can't find a wife before he married Nancy Floyd in 1832 in Missouri."

**JOSIAH BLAND** Cousin Bernard Bland (phone 703-960-2789) is searching for the parents and ancestry of his third great grand paw **Josiah Bland**. Josiah was orphaned during the early 1800s and two guardian bonds were issued by Caroline County Virginia: to George Marshall on October 14, 1813, for Josiah and his orphaned siblings of Thomas Bland. A second bond was issued to Thomas Bell on September 11, 1815 for guardianship of Josiah, who later married Thomas' daughter Nancy Ann Bell in Fredericksburg Virginia on February 13, 1821. Cousin Bernie asks, who was the mysterious Thomas Bland who fathered Josiah Bland. Though I don't want to prejudice a response to this search, it may be useful to say that Cousin Bernie's ancestry is probably within the King and King County Virginia family discussed previously in AC 9-1, pp. 14-36.

**THOMAS BLAND** Cousin Ray Jean Hay is seeking the ancestors and descendants of **Thomas Bland**, C1760. Thomas is Cousin Hay's fourth great grand paw, he married Sarah \_\_\_\_\_. Their known child, **Charity Bland** was born September 11, 1786 and died August 15, 1836. **Charity** married Moses Caten on May 18, 1803 in Craven County North Carolina. Moses was born December 29, 1783 and died October 15, 1850. Moses Caten and **Charity Bland** were believed to have lived in Beaufort County North Carolina.

**NOTA BENE:** Note the discussion below, pp. , about this entire family. I believe Thomas was born earlier than 1760, but what I wrote is the first serious attempt to document the proposed inter relationships between the Blands in Beaufort, Bertie, Craven, Edgecombe, Martin and Pitt Counties North Carolina, it is admittedly speculative, some of it undoubtedly erroneous and certainly subject to change. Some members of this family left North Carolina for Shelby County Tennessee and later from there to points in Arkansas. Others may have gone to Georgia and Alabama. This is an area of inquiry that needs some persistent historians, and I am grateful to Cousin Hay, as well as Barbara

Harris Carlton Bland and Edith Bland and others who are working in that direction. I believe this may open a diffuse dialogue about the possibilities and I'm looking forward to what develops over the next year.

## WHO ARE THESE BLANDS ??

Cousin Carol Akers sent this intriguing photograph to me. Several persons in the composition are known, including **Ida Alabama Bland** (March 23, 1881 - February 11, 1919), (back row, third from right) Cousin Akers' granny. Ida was buried at Maxville Cemetery in Sharp County Arkansas. She was the daughter of **George Washington Bland** (1834 - July 31, 1925) and Sarah Amanda Ring, (December 23, 1843 - August 31, 1916), (front row, flanked between two men). Ida's siblings were May P. Bland, Almeda Bland, Elizabeth Bland, Martha Bland, Texcie M. Bland, and Unis (Eunice) (C1884 - ). Pat Leatherman says that George and Amanda had another son Martin Texas Bland who married Allie Mintie and raised a grand son Robert Lee Byrd. Carol Akers found a son Robert Lee Bland (1886- ) in the 1900 census. According to Pat Cousin Leatherman, these Blands are buried in Powell's Chapel Cemetery in Evening Shade, presumably in Sharp County.



**THE BLANDS OF KENTUCKY**

Because of the National Family Reunion's congregation in Kentucky for the Fifteenth Reunion, I have thought it useful to reprise as completely as possible the founding of the major Kentucky lines. In context of this paper, it seems useful to establish a schematic table that delineates the children of James Bland, the pioneer settler from England, who died in Stafford County Virginia. He had three sons and eight grandsons whom we know of:

**FIRST AMERICAN GENERATION:** James Bland (1661-1709) migrated to East Jersey and subsequently, Virginia in the 1680s. He was married to an unknown (to us) woman and subsequently to Margaret \_\_\_\_\_. When he died, James had four sons, two who were adults and one on the cusp of his majority. It is important to note that as far as we know, these were the only sons of James Bland who had heirs:

**SECOND AMERICAN GENERATION:****WILLIAM BLAND** (c1686-1744)

James Bland (C1707-1774)  
Robert Bland (C1708-1760)  
Moses Bland (C1718-1800)  
Thomas Bland (C1719-1788)  
John Bland (C1725-1795)

**JAMES BLAND** (c1687-1756)

Benjamin Bland (C1724-1771)  
Arthur Bland

**JOHN BLAND** (c1688-1762/1763)

John Bland (C1742-1807)

This paper will delineate the lineage of the sons of these three second generation American Bland's as well as their children and when new evidence requires it, additional information about the line, until it crosses over the 20<sup>th</sup> century boundary.

**THE BLANDS OF MASON AND GARRARD COUNTY KENTUCKY****DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT BLAND, 1708-1760**

One of the early settlers in Mason County Kentucky was Micajah Bland a son of John Bland (1758-1781) the eldest son of Robert

Bland (1732-1787) of Loudon County Virginia and Edgefield County South Carolina. <sup>2</sup> Family legend holds that John Bland was killed in the American Revolution, and because of his early death, Micajah was his only child. Micajah was born about 1780. He moved to Mason County Kentucky in the early 1800s and on September 24, 1804, married Milly Martin. Micajah lived in Maysville but must have died sometime in 1826, for when his daughter Mary married Samuel Cochran on November 21, 1826, her mother signed the consent papers. <sup>3</sup>

Micajah had two other daughters, Pamela Bland, who married John Cockrell on February 27, 1828 and Celesta Ann Bland, who married Dempsey Carrell on April 8, 1847. Micajah also had a son named John, about whom nothing more is known. <sup>4</sup>

#### DESCENDANTS OF BENJAMIN BLAND (1724-1771)

Two grandsons of James Bland (C1687-1755) <sup>5</sup> second son of the Northern Virginia founder James Bland (C1661-1709) moved out to Kentucky in the 1790s. They were James Bland (C1750-1802), who migrated to Mason County and Charles Bland (1765-1842) who migrated to Garrard County. A third brother, Jacky Bland, (C1770-1822) appears to have stayed in Virginia but several of his identified children moved into Ohio, then to Illinois and Missouri. <sup>6</sup> They are

<sup>2</sup> VU, pp. 498ff. This line, as we understand it today, descends from the founder James Bland (C1661-1709), to his son William (C1686-1744), to William's son Robert (C1708-1760) to the above named Robert Bland (1732-1787).

<sup>3</sup> It is significant to note that on November 2, 1826, Mary Rolf Bland (1795-1857) married Halsey White in Mason County.

<sup>4</sup> VU p. 500 and AC 4-2, p. 23.

<sup>5</sup> In a land deed of March 25, 1796, David Bland, James' grandson, indicates that James made his will February 16, 1755 and that it was probated March 22, 1756, both dates falling within the parameters of the Augustan calendar which was adapted in 1751. VU, p. 486.

<sup>6</sup> As a prelude to this section, I should express my gratitude for their contributions over the years to the late Jessamine Bland James of Tucson Arizona, who more than anyone, has been instrumental in breathing life into our understanding of the descendants of James Bland (1687-1756). The primal documents contained in her unpublished but widely circulated Bland Family Court and Bible Records are an essential starting point for historians of the family and are cited extensively in the essay that follows. Mrs. James was the first researcher I contacted when I began my work on the Bland family. And her gentle and humorous encouragement was probably what got me started well enough to stand on my own legs. Hereafter in notes, Mrs. James publication will be referred to simply as James. A key document within her records is the Family Bible Record of Charles Bland and Phillis Duncan, in possession of Ellen Perrin of Lancaster, Kentucky, hereafter called Perrin.

Others who have made major contributions are John W. Bland, Elizabethtown Kentucky, who spent a day with me in August 1985, scouring the records of the Filson Club in Louisville Kentucky, an effort that produced a number of useful documents, particularly a letter from Helen Bland of Bagdad Kentucky dated February 10, 1982, which will be referred to hereafter as Helen Bland; Robert Cauble Bland, Charlotte North Carolina; Robert E. and Alta Bland of Vandalia Missouri; Judith Roby Cash of Alexandria Virginia; Donald Gurley, Walnut Creek California; Sherrill Rae Hoefler, Craig Colorado; Merrilyn Gail Lewellen, Fort Worth Texas; James and Jerry Lillard, Tampa Florida; Patricia Marsh, Sellersburg Indiana; Czerna Nall, Lakeport California and Marsha Smith Hamilton. While this paper was in progress, Kevin Fraley of Seattle Washington contacted me with information about Benjamin Bland's son John, opening up a new line of inquiry about which I had previously been unaware. His establishment of a line of descent from Jacky Bland (C1770-1822), a son of Benjamin and Mary Bland, in turn helped to clarify an error I made in including two of

included here because some of them were previously mis-assigned to the family of William Bland (1765-1850) of the Nelson County Family.

Benjamin, the eldest son of James Bland (C1687-1756) married Mary\_\_\_\_\_ about 1748. <sup>7</sup> Mary's will was made August 3, 1782 and probated October 28, 1782. <sup>8</sup> Eight children were listed in Mary's will:

1. **JAMES BLAND** (1752 - after 1802) <sup>9</sup> James was the executor of his mother's will, indicating he was the eldest child of Benjamin and Mary. The transcription of a Bible Record dated 1853 by Polly Purcell, gives James birth year as (month obscured 19 1752). James estate was settled in Fauquier County Virginia, on October 25, 1802. <sup>10</sup> At the time, his administratrix was his wife Margaret Bland. James was in Mason County Kentucky between 1790-1800, and Margaret and her children found there in 1806 and Mrs. James found Margaret alive in the 1810 census and she was executor of her son John's estate and gave consent to her daughter Esme's marriage in 1811. James and Margaret had nine children: <sup>11</sup>

A. **BENJAMIN VILLARY BLAND** (July 20, 1786 - October 24, 1824) <sup>12</sup> was born in Fauquier County Virginia and died in Columbia Alabama. He married Mary Rolf (December 23, 1795 - March 15, 1857), a young woman from Essex County New Jersey, on November

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Jacky's sons in the family of William Bland and Sarah Peake, (AC 11.2, pp. 27-31. This also clarified the line of descent of Judi Bland Stull of Columbia Maryland, who contributed her information to what follows. I am truly grateful for the generous contributions these cousins have made over the years.

<sup>7</sup> E-Mail, Kevin Fraley to Charles L. Bland, March 16, 1999.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid and Jessamine Bland James Bland Family Court and Bible Records, hereafter referred to as James. Hereafter, I will follow the order of children of Benjamin and Mary Bland supplied by Kevin Fraley, E-Mail, 3-16-99.

<sup>9</sup> Very useful in formulating this family is a letter to Lucia Ann Bland Lister from James M. Pyles, undated, sent to me in a file from Mrs. Martha Bland of Grand Junction Tennessee, January 4, 1999. Mr. Pyles letter alludes to a Bible record written out by Polly Purcell on January 29, 1853, which lists the names of James Bland and most of his children.

<sup>10</sup> In mother's will, James was identified as her oldest son, and James was appointed executor of the estate, indicating he was at least 21 in 1782, hence a long standing assumption that he was born no later than 1761. James, p. 10. I am seeking some clarification on the date of James' will. Among the effects sent me by Bob and Alta Bland in their letter of January 2, 1998, was a will of James Bland, made out in Garrard County Kentucky either in 1802 or 1807. The month and day were obscured and the preceding document was made out September 24, 1801. In it James names his brother Charles J. Bland and his sister Elizabeth ("Betty" in his mother's will as co-executors, with no mention of a wife. Interestingly, there is no mention of a wife, Margaret. The pivotal question is whether this will was made out in 1802 or 1807. Anyone who has a clearer copy of the document may confirm one way or another.

<sup>11</sup> In AC 4-2, at page 24, there is a note of Elizabeth Bland of Mason County marrying Charles Williams, with William Bland as bondsman. A key reference for this group is the Martin Bible, Kentucky Bible Records, DAR, Vol. III, furnished by Don Gurley.

<sup>12</sup> AC 4-2, at p. 24, gives Benjamin's date of death as October 3, 1825.

24, 1813 in Mason County Kentucky, where they raised a family of five children: 13

- (1) Caroline Bland (April 27, 1810 - ). Caroline married Francis W. Cleney, but the dates of the marriage are unknown. 14
- (2) James Bland (November 2, 1813 - October 11, 1878). James married Hannah Martin (October 2, 1817 - July 25, 1906) on November 16, 1837. James and Hannah died in Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky. James and Hannah had a daughter, Laura Ann Bland (August 5, 1839 - August 7, 1839)
- (3) Nathaniel R. Bland (December 26, 1818 - April 3, 1848). Nathan never married and died in New Orleans Louisiana but was buried in Maysville Kentucky.
- (4) Charles Henry Bland (September 2, 1819 - 1888). Charles married Elizabeth Stith (August 7, 1826 - ) in Mason County on November 25, 1846. Subsequently, they moved to Lewis County Missouri where their children were born:
  - (a) Mary Bland (1850 - ).
  - (b) Nathaniel Rolf Bland (July 17, 1851 - April 12, 1920). Nathaniel married Susie Mary Fishback on April 29, 1903 at Quincy Illinois and died at Verdis Oklahoma.
  - (c) George Bland (August 27, 1854 - May 6, 1924). George married Ella A. Bradshaw in Lewis County Missouri, December 20, 1879 and he died in Gotebo Oklahoma.
- (5) Benjamin Bland (November 2, 1821 - ) married Juliana Marshall. 15

B. MARY BLAND (June 11, 1788 - ) who married John Purcell in Mason County Kentucky on March 24, 1806.

C. JOHN BLAND (April 4, 1790 - 1811) who died in Mason County Kentucky.

D. EMLEY BLAND (April 21, 1792 - ) previously called Esme, who married Nathan Heath in Mason County Kentucky April 26, 1811. Margaret, Esme's mother consented.

<sup>13</sup> For information on the children of Benjamin Bland and Mary Rolf, see AC 1-2, p. 22, citing the "Martin Family Bible" which revised some dates earlier entered by Jessamine Bland James in her Bland Family Court and Bible Records. One significant change was the change of birthdate for James Bland from 1814 to 1813, suggesting that he was born before the marriage of Benjamin Bland and Mary Rolf. After Benjamin's death, Mary Rolf Bland remarried in Mason County on November 2, 1826 to Halsey White.

<sup>14</sup> Children of this couple are found in James, p. 12.

<sup>15</sup> See Below, Dallzell Bland, pp. 33-34.



E. ANN MARGARET BLAND (April 25, 1794) who married Calvin Moore in Mason County Kentucky on March 31, 1815.

F. CALVIN BLAND (June 15, 1796 - June 30, 1880). Calvin married Ruth Dye (February 22, 1799 - August 29, 1885) in Mason County Kentucky, on December 19, 1818. Their family follows:<sup>16</sup>

(1) James Bland (November 25, 1819 - February 10, 1871). James married (1st) Jane Aithens on December 3, 1850 and (2nd) Martha Arthur about 1855. By Martha, James had:

- (a) Addison Bland (June 17, 1856 - );
- (b) William Marcus Bland (June 9, 1857 - );
- (c) Anna Bland (March 8, 1858 - ).

(2) William Bland (May 18 1821 - ) found in the 1850 Census in a dwelling adjacent to Charles Bland (5 below). William was married to Sarah Ann \_\_\_\_\_ (October 7, 1832 - February 9, 1888).

(3) Calvin Bland (C1823- )

(4) Ruth Bland (C1824- )

(5) Charles Bland (March 17, 1825 - December 6, 1892).

Charles married Elizabeth Piles (February 11, 1828 - May 15, 1887) on December 14, 1846. They were parents of: 17

- (a) James Bland (C1848- ).
- (b) Richard Calvin Bland (C1849/1850 - 1900).
- (c) John Edgar Bland (November 16, 1853 - 1914).
- (d) Frances P. Bland (August 14, 1858 - ).

(6) Benjamin Bland (April 27, 1828 - December 30, 1848).

(7) John B. Bland (C1830 - )

(8) Emily Bland (October 2, 1834 - December 30, 1848).

(9) Richard C. Bland (C1837 - )

(10) Margaret Bland (January 31, 1841 - January 7, 1849).

G. MARIAH BLAND (C1799 - February 1885) 18 married Nathan Shotwell on July 13, 1816.

H. CHARLES BLAND (January 1802 - ) Nothing further is known of this man.

<sup>16</sup> Calvin Bland and many of his children are recorded from the Old Shannon Cemetery in Mason County Kentucky, found in handwritten form in a file of material sent by Jane Fischer of Memphis Tennessee, hereafter called Fischer File. The Tombstone records do reveal one significant disparity, that is Ruth Dye's date of death, previously given as August 23, 1863.

<sup>17</sup> In the 1850 Census, p. 136, Family Number 21, The household of Charles and Elizabeth also included Mary E. Allison (C1834 - ).

<sup>18</sup> Information about Mariah's dates was provided in AC 4-2, p. 24 and by Czerna Nall of Lake Port California, AC 5-2, p. 35. Mariah was not listed among James and Margaret's children by Mrs. James.

I. James Bland married Sarah Devin, August 27, 1823. 19

The 1850 Census shows that two Blands of indeterminate linkage lived in Mason County, including Owen Bland, (C1811 - ) a laborer from Ireland and James Bland (C1832 - ) a carpenter who was born in Kentucky. 20

2. CHLOE BLAND (c1752 - ) who married a Mr. Pilcher.

3. PEGGY BLAND (c1755 - ) who married a Mr. Mcaboy.

4. ESTHER BLAND (c1760 - )

5. AMELIA BLAND (c1764 - ) who married a Mr. Brady.

6. CHARLES BLAND (December 2, 1765 - September 26 1842). 21 Charles was born in Fauquier County Virginia. By 1800 Charles was in Garrard County Kentucky, 22 where he lived out his long life. Charles followed his sweetheart, Phillis (Phyllis) Pope (May 26, 1773 - October 26, 1818) to Lincoln County Kentucky, where they were married on January 17, 1791. 23 Phillis was the daughter of Thomas Pope and Ann Duncan. Garrard county was formed in 1796 from parts of Lincoln, Madison and Mercer counties. Charles and Phillis built a brick house that still stands at Lancaster Kentucky, location of many a dramatic scene. Charles Bland and Phillis Pope had fifteen children: 24

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<sup>19</sup> CF AC 4-2, pp. 23-24, much of which was supplied by Jim Lillard. In Mason County, Elizabeth Bland married Charles Williams on October 16, 1846.

<sup>20</sup> 1850 Census, pp. 31, 116. It is possible that James was a son of John Bland, son of Micajah Bland (1780-1826), noted above.

<sup>21</sup> James, p. 14. Charles made out his will on May 19, 1841 in Garrard County, VU p. 407, and actual will, (copy) sent by Bob and Alta Bland January 2, 1998. An undated codicil indicates the will was made out May 19, 1842, and the codicil was produced at court in October 1842. Unless there is convincing evidence to the contrary, dates given for the family of Charles Bland and Phillis Pope follow the Perrin Bible, cf James pp. 14-16. A major question is who is Amelia Bland, identified in James, p. 16, as born August 4, 1817. The juxtaposition of dates with Alemander Bland makes it impossible that she was the daughter of Charles and Phillis. She might then have been a daughter out of wedlock by one of their older children. Who was she, and what happened to her?

<sup>22</sup> Charles Bland, in Garrard County Kentucky, August 9, 1800, granted power of attorney to Owen Sullivan of Fauquier County Virginia to sell 118 acres in Fauquier County belonging to Mary Bland, VU, p. 406.

<sup>23</sup> The precision of the dates is attributable to a Family Bible, VU pp. 407-408, with additional information supplied from the Filson Club in Louisville Kentucky, displayed in AC 4-2, pp. 25-26. James, at p. 14, indicates that the Family Bible was owned by Mrs. Ellen Perrin, a daughter of Jeremiah Bland, of Lancaster Kentucky. Phillis was the daughter of Thomas Pope and Ann Duncan. The Family Bible stated that Philis dies in October 1818, but someone later inserted April. Mrs. James spells her name Phillis, though the Family Bible spells it Philles.

<sup>24</sup> Following the death of Phyllis Pope in 1818, Charles remarried October 28, 1821 to Phebe Campbell, ( - February 22, 1840), per a marriage certificate in Garrard County. The dates of Children of Charles Bland and Phillis Pope follow the Perrin family bible.

A. THOMAS BLAND (December 10, 1791 - July 18 1845). Thomas was born in Lincoln County Kentucky and moved to Pike County Missouri where he died. Thomas married Elizabeth Duncan ( - C1843) 25 in Garrard County Kentucky on November 27, 1819. Thomas and Elizabeth had nine or ten children. 26 The younger children were returned to Kentucky after the death of Thomas and Elizabeth, and according to Pat Marsh, raised by a brother, William W. Duncan (1802-1866).

(1) Benjamin Mason Bland (November 13, 1820 - March 14, 1868). Benjamin was not noted by Mrs. James and his name was introduced by Cousins Gail Lewellen of Fort Worth Texas and Sherrill Rae Hoefler of Craig Colorado in 1989. 27 Benjamin married Sarah Hodges (March 3, 1824 - December 25, 1915) 28 in Bowling Green, Pike County Missouri, April 14, 1842. As noted below Benjamin and Sarah took in Benjamin's younger brother Dalzel Bland (alternately called William Leland Smith Bland) after the death of Thomas Bland and Elizabeth Duncan. 29 In addition, they had a family of twelve children of their own: 30

(a) George Thomas Bland (May 6, 1843 - October 4, 1862). George was killed in the Civil War. 31

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<sup>25</sup> I have previously given the date of death of Thomas and Elizabeth as July 18, 1845, based on Helen Bland's emphatic statement that Thomas and Elizabeth died the same day, July 18, 1845. This, however, is apparently in error, for on that date, James Moseley, a son in-law of Thomas Bland, received payment from Thomas's brothers John and Joseph, for transporting five of Thomas and Elizabeth's children back to Kentucky where they were raised by William Duncan. Moseley was the husband of Mason Bland, a daughter of Thomas Bland and Elizabeth Duncan. On August 17, 1845, Moseley made out a receipt for payment of \$46. from John and Joseph Bland payment received on July 18, 1845. On April 12, 1856, in Garrard County Kentucky, as part of a suit between Charles Joshua Bland and Henry Jameson, husband of William's older sister Mary, Peter Oatman testified that three of the Bland Children, "Betsy, Sarah and Wm. H. Bland" had been brought back to Kentucky. In the same hearing, John Davis Bland, an older brother, confirmed that following the death of Thomas Bland and Elizabeth Duncan, William H. Bland and "four others" were brought from Missouri by James Moseley.

<sup>26</sup> See Note below, for the possibility that a Jeremiah Bland born July 22, 1840, is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth.

<sup>27</sup> AC 7-2, pp 23-24.

<sup>28</sup> Sarah's dates are given alternately as March 9, 1823. Sarah was born in Madsion County Kentucky and was the child of George Hodges and Mary Polly Hooten.

<sup>29</sup> James, at p. 25, displays a statement dated March 22, 1856, in which he acknowledges guardianship of "Dalzel Bland, a minor". Based on this document, I lean toward the name Dalzell, noted below as the eight child of Thomas Bland and Elizabeth Duncan, because there was clearly another son named William Henry Bland and it seems highly unlikely that two sons would be named William.

<sup>30</sup> AC 10-1, pp. 41-42. Information about the family of Benjamin Bland and Sarah Hodges was greatly enhanced by family group information sent to me by Bob and Alta Bland on January 2, 1998.

<sup>31</sup> A family group sheet provided by Sherrill Rae Hoefler of Craig Colorado gives a date of death of May 22, 1862 for George.

- (b) William "Monk" Henry Bland (C1846 - May 22, 1896). William married Martha Ann \_\_\_\_\_ (April 2, 1851 - 1896). 32
- (c) Elizabeth Bland (July 1849 - 1916) Elizabeth married James W. Clifton (1840-1910) on December 20, 1875.
- (d) Walter McQuie Bland (December 24, 1850 - October 20, 1922). Walter married Martha Ann \_\_\_\_\_ (1851-1926).
- (e) Stephen Joshua or Reynolds Bland (February 23, 1853 - July 2, 1928). Stephen married Emma Jane Maiden (September 25, 1863 - August 30, 1941) on August 30, 1879. 33 They lived in Vandalia Missouri. 34 I am pleased to display a photograph of Stephen Joshua Bland and Emma Jane Maiden below.
- (f) Jesse Henderson Bland (March 13, 1855 - July 7, 1940). Jesse married Julie A. White (September 1, 1852 - March 20, 1926) on March 16, 1876. Jesse died in Minot North Dakota. 35
- (g) James Theodore Bland (April 20, 1857 - 1940). James moved to Vandalia Missouri and married Sammie Johnson, (March 3, 1860 - March 7, 1938) on May 7, 1884. Sammie was born in Louisiana Missouri and died in Vandalia Missouri. She died of heart failure while trying to lift an enfeebled James Theodore Bland off the floor, after he fell. 36

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<sup>32</sup> Birth date for Martha Ann supplied by Gail Lewellen to Charles L. Bland, March 1, 1999, hereafter Lewellen.

<sup>33</sup> Lewellen, citing Marriage Book 4, p. 625, No. 315. Bob and Alta Bland provided an obituary notice indicating that Stephen was born June 24, 1853. Stephen was the father of Mary Etta Bland (1889-1962), who married Ernest Lewellen on February 26, 1908. They were parents of J.W. Lewellen, whose son James Brice Lewellen is the husband of my correspondent Merrilyn Gail Giles Lewellen.

<sup>34</sup> Obituary notices for Stephen and Emma were provided by Bob and Alta Bland.

<sup>35</sup> Jesse Henderson Bland and Julia Ann White had eight children, including Edward McKenna Bland (1891-1940) who married Florence Luella Pratt (1898-1993) on October 20, 1915. Their two children included Atwell McKenna Bland (1920 - ) and his wife Melba Frances Unzicker (1919 - ) who were married January 10, 1944, at Sioux Falls South Dakota. Their daughter is my correspondent Sherrill Rae Bland Hoefler of Craig Colorado.

<sup>36</sup> Obituaries of Sammie Johnston Bland, provided by Bob and Alta Bland.



Stephen Joshua Bland (1853-1928) and  
Emma Jane Maiden (1863-1941)  
Courtesy Robert E. Bland

- (h) Mary Lucy "Molly" or "Mae" Bland (C1860 - ) married (1<sup>st</sup>), J.W. Spears, July 22, 1885 and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Carl Zantner on June 25, 1910.
- (i) Leland Dalzell "Daz" Smith Bland (January 7 1862 - March 10, 1920). Leland married Rilla A. Gooden 37 (January 16, 1864 - January 1938) on November 2, 1892. He was killed in a train accident at Daggetts, Illinois with his son Leslie. 38
- (j) Sally Bland (C1863 - July 1947). Sally married James Miner.
- (k) Minnie Bland (August 1, 1866 - August 2, 1952) married Joseph M. Spears (1867-1945) on March 1, 1888.
- (l) The name of the final child is unknown.

(2) Mason Bland ( - ante 1855) 39 who married James Moseley of Bowling Green Kentucky. This daughter died before 1855 when James Moseley brought the younger children of Thomas Bland and Elizabeth Duncan from Pike County Missouri to Shelby County Kentucky.

(3) Thomas Pope Bland (October 12, 1831 - February 3, 1914). In 1850, Thomas along with his sister Mary were enumerated in the household of William Duncan. Thomas was born in Garrard County and died in Shelby County Kentucky. He married Levisa Jane Harris, (April 3, 1845 -February 1925) on January 31, 1861. 40 Thomas Pope Bland and Levisa Harris had eight children:

- (a) Mattie Elizabeth Bland (December 8, 1861 - November 4, 1926). Mattie married Walter Leslie Thompson (1856-1939) on May 24, 1881. They were parents of eight children. 41
- (b) William Leland Bland (March 15, 1863 - April 7, 1945) who married Amanda Beatrice Richey (July 26, 1865 - November 1 or 15, 1940) on September 25, 1889. 42

<sup>37</sup> Lewellen.

<sup>38</sup> Father and son were riding the same "rail motorcycle" when they were struck head on by a train. Obituary notices, undated, provided by Bob and Alta Bland.

<sup>39</sup> AC 4-2, p. 25. Mason's name is identified by Helen Bland. Her brother John Davis Bland testified on April 12, 1856 that she was dead. James, p. 27. John Davis Bland did not identify a name, merely that James Moseley "married a sister of his."

<sup>40</sup> James, p. 43, lists the marriage date as January 3, 1861.

<sup>41</sup> James p. 43-44, indicates she was in school with the children of Walter Leslie Thompson and Mattie Elizabeth Bland, as well as the children of Luellen Bland and W.T. Sledd (d) below.

<sup>42</sup> James, p. 46-47 displays an extensive Bible record for William Bland and Amanda Ritchie and family. In a letter dated February 10, 1982, Helen Bland of Bagdad Kentucky called Leland's wife Amanda Samples. Mrs. James called her Amanda Ritchey and based her data on a bible record.

- (c) Thomas Eugene Bland (July 13, 1864 - ). Thomas became a physician and he married Matilda Nichols on June 20, 1906. 43
- (d) Luellen or Lou Ellen Bland (November 1866 - July 1906) married W.T. Sledd ( - 1908) in December 1896. 44
- (e) Sallie Prudence Bland (March 10, 1868 - August 6, 1939) married J. Jewell Sanford on December 22, 1925.
- (f) John Henry Bland (1870 - May 1890) did not marry.
- (g) Mary Beatrice Bland (February 2, 1872 - June 26, 1910) married George Nathan Busey ( - 1959) on December 26, 1899.
- (h) Harvey Erwin Bland (February 15, 1885 - January 18, 1894).

(4) John Davis Bland (c1832 - July 31, 1887). John was born and died in Shelby County Kentucky and is buried at the Indian Fork Baptist Church in Bagdad. John married Matilda K. Rodgers (December 25, 1844 - August 10, 1916) on December 29, 1864. John Bland and Matilda Rodgers had a family of nine children: 45

- (a) Edward Thomas Bland (June 2, 1867 - November 21, 1942), was born at Bagdad, Shelby County Kentucky, and died at Bellville Illinois.
- (b) William Squire "Sig" Bland (October 8, 1869 - October 7, 1944), born at Bagdad, Shelby County Kentucky. He died in Jefferson County Kentucky.<sup>46</sup> On July 9, 1896, William married Georgia Ann Conn (July 19, 1875 - January 31, 1949). 47 I am pleased to display a photograph of William Squire Bland and Georgia Conn and three of their children on the following page.

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<sup>43</sup> James p. 43, 45 and William Elsey Connelley and E.M. Coulter, History of Kentucky Vol. 5, (1922), p. 166, provided by Bob and Alta Bland.

<sup>44</sup> James, p. 45.

<sup>45</sup> The foundation provided by Mrs. James was substantially updated by Robert W. Cauble of Charlotte North Carolina and his sister Patricia Bland Marsh of Sellersburg Indiana.

<sup>46</sup> William is buried at the Grove Hill Cemetery in Shelbyville, Shelby County Kentucky.

<sup>47</sup> William and Georgia had four children, including Nelson Duncan Bland (1903-1969), who married Evelyn Hope Lashbrook, (1902 - ) on October 21, 1925. Evelyn is the official mom of the Bland Family Reunion and the mother of Robert Cauble and Patricia Marsh.



L-R: Nancy Virginia Bland; Georgia Conn Bland;  
William Squire Bland; William Duncan Bland; Matilda  
Eugene Bland (Taken about 1910)  
Courtesy: Patricia Marsh

- (c) Samuel Pope Bland (October 8, 1872 - 1966),  
was born at Bagdad. He married Dora D.  
Conn (C1871-1958) on October 15, 1898. At age  
87, or after, Samuel seems to have married  
Susan Myrtle "Daisy" Jameson.
- (d) Willis Leland "Landy" Bland (June 18,  
1874August 11, 1950), was born at Bagdad  
Kentucky. Landy died at Crestwood, Oldham  
County Kentucky. He married Amanda Samples  
(1888-1972) about 1908. They had thirteen  
children.



- (e) Jefferson Anderson Bland (March 2, 1876 - September 8, 1938), was born at Bagdad Kentucky.
- (f) Eva Mae Bland (October 2, 1878 - February 1916) was born at Bagdad Kentucky.<sup>48</sup> Eva married Brice Enos Cummings (1885-1934) on December 24, 1896.<sup>49</sup> They had four children.
- (g) Curtis Lewis Bland (February 28, 1881 - February 27, 1970). Curtis was born at Bagdad Kentucky. He was married and had two children, but the name of his wife is unknown.
- (h) Anna Beatrice Bland (September 28, 1884 - June 26, 1910) Anna married Ike Self and had one daughter.<sup>50</sup>
- (11) Elizabeth Bland (C1833 - January 8, 1856) Elizabeth was one of the minors returned to Kentucky after her parents died. The 1850 Census of Garrard County confirms evidence in other documents, that she was residing with Charles Josiah Bland and his sister Elizabeth, and was a big sister-caretaker for her little brother William Henry Bland.
- (12) Mary S. or Mary Letitia Bland (C1835 - ) married Henry C. Jameson (c1828 - ) in Shelby County Kentucky, on March 3, 1853.<sup>51</sup> Jameson had four daughters and there are no recorded children with Mary. Mary's guardian at the time was William Duncan.<sup>52</sup>
- (13) Sarah Prudence Bland, who married George Warner in Garrard County Kentucky.
- (14) Dalzel Leland Smith Bland (July 30, 1838 - December 18, 1904)<sup>53</sup> who became an M.D. and married Sallie Catherine Duncan on March 17, 1868. They lived in Vandalia Missouri. In 1850 Dalzell was living in Pike County Missouri, in the home of his elder brother Benjamin Mason Bland (1820-1868).<sup>54</sup> Dalzel

<sup>48</sup> Eva's name was Eva Mae and not Eva Becky as previously noted, E-Mail, Pat Marsh to Charles L. Bland, March 1, 1999, and e-mail, Marsha Smith-Hamilton to Charles L. Bland, 6-30-99.

<sup>49</sup> E-mail, Marsha Hamilton to Charles L. Bland, February 16, 1999. Marsha is the granddaughter of Emma Bryant Cummings, (1904-1995) the daughter of Brice and Eva. Emma married Hugh Smith, (1902-1974) and they were parents of William Harold Smith who married Judelle Tucker.

William and Judelle were the parents of Marsha Sue Smith-Hamilton, my correspondent.

<sup>50</sup> I am retaining the 1884 birth year for Anna, which first appeared in James, but Pat Marsh gives her birth date as February 2, 1875, which would contradict the June 18, 1875 birth date she gives for Anna's brother Willis Leland.

<sup>51</sup> Pat Marsh, Family Group Records, lists the marriage date as August 2, 1853.

<sup>52</sup> Eulah Richardson Hasskarl, Shelby County Marriages Vol. 2, p. 88.

<sup>53</sup> Dalzels specific dates assigned by Lewellen. They supersede the approximation given by Lewellen in AC 7-1, p. 27. See above, discussion in Benjamin Mason Bland, who was Dalzel's legal guardian, regarding the assignment of the name Dalzel to this man. He was alternately called William Leland Smithston Bland.

<sup>54</sup> See (1) Benjamin Mason Bland, p. 27 above.

was only a wee lad when his parents died and Benjamin and his wife Sarah took care of him. Dalzel and Sallie had one known child, named Elizabeth Bland.

- (15) William Henry Bland (January 29, 1840 - January 1, 1929) <sup>55</sup> William was born in Bowling Green, Pike County Kentucky, and died in Taylor County Kentucky. William was defined in one document as a "brisk" boy, but also who complained of rheumatism from an early age, was one of the children who was returned from Pike County Missouri to Shelby County Kentucky by his brother in-law Moseley (see 2 above). A deposition in Garrard County on April 12, 1856, by Benjamin Sutton, confirms that William Henry was returned from Pike County but that he was actually in custody of Aunt Betsy Bland (1802-1882) and Charles Josiah Bland (1812-1894), before Charles Josiah was married, and that William Henry continued to live with his Aunt Betsy until February 1856, <sup>56</sup> at which time he evidently became Sutton's ward. William's big sister Mary Bland and her husband Henry Jameson may also have been his custodian. William married Frances Moss Ware (April 23, 1859 - August 17, 1909). <sup>57</sup> Their children were:

- (a) Mollie H. Bland (C1869- )
- (b) William T. Bland (1872 - February 20, 1957)
- (c) Alonzo Smith Bland (November 5, 1872- February 4, 1933) Alonzo married Birdie Reeves, (1878-1968)
- (d) Lewis S. Bland (C1873 - )
- (e) Lizzie O. Bland (March 28, 1875 - October 21 1968)
- (f) Clarence J. Bland (January 28, 1878 - January 4, 1952). Clarence married Katie Clay Combs (1884-1968 and they had one child.

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<sup>55</sup> Pat Marsh's Descendancy Chart shows dates of 1840-1929 for William Henry. A birth Date that appears in the Perrin Bible, in James, p. 16, for William Bland, April 7, 1842. I am hard pressed to think of who this William is. Also, who is Jeremiah Bland, born July 22, 1840, also in the Perrin Bible? I've seen Jeremiah's name before and would welcome any comment from anyone.

<sup>56</sup> Charles Joshua Bland had guardianship of William Henry Bland from 1855 on. John Davis Bland (1832-1887) confirmed that William lived with Charles Joshua Bland from Christmas of 1845 until "this past winter" meaning 1855-1856. He also said that his sister Elizabeth Bland (1833-1856) lived in the same household and made most of William Henry's clothes. Elizabeth died January 8, 1856, so this was obviously a bitter end to a hard decade for poor William.

<sup>57</sup> The Birth dates of William Henry and Frances' children, given in Pat Marsh's descendancy chart, suggests Frances was born about 1851, maybe a little later but not much.

(g) Madison W. Bland (1886-1886)

(h) Thomas L. Bland (March 18, 1886 - August 27, 1970), a twin of Madison W. Bland

B. Nancy Bland (June 4, 1793 - ante 1842)

C. Sally Bland (October 11, 1794 - November 5, 1822). Sally married Erasmus Wilmot in Garrard County Kentucky on September 23, 1811.

D. Mildred Bland (May 1, 1796 - ) married Thomas Austin in Garrard County Kentucky, on January 2, 1825.

E. Prudence or Prudentia Bland (October 1, 1797 - ) who married Robert Austin of Garrard County, Kentucky on October 12, 1818. Robert and Prudence were the grandparents of the notorious Will Austin, (1857-1882) who murdered Prudence's sister Elizabeth "Betsy" Bland.

Curses and hellfire!! Will, born in 1857, was a handsome young man of twenty five in 1882, 5' 11" and about 150 pounds, blue eyes and pale brown hair, clean shaven except for a neat little mustache which twitched to one side when he got angry. Will was given to a fondness for women, put here on earth for their benefit it was said (he said, and we're not talking about Aunt Betsy here) and drink (how do you think he came to confuse Aunt Betsy with a piece of chopping wood?). A notorious no good and prominent black sheep in the Bland Family of America, which is crawling with 'em, Will never made a home for himself and lived with his father until in Fall 1881, his father ran him out of the house. Will played on Aunt Betsy's sympathy and moved in with her and her brother Josiah, who had been living with her since his children reached adulthood. On the late afternoon of January 20, 1882, Aunt Betsy was making dinner and Uncle Joe was in town. Will put it this way:

. . . Whiskey was the sole cause of it. I had nothing in the world against her; had no motive in killing her; loved her like a mother. She had always been a mother to me. . . Did not rob her or take anything from her. When I got home from the still house, I saw the ax at the wood pile; then the awful thought came over me to take the ax and kill my aunt. I took it and went into the room where she was sitting by the fire, knitting. Sat down by the fire for several minutes, then arose from the chair, and struck her with the sharp edge of the ax. . . I have no earthly excuse for the awful deed. . . 58

The sheriff arrested him and he languished in the local jail until he was tried and hanged on October 13, 1882. Like O.J. Simpson, Will denied killing Sid Vaughn and robbing Randall Bettis, and staunchly denied killing Aunt Betsy until the very end.

<sup>58</sup> James p. 30.

On the gallows, Will cursed and ranted about love and all the girls he was going to have to leave behind. When the noose was slipped around Will's neck, he turned to the hangman "Easy God damnit, you are choking me." 59

F. Benjamin Bland (March 7, 1799 - ante 1842). Benjamin married Jane Logan. 60

G. Mary "Polly" Bland, (September 10, 1800 - August 26, 1884). Mary married James S. Alderson (July 8, 1798 - January 20, 1892) in Garrard County on July 27, 1823.

H. Elizabeth "Aunt Betsy" Bland (February 20, 1802 - January 20, 1882) never married. As noted above, poor Betsy, a quiet, unpretentious and pious woman, came to a violent end at the hands of her horrid nephew Will Austin (See 5 above, Prudence Bland).

I. John Bland (July 21, 1804 - February 18, 1858). 61 John married Cynthia Ann Cox (February 2, 1818 - after 1870) on February 5, 1845. 62 John and Cynthia had three children: 63

(1) Jeremiah Bland (April 3, 1846 - ), Jeremiah married Sarah Underwood on January 4, 1870. Jeremiah and Sarah had five children: 64

(a) William Henry Bland (October 6, 1870 - ) married Minnie Blackerby, (C1880 - ) They had three children

(b) Anna Bland (January 11, 1872 - ) married James Daniels.

(c) Mary Ellen Bland (November 1, 1873 - ) married Sig Perrin. Mary Ellen, shortened to Ellen Perrin, owned the family bible that was the source of so much information in Mrs. James' seminal work. The bible was given her by her great uncle Charles Josiah Bland.

(d) Alma Bland (December 16, 1875 - ) died unmarried.

<sup>59</sup> VU. p. 411-413. Will Austin, born in 1857

<sup>60</sup> Lewellen.

<sup>61</sup> Garrard County mortality records show that John died February 18, 1859, but James, p. 32, displays estate papers showing that he was deceased by May 1858, thus reinforcing the dates that appear in the Perrin Bible, James, p. 15.

<sup>62</sup> James, p. 32

<sup>63</sup> James, p. 32. John died of Pneumonia. The death record gave his age as 60. Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, Vol. 49, (1951) p. 246. Provided by Bob and Alta Bland.

<sup>64</sup> James, pp. 33-34. Perusal of these pages confirms a very dense relationship between these Blands and the nearby Blackerby family.

Jennie G. Bland (July 3, 1879 - ) married (1st) Marshall Daniels and (2nd) William Russel Watson.

(2) James Henry Bland (December 11, 1848 - living in 1870). James died intestate, unmarried and childless. 65

(3) Martha Ellen Bland (December 24, 1850 - ) married William J. Huffman in 1871.

J. Kiziah Bland (January 1, 1806 - February 19, 1860), who married James C. Brown on February 6, 1845.

K. James Bland (June 12, 1808 - October 17, 1867). James must never have married for in his will, he gave his estate to siblings Elizabeth (1802-1882) and Charles Josiah (1812-1894). 66

L. Julia Ann Bland (January 10, 1810 - April 8, 1848). Julia married Thomas Pope in Garrard County Kentucky on November 17, 1834.

M. Charles Josiah Bland March 5, 1812 - July 1, 1894). 67 Josiah married about 1854, Elizabeth Huffman, (C1822 - January 24, 1859). Elizabeth died of consumption. 68 He was "Uncle Joe" who lived with "Aunt Betsy" his sister when she was murdered by Will Austin. Charles Josiah Bland and Elizabeth Huffman had a single child: 69

(1) Susan Bland (C1855 - ) who in 1876 married Isaac D. Carrant.

N. Hiram or Hyram Bland (February 9, 1814 - February 18, 1859). Hiram died of Pneumonia. 70

O. Alemander Bland (October 20, 1817 - December 4, 1897). 71 Alemander married Margaret Bourne (August 31, 1819 - ) on July 30, 1840. Alemander and Margaret had three sons: 72

<sup>65</sup> James, pp. 32-33. A previous statement that James married a woman named Sarah about 1869 was in error.

<sup>66</sup> Will of James Bland, 1867, (day and month obscure). Garrard County Kentucky.

<sup>67</sup> AC 4-2, p. 25.

<sup>68</sup> Elizabeth's father was John Huffman. Register of the Kentucky Historical Society Vol. 49, (1951), p. 246, provided by Bob and Alta Bland.

<sup>69</sup> James, p. 35.

<sup>70</sup> Ibid. The Perrin Family Bible puts Hiram's date of death at February 18, 1858. Both sources used are prints from the original.

<sup>71</sup> Interesting name. Alemander Pope, perhaps a brother of Phillis, co-signed a marriage licence for Charles and Phillis on January 4, 1791.

<sup>72</sup> There is some suggestion in the Perrin Bible that Alemander had a daughter, born about 1846, who married Jacob Pope, born April 21, 1847, James p. 15.

- (1) Charles Bland (September 30, 1841 - ) Charles was killed in the Civil War.
- (2) Alexander Bourne Bland (C1842 - C1870) Alexander was a farmer. He served in the Civil War, enlisting on September 3, 1861 as a Private with Company R, First Kentucky Cavalry. Alexander was discharged at Louisville on March 24, 1865. Alexander married Mary E. Alford (October 16, 1846 - March 18, 1880) shortly after the end of his military service, on May 29, 1865. By 1870, Alexander and Mary had a family of two children: 73
  - (a) James William Bland (May 8, 1866 - October 7, 1940). James married Cora Weston Curd (August 20, 1877 - May 27, 1951) in Fayette County Kentucky on December 12, 1893. James and Cora moved to Tucson Arizona. They were parents of the late Jessamine Bland James (1899-1987), one of the outstanding Twentieth Century Historians of the Bland family, and a true inspiration to me in every way.
  - (b) Alice Bland (C1868 - 1870)
- (3) John Bland (March 23, 1845 - ) died young before the time of the 1860 Census.<sup>74</sup>

This ends the line of Charles Bland and Phillis Pope.

7. BETTY BLAND (c1768 - ) Identified as a minor in her mother's will.
8. JACKY (JOHN) BLAND (C1770 - 1805/1820) also a minor when his mother's will was made. <sup>75</sup> Jacky appears to have lived out his

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<sup>73</sup> Mary Alford Bland remarried to Edward Dunn about 1874. James p. 38

<sup>74</sup> James, p. 38.

<sup>75</sup> In 1990, an anonymous inquiry was made about Amanda Bland (September 22, 1856 - April 1, 1938) of Prince William County, a daughter of James P. Bland (c1810-1860) and Mary Lloyd (C1808- ). Tax records show that the parents of James P. Bland were John Bland (C1782 - ) and Mary Ann \_\_\_\_\_. John and Mary Ann had four sons, James, Robert, Benjamin and Arthur, names that match the patterns of this branch. AC 8-1, p. 8 and letter, Judith Roby Cash to Charles L. Bland, February 26, 1990. Similar inquiries surfaced in The Genealogy Forum during Spring 1999, but there has not been sufficient time to pursue them. Most interesting by far is my opening of a correspondence with Kevin Fraley following his announcement in GF, March 2, 1999. Kevin is descended from Mary Clementine Bland (April 2, 1856 - ) of Bland Hollow in Cedar County Missouri. Her father was William H. Bland (June 1829 - ) born in Perry County Illinois. William's father, "the patriarch of the Cedar County Blands, was John Daniel Bland (December 5, 1792 - )" born in Virginia. Note AC 11.2, pp. 26-33, that I previously classified John Daniel as a son of William Bland (C1765-1850) of Nelson and Hardin Counties. Cousin Fraley, however, states that John Daniel was the son of "Jacky" born about 1770 in Virginia. This is exciting news and opens up a full line, which at least I had not been aware of before. In the analysis that follows, I privilege the point of view of Kevin Fraley, who also wrote me on March 25, 1999, expressing his gratitude for

life in Virginia. He married Hanna Randle (C1771-after 1820)<sup>76</sup> in Fauquier County Virginia on December 1, 1788. According to a newly found cousin, Kevin Fraley of Seattle Washington. Jacky and Hannah had a family of eight children. 77

A. RACHEL BLAND (December 3, 1789 - )

B. JOSEPH BLAND (August 5, 1791 - )

C. JOHN DANIEL BLAND (December 5, 1792 - July 25, 1861)<sup>78</sup> was born in Virginia, per the 1850 census. By 1820, John was in Logan County Ohio, where he met and married Rebecca \_\_\_\_\_ (June 25, 1802 - November 16, 1872) about 1822. John and Rebecca stayed in Ohio until about 1825, when they moved to Perry County Illinois, where they remained for about 15 years before moving to Missouri, C1840. John and Rebecca are buried at Love Cemetery, Cedar County Missouri, as are many of their children. Deanna Shouse believes that John Daniel and his brother Daniel came to Cedar County Missouri at about the same time. Both had children born in Missouri in 1840. 79 Both brothers had property valuations of \$1,000. which made them relatively prosperous for the time. The family of John Daniel Bland and his wife Rebecca follows:<sup>80</sup>

(1) Nancy Bland (April 7, 1823 - January 8, 1868) Nancy was born in Ohio. She never married and is buried at Love Cemetery.

(2) William H. Bland (June, 1829-1915) was born in Perry County Illinois and died in Missouri. He married four women:(1st) Rachel \_\_\_\_\_, sometime before 1855 and (2) About 1855, William married Elizabeth Catherine Crose (March 1, 1836 - ). William and Elizabeth Catherine are buried at Love Cemetery. They had a family of seven children:

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the information and assistance of Linda Bacon, Deanna Shouse and Joni Mueller.

<sup>76</sup> Hannah was found in the household of her son John Daniel Bland in the 1820 Census of Logan County Ohio and Kevin believes she died shortly thereafter. E-mail, Kevin Fraley to Charles L. Bland, March 24, 1999.

<sup>77</sup> E-Mail, Kevin Fraley to Charles L. Bland, March 14, 1999. Kevin indicates that the dates for children of Jacky Bland and Hannah Randle are based on a Bible Record.

<sup>78</sup> I previously placed John Daniel and his brother Daniel incorrectly in the family of William Bland and Sarah Peake of Hardin County Kentucky, AC 11-2, pp. 27-28.

<sup>79</sup> See previous information in AC 3-1, p. 30. This information stated that John married a Miss Reece, Reese, Rene or Renee. Deanna Shouse makes no mention of Rebecca's maiden name.

<sup>80</sup> Information about John Daniel Bland's children and grandchildren is taken from AC 11,2, pp. 27-28, as revised by E-Mail from Kevin Fraley, March 24, 1999. Some previous information about later generations is included in AC 11.2, pp. 27-28.

- (a) Mary Clementine Bland (April 2, 1856 - July 26, 1922) Mary married Horace Greeley Fraley, (1854-1928) in Cedar County Missouri on October 21, 1874. About 1900, Mary and Horace moved to the area of Wenatchee in Chelan County Washington State. Mary died in Seattle, and Horace died in Wenatchee. They had ten children.<sup>81</sup>
- (b) Rachel Ann Bland (1858- ) Rachel was born in Bland Hollow, Cedar County Missouri. Rachel married (1<sup>st</sup>) William Canfield by whom she had five children, and (2<sup>nd</sup>) J.A. Nicholas, by whom she had one child.<sup>82</sup>
- (c) George W. "Punkin" Bland (August 8, 1860 - 1953). George was born and died in Cedar County Missouri. George married twice: (1<sup>st</sup>) in Cedar County, July 10, 1883, to Laura Guernsey (June 18, 1868 - ante 1887). George and Laura had one child; (2<sup>nd</sup>) George married Lydia Watts (C1868-after 1910) in Illinois about 1887. They had eight children.<sup>83</sup>
- (d) William M. Bland (April 18, 1864 - July 10, 1918). William was born and died in Cedar County Missouri. He married Elizabeth "Lizzie" G. Schmidt (July 26,, 1866 - February 18, 1949) on February 26, 1884 in Cedar County. Elizabeth was born in Moniteau County Missouri and died in Miami, Ottawa County Oklahoma. They had twelve children.<sup>84</sup>
- (e) Sarah Ellen Bland (1867- ) Sarah was born in Cedar County Missouri. She married Jesse Bates in Cedar County on December 28, 1884. They moved to the Wenatchee Washington Area soon after 1900 and were shown there with two children.
- (f) Rebecca Jean Bland (October 1, 1869 - July 9, 1930). Rebecca was born in Cedar County Missouri and died in Denver Colorado. She is buried at Love Cemetery in Cedar County Missouri. She married Wilburn Wallace Conner (1857-1928), in Bloomington, Monroe County

<sup>81</sup> Among these was Otto Greil Fraley (1891-1946) who married Mary Elizabeth Gritsch (1896-1970). Their son Raymond Edward Fraley (1921-1990) is the father of my correspondent Kevin Fraley of Seattle Washington.

<sup>82</sup> Deanna Shouse, AC 11.2, pp. 27-28, reverses the order of marriages and calls Nichlous Nicholas.

<sup>83</sup> Deanna Shouse list three wives of George Bland, at AC 11-2, p. 27: (1) Ida Kaiser (2) Laura Gursey and (3) Lydia Watts.

<sup>84</sup> AC 11-2, p. 27



- (g) Indiana, in 1885. Rebecca and Wilburn Conner had eight children.
- (h) Millie Alice Bland (1875-July 31, 1940). Millie married Ora L. Lancaster (1875-1968) on July 16, 1892. Millie is buried at Love Cemetery in Cedar County. She and Mr. Lancaster had four children.
- (i) George Bland (January 26, 1880 - November 1965) was born in Cedar County Missouri.

About 1870, William H. Bland married Mary Catherine Dale (C1837-1901) in Missouri. About 1906, William married for a fourth time to Sarah E. \_\_\_\_\_ (C1853- ). There were no known children by these last two wives.<sup>85</sup>

(3) John Bland (1832-early 1850s) was born in Perry County Illinois. A note in the 1850 census indicates "gone to California." Family legend has it that John was killed by Indians.

(4) Daniel B. Bland (April 30, 1834 - October 3, 1882). Daniel was born in Perry County Illinois. He died in Cedar County Missouri. He married Mary Jane Capps (November 21, 1839 - May 19, 1866) on April 16, 1857. They are buried at the Hackleman Cemetery in Cedar County Missouri. Their children were:

- (a) John F. "Ratus" Bland (February 16, 1858 - ) who married Amanda Webber about 1894. They had one child.
- (b) James William Bland (March 22, 1861 - December 27, 1934). James was born in Cedar County Missouri. He married Sarah Frances Wester (January 14, 1870 - March 30, 1949) on January 22, 1890. Sarah was born in Johnson County Missouri and died in Appleton, St. Clair County Missouri. They had two children.
- (c) George Kaiser Washington Bland (March 11, 1864 - ) married Ida J.J. Kaiser, (December 1871- ) about 1896. They had five children.
- (d) Joseph "Joe" D. Bland (April 9, 1866 - ) married Maria J. Leonard. Joseph and Maria had an adopted Indian orphan boy, and three children of their own, whose names are not known.<sup>86</sup>

<sup>85</sup> Kevin Fraley's account varies from Shouse, AC 11.2, p. 27, who identifies only Rachel and Mary Catherine Dale.

<sup>86</sup> The children of John "Ratus", James William, George Kaiser and Joseph D. Bland are noted in AC 11.2, p. 28.

Daniel B. Bland married a second time to Matilda Ellen Kirkpatrick (October 13, 1847 - after 1907) on October 7, 1866. By her he had:

- (e) Mary Cathern Bland (August 1, 1867 - March 14, 1952). Mary was born in Cedar County and died in Nevada, Vernon County Missouri. She married Thomas Oliver Hubbard (1857-1892), on February 21, 1885. They had three children.
- (f) Rebecca Ann Bland (January 6, 1870 - January 12, 1934), born and died in Cedar County, married Charley Henry Hubbard (1869-1934). They had ten children. Rebecca is buried at Love Cemetery.
- (g) Daniel David W. Bland (August 31, 1872 - May 4, 1899). There is no information that Daniel married.
- (h) Francis Bland (1878 - ).
- (i) Finis Ewing Bland (1880-1882).
- (j) Frances Elizabeth Bland (1881-1882).

(5) George Washington Bland (July 21, 1843 - February 9, 1923) married Teresa Adeline Douglas (August 25, 1848 - October 30 1895) on March 5, 1871 in Cedar County. George was born in Missouri, Teresa in Tennessee. They had eleven children:

- (a) Lafayette Washington Bland (February 17, 1869 - March 30, 1960). Lafayette, a farmer who was born in Cedar County, married Mary Louise Wester (February 7, 1873 - April 18, 1924) about 1892. Both Lafayette and Mary Louisa are buried at Love Cemetery. They had ten children.<sup>87</sup>
- (b) Ira Bland (1871-1944) married (1<sup>st</sup>) Maude Bryant and second on November 4, 1913, Jennie Wade, (April 2, 1880 - October 16, 1928). Ira had no children. He is buried at the Clintonville Cemetery near Eldorado Springs in Cedar County, Missouri.
- (c) Charles Wesley Bland (August 21, 1872 - December 24, 1900) married Florence Ellen Roe, (April 14, 1880 - October 17, 1976) on April 7, 1898. Florence remarried in 1904 to Edward A. Hamilton. Both Charles Wesley Bland and Florence Ellen Roe Bland Hamilton are buried at the Love Cemetery. He and Florence had one child.

<sup>87</sup> Inasmuch as Lafayette's parents were married in 1871, the following statement from E-mail, Kevin Fraley to Charles Bland, June 29, 1999, will be of interest: "George came home from the Union Army service, got a farm, and found teenaged Tessie willing to live on it with him. " Enough said.

- (d) Laura Ann Bland (February 2, 1874 - November 12, 1933) Laura was born in Lebeck, Cedar County Missouri. She married Christopher John Vilhauer (1871-1953) on November 27, 1894. Laura and Christopher are buried at Love Cemetery. They had ten children.
- (e) Benjamin Franklin Bland (June 16, 1876 - July 12, 1954). Benjamin was born in Leila, Cedar County Missouri and died in La Harpe, Allen County Kansas. Benjamin married (1<sup>st</sup>) Ida Belle Stoops (September 9, 1883 - February 19, 1941); (2<sup>nd</sup>) Benjamin married Nancy Ellen Thomason (February 11, 1880 - August 26, 1977); (3<sup>rd</sup>) Benjamin married Ida Mae Taber (July 7, 1878 - January 15, 1933), about 1895. Between his three wives, Ben had seven children.<sup>88</sup>
- (f) Ida Belle Bland (January 18, 1878 - December 25, 1941). Ida married (1<sup>st</sup>) William Austin Hubbard (1876-1898) about 1895 and had two children by him. (2<sup>nd</sup>) Ida Belle married William D. Curnutt (1850-1912) about 1904. She had six children with Mr. Curnutt. Ida is buried at the Love Cemetery, Cedar County Missouri.
- (g) Martha Jane Bland (August 29, 1879 - January 10, 1919) who married Lawrence Goodwin (1875-1947) on March 2, 1899. Both are buried at the Ceat Cemetery in Cedar County. They had ten children.
- (h) George Anderson Bland (February 11, 1881 - October 27, 1966). George married Mary Virginia Roe (October 9, 1885 - September 9, 1976) on September 9, 1903. George and Mary had ten children.
- (i) Sarah Louisa Bland (September 20, 1882 - December 10, 1959) married John Franklin Allen (1876-1953) on May 29, 1904 in Birdson, St. Clair County Missouri. Both are buried at Hackleman Cemetery in Cedar County. They had six children.<sup>89</sup>
- (j) Joseph Israel Bland (November 22, 1883 - February 26, 1963). Joseph was born in Flat Rock, Cedar County Missouri and died in Black Jack, St. Clair County Missouri. Joseph married (1<sup>st</sup>) Stella Josephine Grimes

<sup>88</sup> Shouse, in AC 11.2, p. 27 identifies Ida Belle Stoops as Benjamin's second wife and Nancy E. Thompson Holman as his third.

<sup>89</sup> In this line, Sarah Bland and John Allen's daughter Edna May Allen married Virgil Davis; their daughter Leola Fern Davis married John Samuel Barclay, who were the parents of my correspondent Deanna Barclay Shouse.

(September 3, 1888 - November 20, 1932) on November 30, 1904. Both Joseph and Stella are buried at Love Cemetery in Cedar County. They had eight children. On June 29, 1935, Joseph married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Lola Summers, (December 7, 1904 - ) but there were no children by this marriage.

(k) Marion L. Bland (1886-1887)

(l) Margaret May "Maggie" Bland (December 17, 1889 - May 26, 1976). Mary died and was buried at Inglewood California. Mary married (1<sup>st</sup>) Ora Waite by whom she had two children and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Howard B. Yoakum (1889-1970) by whom she had one child.

(m) Julius Bland (1893-1893).

D. Elizabeth Bland (September 1, 1794 - )

E. Hannah Bland (July 31, 1796 - )

F. Mary Bland (June 19, 1799 - )

G. Daniel Bland (April 20, 1802 - ) Daniel was born in Virginia. He is found with his brother John Daniel Bland in the 1820 Census of Logan County Ohio. In 1830, he is in Perry County Illinois. Daniel married Narcissa Babb (C1813- ) on January 16, 1834 in Perry County. She was born in Tennessee. Daniel and Narcissus moved to Southwest Missouri about 1840. 90 Their children were: <sup>91</sup>

(1) Martha I. Bland (C1832- ) born in Illinois.

(2) Mary L. Bland (C1835 - ) born in Illinois.

(3) William Morrow Bland (C1837 - ) born in Illinois. William married Marie E. or Martha Sadler (C1841 - ) about 1858. Their children were:

(a) Narcisa Bland (C1859 - ante 1870) born in Cedar County Missouri.

(b) Joseph D. Bland (C1860 - ) born in Cedar County Missouri.

William Morrow Bland married Belinda Long (C1841 - ) who was born in Louisiana, about 1866. William and Belinda tarried in Missouri until about 1875, when they moved to Oregon, because of Belinda's health. They had:

<sup>90</sup> AC 3-1, p. 30. Source information was that Daniel married Milly Hart and moved to Missouri.

<sup>91</sup> Information about Daniel and Narcisa Bland is previously cited in AC 11.2, p. 31, where Daniel was incorrectly identified as the son of William Bland and Sarah Peake. Supplemental information is found in E-Mail Kevin Fraley to Charles Bland, March 24, 1999, and E-Mail, Kevin Fraley to Judi Stull, March 16, 1999.

- (c) James H. Bland (C1867 - )
  - (d) Thomas Warren Bland Sr. (May 26, 1870 - ) born in Springfield, Greene County Missouri. Thomas married Mary Viola Watson (April 2, 1885 - ) who was born in Ida County Iowa, on June 27, 1897 in Caldwell Oregon. They had four children.<sup>92</sup>
  - (e) Robert Bland (C1872- )
  - (f) Isaac Bland (C1875- ) born in a wagon train in Nebraska.
  - (g) May Bland (C1877 - )
- (4) Elizabeth Bland (C1840 - ) born in Missouri.
  - (5) John M. Bland (C1843 - ) born in Missouri.
  - (6) Frances Narcissus Bland (C1846 - ) born in Missouri.
  - (7) Joseph Bland (C1849 - ) born in Cedar County Missouri.
  - (8) Leetha A. Bland (c1855 - ) born in Cedar County Missouri.

H. Rebecca Bland (June 21, 1805 - March 23, 1892) Rebecca was Born in Virginia and died in Kosiusko County Indiana. She married Joseph Lippincott (October 4, 1803 - January 11, 1842) in Urbana, Champaign County Ohio on August 31, 1825. Lippincott was related to the famous publishing company. Lippincott died in Perry, Allen County Ohio. After poor Lippincott's demise, Rebecca married a man named Burden. Children of Rebecca Bland and Joseph Lippincott were:

- (1). Joseph Lippincott (c1826 - )
- (2). Morgan Lippincott (May 11, 1827 - April 17, 1888) born in Allen County Ohio and died in Van Wert County Ohio. Morgan married Elizabeth Warner (August 13, 1832 - October 15, 1905) in Elgin Ohio on March 29, 1848.
- (3) Eliza Jane Lippincott (July 3, 1830 - January 23, 1904) Eliza married James Parker, ( - August 23, 1894) in Allen County Ohio on October 17, 1863.
- (4) Henry Lippincott (April 9, 1835 - November 5, 1892) born in Champaign County Ohio and died in Westminster, Allen County Ohio. Henry married (1st) Mary McPherron, (C1835-1861) about 1860. (2nd) Lydia Ann Clark (December 17, 1841 - August 1912) on November 25, 1862 in Urbana, Champaign County Illinois.
- (4) Marietta Lippincott (April 19, 1840 - February 22, 1870). Marietta married David McPherron.

<sup>92</sup> Thomas and Belinda are great grand parents of my corrspondent Judi Stull. Thomas and belinda's son Thomas married Varee Cavins, whose only son was Gerald Bland who married Shari Blackman, parents of Judi Bland Stull.

THE BLANDS OF HARDIN AND NELSON COUNTIES KENTUCKY

Two distinct early Bland families in Kentucky descend from brothers Thomas Bland (1719-1788) of Fauquier County Virginia, whose descendants moved into the area of Louisville Kentucky as well as West Virginia, and whose son James moved directly to Hardin County Kentucky. John Bland (C1725-1795), younger brother of Thomas, left Prince William County Virginia around 1772 and married in Shenandoah County before moving on to Nelson County Kentucky where he died in 1795. 93

THE DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS BLAND, (1719-1788)

Thomas probably remained in Prince William County, but historical records show that he was from Fauquier County, which was formed in 1759 from Prince William. 94 Thomas's will and other evidence suggests that Thomas was married twice. The name of a first wife was unknown, but when his will was made, Thomas was married to a widow, Jane (probably) English Smith. There is no evidence when Jane was born, but she made her will in 1797 and it was probated July 25, 1802. 95 Unfortunately, this family never found an historian's voice. 96 Robert Linn Bland (1868-1957) from Weston West Virginia, was descended from Thomas' son Thomas (Page

Paragraph E below) and his daughter, the late Urilla Bland, did extensive research on the Bland family in general and was very influential to my own early research. I once claimed that Thomas' son James (page below, paragraph F) would be my adopted family, but alas, I have made a poor substitute for a devoted descendant. This is a family group that is in dire need of family researchers. When Thomas died, it is probable that he had the following children:

1. HENRY BLAND (C1741-1777). Henry, whose dates are speculative, is known by a 1777 transaction between himself and Thomas Bland, his father and by circumstantial evidence. In item G below, page , re Mildred Bland Hughes (Family of John Bland 1725-1795), there is speculation that Mildred may have been the widow of Henry Bland,

<sup>93</sup> In the family's history as we now understand it, Thomas and John were younger children of William Bland (C1686-1744) son of founder James Bland (C1661-1709), and William's second wife Catherine Key.

<sup>94</sup> For Thomas Bland and his children, see VU, pp. 367-392.

<sup>95</sup> AC 3-1, p. 30; AC 7-2, p. 24. Jane's maiden name, English, is probable but not decisively proven. Mary Kathryn Harris and Mary Iva Jean Jorgensen, James Stark of Stafford County and His Descendants Vol 1. (1985), p. 274. Jane was the widow of Joseph Smith and the mother of Smith's children, including Weedon Smith, a distinctive name that later crops up in one of the the Bland families of Hardin County Kentucky, as did an obvious close relationship with the English and Stark Families, who intermarried with the Smiths and to some extent with the Blands. William Sztark, for example, married Ann Smith, a daughter of Jane Smith Bland, and Susannah Styark, married James Bland, a son of Jane Smith Bland by Thomas Bland. Within the family of John Bland (1725-1795) David Stark, married Mildred Bland, a daughter of John's son Daniel Bland, (C1764-1838) and Elizabeth Hughes, who lived in Hardin County.

<sup>96</sup> One family historian is Mary Lou Shaddock of Fort Collins Colorado.

who moved to Nelson County, perhaps with John and Margaret and married William Hughes. In his will of October 5, 1795<sup>97</sup> John Bland specifies that Nancy Bland, daughter to Henry Bland, who married Robert Webb on March 30, 1807, should have 20 pounds, to come from the share of Mildred Hughes.<sup>98</sup> Over the years, we have come to understand that the reference to Henry Bland was in fact to this Henry (C1741-1777) the son of John's brother Thomas (C1719-1788). Very little is known about Henry. One of the challenges of our historical research would be to learn more about him.

2. JOSEPH BLAND (C1752-1820). The long standing story of Thomas Bland (C Below) and his demise at Winchester Virginia, has led me to hypothesize that Joseph is a son of Thomas Bland, though he is not mentioned in the 1788 will. This hypothesis has not been proven but no one has ever argued against it. I would of course, welcome a good argument or debate about this and would be glad to publish it in a subsequent issue of "Among Cousins".

Joseph moved to Winchester in Frederick County in western Virginia, where he married Susan Bailey Johnson. Susan died about 1798 and Joseph remarried to Eleanor Benton.<sup>99</sup> By Susan Bailey Johnson, had the following children, whose descendants were later found in nearby counties of West Virginia, Pennsylvania and some migrated to Ohio and Iowa. Kentucky was not a part of the migratory pattern of Joseph's children: 100

- A. Mary Bland (August 19, 1873 - October 16, 1856), who married Jonah Baldwin (1773-1850), on March 17, 1803, in Greene County Pennsylvania.
- B. CATHERINE BLAND (C1785/86 - 1872) who married Samuel Sampson Frum about 1809.
- C. RICHARD BLAND (April 25, 1787 - July 4, 1876), married Mary Jobes (January 25, 1795 - January 21, 1851). On January 27, 1859, Richard married Sarah Harper.
- D. THOMAS BLAND (October 13, 1789 - February 22, 1874). In 1812, Thomas married Elizabeth McCullough, (August 10, 1796 - September 1, 1853). About 1854, Thomas married Sarah Devall.

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<sup>97</sup> VU pp. 428-429.

<sup>98</sup> AC 3-1, p. 32; AC 3-2, p. 43 and AC 13, p. 67, N. 235.

<sup>99</sup> AC 4-2, pp. 8-9; AC 9-2, pp. 6-28, esp. pp. 7-10. One of the stories about Joseph was that he was a Tory in the Revolution, perhaps moving further west to get away from the conflict in the east and perhaps also being disowned by his father. Perhaps, remember, its perhaps.

<sup>100</sup> AC 9-2, pp. 10-28.

- E. DAVID BLAND (July 25, 1792 - December 25, 1874). David married Elizabeth Church (February 23, 1793 - after 1870) about 1817.
- F. ELIZABETH BLAND married Peter Tenent.
- G. SARAH BLAND married Alexander Timmats.

3. ELIZABETH BLAND Elizabeth's dates are uncertain, but it is known that she received a bequest from her father in 1785 and was married to Spillsby Stone in Fauquier Virginia, when her father's will was made. Elizabeth died before 1799, a year when Spillsby Stone and his wife Frances made a land transaction with Thomas Chapman. About 1800, Spillsby Stone moved to Nelson County Kentucky.

4. NANCY BLAND Nancy married George Harding about 1785.

5. THOMAS BLAND (C1765-1792). Thomas married Sarah Byrne (1768-1831) in Fauquier County about 1785. Thomas was not one of the brighter stars in the Bland family constellation. In November 1792, with the onset of winter, he gathered up his wife Sarah, and two small sons John and Samuel, (Sarah was then pregnant with Thomas Bland 1793-1867) and struck out for Kentucky, via the Cumberland Gap!!! As it happened, fortunately for Thomas' wife and children, they tarried in Winchester Virginia, with relatives for a time before moving on. Presently, Thomas developed a raging fever and, unhappily for him, before he could find a doctor, came upon a slave who was carrying several buckets of water. Thomas besought the no doubt startled slave to pour three or four buckets of the cold water over his head. Wow! Three or four buckets! The slave, seeing a sure opportunity to lighten his load and perhaps to reduce the white citizenry by one, obliged young Tom, who promptly froze to death. Poor Tom! He was buried at Winchester, among his people, as they say. But stories like this have a happy ending. Fortunately, for all of Thomas and Sarah's descendants now living in Lewis County West Virginia, Sarah was several whits smarter than Tom. She might have pressed on into the wilderness. But she didn't. Rather, she turned back to her father's home in Prince William County, where she gave birth to Thomas Bland (1793-1867). After Thomas was born, Sarah returned to Monongalia County and married Jacob Zinn. 101 By Thomas Bland, Sarah Byrne had three sons: 102

<sup>101</sup> VU, pp. 373-375.

<sup>102</sup> For greater detail about these three sons, see VU, pp. 374-390.



- A. JOHN BUCKNER BLAND (1787-1868). Thomas moved to Louisville in Jefferson County Kentucky, where he married Ann Lewis Bridgeford (1798-1891) in 1820. John and Ann lived out their lives around Louisville. They had ten children, all of whom lived around Louisville Kentucky.
- B. SAMUEL BLAND (1790-1815). Evidently, Samuel did not marry.
- C. THOMAS BLAND (1793-1867) Thomas married Mary Newlon (1796-1879) on December 10, 1815, and they lived out their lives in Lewis County West Virginia. They had nine children, who lived in the Lewis County area.
6. JAMES BLAND (December 19, 1780 - February 2, 1829) James was identified in his father's will as "my youngest son." He married Susannah Stark (March 3, 1783 - September 17, 1852) in Fauquier County Virginia on July 19, 1800. About 1803, following the death of his mother, James divested property in Fauquier County Virginia and moved to Hardin County Kentucky. By 1810, Thomas and Susannah were well settled near Rhude's Creek, a branch of the Nolin River. James and Susannah were buried at the West Rhude's Creek Cemetery and had a fairly substantial family, who seem to have stayed fairly close to Hardin County. Their children were: 103
- A. THOMAS BLAND (December 21, 1803 - September 5, 1823)
- B. ELIZABETH BLAND (C1806 - 1850/1860) married Richard Richards in Hardin County July 19, 1825.
- C. HENRY BLAND (December 23, 1808 - August 31, 1881) married (a) Mariah English (August 11, 1809 - June 4, 1834) on August 3, 1829, and (2) Alice Harding (January 18, 1810 - November 15, 1880) on April 21, 1835. Both marriages occurred in Hardin County.
- D. JANE BLAND (March 11, 1811 - January 30, 1848) married Leonard Farmer in Hardin County, April 3, 1829.
- E. SUSANNAH BLAND (C1814 - ) married William Mather on July 12, 1831.
- F. WILLIAM BLAND (September 10, 1813 - February 17, 1861), married Adeline English (January 30, 1817 - March 29, 1891) on May 4, 1835, in Hardin County.

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<sup>103</sup> VU pp. 478-479 and AC 3-1, pp. 30-32 and 4-2, pp. 31-32.

- G. MARY ANN BLAND (December 29, 1817 - August 29, 1876) married John English (December 24, 1813 - March 24, 1877) on January 19, 1836 in Hardin County.
- H. MALINDA BLAND (March 4, 1819 - July 29, 1886) married William Abel on November 24, 1839 in Hardin County.
- I. LUCRETIA BLAND (C1824-1865) married Elijah Hansborough on January 17, 1841. Hansborough's mother was Margaret Stark, sister of Lucretia's mother Susannah Stark. 104
7. CATHERINE BLAND Nothing further is known of Catherine.
8. MARY BLAND Following her father's death, Mary moved to Nelson County Kentucky and took up with her Uncle John Bland (1725-1795). She married Henry Higgins (who no doubt later married Eliza Dolittle. We have record of her damning his soul), on February 25, 1793.

#### DESCENDANTS OF JOHN BLAND (C1725-1795)

John was the youngest child we know of William Bland (C1686-1744) and his second wife Catherine Key. John was born in Prince William County Virginia. He married Margaret Osborne in Prince William County Virginia, about 1747 and they moved into the area of Jefferson County Kentucky that became Nelson County about 1781. John died in 1795. He and Margaret Osborne were parents of the following children: 105

1. OSBORNE BLAND (C1748-1820) married Letitia \_\_\_\_\_. (C1752-after 1820) about 1768. Osborne and Letitia and the children who were born at that time, were involved in the ferocious Indian Raid at Fort Kinchloe in 1782. Osborne, Letitia, and at least their children Jesse and Moses were captured. Osborne was in captivity for three years, Jesse for twelve years. Letitia escaped after a short interval. The family remained in Nelson County, though they moved frequently. <sup>106</sup> By 1802, they were settled in Cumberland County Kentucky. They had the following children:

- A. MARGARET BLAND (C1769- ), who married William Phillips in Nelson County May 28, 1786. They had a family of six children. <sup>107</sup>

<sup>104</sup> AC 6-2, p. 25.

<sup>105</sup> AC 13, pp. 37-79, which includes notes to antecedent sources.

<sup>106</sup> AC 13, p. 41, n. 130

<sup>107</sup> Margaret Bland Phillips' family is displayed in VU, pp. 439-440 and AC 13, p. 42.

B. JOHN BLAND (C1770-1842), John married Sarah E. Lee, probably in Monroe/Greenbrier County Virginia about 1799. By 1804, the family was in Tennessee (location uncertain). By 1810, John was in Cumberland County Kentucky. He also appears in the 1820 census for Cumberland County. In between, other children were born in Tennessee, indicating that John moved around a lot like his parents. It would appear that like his younger brother Osborne, he moved away with his children when the elder Osborne died. In the 1830 Census of Ray County Missouri. In 1840, he is in Livingston County, which was formed in 1837, derivative of Carroll and Ray County. The 1840 census of Livingston County also yields the names of three of John's older sons. Since Livingston and Carroll Counties came into being from Ray County between 1830-1840, it is reasonable to assume that this family stayed put while the county lines changed. John and Sarah had a family of eight children:<sup>108</sup>

(1) Abraham Blann (C1800 - living in 1860/died by 1870) Abraham was born in Virginia and was in Livingston County Missouri in 1850. He married Hannah Runnels (C1813 - )<sup>109</sup> on January 31, 1833 in Ray County Missouri. They were in Livingston County, Dwelling 631 in the 1850 Census. Census takers recorded their names variously as Blan and Blann. Abraham and Hannah had a family of eleven children:

- (a) John W. Blann (c1833- )
- (b) Jasper N. Blann (c1836- )
- (c) Martha L. Blann (C1838- ) Martha married William Russell on December 8, 1853, and they were living with Abraham and Hannah as of the 18650 Census.
- (d) Permit Blann (c1839- )
- (e) Abram Blann (C1841- )
- (f) William Blann (c1844- )
- (g) Hannah Blann (c1846- )
- (h) Sarah Blann (c1849- )

<sup>108</sup> Previous entries for John Bland and his family are found in AC 2-2, pp. 25-26; AC 3-1, pp. 8-9; AC 3-2, pp. 9-15; AC 4-1; pp. 20-21; AC 4-2, p. 30, AC 13, p. 43-44, esp. note 133. My reasons for placing John Bland in the family of Osborne Bland Sr. are found in AC 6-2, p. 13. The 1840 census information is found in a letter from Jack Blann to Otis Ray Blann et. al. August 16, 1976, updated September/October 1998. Mr. Blann's analysis is so interesting, particularly with its supplemental information from Ruby Blann of Lawrence Kansas, who supplied much of my original information but has not been in touch for years, that I'm extending this analysis to four generations.

<sup>109</sup> Curious that this name was in one source called Hannah Randles and might variously have been Reynolds. Interesting also that Jacky "John" Bland, above pp. 38-39 married Hannah Randles in Virginia.

- (i) Thomas Blann (c1850- )
  - (j) Rebecca Blann (c1857- )
  - (k) Jasper Blann (c1858- )<sup>110</sup>
- (1) Purmit Blann (C1804 - November 15, 1861) Purmit's name is variously spelled Permit. Purmit was born in Tennessee. He was in Livingston County Missouri in Dwelling 567 at the time of the 1850 Census, (Close to two brothers). Purmit married Elizabeth Randles or Reynolds, (C1813- ) in Ray County Missouri on July 2, 1831. They had a family of 13 children:
- (a) John W. Blann (April 2, 1832 - November 17, 1878). John married Mary Jane Gill (January 8, 1834 - March 14, 1874), born in Ohio. John and Mary were in dwelling 568, right beside his parents, in 1850. They were married in Livingston County Missouri on April 21, 1850. They had eight children.
  - (b) Mary J. Blann (September 23, 1834 - July 3, 1869), married Joseph Gill (1827-1899) on June 3, 1852 in Livingston County.
  - (c) Zachariah Blann (C1835- August 1863), married Isabell Gill (April 6, 1826 - July 8, 1888) about 1852. They had seven children born between 1853-1864.<sup>111</sup>
  - (d) Martha A. Blann (c1836- ) married Owen Petty July 29, 1858.
  - (e) Sarah Blann (c1837 - January 14, 1868) married Thomas Bryan April 7, 1862.
  - (f) Abraham Blann (c1839- )
  - (g) Isaac Blann (c1841- )
  - (h) Jacob Blann (October 1844 - May 2, 1872). He married Mary Porter, February 11, 1866.
  - (i) Nancy E. Blann (C1847 - ) married David R. Johnson, February 1, 1866.
  - (j) Catherine Blann (C1848- )
  - (k) Thomas Blann
  - (l) Charles Blann
  - (m) Purmit Blann ( -living 1883)

<sup>110</sup> In AC 3-2, p. 11, I expressed the opinion that Rebecca and Jasper might be the children of Martha Blann and her husband William Russell.

<sup>111</sup> Previously, Zachariah and Isabell had been shown with seven children. That may still be true, but Kathi Pittman E-mailed me that Zachariah had died in August 1863 and her granny Zackia Belle Blann was born October 10, 1863. That would make eight children. E-mail, Kathi Pittman to Charles L. Bland, July 6, 1999.

- (2) James Lee Bland (1809-1811) born in Tennessee.
- (3) Hannah Bland (1811- ) born in Tennessee.
- (4) Elizabeth Bland (1813 - after 1845) Born in Tennessee. Did not marry.
- (5) Zachariah Bland (c1814 - ) Zachariah was born in Tennessee. He married (1<sup>st</sup>) Nancy \_\_\_\_\_ and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Kesiah O'Gill (or Gill), (C1821- ) born in Tennessee on October 22, 1837 in Livingston County Missouri. They were in Dwelling 623 of the county in 1850. They had seven children:
- (a) Wiett/Wyatt Blann (March 22, 1838 - July 18, 1861)
  - (b) Julia Ann Blann (C1841- )
  - (c) John Blann (c1843- )
  - (d) William Blann (c1845/1846- )
  - (e) Mary E. or C. Blann (C1849- )
  - (f) Laura Blann (c1852- )
  - (g) P.G. Blann (c1853- )
- (6) Rachel Bland (C1815- ) Born in Tennessee.
- (7) Mary Lee Bland (1817-1898) Much to her chagrin no doubt, Mary was born in Cumberland County Kentucky, where her parents, by the time she was born, had settled in amongst their people. Mary Lee Bland married William Fletcher Ewell, (1815-1848) on November 30, 1834 in Carroll County Missouri. William fought in the Mexican-American War and was killed in action. Earlier, she and Ewell left Kentucky for Missouri and got caught up in Mormonism. Mary Lee claims that she was disinherited by her father for this, but Mary Lee was an unreliable historian. They had a family of six children.
- C. SARAH BLAND (C1773- ) married James Willett in Nelson County Kentucky, December 20 or 21, 1790.
- D. OSBORNE BLAND JR. (1774-1849) Osborne was born in Prince William County Virginia, and moved into Greene County Indiana about 1838. He died in Richland Township, Greene County. Osborne married Patsy Donahoo (C1784-1847) in Nelson County on January 21, 1799. After Patsy died, Osborne fell in with the wrong crowd, including a woman

named Sally Kent Andrews, whom Osborne married on November 15, 1848 in Greene County. Less than three months later, Sally's son by another marriage, beat Osborne to death. Poor old Osborne. They say he really missed his Patsy, who gave him a family of twelve children: 112

- (1) William Bland (1801 - after 1860) married (1<sup>st</sup>) Martha Fisher (C1814 - ) about 1835 and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Ann (C1820- ). By 1850, William and Ann were in Shelby County Illinois. They had a family of five children. One of the sons of William Bland was William Austin Bland (1843-1924) who married Mary Lankford (1848-1916) on March 14, 1865. William was a Civil War Veteran, serving with Company C, 43<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Regimental Infantry between 1863-1864. I am pleased to display a photo of William Austin Bland and Mary Lankford and five of their six children, on the following page. <sup>113</sup>
- (2) Eli Bland (C1806 - after 1850) was born in Kentucky. He married Sarah (C1811 - ) about 1834. By 1850 they were in Shelby County Illinois. They had four known children.
- (3) John Bland (C1807-1840) married Mary Jane "Jency" Mahan (1809-1894). Mary Jane is buried in Clark County Illinois. John and Mary Jane had a family of four children. Jean Engle of

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<sup>112</sup> VU, pp. 441-451 and Ac 6-2, pp. 14-16 and AC 13, pp. 44-47 esp. p. 47. A genealogist, Dolores Rutherford, wrote me on June 15, 1996 regarding Margaret Bland, born December 11, 1799, who married John Kidwell in Monroe County Kentucky in 1820. Based on juxtaposition of Osborne Bland Jr. and Patsy Donohoo and their children in the 1810 and 1820 censuses of Cumberland County, Dolores suggested that Margaret might be a first child of Osborne and Patsy (I had earlier suggested that she would be the daughter of Osborne's brother Warren. I think there might be something to Dolores' hunch. There is a Margaret Bland already among their children, but if anyone is interested in following the logic of this placement back to AC 1-1, pp. 8-9, the logic is not exceedingly powerful. Our knowledge of the family of Osborne and Patsy was primarily stitched together by descendants of the line, especially the late Virginia Bland Cowden, whose information was passed on to me while I was writing VU. I would be interested in seeing if something develops from this inquiry.

<sup>113</sup> One of the sons of William Bland was Moses (1844-1907), who married Elizabeth Langford, (1850-1914) on July 28, 1866. Moses served in the same Infantry outfit as his brother William Austin Bland. Military records of William Austin and Moses were supplied by Laverne Bland. They were great grandparents of Laverne Bland of Edgerton Missouri and Dee Bland Sellars of Joliet Illinois, who also are great grandchildren of Moses' cousin Osborne Bland (1853-1923) and his wife, Sarah L. Matthews, whom he married on October 12, 1873. Osborne is a son of Jessie Bland. Fathers Jesse and William are sons of Osborne Bland (1774-1849) and Patsy Donohoo. This information is discussed in AC 1-2, pp. 8-10, and photos of Moses and Elizabeth and Osborne are attached to that Newsletter. CF VU, pp. 444-445 and 447-448 and AC 13, pp. 45-46.

Rhonda A.

James Wesley

Vina

William Riley

Mary Elizabeth



Courtesy Laverne Bland: Seated, Mary Ann Lankford (1848-1916) and William Austin Bland (1843-1924). Standing, Rhonda A. Bland (1869-), James Wesley Bland (1877-1954), Vina Bland (1870-1954), William Riley Bland, (1873-1912) and Mary Elizabeth Bland (1866 - )

Sperry Oklahoma has offered pretty persuasive evidence that after John Bland's death, his wife Jincy married William Warren. Jincy and her children by John are found in the 1850 census with William Warren, (C1805 - ) whom she had married June 14, 1844 in Greene County.<sup>114</sup> Jincy's children include James Bland (1836- ) who appears in the 1860 census aged 24, married to "Lidda" (C1840- ) and there is also a one-year-old child, suggesting a marriage C1858. This leads Jean to conclude that this "Lidda" was Lydia Fuller, previously listed as a second wife to James Bland (C1813-1880) (5 Below). A James Bland and Lydia Fuller were married in Greene County on January 19, 1858. Jean concludes that the census records indicate this was not James, son of Osborne, but James, son of Osborne's son John.<sup>115</sup> There. Got it?

- (4) Letitia "Lettice" Bland (C1810 - ) married William Walker (C1815-1851) who was killed by Letitia's brother Hiram. They had five children.
- (5) James Bland (c1813-1880) married the widow Lydia Burch Shaver (C1810/1812-living in 1860) on December 18, 1836 in Greene County Indiana. A previous assumption that James remarried to Lydia Fuller in 1858 (3 above) has been challenged by Jean Engle of Sperry Oklahoma, who descends from James and Lydia Shaver. If Jean is correct, Lydia Shaver, previously thought to have died in 1857 to make room for the new Lydia, was still kicking around at least as late as 1870, when she claimed to be 53. James and Lydia Burch Shaver had eleven children. 116

<sup>114</sup> AC 13, p. 45, and 1850 Census of Greene County Indiana, Page 322, Family 208. .

<sup>115</sup> Jean Engle to Charles L. Bland, December 31, 1998.

<sup>116</sup> Source is Marjorie Jean Engle, The Descendants of William Bland (September 4, 1995, Revised December 20 and 31, 1998). Jean descends from James Bland and Lydia Shaver's oldest son William Bland (April 1838 - ), who married Mary T. Skinner (March 1838 - ) on January 4, 1858 in Owen Indiana. William and Mary had nine children, including Armeda Bland (September 5, 1871 - July 14, 1946), who married Noah Frank Hedrick (1865-1908) about 1888. Their daughter (youngest of nine children), Dorothy Lilireane Hedrick, married Lewis Anderson Moore. They were parents of Marjorie Jean Moore, who married Keith Engle, and who is my correspondent and author of this source. It should be noted that Lydia, who probably didn't list herself as older than she actually was with the census taker, would have been 46 or 48 at the time her last child was born. See Census of 1870, Greene County Indiana.



- (6) Warren Bland (C1815 - February 19, 1865) married Cynthia Burch (1822-1856) in Greene County on July 12, 1840.
- (7) Margaret Bland (C1817 - ) married Thomas Todd in Greene County on October 24, 1833.
- (8) Moses Bland (January 1820 -May 12, 1906). Moses went to Greene County with his parents, where he married Milly Lawrence (C1832-1855) on May 30, 1849. They moved to Shelby County Illinois but returned to Greene County before 1850. On May 22, 1856, Moses married Jane Bays (1833-1895).
- (9) Jessie Bland (C1821-November 28, 1881), who married Mary Lawrence on January 24, 1841 in Greene County. Jesse and Mary later moved to Shelby County Illinois. They had a family of twelve children. One of these was Osborne Bland (1853-1923) who married Sarah L. Matthews on October 12, 1873 and had by her a family of eleven children. One of these was Druscilla Bland (1882-1920) who married a cousin John William Bland (1873-1912) a son of Moses Bland and Elizabeth Lankford<sup>117</sup> on November 2, 1905. John William Bland's photograph is displayed on the following page along with his brothers. If his grandson is any guide, John William isn't as mean as he looks. 118 I am also displaying a photograph of John William Bland and his wife Druscilla Bland.
- (10) Mary "Polly" Bland (C1821 - ) married William Todd in Greene County on July 25, 1837. Mary and William were divorced on April 5, 1846.

<sup>117</sup> See above p. 54, par. (1), note 113.

<sup>118</sup> See note 113 above, for discussion of double relationship of Laverne Bland and Dee Sellars to Jessie Bland and his brother William through an intermarriage between children of Osborne Bland (1853-1923) and Moses Bland (1844-1907). Druscilla and John William were parents of Vernon Virgil Bland, who married Esther Haney on February 28, 1942. Vernon Virgil and Esther were parents of cousins Laverne Bland and Dee Bland Sellars,



The Bland Boys (sons of Moses Bland (1844-1907) and Elizabeth Lankford (1850-1914), Courtesy Laverne Bland: Seated- David Bland (1875-1957), Albert Bland (1890- ) Elza or Eliza (1880- . Standing: John William Bland (1873-1912), Harvey Bland (1885- ), Wesley Bland (1888- )



Courtesy Laverne Bland: John William Bland (1873-1912) a son of Moses Bland (1844-1907) and Elizabeth Lankford, (1850-1914) and Druscilla Bland, daughter of Jessie Bland, (C1821-1881) a brother of Moses, and his wife Mary Lawrence

- (11) Hiram Bland (C1825 - June 13, 1851) Hiram married Rachel Bays (C1825 - ). Hiram, like Will Austin, is notorious in the family. Like Will, he was hanged for the murder of his brother in law William Walker (see (4) above) for which he was tried and hanged. Hiram married Rachel S. Bays, (C1825-1862) on January 17, 1841. They had four children.<sup>119</sup>
- (12) Lucinda Bland (C1826 - ) Lucinda married David Shaver on July 13, 1845 in Greene County. They may have moved to Kansas.

**E. JESSE BLAND** (1778-1843) Jesse, according to legends of the Kinchloe Indian Massacre was captured by the Indians for twelve years. He moved out to Pulaski County Arkansas from Cumberland County Kentucky. In Pulaski County, he founded the Union Baptist Church in 1830, which later became the Spring Creek or Kentucky Baptist Church. He married (1) Nancy Kirkpatrick about 1800 in Cumberland County Kentucky and (2) Rachel Prince in Pulaski County Arkansas on January 8, 1828. Jesse Bland and Nancy Kirkpatrick had eight children:<sup>120</sup>

<sup>119</sup> VU, pp. 450-455, and AC 13, p. 47. Cf posting to Genealogy Forum, by Daryl Bruner, June 29, 1999.

<sup>120</sup> Cf AC 13, pp. 48-49, and AC 6-2, pp. 18-20. Additional information has been supplied by correspondents Dallas Herring and Victoria Short of Houston Texas. I wrote to Victorian Short on July 3, expressing my belief

- (1) John B. Bland (C1805-1862) John married (1<sup>st</sup>) Temperance Powell, a widow, (C1809-1848) and (2<sup>nd</sup>) the widow Lucinda Price (1828-living in 1870). John had nine children by Temperance and five children by Lucinda:
- (a) Malinda Bland (January 8, 1828 - 1883) Malinda married Daniel James on September 9, 1847 and had by him a family of nine children.
  - (b) Lucinda Bland married John Dean about 1844. They had two children.
  - (c) Belinda Bland (June 12, 1829 - )
  - (d) George Washington Bland (September 22, 1831 - ) married Matilda. In the 1860 census of Perry County Arkansas, George and Matilda had a daughter Nancy, born 1856.
  - (e) Mary Bland (January 11, 1835 - ) married Richard James.
  - (f) John Bland Jr. (December 16, 1838 - July 31, 1919) John Served in Company B, #rd regiment, Arkansas Cavalry. In 1868, John married Lucinda Catherine Rankin (April 8, 1853 - December 29, 1940). They had a family of nine children.<sup>121</sup>
  - (g) Robert Bland (March 13, 1841 - died in the Civil War.
  - (h) Nancy Bland (February 26, 1844 - ) married a man named Warren.
  - (i) Jesse Bland (1846-ante 1860)
  - (j) Lucrecy (Lucretia) Bland (September 9, 1850 - ) who married Churchill. Lucretia was the first child of John Bland and Lucinda Price.
  - (k) Linda Elizabeth Bland (July 9, 1852- )
  - (l) Margaret Ameline (Emeline) Bland October 28, 1854- )
  - (m) Viny Green Bland (C1856- ). Missouri Bland (August 10, 1859 - ) who married George W. Ellsberry.
- (2) Naomi Bland (C1808-May 1 - 1833) Naomi married Benjamin Clemens in Pulaski County Arkansas on November 22, 1825.

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that Jesse Bland (C1778-1843) was the father of Huram Dow Bland and her siblings. Cf AC 6-2, pp. 18-19. Victorian wrote back "Supposedly in the Pulaski County Deeds there is documentary proof of the relationship, e-mail Victoria Short to Charles L. Bland, 7-3-99.

<sup>121</sup> E-Mail, Dallas Marshall to Charles L. Bland, 4-19-99.

- (3) Huram Dow Bland (1811-1898) Hiram Dow Bland was probably born in Kentucky and moved with his father to Arkansas. He was found in Little Rock, Pulaski County and Saline County Arkansas. Hiram Dow Bland married Obediance (previously called Obediah), (1813-1877) Brazil in 1829 and with her had the following children:
- (a) Jesse Bland (1833-1913) Jesse served as a Captain in Company F, Arkansas 16<sup>th</sup> regiment. He was wounded at the battle of Poison Springs. After the war, he moved to Ennis Texas. Jesse went through women like a tornado goes through a trailer park. He married, (1<sup>st</sup>) Mary Riggans; (2<sup>nd</sup>) Sarah Rhodes, (C1842- ) whom he married December 16, 1858 and they had one child; (3<sup>rd</sup>) Louisa Catherine Rhodes, whom he married April 13, 1863 in Dallas County Arkansas, by whom he had three children; and (4<sup>th</sup>) Mary Williams. Lo, Victoria Short of Houston Texas pleads the (5<sup>th</sup>) Nancy C. Ray (1833- ), whom he married December 4, 1852 by whom Jesse had two children. The marriage date suggests she was his first wife.
  - (b) Malinda Bland (1834- )
  - (c) Hiram Bland (1838-1886/1893) Hiram married Mary E. Crowder (c1849- ) on October 31, 1878 in Dallas County Arkansas. Mary married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Alexander Tucker. Hiram and Mollie had four children.<sup>122</sup>
  - (d) Mary Bland (October 23, 1839 - February 19, 1923) Mary married Thomas Riggan (1832-1891) on July 9, 1855 in Dallas County Arkansas and they had a family of twelve children.
  - (e) Martha Bland (1843- ) Martha married James T. Gatlin (C1837-1879) on May 8, 1858 in Dallas County Arkansas. They lived in Arkansas but their six children all lived near Dallas Texas.

<sup>122</sup> This included William Henry Bland (C1886- ) who married Edna Lucy Rook (C1886 - ) whom Victorian Short testifies was not an easy woman to live with. Edna ran William off and just before he died may have given him a divorce so he could marry his common law wife, but not for very long. They were parents of Buena Ophelia Bland, who married Horace Redmond Reid. Horace and Buena were parents of Bette Lou Reid, who married Russell Dean Short, who were parents of my correspondent Victorian Short. Letter, Victorian Short to Charles Bland, July 27, 1997 and E-Mail Victorian Short to Charles Bland, July 3, 1999.

- (f) William Calvin Bland (1845- ) William married (1<sup>st</sup>) Sarah T. Morrison, (C1850- ) on March 17, 1865 in Dallas County Arkansas. (2<sup>nd</sup>) William married Mary James (C1849- ). On February 27, 1873 in Dallas County Arkansas.
- (g) Evaline Bland married a man named Miller and she died, probably in her first childbirth.
- (h) John Davidson Bland (January 13, 1849 - July 2, 1904) married (1<sup>st</sup>) Martha Ann Wilson Orr (C1855 - 1878) on January 4, 1870 in Dallas County Arkansas and had one child by her. (2<sup>nd</sup>) Louisa Jane Payne, (September 1857 - February 22, 1924) August 17, 1879, in Dallas County Arkansas. He and Louisa had eleven children.
- (i) Obediance Bland (C1856- )
- (4) Moses Bland may have married Eady Watson, June 8, 1838.
- (5) Melinda or Belinda Bland Known as "Millet" Melinda married (1<sup>st</sup>) Joseph Rutherford and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Samuel T. Henderson on July 9, 1837.
- (6) Elizabeth Bland married William Hutchison in 1836 or 1837.
- (7) Calvin Bland (C1825 - ) married Caroline (C1830- ) about 1846. They had two children.
- (8) Verlinda Bland married Alfred C. Henderson on June 17, 1838.
- F. MOSES BLAND (1780-1848) Moses, the "Mos" Bland noted in accounts of the Kinchloe Indian Massacre, was in Pulaski County Arkansas in 1814. Moses was a minister at the Spring Creek Baptist Church. He married Nancy and they had four children:<sup>123</sup>
- (1) Charlotty Bland (C1819- ) Charlotty married Leason Wells in Saline County Arkansas, October 9, 1836.

<sup>123</sup> VU, pp. 350-352, AC 6-2, p. 20 and AC 13, p. 49. Additional information was supplied by E-Mail from Gerald Lowe, Seneca Illinois, May 28, 1999.

- (2) Mary "Polly" Bland (October 1, 1819 - September 7, 1904) Mary was born in Missouri. She married Andrew McCallister in Saline County Arkansas July 13, 1837. They had ten children.
  - (3) Nancy Bland (C1821- ) married Andrew Jackson Brazil in Saline County Arkansas, October 22, 1837.
  - (4) Moses Bland (January 23, 1823 - 1891) evidently was a minister at the Spring Creek Baptist Church. He married (1<sup>st</sup>) a cousin, Mary Ann Bland, on July 28, 1842, and had two children with her. (2<sup>nd</sup>) Moses married Rebecca Vandergrift and had three children by her.
- G. WARREN BLAND (C1782-ante 1860) Warren Served in the War of 1812, in Tauls Seventh Mounted Kentucky regiment. He married Jane \_\_\_\_\_ (1781-1874), probably in Cumberland County Kentucky about 1810. Warren Bland and Jane \_\_\_\_\_ had five children: <sup>124</sup>
- (1) Elizabeth Bland (C1811-July, 1869) Elizabeth married Edward Lanham (1812-1866). They had a family of twelve children.
  - (2) John Bland (July 15, 1826 - December 17, 1896) married Emily Bland (November 18, 1842 - December 25, 1919) in Sangamon County Illinois. They had a family of seven children.
  - (3) Charles Bland (1829- November 29, 1854)
  - (4) Thomas Bland (C1835- Living in 1870). Thomas married Catherine (C1845- ).
  - (5) Ann Bland (1840- April 1, 1859).

H. DANIEL BLAND (C1784-1849) married (1st) an unknown woman and (2nd) Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (C1802- ). Daniel was in Arkansas, while it was part of the Missouri Territory in 1814. He also seems to have served in the War of 1812 from August 8, 1814 to May 31, 1815 as a Private in the U.S. Volunteer Rangers. By 1825, he was in Conway County. Daniel married three times, and had the following children:

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<sup>124</sup> AC 13. p. 50.

- (1) William Bland (C1803- )
- (2) James Bland (c1815/1820 )
- (3) Unnamed Daughter (C1815/1820- )
- (4) Lydia Bland (C1820- ) married Jethro Peyton Henderson, June 15, 1837 in Saline County Arkansas.
- (5) Isaac Bland (C1820/1825- )
- (6) Jane Bland (C1823- ) Married Alfred Brazil in Saline County Arkansas
- (7) Sarah Bland (C1826- ) married John Westley on August 6, 1842 in Saline County Arkansas.
- (8) Daniel Richard Bland (1830-1878) Daniel was born and died in Conway County Arkansas. He married (1<sup>st</sup>) Emmaline Ivey about 1854, by whom he had two children, and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Julia Heaton ( -1879) about 1863, by whom he had four children.
- (9) Radford Sherman Bland (December 30, 1832 - October 20, 1900) lived out his life in Conway County Arkansas. He married (1<sup>st</sup>) Margaret Ellsberry (1840-1892) by whom he had seven children and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Annie Sanders.

I. WILLIAM BLAND (C1794-1856) William served in the War of 1812 with Tauls Seventh Mounted Kentucky Regiment with his brother Warren. In the 1850 Census, William (C1794- ) is living in the household of Hiram D. Bland (C1820 - ) and Hiram's wife, Rebecca (C1822- ). Hiram and Rebecca had a single child Nancy, (C1847- ).

J. Eli Bland (C1794 - ) Very little is known of Eli. <sup>125</sup>

2. PRUDENCE BLAND (1750-1815) Prudence married Fleming Smith (1745-1847) in Virginia about 1768. Prudence did not go directly to Kentucky with her parents but rather went with her husband to South Carolina and later they moved to Cumberland County Kentucky. They had:<sup>126</sup>

<sup>125</sup> For William and Eli Bland. cf AC 13, p. 52.

<sup>126</sup> More detailed information about the family of Prudence Bland and Fleming Smith may be found in AC 13, pp. 52-54.



- A. DORCAS SMITH (1771-1865) who married John Page (1777-1819) on March 27, 1796.
  - B. JOHN SMITH (C1773-1825) who married Sarah Gee (1782-
  - C. JAMES SMITH (1777-1864), who married Nancy Hughes. (1786-1852)
  - D. MARGARET SMITH (1782- ), who married Edward Hughes.
  - E. SAMUEL SMITH (C1785-1855), who married Mary L. Barker in Logan County Kentucky on May 9, 1807.
  - F. MALINDA SMITH (1786-1874), who married John Williams in Logan County Kentucky on April 16, 1811.
  - G. PRUDENCE SMITH (1790-1870), who married Robert Williams in Logan County Kentucky on April 27, 1818.
  - H. Unnamed Daughter.
3. SAMUEL BLAND (C1751-1836) married Mary Ann \_\_\_\_\_ about 1770. They had a family of nine children: 127
- A. JOHN BLAND (C1771-1835). John married Elizabeth Shumate, (December 18, 1774 - April 5, 1863) in Nelson County on August 9, 1792. They had a family of ten children: <sup>128</sup>
  - B. SAMUEL BLAND (C1775-1830)
  - C. MARGARET "PEGGY" BLAND (1783-1804), married Moses Bland (C1772-1850), a cousin from the Randolph County North Carolina family, in Nelson County on November 24, 1800. 129
  - D. ISAAC BLAND (September 27, 1788 - October 30, 1840). Isaac married Nancy Floyd (1813-1846) in Lewis County Missouri in 1832.
  - E. JAMES BLAND (February 23, 1793 - June 6, 1849). James married Mary Wyatt (June 18, 1800 - December 20, 1877) on October 20, 1818 in Nelson County Kentucky. They moved to Warren County Missouri, where James died. Mary died in

<sup>127</sup> Samuel and Mary Ann's children are discussed in AC 13, pp. 54-59. Many of their sons either moved to or had land holdings in Lewis County Missouri.

<sup>128</sup> AC 13, pp. 55-56.

<sup>129</sup> Moses' story is told in AC 10-1, pp. 20-24.

Paris Texas but was her residence was Liberty in Clay County Missouri. 130 James and Mary had a family of twelve children:  
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- (1) William Wyatt Bland (August 10, 1819 - December 16, 1895) William was trained in Medicine. He was elected to the Missouri State Senate in 1880. William married Annie Elizabeth Payne of Clinton Missouri on February 23, 1854 and they had a family of seven children.
- (2) Serena Ann Bland (February 23, 1821 - August 8, 1835).
- (3) Perry T. Bland (May 24, 1823 - April 30, 1896) Perry was born in Warren County Missouri and died at Austin Texas, Travis County. He married Sarah Jane \_\_\_\_\_ on June 14, 1849.
- (4) Lewis L. Bland (1827-1844)
- (5) John Samuel Bland (March 19, 1832 - March 6, 1891) John married Catherine McMillen Armstrong in Lamar County Texas in 1862. They had a family of ten children.
- (6) Hedgeman Anderson (or Addison) Bland (October 10, 1829 - February 7, 1897) Hedgeman married Mary Rucker in Paris Texas in Lamar County about 1870. They had a family of four children.
- (7) Rebecca Lou Bland (April 24, 1834 - April 2, 1872) married Judge William Frank Gordon in Clay County Missouri, October 17, 1853. They had a family of eight children.
- (8) Emmaline Bland (1837-1858) married Abraham Fry July 24, 1856 in Clinton County Missouri.
- (9) Emily Jane Bland (March 11, 1825 - September 10, 1909) married (1<sup>st</sup>) William Whipple Adams on June 6, 1842 at Warren County Missouri and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Thomas C. Gordon (1850 - ) at Clay County Missouri.
- (10) C.D. Bland (1841-1842)

<sup>130</sup> AC 13, p. 58

<sup>131</sup> Names of children appear in AC 13, p. 58, modified by letters from Ann Joy Scott to Charles Bland, April 27, 1996, and e-mail, Ann Joy Scott to Charles Bland May 27, 1999.

(11) James M. Bland (September 6, 1843 - May 11, 1865) married Julia Sandusky.

(12) Margaret died in infancy.

F. ELEANOR BLAND (C1793 - ) Eleanor married David Glass on January 3 or August 10, 1810.

G. MILDRED "MILLY" BLAND (C1801 - ) Milly married James Glass on May 25, 1818.

H. NANCY BLAND (April 4, 1806 - April 16, 1882) Nancy was born in Nelson County Kentucky and died in Yamhill County Oregon. She married (1) a cousin Daniel Bland, (C1802-1831) son of Daniel Bland and Elizabeth Hughes (see below p. 70) on September 24, 1823 and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Bird.

I. Prudence Bland (C1808 - ), married a cousin James Bland on September 28, 1825 in Nelson County.

3. JOHN BLAND (C1752-1836) may have married Elizabeth Morton. One of the most striking developments in the family line was the hypothesis of Richard Bland Smith of Spearfish South Dakota that John's sons were Thomas Morton Bland (C1772-1833) and John Bland (C1774-1819) previously assumed to be sons of John Bland and Rachel of Washington County. This was a radical idea, of which neither I nor cousin Smith are certain.

I solicited responses from descendants of the Nelson and Washington County lines, hoping to jostle up a lively debate but received no firm response. Shortly after Volume 13 was published, one of the descendants of the younger John called while I was out and familiarized my son, who was 15 at the time, with some words he hadn't heard before, and signed off with a message to me that she was going to write to give me a piece of her mind, but so far I haven't heard anything. This is an open question and I'd like to see more debate on it. 132

A. THOMAS MORTON BLAND (c1772-1833) Thomas married Ann Lawrence about 1792. The ten children of Thomas Morton Bland and Ann Lawrence have previously been identified.  
<sup>133</sup> My primary concern for this Newsletter is to provide elaborating information for the line of their eldest child.

<sup>132</sup> Cf AC 13, pp. 59-66. Richard Smith in a letter to me March 9, 1995, responded to an invitation that I extended to all descendants of this family to write me with their ideas.

<sup>133</sup> AC 13, pp. 62-64.

- (1) William L. Bland December 21, 1794 - C1875). William was born in Washington County and lived out his life there.<sup>134</sup> William married Mariah Wilson (April 22, 1802 - August 16, 1856<sup>135</sup>), a daughter of Josiah Wilson, on August 22, 1818. Several of the children of Thomas Morton Bland and Josiah Wilson intermarried. William owned property near Webbs Kentucky on the Green River, adjoining the land of Berry Carter. Bland and Carter operated a tannery, owned slaves, and were said to be wealthy. William and Mariah had a family of six children:<sup>136</sup>
- (a) Josiah Wilson Bland (C1824 -1872). Josiah(1<sup>st</sup>) "married Berry Carter's daughter," who turned out to be Sarah A.E. Carter (C1829-1850/1852) on September 15, 1846, in Washington County Kentucky. They had three children. (2<sup>nd</sup>) Josiah married Martha Elizabeth Rinehart, (C1823 - November 4, 1895)<sup>137</sup> in Springfield, Washington County Kentucky on December 23, 1852. They had four children.<sup>138</sup>
- (b) Thomas Milton Bland (C1827-1897) who died in Sumner County Kansas. Thomas married (1<sup>st</sup>) Susan June Ray ( -1865) and had a family of five children by her. Thomas married (2<sup>nd</sup>) the widow Lucy Jane Marcum Arnett on March 21, 1867. They had five children.
- (c) Jane Bland (C1829 - )<sup>139</sup>
- (d) Sarah Elizabeth Bland (C1831- ) married D.F. Marvin.

<sup>134</sup> AC 13, p. 62, esp. note 215. The information that follows is based on the three letters from Virginia Cox to Charles Bland, September 18, November 3, and December 3, 1995, which are here conflated into subsequent reference as Cox.

<sup>135</sup> This new date of death is supplied for Mariah Wilson, per Virginia Cox to Charles L. Bland, July 20, 1999.

<sup>136</sup> AC 2-2, p. 28; AC 4-2, p. 36; AC 13, p. 62. In a Letter to me July 20, 1999, Virginia Cox, Tulsa Oklahoma, who has researched this line extensively, indicates that William and Mariah had two children, Jane and Mariah, not previously listed, and that children previously listed for them, Anne Maria Bland (C1851- ) and Mary C. Bland (C1855 - ) were children of Thomas Milton Bland and Susan Ray, second child of William and Mariah. Virginia Cox's letter arrived too late for full integration into this text. I have made some changes based on her information, and will do a full four-generation analysis from Thomas Morton Bland in the next issue of "Among Cousins."

<sup>137</sup> An Obituary for Martha Rinehart stated that she died November 4, 1895 at age 72 years and nine months. Virginia Cox to Charles L. Bland, July 20, 1999.

<sup>138</sup> The youngest child of Josiah W. Bland and Martha Rinehart was Robert Dale Bland (February 7, 1859- ) who married Mary Elizabeth Renfro (November 19, 1863 - May 15, 1836) in March 1885. They were the great grandparents of Virginia Cox.

<sup>139</sup> Per Letter, Virginia Cox to Charles L. Bland, July 20, 1999.

- (e) Mariah Bland (C1835 - ) <sup>140</sup>
- (f) Harriet Bland (c1836- ) married Coleman Brown about 1855.

B. JOHN BLAND (C1774-1819). John married Nancy Edmonston on March 14, 1796 in Washington County Kentucky.

5. ISAAC BLAND (C1756-1820) married Jane McKee. He moved to Louisiana. His will was made out on March 8, 1820 and proved May 27, 1820. Not much is known of this Isaac Bland. He and Jane McKee had one child, Maxwell Washington Bland (died after 1843) who married Emeline \_\_\_\_\_ Douglas Evans (C1808-1849). They had a child named Lucian Bland, who married Rose Russell Rollins. <sup>141</sup>
4. ELIJAH BLAND (C1760 - ) married Elizabeth Duncan on January 3, 1809. Nothing more is known of Elijah.
5. MILDRED BLAND though often listed as a daughter of John Bland and Margaret Osborne, Mildred may be the widow of Henry Bland (C1741-1777) of Fauquier County Virginia noted above, pp. 46-47, the son of John Bland's brother Thomas. She married William Hughes. 142
6. DANIEL BLAND (C1764-1838) Contacts made since publication of Vision of Unity have progressively improved this line, to make it one of the best documented of the Kentucky families. Daniel's name began to appear in Nelson County records around 1785, making his birth year no later than 1764. He married Elizabeth Hughes, (C1779 - ) on January 12 or 14, 1796. After 1800, he moved to Hardin County Kentucky. His children were: 143

A. JOHN H. BLAND (December 23, 1800 - October 23, 1870). John married Mary Ann Creager (1799-1870) in Hardin County Kentucky. Its a sad story that Mary Ann died six days before John, who appears to have died with a broken heart. 144 They had a family of eight children. <sup>145</sup>

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<sup>140</sup> Ibid.

<sup>141</sup> VU, pp. 458-459, AC 13, p. 67. Letter, Carita Moore Curtis to Charles L. Bland, May 12, 1999, which included the Will of Isaac Bland, May 27, 1820, Will Book a, P. 95 and Will of Emeline Bland, Tensas Parish Louisiana, made March 20, 1856.

<sup>142</sup> See discussion above, p. Henry Bland (C1741-1777), son of Thomas Bland (C1719-1788), and AC 13, p. 67 esp. n. 235.

<sup>143</sup> VU, pp. 459-460 and AC 13, pp. 68-72.

<sup>144</sup> AC 13, p. 68.

<sup>145</sup> AC 13, p. 68-69.

B. DANIEL BLAND (1803 - February 8, 1831) as noted above, (p. 67), Daniel married Nancy Bland, (1806-1882) a daughter of his uncle Samuel, on September 24, 1823, in Nelson County, Kentucky. After Daniel's death, Nancy remarried to John Byrd and moved to Oregon. Daniel was born in Hardin County and died in Round Prarie Illinois. Daniel and Nancy had three children:

- (1) William Bland (January 6, 1825 - after 1870). William was born in Lacon, Marion County Illinois, and died in Oregon. He married Sarah Elizabeth Bird (C1827-after 1870) on March 24, 1847. Shortly after they migrated by train to Mulnomah County in the Oregon Territory. Their children, all born in Oregon were:
  - (a) Culbertson/Calverson Bland (C1848- )
  - (b) James Bland (C1850- )
  - (c) John Thomas (July 4, 1852 - 1936) married Virginia \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (d) Robert Bland (C1853- )
  - (e) Nancy Bland (C1855- )
  - (f) George Bland (C1857- )
  - (g) Adah Bland (C1859- )
  - (h) Edgar Bland (C1861- )
  - (i) Charles G. Bland (C1865- )
  - (j) Joseph Bland (C1868- )<sup>146</sup>
- (2) Joseph H. Bland (C1825-December 23, 1860) There is a notation in the Kentucky Historical Society proceedings indicating that Joseph H. Bland, born in Hardin County, son of Daniel and Nancy Bland, died on the date indicated. Nothing further is known.<sup>147</sup>
- (3) Samuel Bland (February 10, 1831 - ) born in Round Prarie Illinois.

C. JESSE HENRY BLAND (October 7, 1805 - August 21, 1862). Jesse married Elizabeth Spurrier, (July 26, 1805 - August 30, 1884) on June 4, 1827, in Hardin County.<sup>148</sup>

<sup>146</sup> John Thomas Bland (1852-1936), married to Virginia \_\_\_\_\_ was the son of William Bland (C1825-after 1870). He was the grandfather of the husband of a new correspondent Virginia Carrola, Letter Virginia Carrola to Charles L. Bland, January 20, 1998 and E-Mail, Virginia Carrola to Charles Bland, January 20, 1998.

<sup>147</sup> Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, Vol 51 (1953) p. 153.

<sup>148</sup> Children of Jesse Henry Bland and Elizabeth Spurrier, appears in AC 13, pp. 69-70. Families of their sons Daniel (1830-1912), Jesse Henry (1846-1883) and Bailey (1837-1907) appear in "Bland Family Cemetery" Near Sonora, Silver Mine Knob in Hardin County, sent to Charles L. Bland by Annabell Huber.

- D. SAMUEL BLAND (C1806 - July 27, 1864) married (1st) Frances Baskett (C1809-1840) in Hardin County Kentucky, March 23, 1830, (2nd) Polly Huckaby (C1810-1860) on April 21, 1842, and (3rd) Alicy Bradshaw Clark (1841-1909) on July 6, 1863. 149 Of particular new interest is further information on a child of John Bland (1836- ) who was a son of Samuel Bland and Frances Baskett. John's son Samuel Jesse Bland (May 14, 1855 - November 18, 1939) married Mary Ellen Smith (August 25, 1860 - December 30, 1935). They married December 27, 1877.<sup>150</sup>
- E. THOMAS OSBORNE BLAND (C1808 - ), married his cousin Augustian Bland, daughter of William Bland and Sarah Peake (see p. 76 below), in Hardin County on February 8, 1834.
- F. MILDRED BLAND (C1808 - March 5, 1880) married David Jamison Stark (1808 - February 13, 1881) in Hardin County on July 30, 1828. Mildred and David moved to Cass County Missouri in 1856. They had a family of nine children:<sup>151</sup>
- (1) James a Stark (April 29, 18929- )
  - (2) Elizabeth Stark March 16, 1831 - February 23, 1805)
  - (3) William Rodham Stark (1833-1903)
  - (4) Thomas Osborn Stark (April 18, 1835- )
  - (5) Nancy M. Stark (1836-1919)
  - (6) Penelope Jamison Stark (February 13, 1837)
  - (7) David Stark (1842- ) died in the Civil War
  - (8) Daniel Stark (1843- ) died in the Civil War.
- G. JOHN RODHAM STARK (August 27, 1844 - March 23, 1909).
- H. NANCY BLAND (C1810 - ) married Squire Snyder in Hardin County on May 27, 1827.
- I. SARAH BLAND (C1815-1861) Sarah married (1) Charles Barlow in Hardin County, April 8, 1833. By Barlow, Sarah had a son named Charles Barlow Jr. Sarah's second husband was

<sup>149</sup> For Samuel, see AC 11-2, pp. 20-25, 12-2, pp. 39-40, and 13, pp. 70-71.

<sup>150</sup> Samuel Jesse Bland (1855-1939) and Mary Ellen Smith had a son, Edgar Lafayette Bland (1879-1934) who married Ruby Shelton (1881-1964). They had six children including sons Richard Warmack Bland (1921-1977) and Howard Theodore Bland (1921-still kicking) whose children Barbara Bland Powell and Robert Bland have become my correspondents.

<sup>151</sup> Information about Mildred Bland and David Stark was provided by Jenny Fry, E-Mail to Charles L. Bland, June 29, 1999.

Jeremiah Hunley, (C1814-1865) whom she married December 3, 1838. <sup>152</sup> Jeremiah Hunley and Sarah Bland Barlow had a family of six children. <sup>153</sup> The following concerns the life of their youngest child.

**THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY:** Whether it came from Sarah Bland Barlow or her husband Jeremiah Hunley is not clear, but their children seemed to have a deep reserve of feistiness. Stories about the family have various sources, but none perhaps more compelling than Sarah and Jeremiah's last child, Annie Hunley (March 12, 1853 - February 6, 1929), whose life story, though very Victorian in its tone, contains enough to betray a life of pain and suffering, as well as sacrifice and love, for Annie and those around her.

When the Civil War broke out, Annie was one of five living children. Not unusual for Kentucky, the family was divided in its loyalties. While two brothers, Thomas and Hiram joined the Confederacy, an older brother Archibald (1840-1918), and Jeremiah himself, fought with the Union. Archibald Hunley was dishonorably discharged following a courts-martial on January 25, 1863, for alleged insubordination. Archibald apparently told his sergeant not to hurt another man. It was compounded by a spiteful officer in charge, who indicted Archibald falsely for being AWOL. Archibald was convicted but fought this verdict for 26 years before the Fifty First Congress in 1891 invalidated the court martial conviction and Awarded Archibald a pension and all due back pay. <sup>154</sup>

Annie herself was a girl of eight when Union Troops moved through Hardin County, rounding up volunteers and conscripts to help in the looming battles that would unfold at Mill Springs Kentucky, Forts Donelson and Henry Tennessee, February 6-16, 1862, and ultimately Shiloh. The Union Soldiers came for Jeremiah Hunley, whose wife had died and his sons were off fighting. Recently Confederate soldiers had burned his house down. Jeremiah told the soldiers he would go with them, providing they also took along his "little boy" Tom. Jeremiah had hastily dressed Annie in boy's

<sup>152</sup> AC 13, p. 72; Donna Gleave to Charles L. Bland, May 14, 1996 September 20, 1996 and September 28, 1997.

<sup>153</sup> Undated Genealogical Records forwarded to Charles L. Bland by Annabel Huber, Clermont Georgia. One of the children of Jeremiah and Sarah was Archibald Hunley (1840-1918) who married Nancy Ellen Pryor in 1863 and had five children, including Ira Hunley (1865-1939), who married Anna Florence McDowell (1867-1942). Among their seven children was Edmond Talor Hunley (1903-1966) who married Pauline Mary Murray. They were parents of my correspondent, Annabelle Huber. Annabelle forwarded me a copy of Annie Hundley (note name change) Tom Hundley: the Drummer Boy or A Secret That General Grant Kept (November 11, 1899), hereafter called Drummer Boy. Annie indicated that her mother died shortly after her sons joined the Confederacy and that her father died shortly after the end of the Civil War. Sarah Bland Barlow's marriage to Jeremiah Hunley was witnessed by Sarah's brother John H. Bland and brother in law Squire Snyder. It was approved by Daniel Bland, her father.

<sup>154</sup> "Archibald Hunley" Calendar 1446, 54<sup>th</sup> Congress, January 22, 1897, provided by Annabelle Huber.



clothes and told her that hereafter she would be Tom Hunley and they would stay together, no matter what. A handsome Union lieutenant named Devoe accepted the proposition and put Tom to work as a drummer boy for his outfit. Jeremiah and Annie, known to everyone as Tom Hunley the drummer boy served the Union this way for two years (dates are imprecise but probably 1861 to 1863/1864).

Presently General Grant himself inspected Annie's unit and demanded that Lieutenant Devoe separate "Tom" who looked too young and frail to serve. As Annie wrote it, Jeremiah Hunley called General Grant aside and explained the situation to him. Grant agreed to the masquerade and hearing stories of Jeremiah and Annie's bravery, promised them recognition after the war. One line that Grant supposedly spoke about Annie speaks in the starkest terms of the horror of war that visits every soldier in combat: "You say she fought her way for two years, walking over the battlefields with her little feet red with blood, beating the drum without fear."

Jeremiah Hunley and Annie moved to Indiana shortly after the end of the Civil War, where Jeremiah died, leaving Annie alone. To provide for her care and well being, Jeremiah made a last dreadful misjudgment in pledging her to marry a much older man and no-good drunk named Joe Dalton. In Bland history, this lout deserves a place in infamy along with Will Austin (1857-1882), Giles Bland (1647-1676), Hiram Bland (1825-1851), the serial man-killer Mariah Bland (1841- ) (notice how they all died young except Mariah who struck such deep dread and fear in the men around her that they rightly thought they either lived or got close to her).<sup>155</sup> Annie had fallen in love with Lieutenant Devoe from the war years, whom she met up with in Indiana. Devoe clasped Annie to his breast and launched into a long winded Victorian soliloquy which begins "Annie, Annie, my own love. . ." and in the middle somewhere, "I am selfish Annie. I want you away from all the world . . ." etc etc. telling her that at home, she will be his Tom but to the world she will be Annie Devoe. Annie fainted before Devoe got to this part and when she revived she told him sadly, "Mr. Devoe, I regret to inform you that before he died, my much lamented late father promised my hand in marriage to Mr. Joseph Dalton and in fact we are already wed." "Oh." Said Colonel Devoe and went away "pale as death."<sup>156</sup> This must have been about 1867. Annabell Huber indicates that Annie gave birth out of wedlock to a boy named Charles Thomas Hunley on February 27, 1868.<sup>157</sup> Whether this is so, or whether Annie simply gave Charles her maiden name after her horrible experiences with Dalton is unknown. According to Annie's story, however, Dalton was utterly brutal to her, an alcoholic who forced

<sup>155</sup> On Will Austin, this issue above, pp. 35-36; Giles Bland, AC 8-2, pp. 21-37; Hiram Bland, VU, pp. 451-455 and AC 6-1, pp. 35-37; on Mariah, AC 10-1, pp. 23-24.

<sup>156</sup> Drummer Boy, pp. 26-29.

<sup>157</sup> Annabel Huber to Charles L. Bland, Undated, p. 10.

her to work or beg for money and beat her cruelly when she came home empty handed. Once, he picked up the baby and threw him across the room. A few months after the baby was born, Dalton grabbed Annie by the hair and was about to cut her throat with a razor when a policeman stayed his hand and sent Annie briefly to a safe-house. There, the mistress got-up Annie and the baby up in black face and spirited them past Dalton to the train station where they headed for Cincinnati Ohio. Dalton evidently met his end when, following on their heels, he fell down drunk across a track (neat huh?) and a moving train settled his hash.

Annie wrote this story in 1899 and picked it up briefly in 1873, when she is living a life of deprivation and hardship with her five-year-old son in Cincinnati in 1873. Briefly and mysteriously, she again meets with now Colonel Devoe, who rescues her boy from a latch-key arrangement, takes her in his arms and proclaims "Be still my love." Devoe goes on about his love for her and ends with "You're free, you're mine." This is about 1873, unhappily for us, Annie is silent about the intervening 26 years. Did she marry Devoe? Evidently not. Rather, she married a Danish man, Paul Glud (1853-1931) and they moved to Oakland California. They had no children, but evidently took in orphan children, out of memory of the dark days of the Civil War when Annie and her father were driven from their shattered home, and the days with Joe Dalton after the war. She actually wrote her account of 1899 to raise money for an orphanage.<sup>158</sup> Annie Hunley Dalton (Devoe?) Glud. What a gal. She must have been one of the first women to learn to drive a car. I am pleased to display below, an artist conception of Annie "Tom" Hunley in battle, and a photo of Annie at the wheel with her three brothers as passengers, now happily reconciled from their family discord in the war between the states.



Courtesy: Annabel Huber

Happy at Last: Annie Hundley takes her brothers for a spin.

<sup>158</sup> Annabel Huber to Charles L. Bland, undated, p. 5. Annie disclosed her secrets for a second time about 1921, as reported in articles that were provided by Annabel Huber. In this later revelation, Annie concentrates on her war experiences and is silent about her love for Lieutenant Devoe and her troubles with Joe Dalton, e.g. "War Record of Woman Long Kept Secret" San Francisco Chronicle, May 29, 1921. A new angle added was that her mother Sarah Bland was the sister of our family hero, Richard Parks "Silver Dick" Bland.



Courtesy Annabel Huber

Artists Conception of Battle Scene: Annie "Tom" Hundley the Little Drummer Boy, "I am holden up the bugler"

7. WILLIAM BLAND (C1765-1850) married Sarah Peake (1769-1844). William and Sarah are buried at the Red Mill Cemetery in Hardin County Kentucky. Their children were: 159
- A. MARY BLAND (C1798 - ) married Isaac or James Bennett on January 18, 1819.
  - B. Nancy Bland (C1806- ) married Samuel Wilkinson in Nelson County on December 31, 1823.
  - C. Susannah Bland (C1808- ) married Lewis Berry Walker (C1797-1877) in Nelson County Kentucky, March 8, 1825.
  - D. Lydia Bland (March 5, 1812 - January 31, 1869) married Leland Bland (1812-1850), a cousin and son of Lydia's uncle, Thomas Morton Bland (above p. 67) on October 24, 1831 in Nelson County. 160
  - E. William Bland (C1813-1870) married Susan \_\_\_\_\_.
  - F. Mildred Bland (C1814- ) married Hayden Yates on February 9, 1831.
  - G. Elijah Holderman Bland (December 15, 1814 - March 16, 1898) married Corrilla Willet (1822-1906) on October 29, 1841.
  - H. Katherine Bland (C1816 - ) married William Mount on January 14, 1833 in Hardin County, Kentucky.
  - I. Augustian Bland (C1817 - ), as noted above, ( p. 71) Augustian married her cousin Thomas Osborne Bland, (C1808 - ), the son of her uncle Daniel Bland, on February 8, 1834.
  - J. Mahalia Bland (C1817-1840) married John A. Raine in Hardin County on December 15, 1834.
  - K. Emily Bland (C1820 - ) married John Upton in Hardin County January 23, 1837.
  - L. Sarah A. Bland (C1824 - ) married John A. Raine, on August 28, 1841. John had married (1) Sarah's sister Mahalia (J above).
  - M. Vardaman Bland (C1828-1888)

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<sup>159</sup> AC 13, pp. 72-76. Obviously, I erred in placing John Daniel Bland (1792-1861) and Daniel Bland (C1803- ) in the family of William Bland and Sarah Peake, see above pp 138-146.

<sup>160</sup> AC 13, p. 64, 74.

N. Elizabeth Bland married a Mr. Harrell.

O. Ward Bland

P. Thomas Bland <sup>161</sup>

10. FRANCES BLAND (C1770 - ) married John Hughes in Nelson County on October 3, 1787.

11. MARY "POLLY" BLAND (1774-1822) married John Randolph, ( -1816) in Nelson County on January 4, 1791.

#### THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN BLAND, (1742-1807)

The distinctive family of Blands who settled in the part of Nelson County that in 1792 became Washington County Kentucky was, we believe, headed by John Bland (C1742-1807), the son of John Bland (C1688-1763) of Prince William County Virginia. Though we have been able to define approximate dates for John, his life was something of a mystery. Transactions involving his wife Rachel begin to appear in Washington County in 1794 and the last is in 1799, causing historians of the family to believe she died that year. John and Rachel had the following six children: 162

1. ROLLY BLAND (C1763 - June 25 1825) Rolly was born in Virginia and has been certified as a soldier in the American Revolution. He married (1st) Delsey Shekklesworth ( - C1823) 163 in Washington County Kentucky on October 2, 1798 and (2nd) Sarah Thomas on October 24 or 30, 1825. Rolly's children were: 164

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<sup>161</sup> This indicates that William Bland and Sarah Peake had a family of 16 children. I should indicate that is not a well researched line. I gained some information from visits to the Filson Club and Kentucky State Library in August 1985 as well as visiting two old and abandoned cemeteries with had the tombstones for William and Sarah and some of their children. Some of the names assigned as children of William and Sarah are speculative. This is a line that needs an historian.

<sup>162</sup> AC 13, pp. 17-37. See above, pp. for the argument that Thomas Morton Bland (C1772-1833) and John Bland (C1774-1819) were members of the Nelson County family rather than sons of John and Rachel Bland.

<sup>163</sup> The actual record refers to her as "Delsey Worth" with her father listed as John Shecklesworth. Kathy Hembree, Kokomo Indiana, philly@netusall.net, in a posting to Genealogical Forum, March 11, 1999, and E-mail, Kathy Hembree to Charles L. Bland, March 12 and 14, 1999, states that the formal name of the family was Shuttlesworth, but listed ten variations. She also listed five Shuttledworth women who married in Washington County Kentucky between 1811-1822, and suggested that Nay Shuttlesworth (C1771-1850), who married Kenellum Murphy in Washington County about 1796, might have been the sister of Delsey and Rachel Jean/Jenny. Its interesting to note this, but the two women who married Rolly and Samuel Bland are generally known as Shekklesworth, and for our purposes, consistency of indexing if nothing else, its probably better to keep it that way.

<sup>164</sup> Rolly's family is discussed in detail in AC 13, pp. 17-26. Also, AC 1-2, pp. 13-18. I am grateful also to Jack Blann, Winona Texas, whose e-mail, May 20, 1999, helped with this line. Jack showed additional depth with later generations from this line that I could not include in this number.

- A. JOHN BLAND (1798-1873) who married Mary Roley (1804-1873) on January 13, 1823.
- B. ALLEN S. BLAND (1802-1886) married (1) Hetty Hardin (C1809-1865) in Washington County on March 8, 1824. Allen and Hetty moved to Knox/Sullivan County Indiana, about 1832. Second, Allen married Sarah J. Bland Wilkey, a daughter of his cousin Minor Bland of the Randolph County North Carolina stem family on April 6, 1869.
- C. SUSAN BLAND (C1805- ) Susan Bland married John Daughtery in Washington County on March 30, 1821.
- D. SAMUEL BLAND (C1806-1893) married (1<sup>st</sup>) Rebecca Jarboe on December 25, 1829 in Breckenridge County Kentucky and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Sally Cooms.
- E. JANE BLAND (C1809- ) married Anthony Sandusky on August 28, 1826 in Washington County Kentucky.
- F. PRUDENCE "Prudey" BLAND (C1810- )
- G. GREEN BLAND (C1811- )
- H. FANNY OR FANNIE BLAND
- I. WILLIAM BLAND (C1816- )
- J. RACHEL BLAND
- K. MALINDA BLAND
- L. JULIA OR JULIANA BLAND
- M. THOMAS ROLAND BLAND (June 28, 1825 - October 10, 1905) the child of Rolly Bland and Sarah Thomas, married Sarah Robinson (December 7, 1824 - 1905/1910).<sup>165</sup>
2. CHARLES BLAND (C1764-1819) married (1ST) Catherine Staughton on September 28, 1795 in Washington County and (2) Ann Knott on November 20, 1817. 166 Charles children were:
- A. WARRINGTON BLAND (C1800 - after 1850) married Letitia Curtsinger (C1807 - ) on October 6, 1828.

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<sup>165</sup> Although for simplicity's sake, I think it best to continue to refer to Thomas Roland's father, as Rolly, the child's formally rendered name may suggest the formal name of his father.

<sup>166</sup> Charles and his family is discussed in detail in AC 13, pp. 27-30.

- B. NANCY BLAND (C1802- ) married James Weldon on December 8, 1819 in Washington County.
- C. JULIAN BLAND
- D. SCARBER BLAND
- E. STAUGHTON EDWARD BLAND (July 14, 1805/1806 - June 5, 1842). Staughton married Margaret Parks Nall (June 4, 1816 - December 20, 1849).
- F. FIELDING BLAND (March 17, 1808- ) Married Lydia (July 10, 1818 -July 12, 1856) about 1837.
- G. FRANKLIN BLAND (January 25, 1810 - living in 1860) married Nancy Parker (C1834- ) about 1858.
- H. MARY ELIZA BLAND (C1811 - ) married Redmond Pruitt October 22, 1833.
- I. EMELINE BLAND
- J. WILLIAM BLAND
3. RACHEL BLAND (C1765- ) married Michael Fagen.
4. PRUDENCE BLAND (1767-1852) married George Watt.
5. SUSANNAH BLAND (C1772 - January 29, 1846) Susanna was born in Prince William County Virginia and died in Rush Indiana. She married James Arbuckle on November 10, 1789.<sup>167</sup>
6. SAMUEL BLAND (C1777 -1848) married Rachel Jean or Jeannie Shekklesworth on February 5, 1800. <sup>168</sup> Samuel, for reasons I have previously indicated, was a son of John and Rachel. He married Jennie or Jeannie or Jency (Rachel Jean) Shekklesworth in Washington County on February 5, 1800, a sister of Delsey Shecklesworth, listed above, p. 77. I think it would be useful to delineate a little further the family of Samuel Bland:
- A. THOMAS BLAND (C1803 - after 1860). Thomas married three times. His first marriage was to Ann\_\_\_\_\_ about 1822. Their children were:

<sup>167</sup> Additional information about Susannah's dates and location of her death was noted by Don Joan Ward in Genealogy Forum, April 14, 1999.

<sup>168</sup> See discussion of Samuel in AC 13, pp. 31-37, with indicated references to earlier citations. The actual marriage bond, with John Shecklesworth as bondsman, spells her name "Jenny", which is a nickname.

- (1) Cordelia Bland (C1823- ) who married Buford Munn or Mann in Casey County on July 16, 1845. Cordelia was widowed by 1850 and was living with her parents. 169
- (2) Cynthia Jane Bland (May 11, 1825 - June 30, 1898), who married Levi Sandusky Jr. (1815-1887) on February 4, 1841. Cynthia and Levi moved to McDonough County Illinois, following a falling out over slavery with her father. After a year in Illinois, they moved on to Putnam County Missouri. 170

Ann \_\_\_\_\_ died about 1825 and Thomas married Elizabeth Stephens (C1795- April 10, 1853): Their children were.

- (3) John Lewis Bland (C1827-1893). John married (1) Mary Belton (C1833 - ) on August 24, 1849 and (2) Nancy Marples (1831-1887) about 1858. 171
- (4) Frances Bland (C1830- )
- (5) Samuel J. Bland (C1831 - July 25, 1854) Samuel married E.J. Knifely.
- (6) Susan C. Bland (C1833- )
- (7) Lucinda Bland (C1837- )
- (8) Sarah E. Bland (C1846- )
- (9) Isabella Bland (C1848- )

Following the death of Elizabeth Stephens, Thomas married Lucretia Riggins on September 9, 1856. but there is no record of any children.

- C. Allen Bland (January 16, 1811 - June 27, 1853). According to a new correspondent, Carol Barge of Houston Texas, Allen lived "just south of Sciota." Allen died in Macomb, McDonough County Illinois and is buried in the Spring Creek Cemetery. He married

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<sup>169</sup> AC 13, p. 33.

<sup>170</sup> AC 13, p. 33.

<sup>171</sup> AC 13, p. 34. It should be noted that one of John's children, Abner Thomas Bland (1852-1933) married Sciotta or Schotha Pointer. They died in Illinois. Thomas Walker Bland of the Pulaski County Family may also have married a woman named Pointer.



- D. Elizaeth Elliott (September 12, 1812 - October 24, 1893) on May 5, 1837. It appears that this family moved to Colorado in the 1850s and some of them returned to Illinois. They were parents of: 172
- (1) William Thomas Bland (C1838- ) who probably died young.
  - (2) Samuel James Bland (February 5, 1839 - October 20, 1927) who died in Charleston Illinois and is buried at the Oakwood Cemetery in Macomb Illinois. He married Mary Lucretia or Leticia Simmons on January 1 or 7, 1860 and they had ten children.
  - (3) Rachel Jane Bland (April 6, 1841 - May 6, 1878). Rachel married John Simpson on March 4, 1858 in Colorado. She is buried at the Spring Creek Cemetery, in Macomb Illinois.
  - (4) Mary Elizabeth Bland (April 6, 1845 - December 1929) Mary was born and died in Colorado. She married (1) Andrew Jackson Humberd on April 20, 1865 and (2) Samuel Henry Smith on December 24, 1874, both marriages in Colorado.
  - (5) Parthena Bland January 4, 1847 - April 1847).
  - (6) Bernetty Bland (April 13, 1849 - ) married Marion H. Sharp in Colorado on September 28, 1872.
  - (7) William Thomas Bland (October 26, 1852 - May 24, 1838) was born in Sciota Illinois. William married (1) Cora Morrow and (2) Sarah Laura Barlow, on July 24, 1881 in Macomb, McDonough County Illinois. Sarah was a daughter of Joseph Barlow and Sarah Robinson.

#### THE BLANDS OF PULASKI COUNTY KENTUCKY

#### FAMILY AND DESCENDANTS OF REUBEN BLAND

REUBEN BLAND (c1790-1843) Reuben's family origins have stubbornly resisted discovery. He was found in southern Kentucky first in Wayne County and later in Pulaski County, formed in 1799 by Green

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<sup>172</sup> AC 13, pp. 36-37. New detail is provided by Carol Barge of who clarifies that there was a Macomb, in McDonough County Illinois, cf my note 116 in AC 13, p. 37.

and Lincoln Counties. Wayne County was formed in 1801 from Pulaski. 173 Reuben's approximate dates are (1780/1790- 1843/1850) Reuben was last found in public records in 1843. 174 His birthplace is uncertain but according to an application for a marriage license completed by his daughter Neptha, he was born in Virginia.

Reuben served in the Wayne County 90th Regiment of the Kentucky Militia in the War of 1812, under Captain Shrewsbury. 175 As early as 1813, Reuben was on the tax rolls of Wayne County. 176 Reuben married Dicey West (C1790- after 1850) in Wayne County Kentucky on or about February 1, 1814. 177 Earlier, Reuben and Dicey lived on an eighty-acre plot on Forbus Watercourse in Pulaski County. All of his children were born there. After Reuben's death in the 1840s, Dicey and four of her daughters (Easter, Margaret, Polly A. and Neptha) lived with George G. and Huldah Murphy and their children in Casey County. After the 1850 census, Dicey has not been found. By 1853/1854, all of Reuben and Dicey's children except William (C1815-1879), who remained in Pulaski County, had left Casey County for a of Hardin, Grayson and Breckenridge Counties. Reuben Bland and Dicey West were parents of the following children:

1. WILLIAM BLAND (C1815-1879) William was born in Pulaski County and was there in 1850 and appears to have remained there. William married (1st) Pheraby Burton (1816-1875) on August 13, 1835 in Wayne County. and (2nd) Eliza Dagley (C1840- ) on December 17, 1876. Eliza remarried to William T. Floyd on February 28, 1880. With Pheraby Burton, William had the following children: 178

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<sup>173</sup> VU, pp. 479-483, AC 1-1, p. 9. AC 4-2, p. 39-40. These Blands were also in Green County formed in 1793 from Lincoln and Nelson Counties and Casey County, formed in 1807 from Lincoln. The primary researcher with whom I have had contact regarding this line is Pansy Lea Willburn of San Modesto California, who provided the original material for *A Vision of Unity* and submitted to me "Reuben Bland of Wayne and Pulaski Counties, Kentucky," about March 15, 1999, hereafter called Willburn. In what follows, I yield to Willburn's expertise on this family line and accept her modification of minor variances in dates and names, and her definition of this family's surname as Bland, rather than Blan, as it has been called inter alia. If significant differences exist, I accept Willburn's interpretation and cite the previous information. I have also been aided by insights provided by Leah McCathy of Mobile Alabama and Joseph R. Van Bogart of Louisville Kentucky, I am grateful for the continuing interest in this line by these historians.

<sup>174</sup> Reuben was bondsman to the marriage of his daughter Nancy in 1841 and he was not found in the 1850 Census.

<sup>175</sup> AC 1-1, p. 9.

<sup>176</sup> Per essay from Pansy Willburn, there was a Mary Bland in Wayne County in 1806 married to John Perkins, but no evidence linking her to Reuben has been found.

<sup>177</sup> Dicey West was the daughter of William and Zerinea West. The West family had arrived in Wayne County Kentucky, in 1809, from Madison County, and earlier had lived in Greenbriar and Montgomery Counties Virginia. Reuben may have known the west family.

<sup>178</sup> For deeper information on the line of William Bland and Pheraby Burton, who was previously called Phoebe

- A. GEORGE ALFRED CALDWELL BLAND (C1849/1850- ), who married (1) Rhoda McHagan (1861- ) on June 26, 1879 and (2) Nancy Eastham (1852- ) on May 22, 1881.
- B. William Shelby Bland (April 15, 1852 - February 26, 1914) who married Lucinda Vanhoozer on January 14, 1872.
- C. THOMAS N. BLAND (August 31, 1855 - March 15, 1889), who married Mary Ann Barnett (1858- ) from Tennessee on August 19, 1874.
- D. ALBERT G.T. BLAND (November 2, 1857 - February 10, 1929), who married Sarah Ellen Chumbley (June 8, 1862 - January 11, 1932). Albert and Sarah died in Pulaski County.
2. JOSHUA BLAND (C1818-after 1872) Born in Pulaski County, Joshua was in Casey County in 1850. Joshua married twice, first to Nancy Rabourn (C1824-ante 1854) and second to Malvina Richardson, (C1834- ) whom he married April 23, 1854 in Casey County. Joshua had joined his other siblings in Breckenridge County Kentucky by 1869 and was still there in 1872, after his brothers Robert and Walker had left. By Nancy Rabourn, Joshua had:
- A. WILLIAM R. BLAND (C1843- )
- B. MANERVA S. BLAND (C1844- )
- C. POLLY BLAND (C1845- )
- D. JOHN ALFRED CALDWELL BLAND (C1848/1849- )
- E. ISABEL BLAND (C1851 - )

By Malvina Richardson, Joshua Bland had the following children

- (F) MATILDA A. BLAND (July 24, 1857 - )
- (G) SALLIE BLAND (January 1860 - )
- (H) NANCY E. BLAND (May 25, 1861 - )

3. ANN BLAND (C1820 - after 1863) Ann was born in Pulaski County where she married Stephenson Whitaker ( -1860) on May 4, 1841. <sup>179</sup>In the 1860 census Ann is shown living with Easter Bland, her sister. Children of Ann Bland and Stephenson Whitaker were:
- A. REUBEN WHITAKER (C1841- )
  - B. CATHERINE WHITAKER (C1844- )
  - C. LUVIE WHITAKER (C1848- )
  - D. SAMUEL WHITAKER (C1850 - )
  - E. NANCY WHITAKER (C1852- )
  - F. DARCUS WHITAKER (C1855- )
  - G. STEPHEN WHITAKER (C1860 - )
4. EASTER BLAND (C1822 - ) Born in Pulaski County. No marriage record has been found for Easter, who appears in records as Mrs. Easter Bland, with the following children:
- A. JULIA BLAND (July 18, 1856 - )
  - B. NANCY BLAND (C1858 - )
  - C. J.J. BLAND A male (C1862 - )
5. ROBERT BLAND (C1823 - after 1870) Robert was born in Pulaski County. In the late 1860s Robert moved to Pike County Indiana. Prior to that, he lived in Breckenridge County, where he married Nancy Eaden/Eden on October 20, 1855. Before Nancy, Robert was probably married to a woman whose name is unknown. His children were:
- A. MARTHA BLAND (C1846 - )
  - B. EASTER BLAND (C1847 - )
  - C. SARAH BLAND (C1850 - )
  - D. DERINDA BLAND (April 26, 1855 - May 31, 1929) Derinda was born in Kentucky. She married Origin Robinson on February 5, 1871 in Pike County Indiana. Origin and Derinda moved to

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<sup>179</sup> Reuben Bland, Ann's father, was her bondsman. Ann was previously called Nancy.

Arkansas about 1894. She died in Washington, Sharp County Arkansas. They had six children.<sup>180</sup>

E. WILLIS BLAND (C1855 - ) Willis moved from Pike County Indiana to Arkansas. I am pleased to display a photograph of Uncle Willis below:



Courtesy Carol Akers, Uncle Willis Bland

F. ELIZABETH BLAND (C1857 - )

G. NANCY BLAND (C1859 - )

6. DICEY BLAND (C1823- ) Dicey married William W. Dalton. 181

7. THOMAS WALKER BLAND (C1828 - after 1870) Generally called Walker, he was born in Pulaski County. Walker lived in Indiana for a time and was last located in Wright County Missouri in the early 1870s. On July 2, 1848, in Casey County, Walker married Louisa Rabourn, (C1828-1863) a sister of Nancy Rabourn who married Walker's older brother Joshua. Louisa died of a small pox

<sup>180</sup> Derinda is quite likely the ancestor of a new correspondent, Carol Akers. E-Mail Carol Akers to Charles L. Bland, December 24, 1998.

<sup>181</sup> Dicey was not listed by Willburn.

8. epidemic in the mid-1860s and oral history traditions have it that Walker married a Mrs. Pointer or Poyner. 182 Walker was in Breckenridge County in 1858 and in Grayson County in 1860. Children of Thomas Walker Bland and Louisa Rabourn were:

A. REUBEN F BLAND (C1848/1849 - ) born in Pulaski County. Reuben married Nancy Gilpin in Breckenridge County on May 12, 1872. Robert and Nancy later lived in Mountain grove and Willow Springs Missouri. There children were:

- (1) Dudley Bland
- (2) John Bland
- (3) Viola Bland
- (4) Alice Bland
- (5) Elizabeth Bland

B. JOHN R BLAND (C1849 - )

C. MARGARET RECILLA BLAND (October 2, 1851 - February 4, 1910) married Elijah Foster Miller in Breckenridge County in July 1868. 183

D. PENELOPE JANE BLAND (C1852 - )

E. JOSHUA BELL BLAND (May 15, 1854 - April 27, 1931) Joshua was born in Casey County Kentucky and died at Fort Smith in Sebastian County Arkansas. Joshua is buried at the New Hope Cemetery in Spiro, Leflore County Oklahoma. He married first, on July 26, 1874 in Wright County Missouri, Nancy Elizabeth Casey (April 24, 1858 - March 17, 1927), a daughter of Samuel Henry and Sarah Ann Allen Casey. Nancy was born in Hartville, Wright County Missouri. Like her husband, she died at Fort Smith, Sebastian County Arkansas and is buried at Spiro Oklahoma. There were eleven children in this marriage:

- (1) Sarah Triphena Bland (June 11, 1875 - died in infancy). Born in Wright County Missouri.

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<sup>182</sup> For what its worth, John Lewis Bland (C1827-1893) (See above, p. ) had a son Abner Thomas Bland (1852-1933) who married Sciotha or Scotha Pointer (1855-1904) probably in Casey County, on March 4, 1873, AC 13, p.

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<sup>183</sup> Cousin Leah McCarthy descends from this line. AC 2-1, p. 26.

- (2) Mary Rosetta Bland (June 4, 1877 - ) born in Wright County Missouri and married James Gamble.
- (3) Melviney Jane Bland (June 20, 1880 - C1887) Born in Wright County Missouri and died in Missouri.
- (4) Noah Alonzo Bland (March 20, 1882 - after 1916) Born in Wright County Missouri and died in Spiro Oklahoma. Noah married Drucilla Blevins in 1907 at Sequoyah County Oklahoma and in 1916 married Martha Scarberry.
- (5) Omah E. Bland (September 2, 1884 - died in infancy) born and died in Wright County Missouri.
- (6) Emma Jane Bland (January 29, 1886 - April 13, 1966) Emma was born in Wright County Missouri and died in Tahlequah County Oklahoma. Emma married Charles Samuel Scott in Arkansas on August 4, 1904.
- (7) Ida May Bland (April 30, 1889 - November 14, 1987) was born in Wright County Missouri and died in Modesto, Stanislaus County California. Ida married Oscar Wilson on March 26, 1906 near Muldrow, Sequoyah County Oklahoma. Second, she married Benjamin Harrison Howard at Cachier Creek Church in Leflore County Oklahoma, on May 26, 1917.<sup>184</sup>
- (8) Mattie Pearl Bland (December 20, 1892 - 1945) Born in Wright County and died at Spiro, Leflore County Oklahoma. She married James Butler.
- (9) Henry Elmer Bland (April 30, 1895 - October 28, 1946) Born in Wright County, Henry died in Leflore County Oklahoma, where he married Dolly McNeese on July 10, 1915.
- (10) Emmett Newton Bland (March 27, 1897 - ) born in Wright County, Married Bertha Mitchell in Leflore County Missouri in 1919.
- (11) Verba Magdalene Bland (February 17, 1901 - died at age 10 days) born in Baxter County Arkansas.

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<sup>184</sup> Ida May Bland and Oscar Wilson were the parents of my correspondent Pansylea Willburn.

- F. EDWARD R. BLAND (C1855 - early 1900s) died at Fort Smith Sebastian County Arkansas. He married Margaret Holloway in Missouri. After Edward's death, two of his sons lived with Joshua Bell Bland at Spiro, LeFlore County Oklahoma.
- G. DANIEL J. BLAND (April 4, 1857 - died young). Born in Breckinridge County, Kentucky.
- H. RODERICK W. BLAND (C1860 - died young) Born in Grayson County Kentucky. 185
- I. THOMAS BLAND (C1862 - 1881) Born in Grayson County, died in Wright County Missouri.
8. MARGARET BLAND (C1831- ) Margaret was born in Pulaski County. In 1850, Margaret was in the home of G.G. Murphy in Casey County. She married Jesse Soman (or Loman) on February 18, 1855.
9. MARY A. "POLLY" BLAND (C1834/1835 - ). By 1850 Mary lived with her mother and sisters in the home of the George C. Murphy family in Casey County, Kentucky. Mary married Henry Eaden in Breckenridge County, November 30, 1854. Henry was probably the brother of Nancy Eaden who married Mary's brother Robert.
10. NEPHTHA BLAND (C1838/1840 - ) Also born in Pulaski County, Kentucky, Neptha also lived in Casey County with her mother and sisters at the Murphy home in 1850. Neptha married Ancil Snelling in Breckenridge County on October 22, 1863. She later married a man named Nugent. Neptha was called Neppy.

This concludes analysis of the Pulaski County Kentucky family of Reuben Bland and Dicey West.

#### NORTH CAROLINA BLAND FAMILIES

**BLANDS OF BEAUFORT, BERTIE, CRAVEN, EDGECOMBE, MARTIN AND PITT  
COUNTIES NORTH CAROLINA**

#### COUNTY GENEALOGY

There is a family or multiple families of Blands, in this general area of North Eastern North Carolina, which has not been adequately researched. Although heretofore, perhaps because they are not well understood, they have been identified with one or another county it is clear upon even this cursory closer look that they were scattered and intermingled throughout the several counties identified above.

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<sup>185</sup> See AC 2-1, p. 24 and AC 6-2, p. 34.



Beaufort and Craven Counties were formed in 1712 from Bath County. Bertie County was formed in 1722 from Chowan County. Edgecombe County was formed in 1741 from Bertie County. Martin County was formed in 1774 from Halifax and Tyrell Counties. Pitt County was formed in 1760 from Beaufort County.

**JOHN ANTHONY BLAND** (c1728 - ) In the Craven County Court minutes of February 4, 1883, appears a case involving John Anthony Bland, Controller of the Office Of Kings Duties at "Beaucdire" whose son John Charles Bland was found dead with a Miss Victorie DuCartal Du Castel killed at New Bern North Carolina on October 9 and 10 1782. John Charles Bland was married to Jean Chabert on August 21, 1770 and they had three children, including Peter, Augustus and Cesar Bland. <sup>186</sup>

The relationship of this John Anthony Bland to any of the other Blands in this area is unclear and doubtful. His title would suggest that he was an Englishman working abroad in, as it were, the King's Colonies, though the date suggests considerable ambiguity about his status as an agent of the King of England.

**THOMAS BLAND** (c1714-1780). Between 1779-1784, lists of Chain Bearers in Pitt County included George Bland (see George Bland 1734-1797, pp 98ff below), John Bland, William Bland and Thomas Bland. Information about this line is sketchy and badly connected, sometimes confused, so I stress that what is written is suggestive and hypothetical, intended as no more than a clue to further work, and the clue itself may be wrong. As early as 1740, a Thomas Bland was summoned to give evidence in court in Bertie County. <sup>187</sup> There was property in Bertie County owned by Blands as early as 1739 and 1741. <sup>188</sup> Thomas made his will on June 27, 1772, but it was not probated until 1780, suggesting that Thomas died toward the later time. Elements of information that bear on the ages of two of his sons, William and Thomas, suggest that Thomas himself was born no later than 1714. Bare essentials of Thomas's life found in his will show a wife named Judith, and children who included: <sup>189</sup>

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<sup>186</sup> Document included with Harris/Holomon File.

<sup>187</sup> Wynette Parks Haun, Compiler, Bertie County North Carolina County Court Minutes: 1740-1743, 1758-1762. Book II, p. 18.

<sup>188</sup> Mary West bell, Compiler, Colonial Bertie County North Carolina, Vol. 3, p. 204 and Vol 5, p. 235.

<sup>189</sup> AC 1-2, p. 27 and AC 8-1, pp. 26-27. Martin County Will Book 1 1774-1810, p. 70. Thomas Bland's will was made out in Halifax county and probated in Martin, which was formed from Halifax in 1774. It was probated in 1780. It was witnessed by William Bland, William Everett )(Averrett/Averytt) and John Whorton. Executors were Robert and Needham Bryant.

1. WILLIAM BLAND (c1735-before 1804) In the 1790 census, William appears in a household with an adult male, three males under 16 and five females.<sup>190</sup> In 1765, William appears as witness to deeds in Edgecombe County.<sup>191</sup> William acquired 100 acres in Town Creek in 1770.<sup>192</sup> That this William Bland had a son named William is suggested by the fact that a younger William was surveying property of the older William in 1787 and 1804.<sup>193</sup>
2. THOMAS BLAND (C1736- February 1791) This Thomas Bland witnessed a Will of Hardy Brown in Halifax County that was made out December 1, 1772 and probated July 1774. He also witnessed the will of Jesse Bryan that was probated September 6, 1786.<sup>194</sup> In the 1790 census, Thomas is found with an adult male, one male under 16 (I suggest he is Thomas, below, and three females.<sup>195</sup> Thomas made out his will in Martin County, January 24, 1791 and it was probated in March 1791.<sup>196</sup> This Thomas is found with a wife Sarah and children:

A. JOHN BLAND (C1757 - ) John was a Chain Bearer in Pitt County between 1779-1784. On October 1, 1778, John claimed 200 acres located near a man named Luke Robertson in Martin County, and another 150 acres near Robertson and Hardy Keel. This was part of three grants surveyed for John on May 19, 1787 totaling 609 acres. One of the chain bearers in this transaction was a man named Stephen Blan (John spelled his name Bland). He is found in the 1790 census with one adult male and three females. I cannot prove it, but believe John was the father of:

(1) Thomas Bland (C1791-1862) I am suggesting that this Thomas married (1st) Sally \_\_\_\_\_ (C1795-1854) about 1817 by whom he had:

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<sup>190</sup> 1790 Census, p. 68.

<sup>191</sup> AC 6-2, p. 9, citing Edgecombe County Deed Book C, pp. 323, 405 and 480.

<sup>192</sup> AC 6-2, p. 9, Citing Edgecombe County Deed Book D p. 263. This is kind of chancy, for in 1988 in AC 6-2, I indicated that the same land was conveyed by William Bland "Of New Hanover County" who could have been William Bland (1726-1775) or his son William (1748-1816), of the New Havover/Duplin County Line.

8. The 1850 Census for Craven County North Carolina finds a William Bland (1779- ) living with Mary (1785- ) in Dwelling 1670. William Bland married Mary Lane in Craven County on July 20, 1813. AC 3-1, p. 14. Close by in Dwelling 1682, is found John Bland (1821- ) married to Sidney (1830- ) with a child Sarah, 2 months old. This may suggest a family relationship for John Bland (1821-1862) identified as C. in Missing Links Below. The nature of evidence suggests that this William Bland (1779- ) was the grandson of William Bland (C1735-before 1804).

<sup>194</sup> Martin County North Carolina Will Book 1 (1774-1810), p. 445 and 123.

<sup>195</sup> 1790 Census, p. 68.

<sup>196</sup> AC 8-1, p. 27, Martin County Will Book 1, Page 169. Witnesses to the will were William Watson and Thomas Brown or Brewer. Executors were James Birnette (Burnette) and Jonathan Cherry. Information on the will was found in Family Group sheets in Harris File.

(a) Nathan Bland (c1818- ) who married a woman named Tiskey . They had a son named Crawford Bland (C1849- ).

(b) Frances Bland (C1820- ) Frances Bland married Reuben Gurganus. They had a daughter named Frances Gurganus who married John Fleming. This couple had a daughter Frances Fleming.<sup>197</sup>

(c) Nancy Bland (C1825- ) who married a man named Dowdy.

Thomas Bland (1791-1862) married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Nancy Garganus (C1832- ) about 1855, and had by her:

(d) Mary Jane Bland (August 14, 1857 - February 15, 1919) born in Williamston and died in Gold Point in Martin County, who married a man

named Winberry.<sup>198</sup>

(e) Elizabeth Bland (C1859 - )

(f) John T. Bland (C1862- )

B. STEPHEN BLAND/BLAN (C1772 - after 1808) Stephen seems alternately to have spelled his name Blan, as when he acted as Chain Bearer for the property of John Bland in 1787.<sup>199</sup> was the first Bland found in Beaufort County North Carolina. He appears to belong to the third generation of Blands found in this area. He did not appear in the 1790 Census but was found in the 1800 census of Craven County aged 26-45.<sup>200</sup> On January 27, 1794, Stephen Bland bought 100 acres along Durham Creek, in Beaufort County. He bought land along Durham's Creek in 1796 and received a land grant on Durham's creek in 1798. Stephen conveyed these tracts of land in 1808 to Luke Robertson, neighbor of John Bland of Martin County (A. above) Stephen may have married a woman named Penelope who is found in the 1850 Census of Craven County, aged 63.<sup>201</sup>

<sup>197</sup> Notice posted in Genealogical Forum, April 6, 1998 and E-Mail by Jim Maxwell to Charles Bland, February 21, 1999.

<sup>198</sup> On March 31, 1882, Mary Jane Bland (1857-1919) gave birth to William Lewellyn Bland (1882-1951) by a relationship with Simon Poole. She named the child after herself. William married Margaret Annie Pierce, (1890-1982), and they had four children including John William Bland (1918-1998) who married Mary Marie Rawls (1921-1995), who were parents of five children, including Dorothy Bland who married James Holomon.

<sup>199</sup> AC 5-1, p. 28.

<sup>200</sup> AC 6-2, p. 9.

<sup>201</sup> AC 5-1, p. 28 and 8-1, pp. 26-27. Weynette Parks Haun, Beaufort County North Carolina Land Entries, 1788-1795 #758. P. 98. The Craven County Poorhouse in the Census of 1850 lists Penelope Bland (C1787- ) and Stephen Bland (C1816- ) as illiterate dependents. Note, however, that Allen Bland married Penelope Squires on January 3, 1816, a marriage date that would be consistent with the dates of Stephen Bland (1816- ) found in the Poorhouse with Penelope. There is a thickness to this information, however, that is enhanced by a deed in Craven

C. THOMAS BLAND (C1774 - 1840 to 1850) On October 6, 1814, Thomas was compelled to cash in 48 acres in order to satisfy a debt to William Clark of Randolph County North Carolina.<sup>202</sup> If my hunches are right, This Thomas was the male under 16 in his father's home in the census of 1790. For whatever circumstance, Thomas was most favored in his father's will, receiving the plantation where his father lived and all his land. Thomas married (1<sup>st</sup>) a lady whose name is unknown and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Hannah Keel of Edgecombe County, according to Myron Banks a widow of Hardy Keel.<sup>203</sup> By his first wife, Thomas had:

- (1) A son born between 1794-1800
- (2) A second son born between 1794-1800.
- (3) Thomas Bland (C1806 - between 1850/1860) Thomas married about 1841 to Catherine \_\_\_\_\_ by whom he had:
  - (a) Mary Bland (C1842- )
  - (b) Sabrina Bland (C1843- )
  - (c) Hannah Bland (C1845- )
  - (d) Lerena or Lorena Bland (C1849- )

By 1860, these three daughters were living in the household of Morgan Simpson, who was married to a woman named Catherine, indicating that Thomas was dead and his widow remarried to Simpson.

Thomas Bland (C1774-1840/1850) married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Hannah Keel (C1795- ) about 1835, by whom he had:<sup>204</sup>

- (1) Elizabeth Bland (C1836 - ). Elizabeth married Solomon Ives, in Craven County North Carolina, July 14, 1853.<sup>205</sup>

C. MARY BLAND

D. FANNY BLAND

E. ANN BLAND

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County April 27, 1805, in which Allen and Stephen Bland witness a sale of 86 acres in Craven county to Thomas Bland by Simon and Miriam Whitehurst. Jonathan B. Butcher to Jane Fisher, May 9, 1978.

<sup>202</sup> Jonathan B. Butcher to Jane Fisher, May 9, 1978, found in Fisher File.

<sup>203</sup> AC 5-1, p. 28.

<sup>204</sup> The 1850 Census of Beaufort County North Carolina, Dwelling 1488, shows Hannah Bland, (age 55) living alone with a daughter Elizabeth (age 14).

<sup>205</sup> AC 3-1, p. 14.

F. ELIZABETH BLAND Elizabeth may have married Adam Gaskins on December 24, 1798 in Craven County.<sup>206</sup>

G. CATY BLAND Caty may be Catherine Bland who married Jesse Gaskins in Craven County August 15, 1811.<sup>207</sup>

H. CHEARTY OR CHEASTEY (September 11, 1786 - August 15, 1836). Ray Jean Hay refers to her as Charity, (probably accurately) and says that she married Moses Caten (December 29, 1783 - October 15, 1850) in Craven County North Carolina May 18, 1803.<sup>208</sup>

### 3. PRISCILLA BLAND

4. ELIZABETH BLAND married a Mr. Bryant.

5. MISSING LINKS Several names appear in this cluster of counties for whom no specific connection can be found:

Carlton Bland of Florence South Carolina has traced his family line back into this Martin County North Carolina Family, to

A. JOSEPH TOBITHA BLAND (c1826- ) Born in Washington, Beaufort County, Joseph married Margaret (C1836 - ). Their children were:<sup>209</sup>

- (1) James Henry Bland (October 10, 1851 - February 1, 1941) Born in Washington, Beaufort County North Carolina, died in Dog Bluff, Horry County South Carolina. James Henry married (1<sup>st</sup>) Alice Manning And they had a daughter:

(a) Carrie Elizabeth Bland (October 5, 1881 - January 17, 1918). Carrie married Warren Richardson (1883-1959) on April 15 1903. She is buried at the Souls Chapel Cemetery at Gresham in Marion County South Carolina. They had six children.

<sup>206</sup> Ibid.

<sup>207</sup> Ibid. The Gaskin connection seems quite strong. Riley Gaskins (C1824- ) married Sarah Bland in Craven County January 4, 1849, yet she doesn't appear with him in the 1850 Census, where he is recorded in Dwelling 1280 with James Bland (C1823- )

<sup>208</sup> Martin County North Carolina Will Book 1, (1774-1810), page. 169. These dates are assigned by Ray Jean Hay, E-Mail to Charles L. Bland, December 3, 1998. Also cf, AC 3-1, p. 13.

<sup>209</sup> Information about this line is reinforced by the 1860 Census of Martin County North Carolina, the 1900 Census of Dog Bluff, Horry County South Carolina,

James Henry Bland married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Mary Ann Dew, (1857- July 10, 1936).<sup>210</sup> They were married in early 1887. Their children were:

- (a) Simon Peter Bland (December, 1887- ) married (1<sup>st</sup>) Elizabeth "Lizzie" Singleton, (1880-1912) by whom he had three children. (2<sup>nd</sup>) Josey Richardson by whom he had five children and (3<sup>rd</sup>) Unk Hucks.
- (b) Mary Alice Bland (April 1890- ) married Edward Richardson.
- (c) Samuel Jonah Bland Sr. (April 3, 1892 - 1991) married Atha Bessie Jordan (1897-1980) on June 7, 1917. Samuel is buried at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Conway, Horry County South Carolina.<sup>211</sup>
- (d) Joseph Tobias Bland (June 30, 1893 - November 28, 1989) married Mary Rogers. Joseph is buried at the Crescent Hill Cemetery in Columbia South Carolina. Joseph was the witness to his father's death certificate and definitively linked him to Joseph Tobitha Bland of Martin County.
- (e) Susan Gussie Bland (September 7, 1895 - August 3, 1899)
- (f) Stella Gertrude Bland (March 18, 1899 - March 3, 1987). On December 20, 1915, Stella married William Henry Jordan.

(2) Mary Bland (C1856 - )

(3) Ellen Bland (C1858 - )

(4) John Bland (c1860- )

B. REUBEN BLAND (c1856-1921) If one thinks of statistics and not of the poor women who went through the ordeal, Bland buffs may be dazzled by Henry Bland (1770-1853) of the Pendleton County West Virginia family who had twenty four children by two wives.<sup>212</sup> But Henry, not to speak of his two wives, is left in the dust by Reuben Bland who lived in Martin and Pitt Counties.<sup>213</sup> Reuben's two wives

<sup>210</sup> Carlton Bland File, hereafter called Carlton Bland, Family Group Sheets and Photographs of Tombstones.

<sup>211</sup> Samuel Jonah Bland and Atha Bessie Jordan had eight children, including a son Samuel Jonah Bland Jr. (1918-1974) who married Myrl Ruthven Griggs. They were parents of my correspondent Carlton Bland.

<sup>212</sup> Most of AC 12-1, pp. 7-54 is given over to Henry's descendants.

<sup>213</sup> Beverly Guthrie, *Genealogical Forum* (March 21, 1998)

bore him 34 children.<sup>214</sup> Lynn Clinard has posted the names of Reuben's children:<sup>215</sup>

- (1) Willie F. Bland (October 27, 1874 - )
- (2) Sasha E. Bland (February 11, 1876 - )
- (3) Vasailes (Vassily?) Bland (October 14, 1877 - )
- (4) Baby Boy born dead, (June 5, 1880 - )
- (5) John Thomas Bland (November 3, 1881 - July 24, 1940). John's children include
  - (a) Jasper Thomas Bland<sup>216</sup>
  - (b) Roy Hubert Bland
  - (c) Linwood Bland
  - (d) Danford Bland
  - (e) John D. Bland
  - (f) Carrie Bland married Whitehurst.
  - (g) Ellsie Bland
  - (h) Ernestine Bland married Sorrie.
  - (i) Faye Bland married Bullock.
  - (j) Florence Bland married Eatman.
- (6) Simon Jackson Bland
- (7) Twin of Samuel Jackson Bland
- (8) George Washington Bland (April 12, 1882 - )
- (9) Baby Boy born dead, (June 3, 1884)
- (10) Crissie Bland (March 3, 1885 - )
- (11) Allena Bland (October 4, 1886 - )
- (12) Fannie Bland (August 11, 1887 - )
- (13) Bessie M. Bland (November 3, 1888 - )
- (14) Betty M. Bland (April 8, 1891 - )
- (15) Baby Boy born dead, no date. Reuben's first wife died giving birth to this baby.
- (16) Reuben C. Bland Jr. (April 30, 1896- )
- (17) Annie L. Bland (June 20, 1897 - )
- (18) Joseph A. Bland (September 22, 1898 - )<sup>217</sup>
- (19) Wiley H. Bland (July 5, 1901- )<sup>218</sup>
- (20) Baby Boy, born dead, (June 1902- )
- (21) Daniel R. Bland (June 11, 1903 - )
- (22) James Penel Bland (March 31, 1905 - )
- (23) Ida Belle Bland (July 5, 1906 - )
- (24) Sam Henry Bland (November 7, 1907- )
- (25) Coy Lavon Bland (May 17, 1909- )
- (26) Albert Small Bland (February 18, 1910- )
- (27) Baby Girl Born Dead, (July 15, 1911- )
- (28) Jesse C. Bland (July 11, 1912- )

<sup>214</sup> AC 9-2, p. 6.

<sup>215</sup> Lynn Clinard, Genealogy Forum, September 12, 1998.

<sup>216</sup> Jasper was the father of Bruce H. Bland, Genealogical Forum June 29, 1998.

<sup>217</sup> Joseph was the grandfather of Lynn Clinard, Genealogical Forum September 12, 1998.

<sup>218</sup> William E. Bland, Genealogy Forum, June 6, 1999, indicates that he is a grandson of Wiley Bland.

- (29) Baby Boy Born Dead, (June 16, 1914 - )
- (30) Woodrow Wilson Bland (January 19, 1916- )
- (31) Baby Girl Born Dead (March 17, 1917 - )
- (32) Baby Boy Born Dead, (April 18, 1918 - )
- (33) Twin Born Dead, June 20, 1920
- (34) Twin Born Dead, June 20, 1920

C. JOHN BLAND (C1815-1862) Chris Gates put a note in Genealogy Forum searching for information about John Bland, who married Sidney Wharton (c1820 - ) on December 26, 1841 in Craven County.<sup>219</sup> The 1850 Census of Craven County North Carolina, finds John Bland Age 30, enumerated with a wife Sidney, age 35, a son Joshua 8, and a daughter Julia, 3.<sup>220</sup> By 1860, John and Sidney are still living in Craven, north of the Neuse River, and they have exchanged five years, John is now 45 and Sidney 40. Joshua is 18, Julia 13 and new children Elizabeth is 11, William Riley (1852-1912) Mr. Gates great, great grandpa, is 9. William Riley married Susan \_\_\_\_\_. William is buried at the Bay Creek Church Cemetery in Mesic North Carolina. His wife Susan is buried in Lenoir County North Carolina. Frances (Fannie) is 7 and Mary Eliza is 3. Chris Gates indicates that this family resided in the Bay Creek area of Pamlico County (Pamlico was created from Craven and Beaufort County in 1872).<sup>221</sup>

Of the children listed, in addition to William Riley Bland's marriage to Susan \_\_\_\_\_, in Pamlico County:

Joshua Bland (C1842- ) married Matilda Mallison on July 7, 1882.

Elizabeth Bland (C1849- ) married Joseph Barnes on August 22, 1877.

Fanny Bland (C1853- ) married William Jackson on May 9, 1888.

Mary Eliza Bland (C1857 - ) married John S. Martin, May 30, 1880.

D. THEOPHILUS BLAND Halifax County records show a will by Theophilus Bland which doesn't seem to fit any of the identified Theophilus Blands located below in the descendants of George Bland, (1736-1797). The date of the will is indeterminate. An administrator was appointed on January 15, 1883. Heirs of Theophilus Bland were listed as:<sup>222</sup>

- (1) Thaddeus Bland
- (2) Susan Bland who married Mr. Barfield
- (3) James Bland

<sup>219</sup> AC 3-1, p. 14.

<sup>220</sup> Census of Craven County North Carolina, page 370, dwelling 1696.

<sup>221</sup> Chris Gates, Genealogical Forum (June 27, 1999). Census of Craven County North Carolina. E-Mail, Chris Gates to Charles L. Bland, July 19, 1999.

<sup>222</sup> David B. Gammon, Compiler, Records of Estates of Halifax County North Carolina, I, (1816-1823, 1865-1900), p. 8.



- (4) Lee Bland a minor
- (5) Addy Bland a minor
- (6) Fanny Bland a minor

Theophilus Bland married Mary Joyner in Halifax County on August 19, 1845.<sup>223</sup> The 1850 Census for Halifax County (Dwelling 9) shows Theophilus Bland (C1814- ) married to Mary (C1810- ) with a child abbreviated The. or Tha. (C1842- ) Living with this family are Betsy Bland (C1823- ), Carlisle (C1827- ) and Levy (C1827- ). This offers the possibility that the Theophilus of 1883, could be either father or son reflected in 1850.

E. STEPHAN BLAND (c1800- ) is found in dwelling 210 of the Martin County Census for 1850. He is married to Polly \_\_\_\_\_ and they have:

- (1) James Bland (C1820- )
- (2) John Bland (C1838- )

F. Chloe Bland (c1805- ) is found in dwelling 202 in the 1850 Census of Martin County, with a son John (1827- ) and a daughter E.E. (C1829- ).

G. WILLIAM BLAND (C1805- ) of Martin County, married (1<sup>st</sup>) a woman whose name was unknown, by whom he had:<sup>224</sup>

- (1) James Theodorick Bland (C1842- )
- (2) Penelope Bland (C1857- ) Penelope married John Grimes on July 31, 1881 in Martin County.

William married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Abigail Evans (1840-1902) about 1862. They had:

- (3) James Bland (C1862- ) who married Susan \_\_\_\_\_.
- (4) William Thomas Bland (1864-1936) who married Addie Bland.
- (5) Nancy A. Bland (C1865- ) who married Max Chisenberry on September 2, 1888.
- (6) Henry Bland
- (7) Simon Turner Bland (April 28, 1869 - January 4, 1910) who married Huldah Virginia Everett on August 12, 1891.

<sup>223</sup> AC 3-1, p. 14.

<sup>224</sup> AC 5-1, p. 30.

GEORGE BLAND (c1734-1797)<sup>225</sup> The progenitor of a major family in this area, whose origins are unknown, was George Bland who was an adult in Beaufort County North Carolina (Later Pitt County) by 1758, and whose dates are reckoned to be C1734-1797.<sup>226</sup> George probably married twice. He married a woman whose name is not known by 1757. This first wife died by 1762.<sup>227</sup> George remarried to a woman named Prudence, who appears in the 1800 census. Prudence was probably the mother of his third son (see note 4, below) and may have been named Tison.<sup>228</sup> George was enumerated in the 1790 Census for Pitt County, New Bern District with two males over 16, two females and three slaves.<sup>229</sup> By 1775, he had a family composed of himself and a wife, an older male, (perhaps George Jr.) two small sons and three daughters and a slave. Their graves are in Sampson County North Carolina and nothing further is known about them, (Gottschalk 15). No one has ever researched George's three daughters. The sons include:

1. GEORGE BLAND (C1758-1845), who married Sarah, (1769-1848).

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<sup>225</sup> For the estimate of George Bland's birth year at 1734, see AC 3-2, p. 40.

<sup>226</sup> Pitt was formed in 1760 from Beaufort County and parts of Dobbs and Craven in 1760. Craven and Beaufort Counties were carved from Bath County. This review of the Blands of Pitt County North Carolina synthesizes information previously presented in AC 2-1, pp. 22-23; 2-2, pp. 38-39; 3-2, pp. 40-42; 6-2, pp. 7-9; 7-1, pp. 23-24 and 8-1, pp. 25-26, as well as some new material received during the past two years. A primary source of information is the pamphlet prepared in 1940 by Kathrine Cox Gottschalk, Bland Family of Pitt County North Carolina and of Shelby County Tennessee, hereafter called Gottschalk. Gottschalk provides court records to show George Bland as an adult as early as 1758, suggesting that he was born no later than 1736-1737. In AC 3-2, p. 40, I made reference to information from Marion Graves of Memphis Tennessee that shows court records involving George as early as 1755, which is why I set his date of birth as 1734, a hypothesis, because he was probably born earlier. George deeded 200 acres of land in Pitt County to his son Theophilus on October 24, 1796. Gottschalk, p. 6, suggests that George was preparing to retire and charge Theophilus with his care. George does not appear in the 1800 Census, thus my suggestion that he died about 1797 and his dates are C. 1734-1797. It is located north of Craven, New Hanover and Duplin Counties. A fire in 1858 destroyed all of Pitt County's Wills. One of the intriguing possibilities of this family is that it is linked to the family of James Bland (C1704-1774) of New Hanover/Duplin County, and adjacent to an unidentified group of Blands in Martin County North Carolina, for whom I have never found any descendants, but no supporting evidence of this has been found.

<sup>227</sup> Gottschalk, p. 4, shows a tax list for Pitt County in which George Bland is living in a household with two other white males, suggesting his first wife had died before that time.

<sup>228</sup> Gottschalk shows that in 1800 Prudence was living alone near Theophilus Bland and George and Benjamin Tison. Letter, Julia Watkins to Charles Bland, September 10, 1996. Julia cites the 1800 census, p. 279. Hereafter this letter is referred to as Watkins.

<sup>229</sup> Heads of Families at the First census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: North Carolina (1908), p. 147, hereafter called 1790 Census.

2. JOHN BLAND (C1762-1823) married twice. John was found in the 1790 Census with an adult male, a male under 16 and three females.<sup>230</sup> The name of his first wife, who died between 1810/1820, is unknown. His second wife, head of a household in 1830, aged 30-40 was named Sarah (C1788 - after 1850).<sup>231</sup> It appears from the ages of his sons and county records that George was not married until after 1790. In the 1800 Census, John is married with a wife in his same age bracket, 26-45. He has two females over 10 and five females under ten. Thus if John was not married until after 1790, he was quite busy during the decade. By 1810, John's household included himself and a wife, one son over 16, two sons under 16, four females over 16, one female 10-16 and 2 under 10.<sup>232</sup>
- A. GEORGE BLAND (C1795- ) who was 21 by 1816. Though nothing is proven, I have previously suggested that the absence of further transactions by this George Bland suggests that he is the same man who turned up in Hopkins County in Western Kentucky to marry Margaret Ramsey in 1822, before moving into the Tennessee territory between 1826-1830 and from thence to Illinois.<sup>233</sup>

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<sup>230</sup> 1790 Census, p. 146.

<sup>231</sup> Sarah, in the 1850 Census was living in the household of a son Theophilus Bland (1821-1902) see below, p. .

<sup>232</sup> Gottschalk, p. 3, shows a tax list in which John's father George is found living alone in 1764. Thus it would appear his first wife was dead and he was not yet remarried to his second wife. John Bland is listed as security for an application for land by George Bland October 8, 1783, Gottschalk p. 5, which would suggest he was born no later than 1762. This would give the appearance that John was the son of George's first wife, and that perhaps she died as a result of his birth. John is identified in the 1810 Census as 45 or older. There is evidence of continuous possession of land in Pitt County by John, from 1797-1819. He is listed in Pitt County in 1820. In 1830 he is no longer listed.

<sup>233</sup> George received from his father John, 200 acres of land in Pitt County per a deed dated February 16, 1816, which he resold to John on December 29, 1817, per Gottschalk pp. 14-15. Doris Bland of Fairfield Illinois wrote to me in 1982 about her husband's ancestor George Bland (C1795 - May 28, 1868) who was born either in Virginia, North Carolina or Kentucky and died in Wayne County Illinois. George married Sarah Givins in 1817 in Hopkins County Kentucky. On February 12, 1822, George married Margaret Ramsey (February 11, 1801 - April 8, 1887) in Hopkins County Kentucky. George and Margaret moved to the Tennessee purchase and lived there for four years from about 1826-1830, before moving on to Illinois. Their children were a son Robert and a daughter Susan, born in Kentucky. A son James Nathaniel Bland (January 14, 1828 - February 9, 1915), was born at Obion County in the Northwestern corner of Tennessee and died in Wayne County Illinois. James married Nancy Malinda Shaw at Wayne County Illinois on August 3, 1848. Their first child was George Bland, (June 3, 1849 - July 11, 1925) born and died in Wayne County. George married America Poe (April 2, 1853 - February 26, 1890), on February 11, 1870. From this marriage was born Elmer Bland (1886-1972) who married Gladys Caroline Sutton (1848-1890) on September 23, 1922, at Peoria Illinois. Their son was Elmer Francis Bland (1924- ) who married Doris Ellen Bland. Later, George and Margaret Ramsey Bland moved to Fairfield Illinois, where children George, Elizabeth and William Bland were born.

B. BARNES BLAND (C1805-1887). Barnes was deeded land in Pitt County North Carolina in 1826.<sup>234</sup> In 1849, He and his wife Rhoda were beneficiaries of the will of John Langley in Edgecombe County North Carolina, adjacent to Pitt.<sup>235</sup> Barnes married Catherine Elizabeth Rhoda Brooks, (C1802 - ). They had the following children, all born in Ayden, Pitt County North Carolina:

- (1) Sarah Bland (September 5, 1818 - ) married James Edwards.
- (2) Margaret Ann Susan Bland (November 7, 1826 - November 11, 1837).
- (3) Zellie Bland (February 14, 1827 - October 9, 1888) Zelle is buried at the Hancock Church Cemetery in Pitt County where Christopher Columbus Bland (1846-1917) below #12, also is buried.<sup>236</sup>
- (4) William Augustus Bland (January 23, 1830 - ). By 1856, William resided in Brunswick County North Carolina, derivative of New Hanover and then south of Pender.<sup>237</sup>
- (5) Catherine Bland (March 17, 1832 - ) married Peter E. Braswell.
- (6) Martha Jane Bland (March 28, 1834 - ) married W.T. Braswell.
- (7) John Joseph Bland, (November 10, 1835 - November 14, 1863) fought and died in the Civil War.
- (8) Richard Bland (August 22, 1837 - October 28, 1841
- (9) Susan Anna Bland (February 15, 1839 - November 11, 1913) married a Civil War Veteran, Benjamin Smith. (Ancestor of Donald Gurley of Walnut Creek California).

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<sup>234</sup> Pitt County North Carolina, Deed Book DD, (1826), p. 286. From Gottschalk, p. 23, Cited in AC 6-2, p. 8. Barnes is listed as age 45 in the 1850 Census for Pitt County North Carolina.

<sup>235</sup> Pitt County North Carolina Will Book, 24, (1849), p. 592.

<sup>236</sup> Jeanette Cox St. Amand, compiler, Pitt County Gravestone Records (1960) P. 25. hereafter called St. Amand.

<sup>237</sup> Gottschalk, p. 24.

- (10) Elsy Bland (September 14, 1840 - ) married Jane S. Hines.
- (11) Alley Elizabeth Bland (July 15, 1843 - ).
- (12) Christopher Columbus Bland, (July 17, 1846 - October 17, 1917) who fought in the Civil War. Christopher enlisted in Brunswick County at age 19 in July 15, 1864, with Company K, 36<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Regiment. He was wounded at Fort Fisher on January 13, 1865, where he climbed a flagpole twice to raise the Confederate Flag during a Northern Naval Assault. He was captured at Smithville Virginia January 18, 1865 and was held prisoner until June 3, 1865 at Lookout Point Maryland.<sup>238</sup> He was detained at Lookout Mountain Maryland until he took the oath of allegiance to the United States on June 3, 1865.<sup>239</sup> Christopher married Cornelia Elizabeth Boyd (December 17, 1846 - January 21, 1922). They are buried in the Hancock Church cemetery in Pitt County.<sup>240</sup> Christopher and Cornelia had four children:
- (a) Bettie Bland (March 23, 1868 - October 31, 1886)
  - (b) William B. Bland (April 18, 1870 - October 19, 1880).
  - (c) John L. Bland (June 28, 1872 - October 19, 1880).
  - (d) Unnamed Infant Son ( - March 19, 1886)

By his second wife, Sarah, John had

- C. THEOPHILUS BLAND (August 20, 1821 - November 1, 1902)<sup>241</sup>  
Theophilus, who is buried in the Kinston North Carolina cemetery, married to Mary Cannon Smith (May 10, 1830 -

<sup>238</sup> AC 1-1, Attachment 6 and AC 1-2, pp. 22-23.

<sup>239</sup> AC 1-1, attachment 6. Cf AC 2-1, p. 22, Christopher's commander Colonel William Lamb, CSA, wrote to Governor Zebulon Vance on January 7, 1865, commending Christopher, for his heroism in climbing a flagpole not once but twice under heavy fire to raise the rebel flag during a northern naval assault on Fort Fisher on December 24, 1865. The confederates actually turned back the attack but the Northern fleet returned on January 12, 1865 and in the ensuing battle, Christopher was wounded and later captured and incarcerated by the Union Army.

<sup>240</sup> St. Amand, p. 24.

<sup>241</sup> AC 1-1, p. 15.

January 27, 1903) a daughter of Cannon and Barbara Pollard Smith on June 16, 1847.<sup>242</sup> They are buried at the Kinston North Carolina Cemetery. Their children were:<sup>243</sup>

- (1) John Cannon Bland (April 19, 1848 - July 24, 1926), married Elizabeth Jane Cannon, (January 9, 1851 - November 18, 1907) on March 10, 1870 in Craven County North Carolina.<sup>244</sup> They had a family of twelve children as follows:
  - (a) Samuel Bland (January 15, 1871 - November 3, 1894).
  - (b) Mary Elizabeth Bland (October 29, 1872 - January 14, 1953), who married Charles Franklin Joyner (1867-1949) on October 12, 1890. They had nine children. I am pleased to display a photograph of Mary Elizabeth Bland and Charles Franklin Joyner in the space below.<sup>245</sup>
  - (c) Theophilus Bland (October 17, 1874 - January 16, 1895). I am pleased to display a photograph of Theophilus Bland in the space below.
  - (d) Harriet Ann Bland (April 4, 1876 - December 4, 1954). Harriet married Bryant Peterson.
  - (e) Maggie Bland (February 18, 1878 - September 29, 1880 or 1883).
  - (f) John Bland (November 13, 1880 - August 1958).
  - (g) Laura Bland (February 10, 1883 - May 30, 1892 or 1902).

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<sup>242</sup> Barbara M. Howard Thorne, ed. The Heritage of Craven County North Carolina, Volume 1, (1984), p. 92, written by Betty Lula Joyner Gray hereafter referred to in notes as Joyner-Gray. I am grateful to Edith Sanford Bland for this valuable document, as well as Edith's own notes. In her Smith Genealogy, Edith takes Mary Cannon Smith back to a Henry/Hendry Connection, in Beaufort and Craven Counties. In this regard, it is interesting to note that the second wife of John Thomas Bland (1810-1886) from the Duplin County North Carolina family was named Margaret Henry (November 27, 1810 - 1855) alternately in some sources called Hendry. When she and John married in 1851, she was from Pender County, AC 14, p. 85.

<sup>243</sup> Family group information is greatly enhanced by information submitted by Harris, esp. Family Bible in Possession of Mrs. Gay Albritton Jones.

<sup>244</sup> Bible Record filed at North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, AC 7-1, pp. 23-24, provides a fully detailed portrait of John Cannon Bland and his family.

<sup>245</sup> Joyner-Gray primarily discusses the descendants from Mary Elizabeth Bland and Charles Franklin Joyner. Barbara M. Howard Thorne, ed. The Heritage of Craven County North Carolina I, (1984) #296.

- (h) Matt R. Bland (April 22, 1885 - November 22, 1956). Matt moved from Pitt to Craven County, near Epwroth. he married Stella Forrest. They had six children.<sup>246</sup>
- (i) Eddie Bland (May 22, 1887 - March 24, 1894).
- (j) Shade Bland (May 22, 1887 - September 6, 1942) also moved from Pitt to Craven County, near Epwroth. He married Vula Peterson. They had six children.<sup>247</sup>
- (k) Myrtle Bland (December 29, 1892 - September 27, 1894).
- (l) Ruth Bland (February 28, 1896 - June 2, 1914)

After the death of Elizabeth Jane Cannon, John Cannon Bland married Jennie Atkinson, (April 8, 1874 - November 11, 1954) on November 8, 1908. They had the following three children:

- (m) Jodie Bland (September 4, 1909 - December 2, 1970).
  - (n) Woodrow Lee Bland (August 27, 1910 or 1912 - December 15, 1960).
  - (o) Infant daughter, born and died June 23, 1914.
- (2) Theophilus Bland (January 30, 1850 - July 20, 1896) married Nancy Jane Cox. Theophilus is buried at St. John's Church Cemetery in Pitt County.<sup>248</sup>
  - (3) Martha Adelaide Bland (August 8, 1851 - July 22, 1905).
  - (4) William Barnes Bland (March 1, 1853 - 1888) married Carrie Louisa Smith.
  - (5) Sarah Elizabeth Bland (July 2, 1854 - April 1, 1944)
  - (6) Edward Augustus Bland (December 13, 1855 - October 2, 1901)
  - (7) James Lanier Bland (February 4, 1858 - June 22, 1938) married (1st) Julia C. Dixon, ( - 1897) on December 24, 1879. James Lanier and Julia lived in

<sup>246</sup> Gray, the children's names were Hartley, Heber, Matt Jr. Leon, Mary who married Lee and Ruby who married Lilly.

<sup>247</sup> Gray, children named Shade Iron, G.S. "Pug", Rodman "Boot", Wesley, C.W. "Pete", the Craven County Sherriff in 1984, and Annie Ruth "Tink" who married Taylor.

<sup>248</sup> St. Amand, p. 37.

Pitt County until about 1893, when they moved to Epworth, in Craven County North Carolina. They were members of the Epworth Methodist Church and James operated a country store in both Pitt and Craven counties. Jim's grand-daughter Doris Bland Sawyer relates a story of how Jim pioneered for his family in the use of an anti-itch medicine called Wicki, which had the exact opposite effect of inflaming his itch and diffusing it, causing him to race around like Snyder's hound yelling "mammy, get the grease." I am pleased to display a photo of James Lanier Bland below.<sup>249</sup>

James Lanier Bland (1858-1938)  
Courtesy, Barbara Harris

James children with Julia Dixon were:

- (a) John Thomas Bland (c1880 - )
- (b) Margaret Bland, (c1882 - ) who married Lancaster

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<sup>249</sup> See Thorne, Op. Cit. p. 91, written by Doris Bland Sawyer, a daughter of George Washington Bland, hereafter referred to as Sawyer. A correspondent Barbara Alcorn Harris from Elizabeth City North Carolina, hereafter called Harris, wrote to me cJuly 1999, that Dorothy Bland Sawyer "was our original genealogist for our Craven and Pitt County Information. We loved her and miss her. If not for her efforts, I wouldn't have a lot of the information I do have." Barbara Harris has become a worthy and valuable successor to Dorothy Bland Sawyer. The information submitted by Mrs. Harris to some degree depended on information provided by Mr. James Holomon of Elizabeth City North Carolina and his wife Dorothy Louise Bland, who descends from the Martin County Family. Hereafter this file is called Harris/Holomon File.



- (c) Jesse Bland, (c1885 - )
- (d) Joseph House Bland (c1887 - )
- (e) Daniel Reed Bland (c1889 - )
- (f) George Washington Bland (February 17, 1892 - 1957). George married Maye Hollowell on November 16, 1916. It is said that a train bound for Washington D.C. waited for George and Maye to say their vows, so they could honeymoon in the nation's capitol. George was a successful farmer of corn, cotton, soybeans and tobacco whose relaxation was base ball and western movies.<sup>250</sup> George and Maye had three children.
- (g) Rosalie Bland (c1894 - ) married Pittman.
- (h) James Franklin Bland (c1897 - )

By his second wife Martha Ann Hudnell, (November 4, 1874 - July 12, 1927 James Lanier Bland had:

- (i) Myrtle Miranda Bland ( December 15, 1899 - August 19, 1980) who married Henry Huff (1885-1937). They had two children.
- (j) Raliegh Hudnell Bland (January 12, 1902 - August 28, 1962). Raliegh (note how this could be a formal name for Rolly, found elsewhere in the Pitt County North Carolina and Washington County Kentucky families) married Pherabe Ree Gaskins (May 18, 1901 - January 28, 1988. They had three children.
- (k) Robert Glenn Bland (August 24, 1907 - ) Robert married Lemmie Allen ( -1980). They had one child.
- (l) Durwood Clayton Bland (February 25, 1910 - December 26, 1988) Durwood married Virgie Alpine Stanley ( - January 27, 1988). There were no children.

After Martha died, James Lanier Bland, at age 69, in 1927 married a nineteen year old girl named Roxy Hardee, (May 7, 1908 - October 28, 1984), who is buried at Lakewood New Jersey. They had four children:

- (m) Jacob Lenier Bland (October 12, 1929 - ) was born at Craven County North Carolina. Jacob

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<sup>250</sup> Including Doris Bland, who married Keitt Sawyer and is the Doris B. Sawyer who wrote the family's history for the Heritage of Craven County North Carolina, Sawyer, Op Cit,

- (n) married Edith Stratton Sanford (March 23, 1933 - ) at Jackson Mississippi on April 21, 1956.  
<sup>251</sup>
- (o) Dick Smith Bland (1931 - 1965) married Cornelia Matthews.
- (p) Lois Jean Bland (1933 - ) married Donald Smith Judge.
- (q) Bill Lipscomb Bland (1935 - ) married Sandra.

We conclude from the above that James Lanier Bland did his part to replenish the earth.

- (8) Richard Ervin Bland (April 13, 1860 - December 21, 1949) married Louisa Faulkner.
- (9) Mary Josephine Bland (October 3, 1861 - April 15, 1889)
- (10) Christopher Adrian Bland (November 25, 1863 - October 1, 1900)
- (11) Elsie Ann Pamela Bland (January 13, 1866 - May 29, 1949)
- (12) Ida Victoria Bland (July 25, 1868 - March 14, 1949), married J. Herbert Albritton.
- (13) Claudius Franklin Bland (March 22, 1871 - June 21, 1936, married Minnie Coral Gabriel.
- (14) Ada Estelle Bland (September 3, 1872 - May 10, 1897) married John Z. Brooks and is buried in the Brooks family cemetery.<sup>252</sup>

The 1850 Census of Pitt County shows three Bland women living in separate homes in the 1850 Census:

Phoebe Bland (1829- ) Lives in Dwelling 690, near Barnes and Rhoda Bland (Dwelling 678) with Henry Smith (C1821-).

Amanda Bland (C1832- ) lives in Dwelling 785 near Theophilus and Mary (Dwelling 800) with Samuel Smith (C1823- ).

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<sup>251</sup> This is my correspondent Edith Sanford Bland, whose information on Bland, Pollard, Smith and Hardee Lines, October 1998, strengthens our knowledge of this line. Jacob Lanier Bland is a retired Air Force Officer. Jacob and Edith are parents of Arthur Sanford Bland, William Jeffrey Bland and Edith Elizabeth Bland.

<sup>252</sup> Elizabeth H. Copeland, Ex. Ed., Chronicles of Pitt County North Carolina (1982) p. 193 # 374.

Sabrina Bland (C1835- ) lives in Dwelling 893 with James Elks (C1825- ).

3. THEOPHILUS BLAND (April 14, 1768 - July 4, 1832),<sup>253</sup> who about 1790/1795 married Sarah Joiner. Theophilus and Sarah moved to Shelby County Tennessee, between 1825/1830 and were enumerated in the 1830 census. They were accompanied by five sons who had married women from Pitt County. Theophilus and Sarah and their children lived out their life in Shelby County Tennessee and Theophilus is buried at the Bland cemetery in Shelby County.<sup>254</sup> Their children were:<sup>255</sup>

A. JOHN BLAND JR. (C1796/1798 - ) married (1<sup>st</sup>) Virginia Jane Moore on December 19 or 21, 1821, (Jane and Betty Ann were sisters, daughters of Obediah Moore). John moved to Shelby County Tennessee about 1828-1830. John married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Virginia Short. John may have gone to California where in 1852, he was found married (3<sup>rd</sup>) to a woman named Victoria. He may then have moved to Texas where he married (4<sup>th</sup>) Isabella Coombs<sup>256</sup> John's children were:

- (1) John Bland<sup>257</sup>
- (2) Stewart Bland
- (3) Richard Bland
- (4) Jacky Bland

<sup>253</sup> Precise dates are supplied from Marion Graves of Memphis Tennessee from the Family Bible record of Sylvia Bland Montgomery, which is cited in AC 3-2, pp. 40-42. Watkins also cites Shelby County Tennessee Minute Book 1830-1833, P. 389, which states "TB died."

<sup>254</sup> Bernice Taylor Cargill and Brenda Bethea Connelly Ed., (Memphis Tennessee 1989), hereafter referred to as Cargill and Connelly, states that the Bland cemetery is off the Kate Bond Road on Deerfield Trace.

<sup>255</sup> Information about Theophilus Bland, Sarah Joiner and their family is enhanced by an uncredited genealogy of Theophilus Bland that appears in Fisher File. Also, cf, E-Mail, Jimmy Pardue to Charles L. Bland, 3-21-99.

<sup>256</sup> Known as John Jr. because of his uncle John (1762-1823), John probably moved to Shelby County with his brothers. A John Bland married Nancy Wheeler on July 5, 1836, with William H. Bland (John's brother) as bondsman, Gottschalk, pp. 26, 39. Theophilus' family is discussed in Gottschalk, pp. 32-45 passim. It is possible that this is the same Jonathan N. Bland, ancestor of Mary Gilliam Gatlin of Fayetteville Tennessee, who was born in North Carolina, went to Virginia and thence to Tennessee, who died in Texas while visiting a son, William Perry Bland. Jonathan married Lucy Ann Tuley, a Tennessee woman, and by her had: 1. James H. Bland, a minute man in the Civil War who died in Virginia; 2. Jonathan Frank Bland; 3. Eli Alexander Bland. John Bland, 1796/1798 may also have married Elizabeth Massey in Shelby County Tennessee in 1848. AC 3-2, pp. 41-42 and 4-1, pp. 27-28.

4. William Perry Bland; 5. Lizzie Bland; 6. Delina Bland; 7. Lee Bland, and Preston Monroe Bland (July 26, 1845 - November 21, 1918) who married on January 7, 1875, Martha Virginia Jones (1854-1926). Preston was born in Marshall County Virginia. His daughter, Maudie A. Bland (1886-1945) married Jonas W. Gilliam, parents of Mary Gilliam Gatlin.

<sup>257</sup> Though the link is unproven, there is a record of a Civil War soldier, John A. Bland (C1822- ) who was born in Craven County and enlisted January 20, 1862 with CSA First Company H, 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment, North Carolina Troops. He died February 20, 1862 of disease. AC 1-1, Attachment 6.

- (5) Anne Bland who married (1st) Samuel Pike Hall and (2nd) Albert A. Moore.

B. ELY OR ELLIE BLAND (C1797 - ) married Robin Knox on November 16, 1815. They had five children.

C. LEVIN BLAND (August 20, 1798 - C1847) married Elizabeth "Betsy" Ann Moore, on January 29, 1824 in Pitt County, a sister of Jane Moore, wife of John Bland (A above).<sup>258</sup> Levin and Elizabeth moved to Shelby County Tennessee by 1840 and probably around 1826<sup>259</sup> and from thence in 1848 to St. Francis County Arkansas, just across the border from Shelby County Tennessee. Their children were:

- (1) Benjamin Franklin Bland (C1824-1861). Benjamin served as a corporal in the Arkansas First Mounted Rifles, CSA, and was discharged August 20, 1861. He married Lucy L. Lurry in 1843.<sup>260</sup>
- (2) Mary Jane Bland, (C1826-1867) who married Nathan Gregory on January 19, 1843 in Shelby County Tennessee.
- (3) Sarah Ann Bland (1828-1863).
- (4) James T. Bland (February 2, 1829 - January 4, 1869). James was "murdered" by the occupation government during the Reconstruction period at Woodruff County Arkansas, which was carved from St. Francis Arkansas in 1862. James was married twice, first to Emily J. Snow (January 12, 1833 - June 10, 1858), whom he married January 5, 1854. Juxtaposition of dates with the birth of their second child suggests that Emily died from complications of childbirth. Their children were:

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<sup>258</sup> Gottschalk, p. 39, shows Elizabeth Bland marrying J. Jones November 18, 1847 in Shelby County Tennessee, with Jane M. Bland, probably Jane Moore Bland, (wife of John Bland) as security. This would suggest that Levin died in 1847 and Elizabeth remarried quickly.

<sup>259</sup> Gottschalk, p. 29, 33-34, shows Levin purchasing from Theophilus (probably his father) and John Bland (his brother), in 1823, land that he resold in 1826, which may have liquidated his property in Pitt County preliminary to his move to Tennessee. Elizabeth Bland remarried to J. Jonas, November 18, 1847, with her sister Jane Moore Bland serving as security.

<sup>260</sup> Gottschalk, p. 39.

- (a) Lee Ander Bland (December 18, 1854 - January 4, 1941). Lee Ander is buried at Mounds Oklahoma. On October 20, 1876, Lee Ander married Cornelia Frances Helm (September 16, 1859 - December 14, 1910). Cornelia is buried at Melbourne Arkansas. Lee Ander Bland and Cornelia Helm had a family of ten children.<sup>261</sup>
- (b) William Bland (June 1, to June 20, 1858)

James married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Lucy A. Perry (C1839-September 1869) at Augusta, St. Francis County Arkansas, on December 8, 1858). Their children were:

- (c) Unknown
- (d) Oliver Perry Bland (March 15, 1860 - July 20, 1930). Oliver died in Shelby Mississippi. He was a merchant, investor and railroad man. Oliver moved around a great deal and married Eleanor Adeline Reily at East Felician Parish, Wilson Louisiana, on December 8, 1897.<sup>262</sup>
- (5) Robert (Bob) Bland (1831-1862) Robert served with the CSA as a second Lieutenant in Company C, 37th Arkansas Infantry.
- (6) Levin Bland (1833-1852)
- (7) John Bland (1835 - April 1, 1864) John was a Captain in Company D, 32nd Arkansas Infantry, CSA. He was killed in action at the Battle of Fitzhugh Woods, Woodruff County Arkansas.
- (8) Lucy Bland (1840-1862)
- (9) Wesley or Westley Bland (1840-1851)
- (10) Lafayette Bland (1847 - ) Lafayette was a Private in Company C, 37th Arkansas Infantry.

D. MARY OR MARY ANN or Maryanza BLAND (March 1, 1802 - ) married Cullen Moore (November 12, 1797 - ) (not related to the above Moores) on February 3, 1820.

<sup>261</sup> The children are detailed in AC 8-1, pp. 25-26. CF Watkins, who was descended from Lee Ander's daughter Mary Julia.

<sup>262</sup> Oliver and Adeline had three children, including Mabel Olivia Bland (1898-1981), mother of my correspondent Joseph Love, Jacksonville Florida, AC 6-2, pp. 7-8.

E. HYLAND BLAND (1805 - 1857), <sup>263</sup> married Sarah Moye (C1812 - ) on July 27, 1826 and lived in Shelby County. Their children were:

- (1) Wyatt Bland (C1835- ) According to one source, Wyatt married Elizabeth A. Minnick. <sup>264</sup>
- (2) Jessie Lawrence "Tobe" Bland (February 12, 1838 - July 11, 1924). Jesse was married to "Mattie I." Seward Marks (September 26, 1844 - January 30, 1917). <sup>265</sup> They had three children:
  - (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Bland who married Thomas Ervin Coulter.
  - (b) Gertrude Bland who married \_\_\_\_\_ Locke.
  - (c) Maude Bland, who married \_\_\_\_\_ Jeffries
- (3) Sarah Jane Bland (1845 - 1934) married Johnson "Jack" Reece on September 14, 1865 in Shelby County Tennessee. <sup>266</sup> Secondly, she married
- (4) Levin Bland (C1848- )

The disparity between the ages of Wyatt and Jessie and the latter two children indicates that Sarah was Hyland Bland's second wife and that he was previously married to a daughter of Wyatt Moore, with whom he had many land transactions. <sup>267</sup>

F. THEOPHILUS BLAND (March 12, 1807 - July 8, 1865) married Adeline Adams (January 28, 1818 - ) in Shelby County Tennessee on April 27, 1834. <sup>268</sup> Their children were:

<sup>263</sup> Hyland's date of death is established by Laverne Suber Taylor, posting in Genealogy Forum, January 16, 1999. Laverne never established contact with me. Laverne further asserts that Hyland's name was Highland and that he married Sallie Bell, who later married John Henry Kuhl and died in 1934. She is buried at the Bland cemetery in Shelby County Tennessee. Similar information comes from Kay Surber Pardue in Genealogy Forum March 16, 1999. These correspondents seem to be confusing "Sallie Bell" with Sarah Bland, (1845-1934) daughter of Hyland, who married N.D. or Johnson Reece and later married John Henry Kuhl. Bland Cemetery, Shelby County Tennessee, provides this information. Supplied by Harris.

<sup>264</sup> Ibid.

<sup>265</sup> Letter Edith Sanford Bland to Charles L. Bland, October 1, 1998, hereafter in notes referred to as Sanford. The Bland Cemetery in Shelby County Tennessee is south of Highway 64 on land owned in 1970 by Mrs. Thomas Ervin Coulter (1878- ) a daughter of Jessie Lawrence Bland and Martha I. Seward Marks. Information supplied by Harris.

<sup>266</sup> E-Mail, Jimmy Pardue to Charles L. Bland, March 21, 1999.

<sup>267</sup> Gottschalk, p. 36. In Fischer File is a handwritten note of Martha Bland, (C1838- ) who lived with the family of Jehiel and Elizabeth James, and married James Peels in Shelby County Tennessee January 1852.

<sup>268</sup> Gottschalk, p. 37. Information in the Fischer file suggests that Adeline Adams was born in Loudon County Virginia.

- (1) Sylvia or Sylina Bland (May 29, 1835 - August 10, 1925). About 1856, Sylvia married her cousin William Seth Wheatley Montgomery, (May 11, 1836 - December 21, 1909) a son of Sarah Bland and John Montgomery.
- (2) Robert Bland (March 31, 1838 - ) who married Sarah Tate.
- (3) Mary Lucinda Bland (April 20, 1838 - April 17, 1843). Assuming Robert and Mary Lucinda were twins, it kinda makes you wonder what sweet Adeline did to pass the time between March 31 and April 20. Who took care of the house while she was waiting for Mary?
- (4) Ormond Knox Bland (March 5, 1842 - May 5, 1862)
- (5) Sarah Elizabeth Bland (June 20, 1844 - ) married John L. Seward.
- (6) John Joiner Bland (October 19, 1846 - November 19, 1846)
- (7) Catherine J.A. Bland (June 25, 1848 - May 10, 1924) married C.W. Dickey.
- (8) Alice Bland (May 4, 1850 - ) married Jim Waddell.
- (9) Anna Elizabeth Bland (February 23, 1852 to October 10, 1938)
- (10) Martha Jane Bland (January 25, 1854 - August 3, 1860)
- (11) Minor Bland (January 15, 1856 - ) married Margaret Williams.
- (12) William Henry Bland (March 14, 1861 - July 1917)<sup>269</sup>  
Born in Tennessee, William Henry moved to Biscoe, Prarie County Arkansas in 1884. He moved on to De Valls Bluff Arkansas in 1900, where he was a prominent businessman.<sup>270</sup> He married (1st) Susan Seward by whom he had:

<sup>269</sup> An alternate Birth date May 14, 1860. AC 3-2, p. 42, seems to be disproved by Centennial History of Arkansas, Vol II, (1922), pp 79-80, see Fisher File.

<sup>270</sup> The Centenial History of Arkansas, Vol 2, p. 79 cited in AC 2-1, p. 23, found in Gottschalk, p. 37.

- (a) Harvey Bland
- (b) Troy Bland Both these boys moved to Little Rock Arkansas in their adult life.

(2<sup>nd</sup>) William Henry Bland married Ella T. Maher. By Ella, he had:

- (c) Leland Bland Leland worked for her pa.
- (d) Lucille Bland Lucille graduated from the University of Arkansas.

G. ISSAC BLAND (December 24, 1810 - ) married Benilla or Tibitha Reed/Read Ellis on November 12, 1834.<sup>271</sup> They had three children:

- (1) Benilla Bland
- (2) Elizabeth Bland
- (3) Markham Conway Bland<sup>272</sup>

H. WILLIAM HENRY BLAND (April 29, 1812 - June 25, 1852) married Sutia Montgomery Gibson, (August 8, 1811 - )<sup>273</sup> on June 30, 1842. A photograph of Sutia is displayed below.<sup>274</sup> Their children were:

(1) George Rolly Bland George married Mary Ann O'Conner on December 15, 1885 in St. Peter's Church, Memphis Tennessee. They had four children:

- (a) Basil Alexander Bland married Aline Clancy.
- (b) Georg Urquhardt Bland (a daughter) married Henry Albert Burkhardt.
- (c) George Anderson Bland who married Catherine Wadley.
- (d) Mary Ann Bland who married Major Reyburn Engles of York, Pennsylvania.<sup>275</sup>

(2) Texana Bland married John Thomas Lees.

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<sup>271</sup> Gottschalk, p. 39, Isaac's brother William Henry Bland served as security. Isaac also served as security in the marriage of Elizabeth Bland to William Rogers in 1841 in Shelby County. The woman was too old to be Isaac's daughter Elizabeth and Isaac's sister Elizabeth married Alfred Moore in 1832.

<sup>272</sup> This may be Markham Bland who married \_\_\_\_\_ Conway.

<sup>273</sup> Attachment to letter from Mollie Grant to Jane Fischer, December 26, 1973, Fischer File.

<sup>274</sup> Per Cargill and Connelly, Sutia was married to Isaac Gibson in Lawrence County Alabama on June 24, 1830. Sanford reveals that Sutia was named Lutia in the 1850 Census of Shelby County, where she appears with some children named Gibson and some named Bland.

<sup>275</sup> Parents of Jane Engles Fisher, an old correspondent.





Sutia Montgomery Gibson Bland (1811- )  
Courtesy, Edith Sanford Bland

Children of William Henry Bland Continued:

(3) William Henry Bland Jr.

I. ELIZABETH BLAND (C1814 - ) married Alfred Moore, January 19, 1832. They had four children. She may also have married William Rogers in 1841.<sup>276</sup>

J. THULINA BLAND (C1815-1858) married John Kennedy on March 17, 1832. They had three children.<sup>277</sup>

K. SARAH BLAND (C1817 - ) married (1<sup>st</sup>) John Montgomery on April 1835. Note above that their son Seth Wheatley Montgomery married his cousin Sylvia Bland, daughter of Theophilus Bland (1807-1865). They had three children. Sarah married (2<sup>nd</sup>) James Davis on December 6, 1843. They had five or six children.

<sup>276</sup> Gottschalk, p. 39. Isaac Bland served as security.

<sup>277</sup> Gottschalk, p. 39

Interestingly, there was a second family of Blands, descended from Jesse Bland (C1775-1833) of Amherst County Virginia and his wife Sally Newman, some of whom settled in Shelby County about the same time as the Pitt County North Carolina Blands. Jesse is the son of John or Charles Bland from Amherst County Virginia, who were born no later than 1745 and would have been the approximate age of George Bland (1734-1797). There is, however, no extant proof of a close family relationship.<sup>278</sup>

**BLANNS/BLANDS OF DALLAS COUNTY ALABAMA**  
(MAYBE FROM NORTH CAROLINA)

By 1850, two distinctive Bland families lived in Dallas County Alabama. One was headed by Elza Bland (1798-1879), a descendant from the Edgefield County South Carolina Family<sup>279</sup> Elza moved to Alabama with his first wife, Sphia Pow, about 1835. In 1842, Elza remarried to Damaris Barnes (C1806- ) and about 1863, Elza married Sarah L. Neyland, (C1845-1916). By 1850, Elza is found in the Census of Dallas County, (he moved there sometime between 1825 and 1835) with Damaris, a son Elza (1830-1854) who evidently never married, and a son Francis M. Bland (October 18, 1841- ) who was born in Mississippi.<sup>280</sup> All his other children had moved away. Elza's property in 1870 was valued at about \$24,000.<sup>281</sup>

The second major branch of the family had its name consistently spelled Blann. The founders of this family were four or five siblings whose parents are unknown.<sup>282</sup> They were:

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<sup>278</sup> For discussion of this second family see AC 4-1, pp. 26-27; 5-2, pp. 18-22; 7-1, pp. 17-19, 7-2, p. 19; 9-2, pp. 36-37; 10-2, p. 30 and 12-2, pp. 23-30.

<sup>279</sup> Vu, pp. 520-522, AC 3-1, pp. 33-36 and 6-1, pp. 20-21.

<sup>280</sup> 1850 Census, Dallas County Alabama, page 279, dwelling 714. And AC 6-1, pp 20-21. Elza's name was spelled Blann, though South Carolina records clearly spelled his name and the name of the family from which he descended as Bland. This should be a matter of interest to researchers for the other Bland/Blanns in the county.

<sup>281</sup> Jack Blann, P. 27, see note 55 below.

<sup>282</sup> Clues have been exceedingly hard to find. One stems from speculation that Elizabeth, the wife of one of the siblings. Silas Blann, might have had a maiden name Decose. An alternate and strongly based theory that relies on names used within the family is that Elizabeth was an Averytt, cf, Lydia Greene Allen to Charles L. Bland, May 11, 1999. hereafter called, Lydia Green Allen. Also, Jack Blann, (note 56 below) p. 2, states Silas was married about 1816 in Georgia to Elizabeth Averyt (sp). Another possibility was that Decose was a misspelling of DaCosta and one generation misplaced. Carrie Scales Evans to Charles L. Bland, July 17, 1998, hereafter called Carrie Scales Evans, identifies a William Bland who married Mary DaCosta and applied for land in Burke County Georgia, c1765. Cousin Carrie attaches excerpts from Chatham County Georgia Deed Book G, which attest to Abraham DeCosta deeding five lots of land to the widow Mary Bland on April 14, 1789. Mary redistributed this land on April 22, 1789, including a reserve provision that her daughter Ann Bland would receive one of the lots in case of death of the primary recipient. "Another report," according to Cousin Carrie, is that he arrived in Burke County with one child, who may have been the William Bland Jr. (C1765-1792) who married Elizabeth Gavin (C1760-1797). All of this would seem to establish parameters for the elder William at about 1740-1789. This

1. STEPHEN BLANN (1782- before January 21, 1858) Stephen appeared in the 1850 Census of Dallas County Alabama as aged 68, born in North Carolina, living alone at a place called Rascoe Beat. He was employed as an overseer and was illiterate.<sup>283</sup> Previous research about this family indicates that Stephen was in Jasper County Georgia as late as 1818.<sup>284</sup> It is commonly assumed by researchers in this family that Stephen is the eldest of the siblings who moved into Dallas County. The 1850 Census notation that he was from North Carolina, (the younger siblings were from Georgia) gives rise to the possibility that this family stemmed from the Eastern North Carolina family discussed above who were scattered throughout Bertie, Beaufort, Craven, Edgecombe, Martin and Pitt Counties. But there is no proof. The Stephen Blann who appears in the North Carolina family was still there in 1808, while Stephen's family appears to have left North Carolina for Georgia in 1782-1784. The name of Stephen's wife is uncertain, but he must have married about 1801/1802, and his wife's name may have been Martha Raynor or Rayner, who did not appear with Stephen in the 1850 Census. Stephen's Children were:<sup>285</sup>

- A. JOHN PATRICK BLANN: (c1803-1856) John married (1<sup>st</sup>) Elizabeth McElroy (March 1, 1805- ) on April 7, 1824 in Dallas County and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Lucinda Lovejoy on March 30, 1847. John and Elizabeth died in Sumter County Alabama. Their children were:<sup>286</sup>

- (1) Louisiana Blann (c1827 - October 3, 1904) Louisiana died in Sumter County Alabama. Louisiana Blann married (1<sup>st</sup>) Johnathan Bell on September 26, 1842 in Dallas County Alabama. She married (2<sup>nd</sup>) William Bland in Dallas County on February 16, 1853. William was probably a second cousin, the son of Thomas Bland (c1801 - after 1860) below, p. 124. Louisiana married (3<sup>rd</sup>) William B. Matthews (1841-1881) in Sumter County Alabama on October 26, 1860. By William Blann, Louisiana had a daughter

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William Jr. would then be the half-brother of the siblings identified below, or perhaps the half-brother of the older siblings, Stephen and Tabitha and possibly James, and the father of Silas and Thomas. Here we begin stretching for the truth with maybe and perhaps and prudence says reign it in. In the last analysis, we don't know for sure.

<sup>283</sup> 1850 Census, Dallas County Alabama, page 292 and dwelling 902. Also, AC 5-1, p. 32.

<sup>284</sup> Jasper County was formed from Baldwin in 1812. Baldwin was formed in 1803 from the Creek Indian Lands. It should be noted that if the information about the four siblings that appears in the 1850 census is accurate, they most have been children, whose parents moved into Georgia about 1783.

<sup>285</sup> Family group information re Stephen Blann's line has been sharpened considerably by information sent to me from George Tate, June 29, 1999, Lynda Allen and Jack Blann, p. 30. Discussion of the possible North Carolina connection occurs in AC 5-1, pp. 28-29.

<sup>286</sup> Ac 2-1, p. 17.

Elizabeth Blann (February 17, 1855 - September 29, 1915), who married John Edward Tate (1852-1912) in Sumter County Alabama, on December 15, 1878. She also had two children by William Matthews.

- (2) Henry Blann (C1829 - ) John married Martha Baines in Sumter County Alabama, September 7, 1854.
  - (3) Asenath Blann (C1835- ) Asenath married H.P. Culpepper on November 20, 1859 in Sumter County Alabama.
  - (4) Sarah Blann (April 1838 -December 2, 1899). Sarah married Simeon Percy Martin on March 6, 1858, in Sumter County Alabama.
  - (5) Francis Blann (C1840- )
  - (6) Stephen Blann (C1842- )
  - (7) Catherine Blann (C1844- )
  - (8) Antonette Blann first child of Lucinda Lovejoy.
  - (9) Beatrice or Beatna Blann (August 1849 - after 1883) Beatna married William Simeon Catlett (1849-1930) on July 1, 1867 in Lauderdale County Mississippi. They had six children.
- B. JAMES M or N. BLANN (c1812-living in 1850) He was still living in June 12, 1848, when his brother Sanford's estate was settled. In 1850 he was living with a man named C.L. Trailer. James' vocation was given as "Dancing M." and he was shown as born in Georgia.<sup>287</sup> James lived in Wilcox County in 1835.
- C. SANFORD BLANN( -C May 1846) Sanford married Louisa High in Dallas County Alabama, on September 14, 1843.<sup>288</sup>
- D. ISAAC N. BLANN nothing further is known of Isaac.
- E. JULIA S. BLANN (C1830- ) Julia was found in the 1850 Census living with a man named Harrell. Later she may have married Joseph Bassett.<sup>289</sup>

<sup>287</sup> 1850 Census, Dallas County Alabama, p. 287, Dwelling 832.

<sup>288</sup> AC 5-1, p. 32. After Sanford's death, Louisa remarried on September 1, 1847 to Joseph L. Bassett, AC 3-2, p.

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<sup>289</sup> 1850 Census, p. 271, Family 570.

- F. MARY ANN BLANN (c1830- ) Mary Ann married William Fancher, (C1817- ) in Dallas County on January 28, 1847. She and Fancher moved to Wilcox county in 1848.
2. TABITHA BLANN (1784- after 1857) Tabitha was born in Georgia and was in Jasper County in 1818. She married Henry Averytt ( - 1856) about 1807 and they lived in Jasper County Georgia and Dallas County Alabama. Tabitha was declared mentally incompetent on November 21, 1857.
3. JAMES BLANN (c1780/1790 - ) James was found in neighboring Wilcox county Alabama in the 1830 Census. He had a wife, aged 30-40, two daughters aged 10-15 and one aged 15-20. Though no sons were listed, by 1850, two males Monroe Blann (C1822- ) a grocery keeper, born in Alabama, was enumerated in the household of James F. Hart, also a grocery keeper.<sup>290</sup> The 1850 Census also shows William Blann (C1822-1856), born in Georgia, a farmer living with wife Jane \_\_\_\_\_ (C1825-1852) and children: Mary (C1842- ); Thomas (C1844- ) John (C1845- ) and Cornelia (C1847- ).
4. SILAS BLANN (1792- April 2, 1858)<sup>291</sup> Silas appears in the 1850 Census, aged 58, born in Georgia, a Farmer living on Pencer's Beat, married to Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ (C1800 - October 20, 1853) also born in Georgia.<sup>292</sup> Like his siblings, he seems to have moved into Dallas County Alabama, about 1820. Silas was a successful farmer, whose worth was noted as \$4,100. In 1850 and by the time his estate was settled, it was valued at \$22,000.<sup>293</sup> Silas and Elizabeth were parents of eight children:<sup>294</sup>
- A. Lorany Blann (C1817 - December 10, 1855) Also called Laura, Lorany married Benjamin Franklin Graves, November 30, 1838. By 1850, this family had moved to Morengo County Alabama. Later they moved to Deleon Texas and lived near Lorany's sister Susan Blann Booth. Lorany Blann and Benjamin Graves had a family of ten children.

<sup>290</sup> 1850 Census for Wilcox County Alabama, Page 370, Dwelling 364, and AC 5-1, p. 33.

<sup>291</sup> Jack Blann, page 3, finds Silas' name sometimes spelled Silas L. Blann.

<sup>292</sup> AC 5-1, pp. 33-40. 1850 Census, Dallas County Alabama, p. 282, Dwelling 263. Reba Ewers, a descendant of Silas, claimed that Elizabeth's maiden name was DeCase, but it has not been proven. See Note 46 above. Also, cf Jack Blann, p. 27.

<sup>293</sup> Jack Blann, p. 27.

<sup>294</sup> The Silas Bland line has been previously researched by Marjorie Booth Bade, Carrie Scales Evans and Mollie Weisinger Grant, whose research also has helped to shed light on the overall Dallas County Alabama family. Substantial new information was provided by Jack Blann, Winona Texas, in e-mail to Charles L. Bland, July 16, 1999, hereafter called Jack Blann.

B. William Young Henry Blann (C1819- September 20 or 30, 1854). William was born in Dallas County Alabama and died in Calhoun County Arkansas of typhoid fever. William married Lucinda Roark (C1820- May 14, 1912) in Dallas County January 12, 1839.<sup>295</sup> William and Lucinda moved to Franklin Township, Ouachita County Arkansas, to the section that later became Calhoun County about 1842, one source has them making the trip by wagon train.<sup>296</sup> William, who was sometimes called "Buck" is buried at Moore's Chapel Cemetery and Lucinda at Friendship cemetery, both in Calhoun County Arkansas.<sup>297</sup> It might be said that Lucinda went out with a whirl, she died while churning butter.<sup>298</sup> A photograph of Lucinda is displayed in Volume 5-1 of Among Cousins (Page 41). William and Lucinda had eight children:<sup>299</sup>

(1) William Henry Blann (February 14, 1840 - July 31, 1912) William Henry who, like his father was sometimes called "Buck" married Miriam Cosa (June 6, 1846 - February 28, 1928) on November 15, 1861 in Texas.<sup>300</sup> William Henry was a soldier in the Civil War. William and Miriam died in Calhoun County Arkansas, and are buried at the Friendship Cemetery there. A photograph of William Henry Blann and Miriam Cosa is displayed in Among Cousins, Volume 5-1, p. 41, but Miriam is obscured. William and Miriam had eight children:

- (a) William Cartwright Blann (December 3, 1862- June 3, 1948) married Mary Ophelia Williams (August 12, 1868 - December 8, 1944) September 19, 1885. William and Mary are buried at the Pickett Cemetery in Calhoun County Arkansas. They were parents of nine children.<sup>301</sup>
- (b) James Blann (C1864-1882)<sup>302</sup>

<sup>295</sup> Lucinda's birth is traditionally given as 1820 but it is an estimate based on Census records and Jack Blann, p. 15, estimates she was born in 1818.

<sup>296</sup> Jack Blann, p. 13. Jack Blann also has them settling in Hempstead County Arkansas, near Hope.

<sup>297</sup> There is a family story that Lucinda Roark traveled by horseback all the way back to Dallas County Alabama about 1859 or 1860 to claim her husbands share of Silas Blann's estate. She returned with it to Arkansas and loaned it to a neighbor, who never repaid it.

<sup>298</sup> Jack Blann, p. 15.

<sup>299</sup> Jack Blann, page 2, informs us that for the 1850 Census, the Census Taker spelled the name the right way by mistake.

<sup>300</sup> A photo of William Henry Blann and Miriam Gosa appears in AC 5-1, p. 41.

<sup>301</sup> AC 5-1, p. 34.

<sup>302</sup> Jack Blann has dates of 1866-1884.

- (c) John Thomas Blann (June 17, 1869 - November 4, 1919) married Mary Emma Porter (July 9, 1871-February 25, 1913) on December 18, 1890. They are buried at Hampton Cemetery in Calhoun County Arkansas. John Thomas and Mary Emma had a family of eight children.<sup>303</sup>
- (d) Gideon John Blann (September 13, 1873 - April 7, 1948) married Sallie Ann Porter (November 10, 1878 - May 20, 1934) on November 27, 1895. They were parents of nine children.<sup>304</sup>
- (e) Nettie Lena Blann (February 1, 1875 - June 27, 1933) married John D. Hanna on December 21, 1898. Nettie and John are buried at the Hanna Cemetery near Harrell Arkansas. They had five children.
- (f) Steven Blann (C1877-1887/1889)
- (g) Charles Elbert Blann (June 20, 1881 - December 11, 1953) married Eva Lena Williams, (March 17, 1888 - November 30, 1940) on May 22, 1910. They had four children.<sup>305</sup>
- (h) Garland Henry Blann (June 18, 1888 - 1940) married Charlotte Adeline Sloan (1890-1973) on May 4, 1909. They had four children.
- (2) Mary Elizabeth Blann (C1842-1854). Mary Elizabeth died in a fire while she was raking leaves.
- (3) Sena Arissa Blann (February 4, 1844 - March 18, 1905) Sena married Thomas Franklin Weisinger or Wisinger (C1837-1906) on November 10, 1863. They are buried at the Friendship Cemetery in Calhoun County Arkansas. They had five children.<sup>306</sup>
- (4) Richard Thomas Blann (May 31, 1846 - March 14, 1912). Richard was born in Arkansas and died in Blantown Arkansas. Richard also served in the Civil War.<sup>307</sup> He is buried in Friendship Cemetery. Richard married a Tennessee girl, Amanda Stanford (C1850 - December 31, 1923) on January 23 or 31, 1867. They had thirteen children:

<sup>303</sup> Ibid.

<sup>304</sup> AC 5-1, pp. 34-35. Researchers of this family should take note of George Bland of North Carolina (C1790- ) who had a son Gideon Bland (1822-1876) who was born in South Carolina, but raised in Georgia, was enumerated in Talbot County Georgia in 1850, Page 281, Dwelling 827, moved to Texas and is buried in Bell County. AC 4-1, pp. 32-33.

<sup>305</sup> AC 5-1, p. 35.

<sup>306</sup> AC 2-1, p. 18, one of their children was Onslow Morris Weisinger, father of Mollie Weisinger Grant, one of the principle historians of this line. Cf Jack Blann, p. 3.

<sup>307</sup> Jack Blann, p. 15. No further elaboration is provided.

- (a) Alemeta "Allie" Blann (February 2, 1866 - July 25, 1960) Allie married LeGrand Parker (1861-1934) on November 30, 1887. They are buried at the Friendship Cemetery in Calhoun County Arkansas.
- (b) William Clesby Blann (September 27, 1869 - January 10, 1931) William married Mary Ella James (November 26, 1877 - February 10, 1942) on August 26, 1896. William and Mary are buried in the Friendship Cemetery in Calhoun County Arkansas. They had four children.
- (c) Emily Ailene Blann (February 15, 1872 - September 9, 1933) a twin with Tolliver, married William Hendrick Murph on January 11, 1893. They had five children.
- (d) Tolliver Blann (February 15, 1872-C1877)
- (e) Wiley Thomas Blann (February 14, 1874 - July 29, 1930) married (1<sup>st</sup>) Maggie Bennett (1876-1909) on October 25, 1892 and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Mary Ella Stringfellow Enzer (February 14, 1875 - September 29, 1963) about 1911. Wiley was father of seven children by Maggie Bennett and father of four by Ella Enzer.<sup>308</sup>
- (f) Alonza L. Blann (March 25, 1876 - April 27, 1942) married Sarah Elizabeth Talbot ( -1962) on January 2, 1896. Alonzo and Sarah had nine children.<sup>309</sup>
- (g) James Keller Blann (March 29, 1878 - December 30, 1926) married Minnie Idella James (C1886 - 1948) on February 3, 1907. They had four children.<sup>310</sup>
- (h) Bob Blann (C1880 - died at age six months).
- (i) Fleeta Arzelia Blann (1881-1937) married William J. Parker, April 8, 1928).
- (j) Luther Leonard Blann a twin of Bertha, (April 1, 1883 - January 29, 1963) married Mary Elizabeth Talbot, (1887-1967) on December 5, 1915. They had two daughters, who were twins.<sup>311</sup>
- (k) Bertha Bennie Blann (April 1, 1883 - December 9, 1979) married Robert Flemmond Bird on March 3, 1904 or 1906.

<sup>308</sup> AC 5-1, p. 36.

<sup>309</sup> Ibid. These nine children included Tillman Brawner Blann who married Katie Hazel Adams. They were parents of my correspondent Jack Talbot Blann.

<sup>310</sup> Ibid.

<sup>311</sup> AC 5-1, p. 37.



- (1) Emma Lou Blann (October 2, 1884 - December 8, 1951). Emma married Frank Ivy, (1886-1965) on March 16, 1907.
- (m) Unnamed Daughter died in infancy.
- (5) Louisa Bernice Blann (September 16, 1848 - May 13, 1912) married John Riley Stringfellow. (1847-1924) on October 11, 1865. <sup>312</sup>They had ten children.
- (6) Canary Smith Blann (December 12, 1850 - May 31, 1927) married Robert Nathaniel Hunt or Hunter (C1841-1919) on January 23, 1868 in Dallas County. They are buried at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Nevada County Arkansas.
- (7) James Silas Blann (1853-1867) James died of typhoid fever.
- (8) Emma Saphronia Blann (March 16, 1854 - December 13, 1929) Emma married George Elbert Fisher (1855-1906) on December 20, 1877 in Friendship Arkansas. George and Emma are buried at Klondike Texas. They had seven children.
- C. TABITHA OR TELITHA BLANN (C1822 - ) married Thomas H Booth in Dallas County Alabama on January 20 or 25, 1841.
- D. FRANCES BLANN (C1824- ) Married William Franklin or Francis Jones on December 10, 1844. Frances survived Jones and is reputed to have married twice more. She ended her days in Sardis Mississippi.
- E. ASENATH BLANN, (March 20, 1828 - February 16, 1871. A twin of Alfred Blann, Asenath married Thomas Jefferson Parnell (C1814-1859) on November 20, 1850. They had five children.
- F. ALFRED AVERYTT BLANN (March 20, 1828 - November 14, 1910) Alfred was a school teacher. Although in his adult life Alfred moved to Mississippi, he was born and died in Dallas County. He married Jane Elizabeth Kelly (November 7, 1840 - March 8, 1920) on January 27, 1861, in Dallas County. Jane was born in South Carolina. Their children were: <sup>313</sup>

<sup>312</sup> E-Mail, Jack Blann to Charles L. Bland, July 17, 1999.

<sup>313</sup> Dates and Places for this line were enhanced by submissions from Lynda Greene Allen and Carrie Scales Evans, precise dates provided by Jack Blann, p. 11.

- (1) Mary Bonner Blann (May 5, 1862 - July 4, 1866)
- (2) Annie Frances Blann (September 7, 1863 - 1886)
- (3) Tommie Allen Blann (December 28, 1866 - January 12, 1898)
- (4) James Alexander Blann (March 12, 1870- )
- (5) Silas McEachern Blann (January 14, 1873 - October 24 or 25, 1949). Silas married Irma Abney (March 21, 1878 - February 6, 1966) on April 22, 1903 at Mapleville in Chilton County Alabama. Silas and Irma died in York, Sumter County Alabama. They had four daughters:
  - (a) Martha Virginia Blann (C1906 - ) who married Oscar M. Gordon on May 28, 1939.
  - (b) Estelle Jane Blann Estelle was born in Meridian, Lauderdale County Mississippi, and died in Livingston, Sumter County Alabama. (September 13, 1908 - February 7, 1979) who married John Curtis Scales (1905-1972) on January 1, 1930.<sup>314</sup>
  - (c) Irma Swift Blann Irma married John A. Haigler.
  - (d) Margaret Nell Blann (1923 - )
- (6) Clarence Davidson Blann (1875-1875)
- (7) Maggie Day Blann (August 23, 1876 - January 10, 1959) Maggie was born in Sardis, Panola County Mississippi, and died in Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County Alabama. She married Joseph Elizas Fort (1877-1939) on September 10, 1902 in Dallas County Alabama.<sup>315</sup>
- (8) Bessie Hill Blann (December 5, 1879 - ) Bessie married Rallie Emmitt Reeves July 27, 1915.

G. THOMAS W. BLANN (October 11, 1830 - November 15, 1875) married Alabama Kelly (C1845- ). By 1858, Thomas was in Scott County Mississippi. They had two children:<sup>316</sup>

- (1) Florida Blann Florida married William Bell.<sup>317</sup>
- (2) Maggie Kelley Blann

H. MARY E. BLANN (c1833- ) Married (1<sup>st</sup>) Charles Johnson in Panola County Mississippi in 1858 in a double wedding with her brother 1858. (2<sup>nd</sup>) Mary married \_\_\_\_\_ Davidson and they moved to Covington Tennessee.

<sup>314</sup> Estelle was the mother of my correspondent Carrie Scales Evans.

<sup>315</sup> Maggie and Joseph had a daughter Everette Joseph Fort (1903-1992) who married Walter Albert Greene (1900-1989). They were the parents of Lynda Ann Greene, my correspondent.

<sup>316</sup> Jack Blann. 1, 26, gives date of death for Thomas W. Blann as July 24, 1875.

<sup>317</sup> AC 6-2, p. 34.

- I. SUSAN BLANN (c1835-1878) Married Lindsey Booth on December 28, 1852 in Dallas County Alabama. They moved later to Morengo County Alabama and later to DeLeon Texas.<sup>318</sup>
- J. SILAS L. BLANN (1838- ) Married Elizabeth D. Jones in 1858 in Panola County Mississippi in a double wedding with his sister Mary. Silas is buried near Fredonia Mississippi. Silas and Elizabeth remained in Panola County Mississippi and had the following children:
- (1) Ada Blann (C1861- ) married William Roundtree Wilbourn.
  - (2) Burford Blann (c1866- ) never married.
  - (3) Emmitt Blann (C1867- ) died young
  - (4) Bulah Blann (C1871- ) never married.
  - (5) Walter Blann (C1872- ) never married.
  - (6) Pearl Blann (C1873- ) married W. B. Powell.
  - (7) Lenah Blann (C1874/1875- ) never married.
  - (8) Ramsey Blann married Rose Dickey and lived with her in Scott County Arkansas.
- K. Stephen Rayner Blann (September 8, 1841 - January 11, 1899) As a young man Steven went to Panola County Mississippi, and there joined the CSA, serving in Ballentine's Regiment, under command of Captain J.R. Dickens. He died from pneumonia and is buried at Sardis Mississippi. Stephen married Susan Almira Caldwell (October 27, 1843 - August 6, 1927) on December 13, 1866 in Panola County. Their children were:
- (1) Lula Lee Blann (October 24, 1867 - ) Lula married John Morgan Cox on December 13, 1888.
  - (2) William Silas Blann (May 16, 1869 - ) William married Annie B. Alston on December 6, 1893.
  - (3) Ida Tennessee Blann (February 19, 1872 - November 21, 1958) Ida married Will T. Dye.
  - (4) Freeman Harrison Blann (January 20, 1876 - October 14, 1880)
  - (5) Clara or Coral Lenora Blann (January 13, 1879 - September 16, 1964). Nicknamed Daisy, Clara married Samuel Irvin Finch.

<sup>318</sup> A photo of Susan Blann Booth appears in AC 5-1, p. 41.

(6) Stephen Hiram Blann (May 7, 1883 - 1931) Stephen married Indiana Missouri St. John, sometimes called Indie, like Indiana Jones. Their children were:

- (a) Allie V. Blann
- (b) George Blann
- (c) Elise Blann married Paul Poe.
- (d) Buford Burgess Blann ( -1953) had a son named Michael by a woman named Margaret Jeter.
- (e) Stephen Hiram Blann Married Margaret

5. THOMAS BLANN (1801- after 1850) Born in Georgia. Thomas married Polly Hardin in Jasper County Georgia on February 16, 1819.<sup>319</sup> Thomas evidently was still in Jasper County in 1830, but appears in the 1850 Census of Dallas County, living alone, an overseer, born in Georgia. Cousin George Tate finds him in Scott County Mississippi by 1860, living with children of William Bland, by William's first marriage.<sup>320</sup>

This concludes discussion of the Blann family of Dallas County Alabama.

#### OTHER NORTH CAROLINA BLANDS

##### DUPLIN COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

Among Cousins, Volume 14, was given over entirely to an analysis of the Duplin County North Carolina family descended from William Bland (1748-1816), whose lineage goes back through a father William (1726-1775), a grandfather James (C1707-1774), a great grandfather William (C1686-1744) to the immigrant settler James Bland (C1661-1709). Surprisingly, feedback and criticism of Volume 14 has been slight if anything at all. I would still welcome criticism and corrections of what I wrote, but for this issue, will eschew any attention to that line.

Instead I will turn to William Bland's brother James (C1749-1799) whose prolific family has been discussed at length previously.<sup>321</sup> James and the woman we presume to have been his wife, Bethsheba (Barshaby) had five sons and seven daughters.

<sup>319</sup> AC 2-1, p. 17.

<sup>320</sup> Jack Blann, p. 26. In a second marriage, William married his cousin Louisiana Blann (C1827-1904), see above, p. 115.

<sup>321</sup> AC 11.1, pp. 10-32.

In this issue, we are especially interested in his son William Bland (C1787-after 1870), who married Elizabeth McBain (C1789-after 1873 on January 2, 1813. Like his other siblings, William left Chatham County North Carolina to Orange and Greene Counties in Indiana.<sup>322</sup> It should be noted that Bland families from two stems settled in Greene County by 1830, one from Chatham County North Carolina and the other from Nelson/Cumberland County Kentucky.<sup>323</sup> Of particular interest are two of these boys: James Otis Daniel Bland and Enoch Bland.

1. JAMES OTIS DANIEL BLAND (April 7 or 24, 1824 - September 2, 1908). James was born in Greene County Indiana and died in Cloud County Kansas. He was a Civil War Veteran, serving in 1863-1864 with Bryan's Company A, 115<sup>th</sup> Indiana Regiment, Volunteer Infantry, formed in Greene County. His unit engaged and defeated the Johnny Rebs at Blue Springs Tennessee in 1863. James re-enlisted March 16, 1865 in Terre Haute Indiana and served to August 7, 1865 with Company C, 156<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. James married (1<sup>st</sup>) Sarah Elrod (C1827 - September 1, 1859)<sup>324</sup> in Greene County Indiana, on September 4, 1845. James and Sarah were parents of six children:<sup>325</sup>
  - A. JOHN BLAND (1847- After January 25, 1865) John enlisted with the 59<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteers and died of a fever in service. Lisa Ober provided several letters to James O.D. Bland, from John, the last dated January 25, 1865. Sadly then, John died in the very waning days of the war.
  - B. MARTHA J. BLAND (c1850 - ) Martha married a Mr. Calvert.
  - C. WILLIAM F. BLAND (c1852 - )

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<sup>322</sup> The information that follows depends to a great extent on several letters written to me by Jack Bland, Portland Oregon, between 1994-1996, hereafter called Jack Bland File. Jack Bland found one record that showed William Bland (1787-after 1870) was in Clark County Indiana Territory as early as 1807. I am inclined, however, to think that this was William Bland (C1786-1828) a brother of James Bland (1773-1832) of the Randolph County N.C. family, AC 10-1, p. 28.

<sup>323</sup> VU, pp. 320-342 and VU pp. 441-451.

<sup>324</sup> James O.D. Bland and Sarah Elrod appear in the 1850 Census of Greene County Indiana, in Dwelling 995, with children John and Martha.

<sup>325</sup> James O.D. Bland and his family are discussed in AC 11-1, pp. 18-24. Additional information is derived from material sent to me by Lisa Ober, Huntsville Texas, hereafter called Ober File.

D. SUSAN CATHERINE BLAND (March 6, 1854 - February 16, 1949) Called Kate, Susan was born in Greene County Indiana and died in Enid Oklahoma. Susan moved with her father to Kansas, where she became a school teacher. One of her grand daughters remembered her as having "a ramrod straight posture, her sense of human and intelligence, she was such a vocal person with grace and gallantry in the face of increasing age."<sup>326</sup> She married (1<sup>st</sup>) Charles Harrison Dolan (November 2, 1838 - April 6, 1901) in Concordia Kansas on March 25, 1875<sup>327</sup> and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Mr. Rhodes. Susan is buried at Lamont, in Grant County Oklahoma, in Potter's Field. Charles Dolan and Susan Bland had three children.<sup>328</sup> I am pleased to display in the space below a photograph of Susan Catherine Bland.



Susan Catherine Bland Dolan (1854-1949)  
Courtesy Lisa Ober

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<sup>326</sup> Personal Statement of Phyllis Marie Cole O'Mealy to Lisa O'Mealy Ober, February 7, 1999.

<sup>327</sup> Marriage license found in Ober File.

<sup>328</sup> Charles and Susan Dolan's children included Nora Alma Bland who married Ralph W. Cole. They were parents of Clarence Walled Cole, who married Thelma Meek. They were parents of Phyllis Marie Cole, who married Gene Laverne Robertson. They were parents of my correspondents Anita Marie Robertson White and Lisa Dina O'Mealey Ober.

E. MARGARET BLAND (C1857 - March 30, 1896) is buried at Concordia Kansas, in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Margaret married John D. Wilson, (1840 - ) on November 8, 1875.<sup>329</sup>

F. ALMA BLAND (C1859- ). According to the Ober File, Alma died in the early 1860s.

After Sarah Elrod's death in 1859, James O.D. Bland married Mary Gentry, (May 9, 1839 - July 6, 1911) on April 5, 1860. On April 8, 1873, James O.D., Mary and both their mothers<sup>330</sup> and eight children arrived at Buffalo, Concordia Kansas. James was a model Kansas pioneer, a prosperous farmer in spite of a severe grasshopper plague in his first year at Concordia, politician, orator and church man, contributing to construction of the county courthouse between 1886-1888 and served as an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church which James helped to construct. James was a Representative from Cloud County for the Kansas Legislature in 1889.

James and Mary Gentry had a family of ten children:<sup>331</sup>

G. LUCINDA BLAND (C1861 - ) Lucinda is listed in the 1870 census, age 9.

H. SARAH ANN BLAND (October 20, 1862 - 1930) Sarah was born in Greene County Indiana and died in Cloud County Kansas. Sarah married (1<sup>st</sup>) George Biggs and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Jeff Eakins. She is buried with George Biggs at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Concordia.

I. DANIEL ERVIN BLAND (May 9, 1866 - November 20, 1949) Daniel was born in Greene County Indiana and died in Cloud County Kansas. He is buried at Fairview Cemetery in Concordia. Daniel married a Michigan girl, Flora

<sup>329</sup> Marriage License found in Ober File.

<sup>330</sup> Family legend has it that William Bland abandoned Elizabeth McBain and ran off with a younger woman, sometime between 1860 and the 1873 date noted in the text, which is why poor Elizabeth was tagging along with James O.D. Bland and his brood. I should note that if Census reports were accurate, as late as 1870, Elizabeth was not living with James O.D. and his wife Mary Gentry, although Mary Gentry's mother was. 1870 Census Record for Greene County found in Ober File. Should we believe that William, aged 83 in 1870 ran off with a younger woman. How young? How Far? How fast? It may have happened that he just died sometime in the 1860-1873 period. I am grateful to Lisa Ober for provision of the 1870 Census of Greene County Indiana which shows William and Elizabeth living together in Greene County and for my money, relieves William of the historical burden of leaving Elizabeth for a younger woman. What I suspect is that William died sometime between 1870-1873.

<sup>331</sup> I note that in AC 11-1, I only listed six children, leaving off the final four, whom I found listed in an article about James O.D. Bland in a Cloud County History (1992), part of Ober File.

- J. Irene Heaton (August 3, 1862 - April 23, 1936), in Concordia on March 12, 1890. Daniel and Flora sojourned in Oklahoma but returned to Concordia. They are grandparents of a favorite correspondent, Leota Bland Ruder.
- K. JOHN HUSE BLAND (May 8, 1868 - July 20, 1956). John was born in Greene County Indiana and died in Concordia Kansas. He married Lenore Shaw (May 9, 1877 - April 9, 1963) on May 10, 1894. They were grandparents of another favorite correspondent, Lenore Bland Brown Nichol.
- L. MARY CORDELIA BLAND (April 1, 1872 - ) born in Greene County and died in Fairview Oklahoma. Mary married a Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Riley or Wiley.
- M. EDWARD S. BLAND (C1880-1899)
- N. MALCOLM O. BLAND (February 7 or July 2, 1882 - May 1967) Malcolm was born in Concordia Kansas and died in Denver or Englewood Colorado. He married Elizabeth J. Ranney.
- O. ANNIE BLAND
- P. MARTHA JANE BLAND
- Q. NAME UNKNOWN
2. ENOCH BLAND (November 9, 1833 - September 19, 1920)<sup>332</sup>  
Enoch, younger brother of James Otis Daniel Bland, discussed above, was born in Greene County Indiana, and left for Kansas about the same time as James. He settled in Mitchell County, adjacent to Cloud County where James settled. By 1889, Enoch moved to Concordia in Cloud County and lived near James O.D. Enoch had served in the Civil War with his brother James and a cousin Robert Henry Bland from Greene County in Company A, 115<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Infantry. During his military term, Enoch contracted diarrhea and measles and was left with a lifelong susceptibility to asthma and bronchitis. This disability prevented him from doing the hard work of a farmer, thus Enoch worked as a hotel keeper with his son John. It also seems to have made him more or less dependent on his son John. Mary Cooper, his second wife, seems to have died before 1900 and Enoch went with his son John to Omaha Nebraska about 1900. By 1910, Enoch and John were in Los Angeles California where

<sup>332</sup> For Enoch, see AC 11-1, pp. 25-27.



he spent the last ten years of his life. His military papers describe him as he was, about age 30, 5' 7", fair complexion, blue eyes and red hair. As in most areas of his life, Enoch followed brother James in choice of a wife, marrying (1<sup>st</sup>) Catherine Gaines Gentry (C1839-July 5, 1879) in Greene County on July 28, 1855. Catherine is buried in Mitchell County Kansas. Enoch married (2<sup>nd</sup>) the widow Mary E. Wilkie Cooper (C1851- before 1900) in Greene County, Indiana, where he had returned after Catherine's death, on April 1, 1880. All of his children were by Catherine Gentry:

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- A. Henry Bland (May 18, 1856 - December 10, 1935), a school teacher and photographer, (which among other things, leaves us with many good photos of the family)<sup>334</sup> Henry was born in Greene County and died in Pattonsburg, Daviess County Missouri (Carved from Ray County, which may have placed Henry's family in proximity to the Blands descended from John Bland (1770-1842) and Mary Lee, (see above, pp. 51-53). Henry married Mary Isabella Owen (October 6, 1860 - November 11, 1924) in Mitchell County Kansas on May 30, 1878. Henry and Emma died in Pattonsburg Missouri and are buried there at the Old Town Cemetery. They had twelve children.<sup>335</sup>
- B. WILLIAM EDWARD BLAND (October 29, 1857 - November 8, 1884) William was born in Greene County and must have died in Mitchell County Kansas. He was married but nothing is known of his family.
- C. JAMES SHELTON BLAND (August 19, 1859 - after 1900) James was born in Indiana. He married Ida Owens (C1864 - ), a younger sister of Henry Bland's wife Emma Owens, in Mitchell County Kansas, on February 5, 1884.<sup>336</sup> They had five children.
- D. JOSEPH WINFIELD "WINNIE" BLAND (February 23, 1861 - ) married Maggie Owens in Mitchell County Kansas on October 22, 1884 another one of the Owens girls the Bland boys found so appealing. He later moved away to Omaha Nebraska.
- E. CELIA BLAND (November 10, 1862- ). Celia died as a child.

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An excellent photo of Enoch Bland and his sons appears in AC 2-1, attachment 3.

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Per Jack Bland, in case you ever wondered why the old pusses were so sour, those posing for photos were instructed not to smile lest the possible movement that resulted would spoil the results.

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A photo of Henry Bland appears in AC 2-1, attachment 4.

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A photo of James and Ida is displayed on p. 27, AC 11-1.

F. JOHN STEPHEN BLAND (May 17, 1867 - ) John married Lillie M. \_\_\_\_\_ and they had two children. John was a hotel porter, but later took up railroad work. He and his family moved to Omaha Nebraska about 1900 and Los Angeles California, about 1910, and as noted above, John's father Enoch accompanied them.

G. L.W. BLAND (c1869- ) a female.

H. Julius Bland (C1874- )

These latter two children may be adopted children who were products of Mary E. Wilkie Cooper's first marriage, so Enoch Bland would have been their step-father. I am pleased to display below the excellent photograph of Enoch Bland with his five sons.

#### THE BLANDS OF RANDOLPH COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

As James Bland (C1707-1774) was founder of the family of Blands from Duplin County North Carolina, so his half brother Moses Bland, (C1718-1800) was the founder of a substantial group of Blands who originated in Randolph County North Carolina. Moses and the older James were partners in a business in Prince William County Virginia. After about twenty years, the business went bad in 1752, and soon after James migrated to New Hanover/Duplin County North Carolina. Moses seems to have waited in Virginia a bit longer, for traces of him appear as late as 1771. In 1772, Moses and his son William appear in Land transactions in Anson County North Carolina and first appear on the tax lists of Randolph County in 1779. Moses married Jane Wiggonton in Virginia on January 14, 1750-1751. Jane is assumed to have been born between 1730-11735. Hence the age of their oldest child, William has previously been assumed to be about 1751. Also, I have variously speculated, based on related land transactions and a letter written by Moses Bland (1848-1920) to a nephew Levi Edward Bland on October 19, 1902, that William lived to about 1801 and that he married a woman named Julia Ward.<sup>337</sup> A new correspondent, Steven Deitz of Woodlake California, claims to have been contacted by "a lady" who gives William's date of death as 1816, hence (1751-1816) and that he married Rachel Ward on July 15, 1772 in Anson County North Carolina.<sup>338</sup> Interesting information, but thus far, my attempts to contact "a lady" for confirmation, have been unproductive. Among the nine children of William Bland and his wife Julia/Rachel, were John Bland  
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<sup>337</sup> See discussion, AC 10-1, pp. 16-20 passim.

<sup>338</sup> E-mail, Steven Deitz to Charles L. Bland, April 19, 1999.



Courtesy Jack Bland: Seated, L-R William Edward Bland (1857-1884), Enoch Bland, (1833-1920), Henry Bland (1856-1935); Standing L-R Joseph Winfield Bland (1861- ), James Shelton Bland (1861- ) and John Stephen Bland (1867 - )

(Continued from page 130) (c1790-1830) who married a cousin Mary Bland (1793-1857) ( a daughter of William's brother Benjamin Bland) on October 9, 1811, in Clark County Indiana. They were parents of six children including a third son:

1. NOAH BLAND (July 19, 1815 - February 14, 1897). Noah married Susannah Hand (1819-1866) on September 15, 1837, in Bigger Township, Jennings County Indiana. In 1840, Noah sold his land and moved to Ripley County Indiana. After 1850, Noah and Susannah moved to Sharpville, Tipton County Indiana. They had four children:<sup>339</sup>
  - A. CALVIN L. BLAND (April 24, 1839 - June 18, 1860)
  - B. NANCY ELLEN BLAND (June 1, 1841 - January 29, 1904). Nancy married Joseph H. Robinson on September 6, 1856 and they had one daughter.
  - C. JOHN C. BLAND (August 3, 1843 - November 9, 1861) John served with the Union in the Civil War, Company C, 26<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteers. He was killed in action.
  - D. MARY ANN BLAND (April 11, 1849 - September 4, 1857).
  - E. JAMES BLAND (C1858- )

Noah remarried to Elizabeth Marshall Franklin (March 28, 1830 - April 11, 1919) on April 2, 1868. Elizabeth was born Greenbrier County Virginia. Children of the marriage of Noah Bland and Elizabeth Marshall Franklin were:

- F. FRANCES ELEANOR BLAND (February 21, 1869 - June 2, 1961). Eleanor married Lewis Allen Kirtley (1865-1954) on March 6, 1891.<sup>340</sup> They had four children.
- G. OLIVE ELIZABETH BLAND (August 29, 1871 - August 7, 1950) Olive married William Thomas Broyles (1871-1929) on September 26, 1896. They had six children.<sup>341</sup>

<sup>339</sup> Family Bible of Franklin Family held by Olive Bland; Marriage Certificate, Noah Bland and Elizabeth Franklin, Hancock County Indiana, April 2, 1868, and death certificate of Elizabeth Bland, April 11, 1919, in file sent by Ann Marie Coady, January 27, and July 27, 1995, hereafter called The Coady File. Anne Coady gives alternate dates for Noah's birth as July 19, 1815 and January 28, 1814.

<sup>340</sup> This couple were parents to William Franklin Kirtley, who married my late correspondent Hazel Moody Kirtley, AC 10-1, p. 32, AC 10-2, p. 25.

<sup>341</sup> One of these children was Cordova Broyles, (1898-1990) the loquacious flirter with trains identified in H, below. Cordova married Lawrence Jansen (1901-1994) and they were parents of my correspondent Anne Marie Jensen Coady.

- H. LUCY V. BLAND (February 28, 1873 - 1963) Lucy married Oliver P. Nash on September 12 or 22, 1893. Lucy died in Chico California. Like many Blands, Lucy was touched by a train, though not fatally. Lucy visited a talkative niece in Kokomo Indiana at age 74. Whilst the niece was driving Lucy around the town, she was talking so much that she neglected to notice that she had turned into the path of a slow moving freight train, which gently struck the car on Lucy's side and pushed it gently down the track a ways. No one was hurt. Lucy and Oliver had three children. I am pleased to display below a photograph of Olive Elizabeth Bland (1871-1950) and Lucy V. Bland (1873-1963).



Olive Elizabeth Bland (1871-1950) and Lucy V. Bland (1873-1963)  
Courtesy, Anne Marie Coady

## THE BLANDS OF EDGEFIELD COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

This line begins in Loudon County Virginia, with Robert Bland (C1708-1760) married to Jane \_\_\_\_\_. In Vision of Unity<sup>342</sup> I made the mistake of characterizing this Robert as the son of the original settler James Bland (1661-1709) which I was later forced to acknowledge was an error, because a grandson of James Bland in 1774 laid claim to land owned by James, and testified that his son Robert, "died without issue." It is clear, however, that there was a Robert Bland in Prince William County as early as 1735 and again in Loudon (formed in 1757 from Fairfax which was formed from Prince William in 1742). Many of the transactions made by this Robert Bland involved associates of William Bland (C1686-1744), suggesting that our Robert was the grandson of James Bland (1661-1709) rather than his son and a son of William Bland (1686-1744) by his first wife. Robert and Jane had three sons including Edward (1730-1800), Robert (March 9, 1732/1733 - March 27, 1787) and William (C1744-1771)<sup>343</sup>. Robert's birth date was given with precision in the Dero Darwin Bible Record. Edward Bland, the oldest son's, birth year is projected back from Robert's proven date and the elder Robert's birth year is poised at C1708 because William Bland has been shown to be born close to 1686.<sup>344</sup> Robert married Ann \_\_\_\_\_ on April 10, 1857 and they subsequently had a family of ten children. There has been some interest in children John (1757-1781), Presley (1768-1839) and Elisha (1775-1837), but not enough to develop a reprisal of their lines. This issue is primarily concerned with Payton/Peyton Bland.

1. **PEYTON BLAND** (January 1, 1780 - March or April 1815) In the Darwin Family Bible which defined the family of Peyton's parents Robert Bland and Ann \_\_\_\_\_, the name was Payton, taken from an old Virginia Family, but Peyton, as well as his son Peyton always spelled his name with an E and we will honor it that way.<sup>345</sup>

<sup>342</sup> Pp. 484-500.

<sup>343</sup> Edward, Robert and William repeatedly appear on lists of tithables in Loudon County: Virginia County Court Records: Tithables, Loudon County Virginia 1758-1769 (1991) and Tithables, Loudon County Virginia, 1770-1774 (1992); Cf. Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Comp. Fee Books of Loudon County Virginia 1762, 1764, 1765 (1987); Robert Bland appears as court cryer and constable in Virginia County Court Records: Will Abstracts of Loudon County Virginia, Will Book C, January 13, 1783 - 8 September 1788 (1988). In a document I have not seen before, on December 24, 1771, Robert Bland (1772-1787) in Loudon County Virginia sells land to Thomas Hutchinson, including the "late dwelling place of William Bland." I interpret this to refer to Robert's brother William, Virginia Court Records: Deed Abstracts of Loudon County Virginia, 1770-1772 Deed Book H, 12 November 1770 to August 24, 1772 (1989) p. 131. William appears on a list of Tithables as late as September 9, 1771.

<sup>344</sup> Discussion of this issue appears in AC 6-1, pp. 8-10.

<sup>345</sup> Much of what follows is a condensation of information that previously appeared in AC 1-1, pp. 10-13; AC 3-1, pp. 36-37, AC 3-2, p. 45; AC 6-1, 24-30; AC 9-2, pp. 35-36; AC 10-1, pp. 12-16; as well as correspondence from Junaita Peveto Turner Alexander, Helen Bourque, Conrad and Nelle Mang, B. Gayle Jones, . I am especially grateful to Willie Lee Moseley, who sent me the "David Bland Family History" on September 18, 1996. This

Since the dates of movement of his parents from Virginia to South Carolina is reckoned at 1778-1784, Peyton could have been born in either state (or colony). He died in St. Martin's Parish Louisiana, shortly after returning home sick from service in the War of 1812. Peyton served with Bakers 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Louisiana Militia beginning January 3, 1815 and with Captain Shadrach Porter's Infantry until he was discharged on March 13, 1815.<sup>346</sup>

Peyton married Elizabeth Smith (1794-1857),<sup>347</sup> daughter of Jesse Smith and Susan Wordein from Darlington County South Carolina about 1809.<sup>348</sup> Peyton bought land in Louisiana on February 4, 1808, so he married Elizabeth in Louisiana, where they applied for a marriage license. Elizabeth was reputed by family legend to be a rough, tough character "Large of stature, standing six feet, two inches and weighing 200 pounds or more," roomy. She was red headed, fiery tempered, carried six shooters on her hips and was afraid of nothing.<sup>349</sup> Elizabeth was a self-trained physician and mid-wife and made her rounds on horseback. They joined a party of migrants from South Carolina to Louisiana. After Peyton died, Elizabeth entered into about 20 years of stormy times. She married Robert Johnson (C1787-1856) on January 8, 1817. By Johnson, she had a son named Warren Johnson. It is possible that this Robert Johnson was descended from the Robert Johnson with whom Peyton's father Robert Bland consummated an indenture in Loudon County Virginia on August 11, 1775. Parallel to her marriage with Johnson, Elizabeth had a relationship with John Dickerson and bore his child, Joseph Dickerson, in 1822.<sup>350</sup> It has been said that Johnson refused to keep Elizabeth's children by Peyton Bland, John and Peyton (discussed below) which forced Elizabeth to indenture them to Asa Foreman and Benjamin Fork in January 1823. Quite possibly, Johnson's anger over this child by Dickerson could be the reason John and Peyton were indentured.<sup>351</sup> About 1824, Elizabeth left Louisiana with Joseph Dickerson and headed for Texas, leaving behind her sons John and Peyton. By 1827, Elizabeth was living with Robert Johnson, but by 1830, she was alone in the census of that year in St. Landry

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history was given by David Bland (1843-1927), a son of Peyton's son John (1811-1886) about a year before he died, so has extremely valuable historical insights. Hereafter it is called David Bland.

<sup>346</sup> Peyton is alternately described in AC 3-1, p. 36, as having split the scene for Chicago, but this story is not given credibility within the family, because among other things in 1815 there was no Chicago. The source of the story is John Clebrun Bland, per David Bland P. 6. In This telling, Peyton was John Bland and when he returned to Louisiana no one was there, so he left for Chicago, married and raised another family.

<sup>347</sup> Conrad Mang to Charles L. Bland, August 20, 1996, includes a record that John Bland is appointed administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Johnson in May 1857.

<sup>348</sup> Ibid.

<sup>349</sup> AC 3-1, p. 36.

<sup>350</sup> Conrad Mang to Charles L. Bland, August 20, 1996. Joseph Dickerson died in 1855. He married Edelia Foreman, (1823- ) a daughter of Nathan Foreman. David Bland says that Elizabeth married Dickerson, but no objective proof turned up by Conrad Mang's research into the matter provided any proof of marriage.

<sup>351</sup> AC 10-1, p. 15.

Parrish, with one daughter (Caroline) and one male child (Joseph Dickerson or Warren Johnson). Elizabeth returned to Green's Bluff, the area that became Jefferson/Orange County Texas in 1835, with her sons Peyton and John. The Mexican government granted her a league of land, (4428 acres). At this time, she had five children, including the two Bland boys and their sister Caroline young Johnson and Dickerson. Sometime between 1840 and 1850, Elizabeth was reconciled with Robert Johnson, for they are found together in the 1850 Census.<sup>352</sup>

Peyton Bland and Elizabeth had three children, whose descendants became the pioneers of Orange County Texas, which was formed in 1852 from Jefferson County, which in turn was created from the old Mexican Territory in 1836. Their children were:

- A. JOHN BLAND (March 5, 1811 - November 2, 1886)<sup>353</sup> John was born at St. Martin's Parish Louisiana and died in Orange County Texas. At age 11, on January 18, 1823 John was indentured to one Asa Foreman in St. Landry Parish Louisiana, and worked with him until he was 21, when Foreman, who was obliged to educate John during his indenture "to the third rule," paid him \$20. And gave him a horse and saddle. John married Mary Foreman (February 4, 1816 - January 13, 1904),<sup>354</sup> a daughter of Joseph Ephrem Foreman and Marie Charolette, on February 21, 1831. John and Mary left Louisiana for the Mexican Territory in 1835. David Bland writes "My parents moved from Louisiana to Texas in 1835."<sup>355</sup> They moved to the part of Jefferson County that later became Orange County. John served in the Texas Revolution from September 2, 1836 to March 2, 1837.<sup>356</sup> John received some 4428 acres of land from the Mexican Government in 1835 and a bounty grant of 640 acres from the new State of Texas in 1841. After the war, he was a farmer, who was said to have loved liquor, horses and gambling, all in moderation of course, and from his prolific family, one would judge that he loved Mary Foreman. Their children were:

- (1) Joseph Bland (June 8, 1832 - November 8, 1915)  
Joseph was born in St. Martins Parish Louisiana and died in Orange County Texas. Joseph married (1<sup>st</sup>) Martha Thomas, by whom he had four children.

<sup>352</sup> AC 10-1, p. 16.

<sup>353</sup> Helen Bourque asserted that John Bland was born March 5, 1811 and not June 3 as indicated by Juanita Alexander, AC 3-1, p. 37.

<sup>354</sup> David Bland, P. 1, is the source of Mary's birth date.

<sup>355</sup> David Bland, p. 1.

<sup>356</sup> Dunn, p. 33.



- (a) Henry W. Bland (C1856-1919) Henry married (1<sup>st</sup>) Rachel Simmons on December 28, 1877 and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Frances Henry on July 3, 1918.
- (b) Jefferson Davis Bland (June 30, 1861 - July 12, 1918) married Emily Myers on November 11, 1883.
- (c) Clara Bland Clara married D.W. Stakes on November 2, 1880.
- (d) Flavia Bland Flavia married Adolph Prejean.

Joseph Bland married (2<sup>nd</sup>) the widow Abbie Holden Parrish on November 21, 1865, by whom he had:

- (e) Malona Jacente Bland (October 15, 1866 - August 1936). Malona married Edward Hall on June 8, 1886.
- (f) Margaret "Maggie" Bland (1869- ) married G.S. Russell on March 17, 1887.
- (f) Joseph Bland
- (g) George W. Bland who married Margaret Peveto on June 29, 1892.

George married (3<sup>rd</sup>) Mel Stakes on October 8, 1885. David Bland claims there was an adopted daughter by this marriage, Laura Benson.<sup>357</sup> Joseph's photograph is displayed in Among Cousins Volume 2-1, Attachment 9.

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

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<sup>357</sup> Ibid.

- (3) Malona Bland (September 6, 1837 - February 15, 1907). Malona was the first child of John Bland and Mary Foreman born in free Texas. She lived and died in Orange County. She married William Fleming.
- (4) Peyton Bland (July 22, 1839 - died the day he was born).
- (5) Mary Bland (September 25, 1840 - October 15, 1919). Mary was born and died in Jefferson/Orange County Texas. Mary married (1<sup>st</sup>) William Hatton and had two children by him. Mary married (2<sup>nd</sup>) George A. Foreman on November 16, 1865 and they had a family of six children:
- (a) John T. Foreman
  - (b) Buelah Foreman
  - (c) David C. Foreman
  - (d) George A. Foreman (according to David Bland, David and George Foreman were twins).
  - (e) Sarah E. Foreman
- (6) David Bland (January 27, 1843 - November 25, 1927) David was born and died in Jefferson/Orange County Texas. David joined the CSA on August 1, 1861, Company B, Fourth Texas Cavalry. He served throughout the war, finally mustering out May 18, 1865. His unit engaged the Yankees in battle some 150 miles north of El Paso at the Battle of Val Verde and at Glorietta between Santa Fe New Mexico and Fort Union. They also engaged the Yankees at Galveston on January 1, 1863 and in April of 1864 engaged the Yankees at Pleasant Hill. At Mansfield, in absence of his commanding officer, David personally demanded the surrender of Yankee forces. After another year of fighting, David wrote "In Burleson County on the Brazos, we were mustered out on May 18, 1865. I reached home in June, and soon resumed employment as a private citizen, but always a Confederate Veteran.<sup>358</sup> A picture of David Bland in his military uniform may be found in Volume 3-1 (page 37) of Among Cousins. David worked for a spell min the timber business after the Civil war but then went back to farming and stuck with it. Late in his life he also wrote a history of his family which is invaluable for its freshness and

<sup>358</sup> David Bland describes his military service on pp. 2-4.

section. It was later updated by his daughter Allie. He married Martha Allen on November 17, 1869 and by her had a family of seven children:

- (a) Mary Minerva Bland (November 29, 1870 - May 17, 1946). Mary married J. W. Gates on December 23, 1890.
  - (b) John Calhoun Bland (July 3, 1872 - 1941) John married Mattie Chester Thompson on December 6, 1894. They had three children.
  - (c) Fanny Lourenia Bland (March 29, 1874 - January 23, 1895). Fannie married George Elsworth Newport (1861-1951) on December 23, 1890 and they had a family of three children.<sup>359</sup>
  - (d) Allie Bland (July 26, 1875 - 1964) Photographs of Allie Bland appear in Among Cousins Volume 6-1, p. 39.
  - (e) David Bland (December 23, 1876 - 1888)
  - (f) Thurston Bland (July 17, 1878 - July 6, 1956) Thurston served his country in the Spanish American war and also fought for the British in the Boer War. Thurston was an adventurer. He married Ida Eddins in Orange County Texas on February 22, 1905 and they had three sons.<sup>360</sup>
  - (g) Martha Bland (November 6, 1882 - 1965) Martha married Monroe Chapman on June 8, 1905. Photographs of Martha Ann Bland Chapman appear in Among Cousins, Volume 6-1, p. 40.
- (7) John Clebrun Bland (December 16, 1848 - October 5, 1895) was born and died in Jefferson/Orange County Texas. John married Martha Jane Johnson (February 18, 1856 - September 28, 1938) on March 22, 1875. Photographs of John Clebrun Bland and Martha Jane Johnson appear in Among Cousins Volume 6-2, p. 40. They had a family of seven children:
- (a) Richard Henry Bland (September 25, 1876 - May 29, 1901). Richard married Dora Bain Cook.
  - (b) Percy Lafayette Bland (July 7, 1878 - March 18, 1921)
  - (c) Ada Jane Bland (February 14, 1881 - September 10, 1953) Ada married Andrew Lemaire on August 16, 1899.

<sup>359</sup> A picture of Fannie Louraine Bland, courtesy Helen Bourque, is displayed in AC 3-1, p. 37, and AC 8-2, p. 45.

<sup>360</sup> AC 3-2, p. 45.

- (d) Mary Melissa Bland (September 2, 1883 - November 1956) Melissa married W.L. Downey on January 7, 1901.
  - (e) David Clarence Bland (March 7, 1886 - August 20, 1951). David married Kathleen Lomax on September 10, 1915 and they had three children.
  - (f) Lonie Florence Bland (January 11, 1888 - January 18, 1957) Lonie married W.F. Rachel on October 26, 1915.
  - (g) Fara Elizabeth Bland (September 10, 1893 - 1976) Fara Elizabeth married Robert Louis Kibbe (1888-1982) on October 23, 1915.<sup>361</sup> A Photograph of Fara Elizabeth Kibbe appears in Among Cousins Volume 6-2, p. 40.
- (8) Elizabeth Bland (January 19, 1853<sup>362</sup> - February 2, 1918), Elizabeth was born and died in Orange County Texas. She married Jack Turner about 1876 and they had two children:
- (a) Edith Turner (1877- 1968) Edith married \_\_\_\_\_ Ritter.
  - (b) Arthur Turner (1879- )
- (9) Lafayette Bland (February 13, 1855 - March 4, 1861).

B. CAROLINE BLAND (September 7, 1813 - June 2, 1888) was born in St. Martin's Parish Louisiana and died in Orange County Texas. She married William Clark in St. Martin's Parish Louisiana about 1830. They came to Texas about 1835.<sup>363</sup> and had by him a family of six children:<sup>364</sup>

- (1) Altiann Clark (1831-1917) married (1<sup>st</sup>) W. W. Wadsworth in 1847 and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Solomon Gehee in 1857.
- (2) Solomon Clark (1832-1901) who married Jane McLain in 1869.
- (3) Elizabeth Clark (1833-1921) who married (1<sup>st</sup>) Garland Foreman in 1849, (2<sup>nd</sup>) Jonathan Cooper in 1861 and (3<sup>rd</sup>) Charles Sexton in 1872.

<sup>361</sup> AC 6-2, p. 32.

<sup>362</sup> Helen Bourque supplied the corrected date of January 19, 1853 in lieu of November 7, 1852, AC 3-1, p. 37.

<sup>363</sup> Source cited by Derry Dunn in Las Sabinas XXIII, No. 4. (1996) pp. 29-30, hereafter called Dunn.

<sup>364</sup> Cf. AC 7-2, p. 26, for primary source to line of Carolina Bland and William Clark.

- (4) Rachel Clark (1835-1924) who married Samuel Holden.
- (5) Robert Clark (1841-1932) who married (1<sup>st</sup>) Sarah Cooper in 1861.
- (6) Mary C. Clark ((1848- ) who married Venley Henderson in 1878.

C. Peyton Bland (September 25, 1815 - September 17, 1872)  
Peyton was born in St. Martins Parish Louisiana and died in orange County Texas. At age seven, on January 18, 1823, Peyton was indentured to Benjamin Fork at St. Landry Parish in Louisiana, under terms similar to those of his brother John with Asa Foreman. It is probable that he remained in Louisiana until this indenture was finished and about 1834 with his mother and stepfather moved into Jefferson/Orange Texas.<sup>365</sup> He served in the Texas Revolution from September-December 1835, serving in David Gardner's Company.<sup>366</sup> He served again in March and April 1836. Peyton married Susannah Harmon (November 2, 1822 - August 15, 1892) in Jefferson/Orange County Texas on May 8, 1838. Peyton enlisted in the Coast Guard on July 9, 1862, but served only a short time. Peyton was known as a big man, one witness recalled "he was huge, with pistols on his hips; it scared us kids to death." Peyton was a cattle drover, traveling from Far West Texas to New Orleans, where, according to one source, he could sell cattle to the Confederates for \$22. per head. After the Yankees took New Orleans, Peyton could still sell cattle profitably to the Northern Forces in the Civil War.<sup>367</sup> On one drive, took the stock of a man named Coles. Returning from the drive, he threw a bag of money on Cole's table and exclaimed, "there's more money there than you've ever seen or ever will again." Sure enough, Coles lost all his money. In spite of his huge size, Peyton was susceptible to illness, and caught pneumonia during a cattle drive and died. His children searched for his grave which was reportedly on a bluff overlooking the St. Bernard River in Wharton County, but never found it. Peyton Bland and Susannah Harmon had a family of thirteen children:<sup>368</sup>

<sup>365</sup> Jody Cooper Slaydon, in an undated history of Peyton Bland, hereafter called Slaydon, indicates that he may have come to Texas as early as 1827, with the John Harmon Family. She cites "Bits of Orange History" taken from the 1890 Southeast Texas Journal and 1896 Weekly Tribune. In another section, Slaydon indicates that he received a Texas Land Grant on May 5, 1838, "as a single man in Texas by 1833."

<sup>366</sup> Dunn, p. 34.

<sup>367</sup> Slaydon, p. 2.

<sup>368</sup> Many dates for descendants of Peyton Bland and Susannah Harmon were enhanced by reference to the section on the Bland Cemetery in Las Sabinas XXIII No. 4, (1996)

- (1) Sarah Elizabeth Bland (May 1, 1839 - January 27, 1924). Sarah married Michael Peveto (1836-1909) and by him had a family of twelve children:
- (a) Emily Peveto (1856- )
  - (b) Ralph Peveto (1857- )
  - (c) Robert Peveto (1860-1923)
  - (d) Julia Ann Peveto (1861-1879)
  - (e) Laura Ann Peveto (1863- )
  - (f) Susanna Peveto (January 15, 1865 - July 22, 1946) Susanna married Harve Lindscomb, (1856-1925) on December 28, 1881. Susanna's great, great granddaughter Gayle Jones describes Susanna as "quick tempered, demanding and exceptionally neat and not of small stature. She also possessed healing talents using many of the old remedies of kerosene and cobwebs."  
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  - (g) Rufus Peveto (1866- )
  - (h) Altha Ann Peveto (1871- )
  - (i) Sarah Elizabeth Peveto (1872- )
  - (j) George Peveto (1874-1940)
  - (k) Jonathan Slick Peveto (1876-1949)
  - (l) Annie Oliver Peveto (1880-1945)
- (2) Emily Bland May 25, 1841 - December 25, 1902) Emily was born and died in Jefferson/Orange County. Emily married Samuel Peveto (1835-1900) and they had a family of sixteen children:
- (a) Victoria Peveto (1857-1892)
  - (b) Mary Adelaide Peveto (1859-1882)
  - (c) Samuel Houston Peveto (1861-1922)
  - (d) John Denna Peveto (1863-1928)
  - (e) Emily Peveto (1865-1942)
  - (f) Nancy Jane Peveto (1866-1949)
  - (g) Caroline Elizabeth Peveto (1869-1948)
  - (h) Susanna Clarnuse Peveto (1870-1878)
  - (i) Ursan Bussie Peveto (1872-1945)
  - (j) Guy Archer Peveto (1874- )
  - (k) Flavilla Peveto (1875-1952)
  - (l) Clarinda Isadora Peveto (1877- )
  - (m) Josephine Peveto (1879-1960)
  - (n) Walter Peveto (1881- )
  - (o) Henry Peveto (1883-1956)
  - (p) Jessa Peveto (1885- )

- (3) Caroline Bland (August 18, 1843 - June 1, 1900)  
Caroline was born and died in Jefferson/Orange County. She married Uriah Cooper on January 26, 1860.
- (4) Nancy Jane Bland (May 26, 1845 - August 25, 1933)  
Nancy was born and died in Jefferson/Orange County Texas. Nancy's photograph is displayed in Among Cousins Volume 1-1, attachment 16. Nancy married (1<sup>st</sup>) James Norwood on August 6, 1866 but there is no record of any children. Nancy married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Colin Peveto (1849-1907) on January 6, 1871 in Orange County and they had nine children:
- (a) Alfred or Allie Peveto (1872-1938)
  - (b) Caswell Peveto (1874-1879)
  - (c) Florentine Peveto (1876-1956)
  - (d) Calvin Peveto (1877-1953)
  - (e) Otis Pearl "Ode" Peveto (1879-1963) <sup>370</sup>
  - (f) Cleorie Loumentice "Coco" Peveto (1881-1958)
  - (g) Jacob Stafford Peveto (1883-1909)
  - (h) Cora Elizabeth peveto (1884-1951)
  - (i) Emily Isadora "Dora" Peveto (1886-1981)
- (5) Ursan Bland(July 5, 1847 - 1865) was killed in action during the Civil War.
- (6) Jonathan Bland (December 8, 1848 - July 29, 1878)  
Jonathan married (1<sup>st</sup>) Sue Beaks on November 21, 1866 and they had one child:
- (a) Stafford Bland

Jonathan married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Texana Alderman. They were parents of three children:

- (b) Jonathan Cooper Bland (December 6, 1872- )  
Jonathan married Hattie Van Housen on November 19, 1896.
- (c) Samuel Allen Bland (January 18, 1875 - April 16, 1956) married Rosey lee Pierce in 1897.
- (d) Peyton Bland (March 3, 1879 - after 1923)  
Peyton married (1<sup>st</sup>) Alice Weaver and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Ola Cole, about 1923.

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<sup>370</sup> Otis was the father of Juanita Peveto Turner Alexander, who was one of the founding historians of the Bland family from Orange County. Another correspondent, Eva Jane Peveto Dowdy told me that she descended from Nancy Jane Bland Peveto as well, letter to Charles L. Bland, March 23, 1997.

- (7) Silas Bland (June 1, 1850 - January 24, 1934). Silas was born and died in Jefferson/Orange County Texas. He married Norah Alividi Lindscomb (August 16, 1850 - January 16, 1927) on September 14, 1870 and they had a family of nine children:
- (a) Robert Bland (1871-1871)
  - (b) Richard Silas Bland (September 17, 1873 - June 23, 1850 )Richard married Mary Aslea Jedry (September 7, 1873 - April 13, 1963) on December 28, 1892.
  - (c) Edward Bland(September 27, 1875- ) Edward married Viola Cochran.
  - (d) Jo Ida Bland (October 14, 1878 - May 15, 1935) Jo Ida married L.W.B. Tarter.
  - (e) Lender lee Bland (January 6, 1881 - April 4, 1952) Lender Lee married Octavia Alice Peveto on January 31, 1901.
  - (f) Oliver Bland (July 23, 1883 - March 2, 1902)
  - (g) Mary Ida or Ada Bland ((April 4, 1885- )
  - (h) Sidney Ann Bland (February 3, 1887- ) married George Shannon on June 19, 1903.
  - (i) Vida Bland (February 24, 1894 - ) married William Walter Morris on December 20, 1911.
- (8) James Bland (January 9, 1852 - June 12, 1894)
- (9) Altha Ann Bland (September 20, 1854 - December 14, 1932). Altha was born and died in Orange County Texas. Altha's photograph appears in Among Cousins Volume 1-1, attachment 16. On October 26, 1869, Altha married John Dobbs (1844-1881) and they had five children:
- (a) Lorraine Dobbs (1870-1957)
  - (b) Susan Dobbs (1872- )
  - (c) Penelope Dobbs (1874-1969)
  - (d) Mary Robert Dobbs (1876-1962)
  - (e) Peyton Dobbs (1878-1957)
- (10) Peyton Bland (May 19, 1858 - May 24, 1938). Peyton was born and died in orange County. He married Alice Gibson (1862-1960) on November 25, 1879 at Wallis Texas. Their children were:
- (a) Grover Bland (1886-1928)
  - (b) Walter B. Bland (1889-1952)
  - (c) Thurman Bland



- (11) Susan Bland (November 6, 1860 - February 20, 1926).  
Susan's photograph appears in Among Cousins Volume 1-1, Attachment 16. Susan married Alonzo Wingate Lewis (1857-1910) on February 19, 1880. Their children were:
- (a) Agnes Lewis (1880-1956)
  - (b) Pearl Lewis (1882-1959)
  - (c) Alzadia "Sadie" Jane Lewis (1885-1960)
  - (d) Flavia Ella Lewis (1886-1948)
  - (e) John Griffith Lewis (1889-1952)
  - (f) Carl Brockett Lewis (1890-1942)
  - (g) Hugh Herbert Lewis (1893-1945)
  - (h) Warren Bolin Lewis (1895-1941)
  - (i) Lillie May Lewis (1897- )
- (12) Elzy Harmon Bland (May 25, 1863 - February 8, 1938). Elzy was born and died in Orange County Texas. Elzy married Martha Hare Wilkerson (1864-1941) on April 12, 1883. Their children were:
- (a) Maggie Wilkerson Bland (June 18, 1882 - February 22, 1950) Maggie married John Peveto.
  - (b) Jessie Bland (August 20, 1885 - June 7, 1958)
  - (c) Frank Bland (1886-1888)
  - (d) Lillie Bland (February 4, 1888 - November 4, 1945)
  - (e) Jasper Monroe Bland (February 21, 1890 - August 15, 1951) Jasper married Alta Smith on March 3, 1920.
  - (f) Fred Nolan Bland (August 28, 1892 - November 25, 1956) Fred married Emma McDonald on April 10, 1918.
  - (g) Denis Feral Bland (December 3, 1893- )  
Dennis married Sid Callavet on January 21, 1917.
  - (h) Henry Thomas Bland (April 18, 1895 - )  
married Lillie Granger on December 31, 1916.
  - (i) Lettie Bland (January 22, 1898- ) Lettie married Arthur J. Reinhard on February 8, 1924.
  - (j) Edmond Newton Bland (October 13, 1899 - November 15, 1952) Edmond married Syble Johnson.
  - (k) Susie Bland (1902-1902)

- (13) Joshua Bland (January 16, 1867 - October 26, 1947) Known locally as the father of the oil industry, the first oil well in Orange County was brought in on Joshua's land. Joshua was born and died in orange County Texas. He married Ellen Nora Walles (April 7, 1872 - May 4, 1946) at Orange County on September 5, 1888. Their children were:
- (a) Elnora Bland (September 1889- ) who married Travis Lindscomb.
  - (b) Granville Shaw Bland (September 21, 1891- March 2, 1957) Granville married Minnie LaFleuron December 16, 1915.
  - (c) Walles Bland (November 3, 1892 - May 1969) Walles married Georgia Wooley on September 2, 1921.
  - (d) Fannie Bland (August 30, 1894 - August 24, 1924) Fannie married Carroll William Roebuck on June 5, 1915.
  - (e) Jefferson Davis Bland (February 2, 1896 - December 3, 1963) married Lancie Landrum (1897-1984) on March 1, 1916.
  - (f) Walter Carl Bland (January 17, 1900 - February 7, 1947) Walter married Mary Maggie Steinecker
  - (g) Cora May Bland (December 9, 1901 - ) Cora married Loran Henry Carr on March 16, 1922.
  - (h) James Tracy Bland (April 24, 1906 - August 5, 1967) married (1<sup>st</sup>) Marian Carver and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Ruby Lee Mitchell.
  - (i) Charles Culberson Bland (December 22, 1908 - August 5, 1986) Charles married Virginia Sexton on June 24, 1931.

This concludes discussion of the family of Peyton Bland (1780-1815) and Elizabeth Smith (1794-1856)

#### VIRGINIA FAMILIES

##### SAMUEL BLAND: MECKLENBURG COUNTY VIRGINIA AND WILSON COUNTY

TENNESSEE This family group, with distant origins in Mecklenburg County Virginia, (formed in 1764 from Lunenburg County) has thus far stubbornly resisted linkage to other Bland lines.<sup>371</sup> I was made aware of the line in 1981-1982 while writing A Vision of Unity by Mrs. Jack (Marjorie Bland) Sayles, of Abilene, Texas.

<sup>371</sup> Previous discussion of this line occurs in VU, pp. 548-552, AC 2-1, p. 24; AC 2-2, pp. 36-37A; AC 5-2, pp. 18-20; AC 12-2, pp. 21-22.

On July 23, 1725, in Elizabeth City County, Virginia, Samuel and Martha Bland witnessed the will of John Merritt. Nothing more is known of this Samuel Bland except that on September 4, 1755, a court in Warwick County, Virginia ordered settlement of Samuel Bland's estate. Thus, Samuel appears to have been born in the late 17th, early 18th century, and to have died in 1755. His dates are estimated (1700-1755). His wife was assumed to be Martha Merritt. Samuel and Martha appear to have had three children:

1. MERRITT BLAND (c1730 - 1773) The eldest child of Samuel Bland and Martha Merritt was Merritt Bland, who was born prior to 1730, proved by his appointment to a jury on June 6, 1751 in Warwick County.<sup>372</sup> Merritt died in Mecklenburg County Virginia. His will was made March 2, 1773 and probated May 10, 1773. His will mentions a wife named Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ and four children<sup>373</sup>:

A. SAMUEL I. BLAND (c1752-1820) Samuel's will was made January 22, 1820 and probated February 21, 1820. Samuel was a Justice of the Peace, and was executor of his father's will. He seems to have fought with his siblings about his father's will. He chased a lawman off his property with gunfire when the hapless man attempted to deliver a summons. His son Williamson was a chip off the old block, for when the lawman ran the next day, Williamson took a gun to him. Samuel was a horse breeder and lived on the far his father left him. Samuel married Elizabeth Williamson of Charlotte County Virginia, on June 12, 1781.

(1) Williamson Bland (C1782 - after 1856)<sup>374</sup> Williamson died in Wilson County Tennessee. He married Dorcas Williams (February 21, 1782 - July 19, 1836), in Mecklenburg County Virginia on November 17, 1806. Williamson and Dorcas moved their family to Wilson County Tennessee in the Fall of 1829. This was an intermediary step, for Williamson's son John fought in the war of 1812 and was rewarded by some bounty land in the Arkansas Territory, which became a State in 1836. The land was evidently in the area of Washington County that became

<sup>372</sup> Merritt's first male and female children were named Samuel and Martha, reinforcing the idea that Merritt was the son of Samuel Bland and Martha, his wife.

<sup>373</sup> Lunenburg County Wills 1746-1825, p. 332 find Merritt and his wife Sarah in 1764 as executor and witness to wills Joseph Smith and Ann Russell.

<sup>374</sup> See note of Dee Swift in VU, p. 549, note 1. Samuel's date of death was given as December 29, 1850, but Swift doubted this.

Benton County in 1840. They had a family of eight known children, all born in Mecklenburg County Virginia.

- (a) Samuel L. Bland (September 26, 1808 - February 26, 1832). Samuel was a teacher with a promising career that was cut short when he choked to death on a fish-bone. He was married to Mahalia Brinkley on January 22, 1830.
- (b) Sarah Ann Bland (January 5, 1809 - after June 1860) Sarah married Archibald Cox in Virginia. They evidently went to Tennessee ahead of their parents.
- (c) Celia E. Bland (August 12, 1813 - February 11, 1873) Celia died in Benton County Arkansas. The genealogist Dee Swift characterized her as "not bright, but not an idiot either." (Kind of like me). Swift then contradicts himself by confirming that Celia was smart enough to stay single.<sup>375</sup>
- (d) Elizabeth W. Bland (September 4, 1815 - January 4, 1872) She married William C. "Dry Billy" Patterson and according to the colorful Swift, "they had a raft of kids." Elizabeth died in Benton County Arkansas.
- (e) John Williamson Petross Bland (December 22, 1817 - May 20, 1903) John W.P. married Malinda Jane Porterfield (c1825- ) in Wilson County Tennessee on October 9, 1844. They moved into Benton County Arkansas in 1856.<sup>376</sup> and were parents of eight children:
  - (I) Mary Ann Elizabeth Bland (1847- ) Mary Ann married Edward Jennings at Larue, Benton County Arkansas.
  - (II) James Bland (1848 - 1900) James married Tennessee Ryan. A former correspondent Jewell Hegwood Dye, claimed that James "married" and "remarried".
  - (III) Samuel Merritt Bland (June 17, 1849 - April 28, 1911). Samuel married Amanda Catherine Tucker on October 22, 1871. They had eight children.<sup>377</sup>

<sup>375</sup> The 1850 Census, Dwelling/Family 1431, finds Cily E. Bland, age 37, living with James Patton, age 32.

<sup>376</sup> A photograph of John William Petross Bland appears in AC 12-2, p. 22.

<sup>377</sup> One of these children, Minnie, married H.H. Hegwood, and they were parents of Jewell Hegwood Dye. A photograph of five sons appears in AC 2-1, attachment 11.

- (IV) Sarah Parilee Bland (October 10, 1853 - 1936) Sarah married (1<sup>st</sup>) Marion Carter and (2<sup>nd</sup>) John David Gardner.
- (V) William Richard Lafayette Bland (April 5, 1855 - April 4, 1922). William died in Larue, Benton County Arkansas. He never married.
- (VI) George Clark Bland (February 14, 1858 - March 4, 1938) George was born and died in Larue, Benton County Arkansas. He married Mary Catherine Blackburn at Spring Valley, Washington County Arkansas on October 9, 1882. George and Catherine had thirteen children: (1) Petross Bland (1883-1894) Petross was kicked to death by a mule; (2) Ursula May Bland, (1885-1898); (3) Ethel Bland (1886-1961; (4) Kathy Lee Bland (1888-1967); (5) Marvin Bland (1891-1894 Marvin died of typhoid fever; (6) Lloyd Claude Bland (1893-1975); (7) Lester W. Lafayette Bland (1895-1966); (8) Young Jack Bland (1895-1976), who married Millicent White on June 9, 1923<sup>378</sup>; (9) Infant Girl (1897; (10) William Everett Bland (1902-1985); <sup>379</sup>(11) Mildred Bland (1904- ); (12) Dottie Bland (1906- ); and (13) Ralph Bland (1908- ) still living.
- (VII) Susan Elizabeth Bland (C1860-1932) was born in Benton County Arkansas. She married James Reynolds.
- (VIII) Jim Newton Bland (October 10, 1865 - November 14, 1867)
- (f) William David "Billy" Bland (April 17, 1820 - ) Billy died at Osage, Coryell County Texas. He married Melissa Levina Beadle on December 26, 1839. Their children in the 1850 census are: (1) John Bland (1840- ); (2) Celia Bland (1845- ) and (3) Rebecca Bland (c1850 - ).

<sup>378</sup> Young Jack moved to California where he and Millicent had a son Douglas Bland (1923- ) who was the father of an old correspondent Gail Bland Riker.

<sup>379</sup> Photos of Lloyd Claude Bland, Young Jack Bland, Lester Lafayette Bland and William Everett Bland appear in AC 1-1, attachment 19.

- (g) Mary Jane Bland (C1824.- October 27, 1850)  
Mary Jane died in Wilson County Tennessee.  
She married Thomas Patton on August 10, 1841  
and they had four children.
- (h) Francis Marion Marcus de Lafayette Bland  
(June 12, 1829 - August 13, 1910) "Fayte" as  
he was called, died in Coryell County Texas  
and is buried at the Osage cemetery. He  
married Elizabeth Dimmitt Porterfield (1833-  
1900) on February 8, 1854. Elizabeth was a  
sister of Malinda Porterfield, who married  
Fayte's brother John William Petross Bland  
(1817-1903). Fayte served as a sergeant in  
the CSA, Company F, 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Tennessee  
Army. He was captured at Hatcher's Run on  
April 2, 1865 and was detained at Camp  
Lookout Maryland, at the same time as his  
distant cousins Lawrence Nathan Bland of  
Edgefield County South Carolina (1845-1902)  
Christopher Columbus Bland (1846-1917) of the  
Pitt County North Carolina Family.<sup>380</sup> Fayte  
was released on May 20, 1865.<sup>381</sup> Fayte Bland  
and Elizabeth Porterfield had a family of six  
children, all of whom, excepting Mary Jane,  
were born in Wilson County Tennessee and died  
in Coryell or Merkel Texas:
- (I) Mary Jane Bland (1854-1913) Mary Jane  
married W. Vantriase on November 10,  
1880.
- (II) John William Carroll Bland (1858-  
1946) who married Lockey Tennessee  
Craddock (1860-1947) on November 26,  
1876. They had eleven children.<sup>382</sup>
- (III) Marian Florina Bland, (1861-1936)  
who married Jesse Abner Graham in  
1892.
- (IV) Jefferson Davis Bland (1866-1898) who  
married Prudence Edwards on September  
1, 1892.
- (V) Rosalie Alice Bland (1870-1961) who  
married Wreps Crawford Nettles on  
August 23, 1888.

<sup>380</sup> VU, pp 510-1511, AC 2-2, pp. 36-37A and above, p. 101 .

<sup>381</sup> A photograph of Fayte Bland in uniform appears in AC 2-1, Attachment 12.

<sup>382</sup> One of these was Robert Lafayette Bland (July 30, 1879 - August 15, 1960) who died in Abilene Texas. He married Eula May Diltz on November 27, 1898, and they were parents of five children, including my correspondent, the late Marjorie Bland Sayles.

(VI) Joe Harvey Bland (1877-1945) who married Mary Shannon in 1904.<sup>383</sup>

- (2) Elizabeth Bland Elizabeth married \_\_\_\_\_ Norvill.
- (3) Rebecca Bland Rebecca married \_\_\_\_\_ Carpenter.
- (4) Frances Bland (C1784-1820) married John Hudson on April 30, 1801.
- (5) John Bland ( - December 31, 1813). John died in the War of 1812, for which he was awarded land in Arkansas territory.

B. JOHN BLAND (1754-1808) married Sally Burnett (c1776 - 1810) in Mecklenburg County Virginia April 22, 1794. Sally married James Goodwin in Rutherford County Tennessee on December 21, 1809, suggesting that John died about 1808. Guardians for the children of John and Sally were appointed January 8, 1811 in Rutherford County Tennessee.<sup>384</sup>

C. MARTHA BLAND

D. JOHN BLAND

E. ELIZABETH BLAND

2. THOMAS BLAND (C1732- ) On April 5, 1750, Thomas Bland made a deposition before the court and was identified as about eighteen. Nothing more is known of Thomas.
3. SAMUEL BLAND (C1739- ) On May 1, 1760, Samuel Bland appeared in court to make an administrative motion about an estate. Nothing more is known of Samuel.

Wilson County Tennessee Note In the 1850 Census, Dwelling/Family 283, lives Morris Bland, age 19, with 81 year old James Landell. It is possible that this Morris, if not otherwise claimed, is the Morris Bland from England (1829- ) who married Jane Haner on August 1, 1852. Their children lived in Tennessee.<sup>385</sup>

<sup>383</sup> A Photo of Fayette Bland and Lockey Tennessee Craddock and many of their children appears in AC 2-2, p. 37A.

<sup>384</sup> AC 5-2, p. 20. Rutherford County Tennessee Order Book, January 8, 1811, orders John Hill and Theophilus Cannon to settle with Reuben Burnett, who is the guardian for the children of John Bland and Sally Burnett Goodwin. The name Theophilus Cannon is extremely interesting, suggestive of Theophilus Bland of Pitt County North Carolina and Shelby County Tennessee, whose relations back in North Carolina had relations with the Cannon family.

<sup>385</sup> AC 5-2, p. 34.

JOHN AND CHARLES BLAND, AMHURST COUNTY VIRGINIA AND FAYETTE,  
GIBSON, HAYWOOD, SHELBY AND WILSON COUNTIES, TENNESSEE<sup>386</sup>

JOHN AND CHARLES BLAND John Bland must have been born about 1745, for he had a land survey completed on both sides of the Pedlar River in Amhurst County Virginia which was formed in 1761 from Albemarle County, on November 7, 1766. John and his brother Charles (whose name sequences are repeated later in the family line) surveyed property in Amhurst County at about the same time in 1767. John acted as security for a mortgage on July 29, 1772. Amhurst county stands apart from other major lines, giving rise to the possibility that John and Charles were immigrants from England.<sup>387</sup>

1. JESSE BLAND (C1775 - 1833) Jesse could be a son of either John or Charles above. He married Sally Newman on May 11, 1801, in Amhurst County Virginia. Jesse and Sally bought some 605 acres in Amhurst County between 1803-1811. They sold 394 acres of land in 1808-1809 and sold 228 acres on September 12, 1815. Subsequently Jesse and Sally they disappear from the records of the county, to reappear in Gibson County Tennessee, in June 1833, where they sell 200 acres to Daniel Cherry. Sarah Bland appears in a lawsuit in Rutherford County Tennessee May 16, 1842, in which Jesse, William and Eleanor Bland grant power of attorney to Cornelius Bland "our brother" to dispose of the residuals in the will of John Newman that were to benefit, Sarah Newman Bland "our mother."<sup>388</sup>

<sup>386</sup> Primary researchers of this line include Herbert Francis Bland Jr., Paragould Arkansas; Mariliu Stanley, Dallas Texas, Neta Davis, Broken Bow Oklahoma, and Martha Bland, Grand Junction Tennessee whose material was sent to me January 4, 1999 and is hereafter called Martha Bland File. See previous information, AC 4-1, pp. 26-27, AC 5-2, pp. 20-22, AC 7-1, pp. 17-19, AC 7-2, p. 17, AC 9-2, pp. 36-37, AC 12-2, pp. 23-30. Also useful is a summary by Francis Bland, July 1991, hereafter called Francis Bland.

<sup>387</sup> AC 12-2, pp. 23-24.

<sup>388</sup> AC 7-1, p. 18, In his will Newman mentioned Sarah as well as sons Lorenzo, John and Allen as well as daughter Elizabeth Newman Pinkard. On August 30, 1842, John Bland (1803-1856) of Rutherford County, sold a slave woman named Caroline to Lorenzo Newman and Cornelius Bland. Subsequently, Cornelius Bland bought Caroline outright for \$150 And then resold her for \$5 on September 6, 1842 to Joseph Newman, who was Cornelius' security for a debt of \$115 that Cornelius owed Lorenzo Newman. Cornelius retained his entitlement to Caroline by discharging his debt to Lorenzo Newman. Ultimately, on October 9, 1845, Lorenzo Newman sold a slave man named Henry for \$500. And used part of the proceeds to buy poor Caroline from Cornelius Bland. Apart from the sad commentary of our ancestor's traffic in human beings as commodities as exchange, this establishes a very strong relationship between the Blands and Newmans.



A. JOHN BLAND (C1804 - September 1856) <sup>389</sup> a Baptist Minister who was born in Virginia. John married Elizabeth (C1804-1857), also from Virginia, about 1825. John was in Rutherford County Tennessee by 1820. He was in Gibson County in 1830 but about 1845 moved to Haywood County where he and Elizabeth were enumerated in the 1850 Census and where they died a few years later. Their children were:

- (1) Susan Bland (C1822- ) married \_\_\_\_\_ Hargett, but was widowed by 1850, when she was enumerated with her parents.
- (2) Calvin Bland (August 1827 - 1900/1910) listed as "crippled" Calvin Married M.E. or Armanda \_\_\_\_\_ (July 1833 - ) and they had two daughters:
  - (a) M.E. Bland (C1853- )
  - (b) M.F. Bland (C1855- )
- (3) Eliza Bland (C1828 - May 14, 1900) married to Thomas Layman ( -January 11, 1886) in Gibson County Tennessee on January 6, 1848. Thomas is buried at the Alamo Cemetery in Crockett County Tennessee.
- (4) Mary Bland (C1830- )
- (5) Charles N. Bland (1835-1900) Charles married (1<sup>st</sup>) Elizabeth Lewis Beard (1836- ) on January 30, 1860. Elizabeth was a widow with two children, Elizabeth (1853- ) and Mary (1857- ) by her former marriage. Charles married (2<sup>nd</sup>) P. Farrow and (3<sup>rd</sup>) Fanny White on February 16, 1897 in Crockett County Tennessee.<sup>390</sup> Charles N. Bland and Elizabeth beard were in Madison County by 1860. They had a family of six children:
  - (a) John Charles Bland (1861-1893) who married Louisa Lewis (1860-1898) on August 23, 1882 at Crockett County Tennessee and eventually moved with her to Greene County Arkansas where they had a family of four children including:

<sup>389</sup> An Amhurst County Court Record, September 1812, identifies "John Bland, an infant by Jesse Bland," Francis Bland, p. 2.

<sup>390</sup> AC 12-2, p. 26, Fanny remarried to W.B. Lea in 1901, suggesting that Charles N. Bland died in 1900.

- (I) Elnora Bland
- (II) Mae Bland
- (III) Estella Bland (died in childbirth)
- (IV) Herbert Francis Bland (September 3, 1890-1955) who married Lydia Alvinah Poppe (1895-1972) in 1916 in Paragould, Greene County Arkansas. They were parents of my correspondent Herbert Francis Bland Jr. known, for the historical record, to his contemporaries as "Dr. Pepper."
- (b) Paralee Bland (1866- )
- (c) William Bland (1868- ) William married Jennie Webb in Tennessee on June 1, 1890.
- (d) Sarah Bland (1782- )
- (e) Robert Bland (1877 - )
- (f) Alice Bland (1879- )

Charles N. Bland and Fanny White had two children:

- (g) Joseph Bland
- (h) Fulton Bland (April 1900 - )
- (6) William Lenaird Bland (C1838- ) William was born in Gibson County Tennessee.
- (7) Sophronia Bland (C1840- ) Sophronia married James B. Hughes on December 27, 1856.
- (8) Amanda Melvina Bland (C1846- ) Amanda married C.E. Petty on July 25, 1883.
- (9) Elizabeth Bland (C1851- )

B. CHARLES BLAND (1804- ) was born in Virginia. Charles was living with his wife Nancy Cates (1802- ) who was born in North Carolina, whom he married in Rutherford County Tennessee on July 25 or August 4, 1825. The 1850 Ceneus shows Charles and Nancy with the following family:

- (1) Joshua Bland (C1826-1883) Joshua was born in Rutherford County Tennessee and died in Lyons County Kentucky. He married Mary Ann Scott in Caldwell County Kentucky, November 18, 1847.<sup>391</sup> Their children were:

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<sup>391</sup> Francis Bland's work in linking Joshua Bland to Charles Bland solved a long standing riddle by the late Thomas Jones of Edwardsville Illinois, who had never been able to discover the parents of Joshua Bland, AC 12-2, p. 27.

- (a) James Scott Bland (November 17, 1848 - March 11, 1914) who died in Trigg County Kentucky, married Martha E. Choat Capps (1857-1934).
  - (b) Alexander Bland (1851 - Living in 1900) married Lenora \_\_\_\_\_ about 1874. They had two sons.
  - (c) Frances Jeanette Bland (1854- )
  - (d) David Bland (C1857- )
  - (e) Albert Bland (C1862- )
  - (f) Mary Edna Bland (C1864- )
- (1) Solomon Bland (C1828 - ) Solomon paid taxes in Haywood County in 1853. He served in the CSA, 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment for Tennessee. Solomon left Haywood County about 1854, going to Rutherford County where he married Nancy \_\_\_\_\_ (C1836- ) by whom he had two children:
- (a) M.E. Bland (C1857- ) a daughter.
  - (b) J.A. Bland (C1859- ) a son.
- (2) Allen Bland (1829- ) Allen served in the CSA, Company B, 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment for Tennessee.
- (3) Sarah Bland (1833- )
- (4) Lorenzo D. Bland (C1836- after 1900) Lorenzo is found in the 1900 census for Gibson County Tennessee
- (5) Catherine Bland (C1836- ) Lorenzo and Catherine may have been twins.
- (6) Bailey Bland (C1838- )
- (7) Racheal Bland (C1839- )
- (8) Mary Bland (C1841- )
- (9) Elizabeth Bland (C1843- )
- (10) Susan Bland (C1844- )
- (11) Martha Bland (C1845- )
- (12) Fanny Bland (C1846- )

C. ELIZABETH BLAND a possible sister of John and Charles Bland, married Burrus Ripplettoe in Rutherford County on July 16, 1825. In the 1860 Census for Shelby County, Mary T. Ripatoe (1838- ) appears in the household of Addison Bland (1827- ) a son of Elizabeth's sister Cornelius.<sup>392</sup>

D. CORNELIUS BLAND (1800/1810 - ) Cornelius Bland, who is linked by evidence as the son of Jesse Bland, was in Fayette County Tennessee, adjacent to Shelby County, from which it was formed in 1824. In 1830, the Fayette County census has Cornelius, age 40/50 with one female 20/30; one male 20/30; one male 15/20; one male and one female 10/15; one male 5/10 and one male <5. The 1840 Census of Shelby County Tennessee shows him born between 1800-1810. Cornelius is shown as being born in Virginia, per the 1880 census, when he was living in the household of Addison Bland. Children of Cornelius Bland include:

(1) Daniel Bland (1826 - June 3, 1905) Daniel was born in Shelby County, Tennessee and died "West at Cane" in Washington County, from which Benton County was formed. In the 1850 Census, he was living with his brother Addison. In the 1900 Census, Daniel was found in Oklahoma. Daniel married Lucinda Peel, (C1831- ) about 1853 in Shelby County Tennessee. Their children were:

- (a) M.E. Bland, Phonetic Emmy a female (C1854- ) who was gone from her parents home in 1880. It is possible that she is the M.E. Bland that married W. A. Campbell on November 9, 1876. Campbell was bondsman for the marriage of Thomas M. Bland, a cousin, son of Addison Bland, and Mary A. Jeter noted below.
- (b) Virginia Elizabeth Bland (C1856 - ) born in Tennessee and died in Sand Springs Oklahoma. Virginia married William Ellis.
- (c) Charles W. Bland (January 17, 1860 - September 24, 1905) Charles married Molly Hartley about 1882. Their children were:
  - (I) Lucy E. Bland (1885-1915) born in Arkansas and died in Hot Springs South Dakota. Lucy married Lewis E, Lincoln in Oklahoma.
  - (II) Daniel Patrick Elton Bland (1886-1958) Daniel was born in Arkansas and died in Stroud, Lincoln County

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<sup>392</sup> Martha Bland File.

in 1911.

Oklahoma. Daniel married Dottie Stipp

- (III) William Henry Bland (1891- ) was born in Arkansas and died in Tulsa Oklahoma. He married Loy Fay Hyder of Black Dog in Osage County Oklahoma.
  - (IV) Rosanna Bland (1892- ) died at Stroud Oklahoma. She married George Hicks of Oklahoma.
  - (V) Kate Minerva Bland (1895-1926) was born in Arkansas and died in Bartlesville Oklahoma, she married a native American Billy Hoxie from Lincoln County Oklahoma.
  - (VI) Dewey Edward Bland (June 1898 - May 3, 1923) Dewey was the father of my correspondent Marilieu Bland Stanley. Dewey was born and died in Oklahoma, struck by lightning in Bartlesville. He married Mattie Evelyn Brown,<sup>393</sup>
  - (VII) Gertrude Bland (1905-1980) born in Stroud Oklahoma, died in Miami Oklahoma. Gertrude married a Native American named Frank Labadie.
- (d) Franklin Addison Bland (June 30, 1863 - April 13, 1931) was born in Tennessee and died in Tahlequah Oklahoma. Frank married Mary Elizabeth Reed ( -1953). Their children were:
- (I) Hugh Bland (1896-1963) of Fort Smith Arkansas, who married Ann Brundige Johnson of Alabama (1902-1978)
  - (II) Eva Bland (1898-1966) of Tahlequah Oklahoma, who married Cliff Abercrombie.
- (e) Lewis Calvin Bland (March 1, 1867 - 1915) Lewis married Eliza Jane Graham and their children were:

<sup>393</sup> Mattie Evelyn Brown's mother was Mattie Evelyn Bland (1879-1929), born in Mississippi, who married James Alonzo Brown. Mattie's mother is unknown, but she was from Georgia, and her husband James Bland was from South Carolina. Mattie Bland's siblings were: James Bland (C1873- ) born in Garvin County Oklahoma and died in Holderman Oklahoma; Anderson Bland (1878- ) also of Garvin County but born in Texas; Ross; Charles; Molly, who was kidnapped explaining why Anderson was born in Texas and Mattie was born the next year in Mississippi, and Frances, who married Ben Duckworth.

- (I) Louise Bland who was the mother of my correspondent Neta Davis.
- (II) Grover C Bland
- (III) Daniel Sebron Bland

(f) Virginia Bland (C1870 - ) born in Shelby County Tennessee.

(2) Addison W. Bland (1827- ) Addison was born in Tennessee. He married Elizabeth W. Massey (1825 - October 31, 1874) on December 13, 1848. <sup>394</sup> Addison and Elizabeth are buried at the Old Union Cemetery in Memphis Tennessee. Their children were:

- (a) Cornelius Bland (C1850 - died young)
- (b) Thomas M. Bland (C1849-1908) Thomas married Mary Ann "Mollie" Jeter (1851-1922) On April 4, 1877. They are buried at the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church Cemetery in Memphis Tennessee Their children were:
  - (I) Charles Bascom Bland (1878-1938) married Josephine Ferguson of Pine Bluff Arkansas ( - 1914). Josephine died in Shreveport Louisiana. They had three children. <sup>395</sup>
  - (II) Addison Jeremiah Bland (1880-1926)
  - (III) Lottie Bland (1887-1892)
  - (IV) Lucy Beckner Bland (1884-1939) married George Pease of Gunnison Mississippi.
  - (V) Williford Daniel Bland, married Ruby Pennington
- (c) F.E. "Effie" Bland (C1854- ) shown as F.E. in the 1860 Census.
- (d) Madora Bland (c1856- )
- (e) Annie Bland (C1859- )
- (f) Moses Denman Bland (C1868 -after 1880)

<sup>394</sup> For what it's worth Gottschalk, primarily concerned with the Pitt County North Carolina Blands who moved to Shelby County Tennessee, finds John Bland married to Elizabeth Massey in 1848 in Shelby County. In Martha Bland File, Records of Shelby Forest Baptist Church, find Elizabeth M. Bland wife of A.W. Bland, died October 31, 1874 age 49. This would set her birth at 1825 and seems to supersede census records which place her date of birth as 1828.

<sup>395</sup> These included Charles Bernhardt Bland (1912-1973) who married Mary Elizabeth Coleman, whose son Charles Bernhardt Bland Jr. married my correspondent Martha Ann Kenny Bland, of Grand Junction Tennessee.

- (1) Elizabeth Bland (c1830 - ) Married John W. Jones, November 16, 1847. Daniel M. Bland (1826-1905) was surety in this marriage.<sup>396</sup>
- (2) Sarah Bland (C1833 - )
- (3) Martha Bland (C1838 - ) This Martha Bland married James Peel.<sup>397</sup>

Daniel and Sarah Bland (1&5 above) appear in the household of Addison Bland and Elizabeth Massey in the 1850 Census while Martha Bland (6) appears in the household of John Jones and Elizabeth Bland. To me this suggests that Cornelius Bland has died by 1850, along with his wife, and that these younger siblings Sarah and Martha are in the home of adult children of Cornelius Bland.

E. JESSE BLAND Jesse, William and Eleanora below, last appear in Gibson County records in 1842.

F. WILLIAM BLAND ( - 1844) with Cornelius Bland as executor in this William's estate, the simple conclusion is that he is the William Bland mentioned as a child of Jesse Bland (1775-1833).

#### H. ELEANORA BLAND

\* William Bland appears in the Shelby County Tennessee Census for 1840, aged 30-39. In 1850, William is aged 45, with a wife Zebby \_\_\_\_\_ (C1802- ) actually Esuba, as noted in his inventory of 1855.<sup>398</sup> This William's (C1805-1855), cannot be one and the same as the William Bland (F above). children are:

- (1) John Bland (C1833- )
- (2) Joannah Bland (C1841- )
- (1) Louise Bland (C1847 - )

<sup>396</sup> The 1850 Census for Shelby County places Martha Bland (1838- ) in the household of Johiel Jones (1816- ) formerly of Alabama.

<sup>397</sup> Note Posted to Genealogy Forum, June 27, 1999, by Martha Bland, Grand Junction Tennessee.

<sup>398</sup> Information is contradictory. Martha Bland file shows A Shelby County Tennessee death record of October 7, 1844 for William with brother Cornelius as Administrator of his estate and an inventory for another William Bland, June 20, 1855. Both Williams would appear to be too old to be children of any of the sons of Jesse Bland and Sally Newman. William (1805-1855) also does not fit into the Shelby County family of Theophilus Bland (1768-1832)

Although this man does not easily fit into the Shelby County Tennessee settlers from Pitt County North Carolina, that is still a possibility.

This concludes Volume 15, 16, 17 of **AMONG COUSINS**. For the record, I'm finishing it up about 2:30AM on July 28, 1999. Mailing date is July 31. I hope you enjoy it, and hope to see you at the Bland Reunion.

Stay in touch.

Best Wishes

Charles L. Bland



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Sons of William Bland (C1686-1744) and Catherine Key.

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- 25A-6D Thomas Bland (C1719-1788) of Prince William and Fauquier Counties Virginia.
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- 25B-6B Arthur Bland (1725-1763) of Prince William County Virginia.

Sons of John Bland (C1688-1762) and Patience.

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