

AMONG COUSINS: THE BLAND FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Cousins, My first gesture in this new issue of "Among Cousins" is to apologize for its tardy delivery. I just had a nudging e-mail from one of the Cousins urging me not to get caught up in any other changes, but to "just finish the newsletter for now. Please! We've been waiting so long." Point well taken. I think this will be a worthwhile effort and I am taking the next tack of setting forth a table of contents, which may make it easier for the reader to negotiate the piece. The genealogical centerpiece is to try to establish some sense of identity and connectedness for the mid 19th century settlements of Bland families in Arkansas and Missouri, which were almost always third generation migrations away from second generation sites such as Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Kentucky, North and South Carolina and Tennessee. Most of the issue will be devoted to this exploration.

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GOOD TIDINGS

The first news I bring is the good tidings that I married Na Li on April 21, 2000 in Shanghai, People's Republic of China. I've encouraged Na to hyphenate her name in order to retain her Chineseness as much as possible, so she is Na Li-Bland. Na is 37 and was born and raised in Shanghai. Until recently, she worked for Johnson Controls, an American firm based in Wisconsin whose business is building systems controls. Na has a three-year degree in Chemical Engineering from the Shanghai College of Light Industry. When she graduated from High School, her aptitude was in chemistry so the government placed her in an Engineering program. Na reached college age just as China was beginning to recover from the national devastation wrought by the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. There was a need to rush trained technicians into the workplace as quickly as possible so degrees were set at three years. Na thus holds a degree that is something between an American Associates and Bachelor's degree.

Na is the youngest of three children of Zhenyhi Li, a retired Navy Officer and Suhua Hu, (in China, ladies retain their maiden names and children take their father's name) a retired Optometrist, both now living, and to me it's a really nice feeling to have parents again. Na and I had our honeymoon in Hongzhou, (Hong-Show) a beautiful old Chinese city lodged in a range of mountains, by a beautiful glassy lake in Southern China, about 150 miles south of Shanghai. Alas, Na had to stay behind pending clearance by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and granting of her Visa by the US State Department. As a result, she remains in China as of this writing and we are expecting to be reunited and to begin for a second time our married life, in April, about a year after we were married. You will all be able to meet Na at the scheduled 17th National Bland Reunion at St. Joseph's Missouri July 20-22, 2001, which is an added incentive for your attendance. I am pleased to display one of our wedding pictures in the space below.



Charles and Na Li-Bland

FIFTEENTH AND SIXTEENTH NATIONAL REUNIONS: 1999-2000

Since publication of the last issue of *Among Cousins*, two National Reunions have come and gone. The Fifteenth Reunion took us to Berea Kentucky on August 6-8, 1999. The reunion was attended by about 60 cousins and thus was not one of the better attended reunions, but we are deeply indebted to Cousin Patricia Marsh, who not only planned this Reunion but the one that followed on August 4-6, 2000 in Hampton Virginia. The Virginia Reunion also was lightly attended, but as often is the case, size is not most important. These two Reunions may turn out to be the two most significant that we have held: during these two Reunions we organized and actually held Committee and Board meetings to plan for the future.

The low attendance at these two reunions was anticipated in a sense in 1998, when because of declining attendance, the Reunion group decided to form an ad hoc committee to correspond during the forthcoming year and report recommendations back to the 1999 Reunion in Kentucky. The committee included John Black, David and Joan Bland, Virgil Bland Patricia Marsh and your faithful narrator.

During the intervening year, as Patricia Marsh prepared for the Kentucky Reunion and as I was often distracted by personal issues, David Bland became the James Madison of our Reunion, laying out a blueprint which the remainder of us debated and crafted into a presentation in Kentucky. The Ad Hoc Committee members agreed to recommend a simple beginning that would consist of a Six Member Board of Directors with staggered two-year terms and two Committees, Reunion and Administrative.

Initial Board members were Francis Bland, Laverne Bland, Richard Parks Bland, Robert O. Bland, Mildred Hunter and Edith Lanning.¹ The Board chose Robert Bland as President Pro Tem at their meeting in August 2000. Patricia Marsh and Dee Sellars were alternates. Patricia Marsh became Chair of the Reunion Committee and David Bland became chair of the Administrative Committee. During the year, owing to heavy personal responsibilities, Patricia Marsh asked the President to be relieved of responsibility for planning of the 2001 Reunion. Bertha Dunn agreed to accept the responsibility of Reunion Chair for 2001. A major task taken on by the Administrative Committee immediately was to open a fund for the maintenance and preservation of the Richard Bland Gravesite at Jordan's Point Virginia while the Virginia Legislature completed the work of establishing a Historical Landmarks Act that presumably would place responsibility for upkeep in the hands of the State.² A longer-term goal was establishment of a Bland Website, which David Bland has brought to fruition magnificently during the past year in the form of the **Bland Heritage Foundation Website**, which may be accessed at www.BlandHeritage.org. The work that David Bland and his wife Joan have done in these past few years, for the Bland family has been invaluable. Simply stated, without them we wouldn't have reached our present level of organization.

¹ Early in these proceedings, I was asked to serve on the Board but declined, because I thought it important that I not intrude on the deliberations of a fresh board and new ideas they might conceive. So far I think it has been a good decision.

² The Reunions of 1999 and 2000 raised a total of \$754. Toward maintenance of the site, which previously had been maintained by Cousin Vera Moore of Hopewell Virginia, from her own resources.

Old Habits are hard to break. I was so long accustomed to developing the Reunion site myself, that when I returned to Chesapeake Virginia in August 1999 after the Reunion, I appealed to my much loved maternal cousin Judy Farris Byrum who volunteered to help the Reunion find a meeting location in the Chesapeake Virginia area for the year 2000. During my visit to Virginia in March 2000, Judy and I, inspired by Judy's mother, my aunt Billie, located the Strawberry Banks Inn near Chesapeake and set up reservations for use of the very pleasant facility. Within a few months of my return to Buffalo, however, Patricia Marsh was notified that the Strawberry Banks would close its doors on July 1. The Strawberry Banks secured facilities for us at the historic Chamberlin Inn in nearby Hampton, at identical rates. This was a truly serendipitous development, though it caused some initial consternation and confusion. The Chamberlin is a beautiful old hotel, which has been located at Old Point Comfort for more than a century. Located in Fort Monroe on the banks of Chesapeake Bay, the Chamberlin offered excellent facilities.

We owe special gratitude to David and Joan Bland for initiating a new and more festive and lively ambiance at the 2000 Reunion, which included round robin introductions and ice-breaker games, and a Bland sing-along, which included the group singing "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny," the Virginia State Song Emeritus, (see below pp. 14-20). Individual pieces included my version of "Sixteen Tons" accompanied on guitar by Steven Bland and keyboard by Phyllis Michael; "Mariah" from the musical hit **Paint Your Wagon**, by Richard Parks Bland and "The Bad Ballad of Molly Bland" performed by Steven and Judy Bland and Robert Bland, with musical accompaniment by Phyllis Michael.

We also held the first Annual Bland Auction in which we auctioned priceless Bland memorabilia, including the actual noose that hanged Giles Bland (1677) and a priceless replica of the ax used by our distinguished murderess Mariah Bland (1841-) from Knox County Indiana to dispatch her several husbands. A total of \$424. raised through the Auction, was applied to The Bland Historical Site Maintenance Fund (See next paragraph).

The Board of Directors held an inaugural meeting, with alternates substituting for absentees. Significant decisions were appointment of a President Pro Tem, Robert Bland of Deland Florida, who later addressed the Reunion and since has cracked the whip over the poor committee members and your faithful narrator. David Bland was elected Treasurer. The Board also designated officially the Bland Historical Site Maintenance Fund.

My Keynote Address to the Reunion this year, was what I think is the fascinating tale of how the James River Blands came to settle in Virginia, called "The Undeserved Misfortunes of Our Unhappie Family and the Well Deserved Hanging of Giles Bland."³ These developments were both fun and enjoyable and constructively directed to the future of the National Bland Family Reunion.

I think the future of the Bland Reunion is now in good hands.

For further information about the 16th National Bland Reunion at Hampton Virginia, visit the Bland Heritage website www.blandheritage.org/2p2.htm.⁴

THE SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL REUNION: ST. JOSEPHS MISSOURI

Subsequent to the 16th Reunion a specific site for the 17th Reunion has been located. Patricia Bland Elliott of St Joseph's Missouri agreed to be the on site sponsor for the 17th Annual National Bland Reunion in that city on July 20-22, 2001. All of you will presently receive an invitation and, on behalf of the Reunion's Board of Directors and Reunion Committee, I invite you all to join us and fervently hope to see all of you there.

Further information may be accessed at www.blandheritage.org/2001ra.htm.

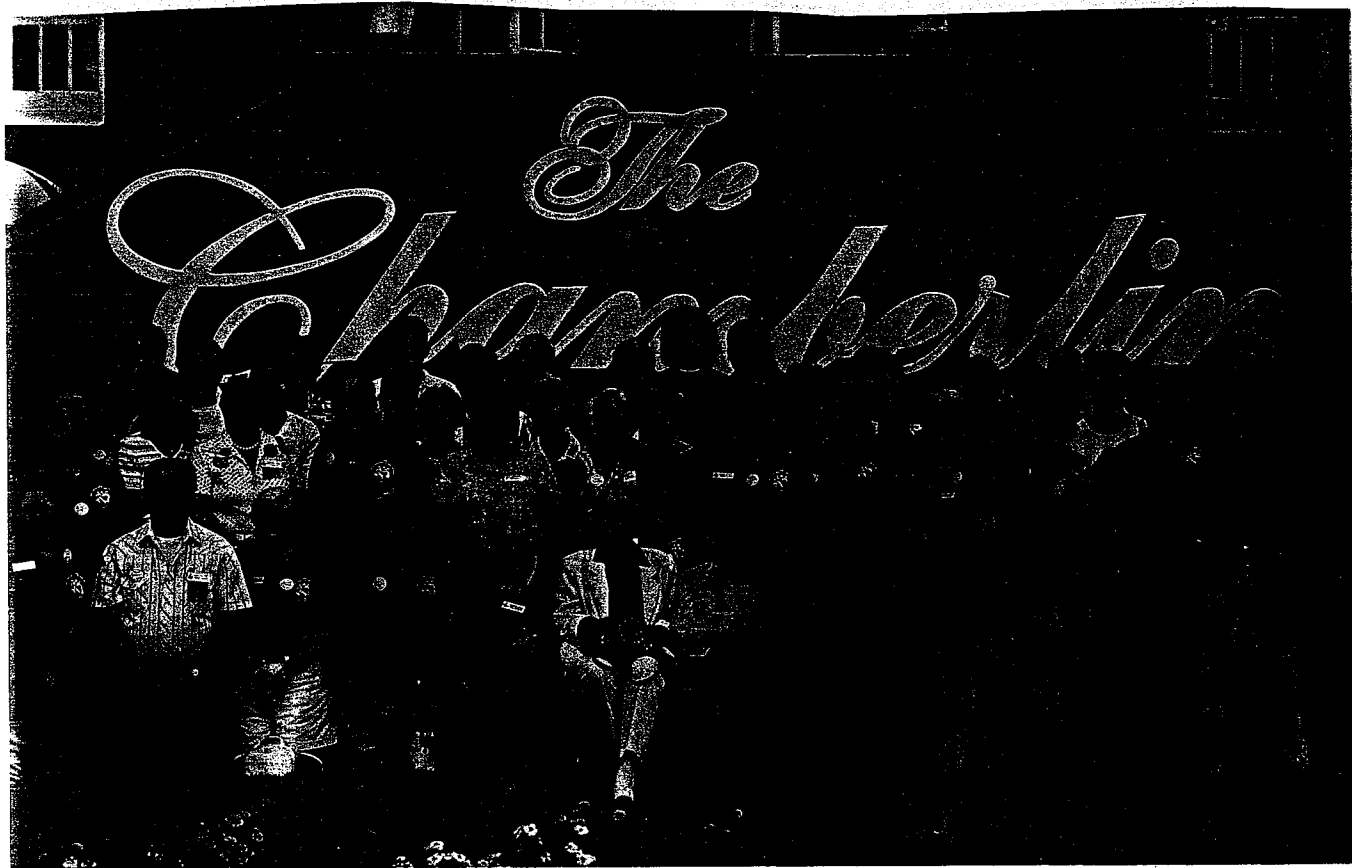
You may also contact Patricia Elliott, 816-279-6481.

Photos on Page 7:

Upper: Reunion Group, Berea Kentucky, August 6-8, 1999
Lower: Reunion Group, Hampton Virginia , August 4-6, 2000

³ This talk was based on a pamphlet on the same topic that I compiled, actually extracted from Among Cousins, Volume 8-2, pp. 5-40. Those pamphlets sold for \$12.00 and proceeds were applied to the Bland Historical Site Maintenance Fund. It's a fascinating story and anyone interested in the story, may send payment to me and I will send you the pamphlet and send the payment to David Bland.

⁴ I am grateful to David and Joan Bland for their permission to use excerpts and paraphrasing from their excellent and vividly presented reunion report in the foregoing narrative.





Upper: President Pro Tem Robert O. Bland and Treasurer David Bland
Lower: 1999-2000 Reunion Sponsor and Chair, Patricia Bland Marsh,
Charles L. Bland, your faithful narrator, and Evelyn Lashbrook Bland,
Reunion Mother

Top: 1999, Board Member Mildred Hunter and Adopted Bland Botumroath
Keo-Lebun .

Lower: 2000, Patricia Bland Elliott, Sponsor of the 17th Reunion and her
father and Board Member Laverne Bland .

QUINTESSENTIAL BLANDS

Emma Bryant Cummings and Hugh Smith Cousin Marsha Smith Hamilton Of Campbellsville Kentucky sent me a family lineage that puts her In lines of descent from two distinct Bland families. Marsha, in fact, descends from dual lines way back and also closer to her own time. Here's how:

1. James Bland (1661-1709)
Married (1st) Unknown Woman and
(2nd) Margaret
2. William Bland (C1686-1744)
Married (1st) Unknown Woman
And (2nd) Catherine Key
3. John Bland (C1725-1795)
Married Margaret Osborne
(C1730-living 1812)
4. Osborne Bland (C1748-1820)
Married Letitia _____⁵
(c1752-living 1820)
5. Margaret Grundy Bland (C1769-
April 14, 1835) Married
William Phillips (1759-1834)
6. George Hannibal Phillips
(1787-1866) Married Mary
Logan (1799-)
7. Margaret Ellen Phillips
(1820-1880) married the Reverend
Greenberry Fleece (1804-1879)
8. Frances Fannie Fleece
(1855-1925) married
William Isaac Gaines
9. Ollie Fleece Gaines
(C1884-1969) married
Fayette Hewett Smith
(1878-1954)
2. James Bland (C1687-1756)
Married Mary Gwatkin
3. Benjamin Bland (C1724-1771)
Married Mary _____
(C1729-1782)
4. Charles Bland (C1765-1842)
married Phyllis Pope
(C1773-1818)
5. Thomas Bland (c1791-1845)
Married Elizabeth Duncan
(-1845)
6. John Davis Bland (C1832-1887)
Married Matilda K. Rodgers
(1844-1916)
7. Eva Mae Bland (1878-1916)
Married Brice Enos Cummings
(1885-1934)
8. Emma Beard Cummings (1904-
1995) married Hugh Smith
(1902-1972) (See 10th Generation
descent from William Bland
C1686-1744)

⁵ Marsha Smith Hamilton has stated that she has an old letter that states Osborne Bland married Letitia Grundy. Marsha says "I have found no proof but have heard it all my life." E-Mail, Marsha Smith-Hamilton to Charles L. Bland, February 4, 2001. This would seem born out by the name of their oldest daughter Margaret Grundy Bland (C12769-living 1813).

10. Hugh Smith (1902-1972)
Married Emma Bryant
Cummings (1904-1995) (see 8th
Generation descent from
James Bland (C1687-1756)
11. William H. Smith (1925-living)
married Hazel Judelle Tucker
parents of:
12. Marsha Smith-Hamilton

Marsha relates the following: She has a photograph of Eva Mae Bland Cummings taken several weeks before she died in February 1916 (see 7th Generation above). The photo reveals a tall thin Auburn haired woman with fine delicate features, very pretty. Eva Mae's death was followed quickly by the death of her Mother Matilda Rogers (see 6th Generation above) in August 1916. Eva's husband, Enos Brice Cummings was unable to care for the six children, who were placed in two orphanages in Louisville Kentucky. Later, Ollie Fleece Gaines (generation 9 above) visited the Orphanage where Emma Cummings (8th Generation above) was placed and took her home, along with Emma's brother Robert. Emma was raised by Ollie's sister in law and later fell in love with Ollie's son Hugh Smith (10th Generation above) who was the love of her life. Little did either know that they were cousins.

Cousin Marsha recommends a cold remedy, handed down from her grandpa Hugh: A fifth of Makers Mark Kentucky whiskey, mixed with a dash of lemon juice and honey, consumed at one sitting-guaranteed to knock you and the cold right out. Hugh was a Baptist Minister, however, and recommended this mixture for medicinal purposes only, but guaranteed it would cure the common cold. ⁶ I can vouch for it personally. I tried it and it forced me to slow down, and sure enough, after awhile I got over my cold.

Nancy Bland and Bailey Needham In Volume 15-17 (page 2) I featured Nancy Bland (C1810-August 4, 1881) as "the quintessential Bland". Later, while perusing Volume 12-2 of Among Cousins I came across further information about Nancy that I had overlooked which adds to Nancy's uniqueness as a Bland or rather makes Nancy and her husband Bailey Needham and their children "quintessential Blands," (And also confirms the desperate need to get these volumes indexed).

Nancy was the daughter of Benjamin Bland (C1768-) of Randolph County North Carolina and the granddaughter of "Old Moses" Bland (C1718-1800) the founder of the Randolph County North Carolina family, himself eldest the child of William Bland (c1686-1744) and his second wife Catherine Key. Moses' wife was Jane Wiggonton (C1730-)

Nancy Bland Needham was born in Randolph County North Carolina. On December 24, 1839, she married a cousin Bailey Needham (1813 - November 12, 1889) in Jennings County Indiana. Benjamin Bland, noted above, was

⁶ Marsha Smith-Hamilton to Charles L. Bland, E-Mails, May 21, 2000 and January 7, 2001.

the brother of Ann Bland (C1774-1855) both children of Moses Bland and Jane Wiggonton. Ann married John Needham (1769-1850) about 1789 in Henry County Kentucky. Ann died in Tipton County. During her life, Ann gave birth to 13 children, including, you guessed it, Bailey Needham.

Prior to his marriage to Nancy, Bailey married Zerilda Holman in 1838, but Zerilda died during the birth of their only son George. Bailey Needham and Nancy Bland had children, Zerilda, Silas, Emerine. They appeared in Appanoose County Iowa in a census taken in 1856.⁷ After Ann's death, Bailey gave it another go, marrying Mary A. Spaulding on August 22, 1883 in North Vernon Indiana.

With this lineage, Bailey Needham and Nancy Bland and their children could stake their claim as "quintessential Blands." I am happy also to display again a photograph of Nancy Bland Needham who is one of our hardiest pioneers.



Nancy Bland Needham (1810-1881)

Daniel and Nancy Bland⁸ Descendants from this line must be about as quintessentially Bland as it gets.

1. **DANIEL BLAND** (C1803 - February 8, 1831) Daniel, a son of Daniel Bland (1764-1838) and Elizabeth Hughes, married his cousin Nancy Bland (April 4, 1806 - April 16, 1882), a daughter of Samuel Bland (1751-1836) and Mary Ann _____. Daniel died in Marion County Illinois and Nancy died in Yamhill County Oregon. Their children were:

⁷ AC 10-1, pp. 36,39 and 12-2, p. 31.

⁸ Previous coverage of this family can be found in AC 13, pp. 68-72; AC 15-17, pp. 69-76 Passim. See below, pp. 74-79 for members of this family who migrated to Missouri.

- A. William Bland (January 6, 1825 - November 15, 1902). William was born in Lacon, Marion County Illinois, and died in Yakima Washington. He married Sarah Elizabeth Bird (May 20, 1827 - February 1, 1882) on March 24, 1847 in Marshall County Illinois. Shortly after they migrated by train to Mulnomah County in the Oregon Territory. Their children, all born in Oregon were:
- (1) Calverson Julius Bland (C1848 - September 12, 1865)
Calverson was born and died in the Oregon Territory.
 - (2) James Bland (C1849-)
 - (3) John Thomas Bland (July 4, 1852 - November 3, 1936)
born in the Oregon territory and died in San Antonio Texas, married Virginia Coronel (June 17, 1885 - September 17, 1941) in 1905. Virginia was born in Mexico and died in San Antonio Texas. Their children were:
 - (a) Eva Bland (no dates) born in Mexico, died in San Antonio Texas.
 - (b) Ada Isabel Bland (November 18, 1908-)
 - (c) Roberto Bland (June 12, 1912- April 27, 1971)
married _____.
 - (d) Mary Bland (November 18, 1919 - September 17, 1980)
Married Victor Casillas Carrola in San Antonio Texas.⁹
 - (e) Stella Alma Bland (-May 18, 1936) born in Mexico and died in San Antonio Texas.
 - (4) Robert Bland (C1853-) Born in the Oregon Territory.
 - (5) Nancy Bland (C1855-) Born in the Oregon Territory,
married _____ Henderson.
 - (6) George B. Bland (C1857-) Born in the Oregon territory
 - (7) Ada O. Bland (C1858-) Born in the Oregon Territory.
 - (8) William Edgar Bland (C1861-) Born in Yamhill County Oregon. Yamhill was formed from the original Oregon Territory in 1843.
 - (9) Charles C. Bland (C1865-) Born in Yamhill County Oregon.
 - (10) Joseph T. Bland (C1868-) Born In Yakima Washington.
- (B) Joseph H. Bland (C1825-1860)
(C) Samuel Bland (1831-)

⁹ Victor Carrola and Mary Bland were the parents of Virginia Carrola, Letter Virginia Carrola to Charles L. Bland, January 20, 1998 and E-Mail, Virginia Carrola to Charles Bland, January 20, 1998. Also, E-Mail, Virginia Carrola to Charles L. Bland, October 9, 2000.

AFRICAN AMERICAN BLANDSJAMES A. BLAND (1854-1911)¹⁰

James A. "Jimmy" Bland was the greatest black writer of American folk songs. In his time, he was called "The Prince of Colored Songwriters" and "The World's Greatest Minstrel Man." Bland is reputed to have composed over seven hundred songs, including such genuine contributions to Americana as the long-time Virginia State song, "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny;" "De Golden Wedding;" "Tell 'Em I'll Be There," "Dem Golden Slippers," and "In the Evening By The Moonlight." The singe-surviving picture of Bland depicts a dark skinned, slender young man with an angular face.¹¹

James A. Bland was born a free Black on October 12, 1854 at Flushing, Long Island New York. James Haskins suggests that he was of mixed Black, White and Indian parentage, but no other writer advances this claim.¹² His mother was from Wilmington Delaware, and his father **Allen M. Bland** (a probable source for James' middle initial, was born in Charleston South Carolina. Allen became an educated man, graduating from Wilberforce University. From 1845-1848, Allen was enrolled in the Preparatory Department of Oberlin College. Though Allen's dates are not known, it is a fair assumption that in this period, he married and moved with his family to Flushing New York, where James was born. Floyd indicates that Allen worked as a tailor. Charles Haywood writes that Allen and James enrolled concurrently in Howard University in Washington. Allen attended night classes, earned his law degree, and was the first black man to be appointed examiner for the U.S. Patent Office.

¹⁰ In preparing this essay, I have relied heavily on an unpublished piece, "The History of James A. 'Jimmy' Bland" (undated) by Edgar DeLong, Virginia Beach Virginia. Mr. DeLong, an Historian for the Lions Club of Virginia, generously shared his time and resources with me on August 5, 2000. In interpreting the literature Mr. DeLong shared with me, any errors or misapprehensions about James Bland will be my own, not his. Also, very useful is an article by Charles Haywood "To Howard University: One of America's Great Institutions of Learning and James A. Bland's Alma Mater." (Undated) Joseph McEwen's contribution to the Grove Dictionary Harry Reynolds's description of "Haverly's Coloured Minstrels," for his work *Minstrel memories: The Story of Burnt Cork' Minstrelsy in Great Britain from 1836-1927*.

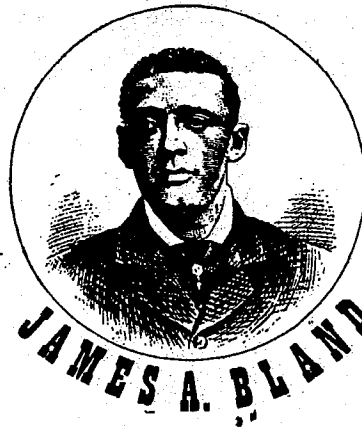
¹¹ The figure of seven hundred songs is offered by Robert C. Toll in *Blacking Up: The Minstrel Show in Nineteenth Century America* (1974). McEwen cast doubt on the prolific production of seven hundred songs, pointing out that the library of Congress had record of thirty-eight and in the time he was in England, English records yield no record of copyrights. Haywood points out that like Stephen Foster, with whom Bland is most often compared, he lived from show to show and wrote on the run. A sort of list of titles may be inappropriate, like a sports score card. More aptly, Haywood is correct. Musicians improvise constantly, merging, creating and modifying to suit their own and popular taste in the midst of performance, travel and rehearsal. McEwen acknowledges this, "He wrote his songs and dances for specific performances, shaping the melodies, texts and rhythms suit the situation and character." Bland may also have composed songs that he quickly sold or otherwise divested without attribution.

¹² James Haskins, *Black Music In America* (1987).

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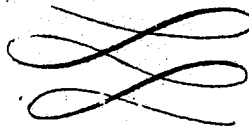
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James Bland's interest in music did not originate with formal training. He was a boy of twelve, living in Philadelphia when he saw an old black man playing on a banjo and singing Black Spiritual music. The old musician inspired in James the idea and determination to have his own Banjo. He made a crude Banjo, but when it was destroyed by street-toughs his father paid eight dollars for a good Banjo for Jimmy. Later in his life, as he better understood the potential of the Banjo, Jimmy added a fifth string which became known as "The Bland Banjo"

Jimmy's birth in New York, his appearance in Philadelphia and the family's subsequent departure to Washington D.C. suggests that there were a number of moves early in Jimmy's life. In Washington, Jimmy began to earn money by playing and singing in the streets. By age 14, Jimmy had become a professional entertainer, booked into hotels and restaurants for private parties. He was also a page in the U.S. House of Representatives and belonged to the Manhattan Club, an organization of black clerks from various government agencies. James was frequently engaged to entertain prominent guests and visitors to the nation's capitol. By the time he was 15 he began composing and performing his own work, such as "Christmas Dinner," a piece that later gained wide acclaim but first was performed at one of the Manhattan club meetings.

Jimmy graduated from high school and began to work his way through Howard University as a musician. At age seventeen he was banned from the university after his musical show offended the administration. More prosaically, Joseph McEwen and Haskins state that Bland left Howard University because of lack of interest, much against his father's wishes. Some of the literature indicates his father wanted him to study Law but Jimmy's natural inclination was toward entertainment and music. While at Howard, James spent a great deal of time listening to the singing of black laborer's work songs, and was deeply impressed by their harmony and rhythm. Also at Howard, James met a girlfriend, **Mannie Friend**. Though he did not marry her, Mannie would be instrumental in helping him develop his musical talent. Another influence at Howard was **Professor Joseph White**, an instructor and Chair of Howard's Music Department, who recognized Bland's musical talents and began to teach him how to read and compose songs and music.

At about this time of his life, (c 1873), as his musical talents were being honed by the intervention of other interested professionals, James accompanied Mannie Friend to her birthplace in Tidewater Virginia on "**Judge White's**" plantation between Charles City and Williamsburg. Here, while he sat with Mannie on the banks of the James River, Bland composed "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny," singing the words to Mannie who wrote them down as he sang.

Before James and Mannie visited Virginia, **Mr. John Ford**, owner of the Ford Theater, had happened upon James singing to Mannie in Washington's Lafayette Park and took the young man under his wing. After the Virginia trip, Ford introduced Jimmy to **Mr. George Primrose** and **Billy West** who operated their own musical promotion. Primrose was one of the great minstrels of all time. Primrose and West incorporated Jimmy, now aged nineteen, into their show with his "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny," making their debut in Baltimore. Primrose's endorsement of James Bland was virtually a guarantee of his future success in minstrelsy. He sang his composition "In the Evening by The Moonlight" at the Canvas Back Club in Washington (later named the Gridiron Club), opening to an audience that included **President Grover Cleveland** and

General Robert E. Lee. (Note: this seems problematic since General Lee died in 1870 and Grover Cleveland, who became the President in 1884, was still just a fat man ambling around Buffalo New York, chasing down as many of the slower Irish ladies as he could). Bland's appearance was promoted by **Tom Harvey**, owner of then famous Harvey's Restaurant.

Bland's professional life began to flourish in the mid-1870s. In 1875, he joined the Original Black Diamonds of Boston, and in 1876 joined the **Bohee Brother's Minstrels**. He appears to have traveled widely with many various minstrel shows, and undoubtedly lent a voice of authenticity to the performances. In Ante-Bellum U.S. there were numerous minstrel shows, but overwhelmingly in the hands of white owners, employing white performers in Black Face who gave the crowds what today would be racist impressions of black people. From the three primary stereotypes of blacks in the U.S. before the Civil War these white minstrels played on the stereotype of black man as both Sambo and Jack the Trickster, eschewing Nat the dangerous rebel with a mind of his own. Cheating, lazy, shiftless, water melon smacking impressions were the stuff these minstrel shows were made of, deeply offensive to Black people then and later. In the age of Jim Crow, when jobs like this were hard to come by for black entertainers, many who could get on with the minstrel shows, mimed the white performers, blackening their faces even more and caricaturing their speech to meet the demands of the show. In spite of this, the inclusion of black performers like James Bland added what Charles Haywood calls "a much truer representation of the Negro idiom," flavored by the deep and distinctive contribution of Black Christian spirituality. Composers like James Bland and **Stephen Foster** modified the pure spirit of the old Black music from slavery days and became conduits for its transmission to the white majority outside the South. In this, their legacy is somewhat similar to white Rock and Roll Musicians like **Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis** and **Pat Boone**. Boone's rendering of Tutti Frutti was approved by white fathers in the 1950s, who would not allow their daughters to listen to **Little Richard's** Version. Of course, those same fathers would have fainted dead on the floor had they known why their daughters were grooving to Lewis' "Whole Lot of Shakin' Goin' On."

These Minstrel shows were a component of Vaudeville, a source of employment and artistic expression for all sorts of American minorities, from Jews to Blacks to ethnics such as Irish and Germans. James Bland is perhaps the most prominent example among blacks of the late Nineteenth Century who made their artistic reputations this way. Later he performed with **Callender's** Original Georgia Minstrels, **Billy Kersand's** Minstrel Show and **Sprague's** Georgia Minstrels.

By 1878, the Callender Minstrels was purchased by **Jack Haverly** a big time entertainment magnate. They performed in New York under the name Haverly's Colossal Carnival and Genuine Colored Minstrels until May 1879. Haverly's promotion gave the Black minstrels a new mobility and financial backing, transforming them from small musical performances to big extravaganzas that included music, burlesque and comedy. After the New York performances, the troupe toured the West.

Haverly brought Black Minstrels to the big time and preferred genuine black performers to black-faced white men. He took the act to London in 1881, and with him was James A. Bland, who was a star

performer singing "Oh Dem Golden Slippers," "The Colored Help," and a comedy routine. Haverly had expanded the basic minstrel performance to an extravaganza of more than one hundred. They were also celebrated for the authenticity of Black performance that they brought to the Minstrel Art. As Haverly's productions criss-crossed the U.S and Europe, James Bland was part of his action. By 1881 Bland's salary was a fantastic \$10,000. per year, the highest salary ever earned by a minstrel to that time. He seems to have peaked in his earnings during the late 1870s and early 1880s, especially in England,¹³ accompanying Haverly's Minstrel show as it toured England and Europe. Bland was an overnight sensation, entertaining among others, **Queen Victoria**, who was amused, and the **Prince of Wales**.

When Harvey's show returned to the United States in 1882 James Bland remained in London. Charles Haywood suggests that James Bland may have objected to the kind of Black caricatures required of Haverly's shows and also may have sensed he could do well on his own as a kind of expatriate in England and Europe. Certainly, England was more hospitable to Black performers and McEwen indicates that James Bland caught on with some English performances but achieved his greatest success as a solo performer. In the 1880s in England, he was known widely as "the idol of the music halls." With **John Phillip Sousa** and **Stephen Foster**, Bland became the only musician to make a dent in Europe's musical consciousness.

The 1880s were the apotheosis of James Bland's musical career. In spite of some biographical versions which have him remaining in England for twenty years, it seems clear that Bland returned to the U.S. in 1890 and joined the **W.C. Cleveland** Colossal Colored Carnival Minstrels, and was billed as "the eccentric original James Bland," and with another comedian **Tom McIntosh**, "The Two Greatest Comedians of their race." McEwen finds that Bland was a huge success for about a year but that demand for his performances fell off, and he refutes claims that Bland returned to Europe. One source located him in Louisville in 1897 and he was identified with a group called **Black Patti's** Troubadours in 1898. If McEwen and Toll are correct, Bland's fortunes plummeted because he could not make the transition from Colored Minstrels to new forms of musical entertainment. Thus by 1901, he was in Washington D.C. penniless and forgotten, yesterday's star. A friend, who gave him an insignificant job that kept his body and soul together, took in James. Evidently, however, his musical muse had also departed from him. In his ten remaining years he managed only one composition a piece called "The Sporting Girl," which included 18 songs. James sold it for \$250, but the show was not a success and certainly not enough to revive his flagging career. With this production, he gave up and returned to Philadelphia, financially broke and in poor health.

¹³ By contrast, Henry T. Sampson in **Blacks in Blackface: A Source Book on Early Black Musical Shows** (1980), indicates that W.C. Cleveland, who employed James Bland and Tom McIntosh as comedians, paid them \$100. per week.

James A. Bland died of tuberculosis on May 6, 1911. Not even a single obituary marked his passing and interment in Philadelphia's **Merino Cemetery**, a place that was used to bury Asians and other minorities. Jimmy Bland passed into oblivion, his grave covered with weeds in the obscure little cemetery until in 1939, the **Lion's Club of Virginia** aided by **Dr. J. Francis Cooke**, located the grave. The Lions Club erected a dignified monument to mark James Bland's grave and the monument was unveiled in a formal ceremony in 1946. Further the Lions established the Virginia Lions Bland Music Scholarship Program, for musical excellence in instrumental and vocal performances. The contest began in 1948 and has evolved with exceptionally demanding criteria and top-drawer competition. The Lions Club also campaigned for recognition of James Bland's contribution to art. As a result, on February 21 1940, the Virginia Assembly officially adopted "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny," as the Virginia Anthem.

As the Virginia State song, "Carry me Back to Old Virginny," was unchallenged until the 1990s. Inevitably, however, Bland's music would become problematic to today's generation of black people. Virginia's first black governor, **L. Douglas Wilder**, and a black member of the legislature, **Louise Lucas**, began a campaign to retire the song, based on its lyrics which seemed to glorify slavery and used archaic expressions like "Old Darkey", "Old Massa" and the literal dialect of antebellum and post Civil War blacks, e.g, "that's where the old darkey's heart am long'd to go." Though this campaign met with opposition, its ultimate triumph was only a matter of time. In 1996, "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny" became the State Song Emeritus. Along the way, this campaign took some bizarre turns, none more so than when the Lions of Virginia sought a compromise by proposing to change the words of the original song to politically correct jargon. Now, like the drunk who has been transformed into a vertically challenged person, in "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny," "Old Darkies" become "Old Dreamers," and "Massa" and "Missis" become "Momma" and "Papa".¹⁴ There is in this a kind of perversely ahistorical tone-deafness that perhaps the Black people in the 19th century who called the plantation owners Massa as a mark of deference really wanted them to be their parents. There is a strong prima-facie case that the words of many of Bland's songs, not only "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny," contain language that would not wash in today's society, but an historian would argue that Bland and his songs, if purged from present day society, deserve the respect of preservation in their contemporary setting. There is no valid reason to alter the words of the music.

The Virginia Senate approved a resolution to retire "Carry me Back to Old Virginny" on January 28, 1997. The legislature subsequently commissioned a search for a new state song.¹⁵ The effort to replace James Bland's song has met with little progress. In January 2000, **Guy Fridell** wrote that the search committee had narrowed down the field to eight finalists from 350 original entries.

¹⁴ Larry Roller, Lions of Virginia, to District Bland Chairmen, February 16, 1994. See also, Ed DeLong, "Destroyers of History" *The Virginian-Pilot*, (March 1, 1998).

¹⁵ Larry O'Dell, "No Debate As Virginia Drops State Song," *Associated Press Release* (February 18, 1997)

After listening to the eight final entries, the committee adjourned for a year. After winnowing the chaff, none of the eight final entries could hold a candle to James Bland's piece.¹⁶ As of this writing, March 2001, Virginia has no state song.

THE FAMILY OF GENERAL VANRANSLER BLAND Cousin Joanne Shannon of Glendale California has provided information about her ancestral family that dates to:

1. **GENERAL VANRANSLER BLAND** (May 29, 1825 - December 5, 1904) and his wife Elizabeth Ann Meanthru (C1832-1892) from Alabama, whom he married about 1848. Joanne Shannon indicates that General was "Spanish and American Indian (and probably, but no data anywhere, Black). The Black mix may have come from . . . Elizabeth Meanthru." General was found in the 1850 Census for Posey Township, Washington County Indiana, (dwelling 542). Both General and Elizabeth indicated their place of birth was Kentucky.¹⁷ Washington County was formed in 1814 from Clark County in the Southeastern section of Indiana, suggesting at least a tangible relationship with the Blands of Randolph County North Carolina, who traveled via Kentucky to Clark Grant about 1800, before Indiana was granted statehood and then were found in Clark, Scott, Jefferson, Jennings and Jackson Counties. The dates of these events, however, are out of synch with General's birth of 1825. If the birthplace of Kentucky given in the Indiana Census of 1850 is correct, it would argue against this idea. Sometime between the birth of a child Catherine in Indiana during 1853-1854, and the time of the 1860 Census, General had moved away from Indiana, to Porter Township in Cass County Michigan and in 1870 was in Mendon Village, St. Joseph County Michigan. He is buried at the Mendon Village Cemetery. General served in The Civil War with Company I of the Eleventh Michigan Infantry Regiment from December 29, 1863 to September 16, 1865. General Bland and Elizabeth Meanthru had the following children:¹⁸

- A. **Alice Bland** (May 1849-) Alice married _____ Walker.
- B. **Benjamin Napoleon Bland** (November 19, 1851 - January 22 1915) Benjamin was born in Washington County Indiana. Benjamin died from Bright's Disease in East Volinia in Cass County Michigan. Benjamin married Melinda Jane Ivens (September 17, 1851 - May 3, 1938) on December 25, 1873. Melinda Jane was, like her husband, born in Washington County Indiana and died in Volinia, Cass County Michigan. They were married in Mendon, St. Joseph County Michigan. Both are buried at the Nicholsville Cemetery in Volinia. I am pleased to display photographs of Benjamin Napoleon and Melinda Jane Ivens Bland on page 22. Their children included:

¹⁶ Guy Fridell, "Bland's Ode to Virginia Far Better Than Those That Followed," The Virginian-Pilot, (January 15, 2000).

¹⁷ Sarah Bland, age 12 appears in General's household in 1850. Joanne Shannon believes she is General's sister. E-Mail, Joanne Shannon to Charles L. Bland January 26, 2001.

¹⁸ E-Mail, Joanne Shannon to Charles L. Bland, January 24, 26, 2001 and family tree sent by Joanne Shannon "Descendants of General Vanransler Bland".

- (1) Clara Bell Bland (March 5, 1875 - 1894) born in Mendon St. Joseph County. Clara Bell married Henry Benjamin Wilson in 1893 in Volinia Michigan.
 - (2) Bertha Ann Bland (March 26, 1877 -), born in Mendon, St. Joseph County Michigan. Bertha married (1st) Frederick W. Carter (C1875-1929) at Mendon, St. Joseph County Michigan, January 14, 1903. Bertha married (2nd) Anderson Cassopolis in 1930. Bertha also had a child Moses Landanah Bland (1901-1973).
 - (3) Katherine Elizabeth Bland (March 19, 1879 -) born in Volinia, Cass County Michigan. Catherine married Otto Wright.
 - (4) Nellie Mae Bland (December 15, 1880 - October 18, 1899) Nellie was born and died in Volinia Michigan. She did Not marry.
 - (5) Lulu Pearl Bland (March 20, 1883 - 1939) Was born and died in Volinia Michigan. She married Elton R. Ampey and had a family of six children.
 - (6) Alvah Augustus Bland (October 1, 1885 - 1976) Alvah was born and died at Volinia Michigan. He married Ellen M. _____ (- 1982) in 1897.
 - (7) Rolland Rockford Bland (February 12, 1888 - February 17, 1969). Born in Prarie Ronde Michigan and died in Kalamazoo Michigan. Roland Rockford Bland married (1st) Methel E. Hamilton (April 20, 1888 - July 3, 1936) at Paw Paw Michigan on October 15, 1907. Rolland married (2nd) Elizabeth Griffith (1888-). With Methel Hamilton, Rolland had:
 - (a) Lois Arlene Bland (1906-1951)
 - (b) Benjamin Kermit Bland (1910-1911)
 - (c) Neva Pauline Bland (1912-) married Ivan E. Lyons, (1907-1987).
 - (d) Roland Nardin Bland (1914-1976) Ronald married Elizabeth _____.
 - (e) Norman Jerome Bland (January 14, 1919 - December 1, 1943) who was killed in action in New Guinea.
 - (f) Cecelia Mae Bland (1921-) married Floyd Bassett,
 - (g) Leland Doyle Bland (1923-) married Katherine Helen Huber. ¹⁹
 - (h) J. Deboyce Bland (C1925-)
 - (8) Herman Benjamin Bland (October 26, 1893 - October 21, 1897)
- C. James Augustus Bland (C1852 - June 15, 1911) James was born in Washington County Indiana and died in Mendon, St. Joseph's County Michigan. He is buried at the Mendon Village Cemetery. James married _____ and had:
- (1) Franklin Bland (February 1887 -)
- D. Catherine Bland (C1853/1854-) Catherine was born in Indiana.
- E. Naomi Bland (C1861-) Naomi moved to Keokuk Iowa and married _____ Field.

¹⁹ Leland Doyle Bland is the father of my correspondent Joanne Bland Shannon.

- F. Jerome Bland (C1863-) Jerome was born in Michigan. He married Mary Kline (C1868-) January 19, 1886 in Cass County
- G. Matthew Bland (C1865-) Matthew was born in Michigan. He married Lillian Howard (C1865-) in St. Joseph County Michigan on April 28, 1887.
- H. Maude Bland (C1872-) was born in Michigan. She married _____ Brown at Chicago Illinois.



Benjamin Napoleon Bland and Melinda Jane Ivens
Courtesy of Joanne Shannon

Other African American Families: Sassa Latton, smvfl@earthlink.net is searching for James Bland who was born in Sanderling Georgia and about 1875 migrated to Williamstown Massachusetts where he married Harriet Porter. Cousin Sassa would appreciate any help.

Fred at freder50@aol.com has posted an inquiry in the genealogy forum searching for information about John and Frank Bland who were listed in the 1870 census for Wilkes County Georgia, which is just across the border from Edgefield County South Carolina. They migrated sometime between 1855-1862. This would make it a high probability though not a certainty that they were somehow associated with Avory Gunnells Bland (1792-1857) who was both a great landholder and great slave owner. Fred never contacted me.

John at spijazz@aol.com seeks information about Bobby Blue Bland a rock vocalist who was born north of Memphis Tennessee.

POCAHONTAS AND THE BLAND FAMILY

I have received several messages about our family's connection to Pocahontas, most notably from Cousin Bernard Bland of Alexandria Virginia. To Bernard's information, which is based on Wyndham Robertson's Pocahontas, Alias Matoaka, and Her Descendants Through Her Marriage in April 1614 with John Rolfe, Gentleman, I have consulted a few brief sources of my own.²⁰ The information was enlightening to me and I hope it will also enlighten you.

Her real name was Matoako, but she was called "Playful One" "Little Wanton", or more laboriously "the child who is always out playing somewhere," or more simply, Pocahontas. She was born about 1595/1597 at Werawocomoco, what is present day Wicomico, Gloucester County, on the north side of the York River. Pocahontas was a younger, and favorite, daughter of Chief Powhatan of the Federation of Algonquian Tribes, who lived in the Virginia Tidewater Region. Powhatan was a powerful ruler who had domain over some twenty-eight tribes.



Pocahontas, from the 1995 Film



Pocahontas, by Dick Strandberg

²⁰ David Morenus, "The Real Pocahontas," Internet, and Rachel Sahlman, "Pocahontas" and No Author, "Pocahontas", presented by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. Hereafter these articles referred to in notes as Morenus, Sahlman and Pocahontas. I am especially grateful to David Morenus who gave me permission to use his Pocahontas website as a source for this article. David_Morenus@mailzone.com.

Later, when Pocahontas visited England, King James I received her and made Powhatan Emperor of Virginia, which made Pocahontas a princess. Artist's representations including that of the 1995 animated film *Pocahontas*, while romanticized undoubtedly reflect in some way the actual appearance of Pocahontas, as Cousin Bernie calls her, "truly a beautiful Indian princess." This would make her a prize valued greater than rubies and gems, for Englishmen in the hard scrabble life of Virginia 1607-1622 didn't have very many women of any kind.

Pocahontas' relationship with Captain John Smith, romanticized in the popular animated Disney film of 1995, is hard to decipher. Some years after the fact, Smith wrote that she saved his life. Perhaps, but his contemporary writings were silent about this. Also, if as it is depicted in legend, Pocahontas may have only been playing her role in a ritualized observance that frightened Smith when no harm was intended him. One would not blame poor Smith for thinking he was in harm's way, for he was, he says, welcomed by Powhatan and feted. Then he was abruptly seized and stretched out over stones, while Indians with clubs hovered over him, as if awaiting an order to beat him to death. Then Pocahontas flung herself down and cradled Smith's "head in her arms and laid her own upon his to save him from death." I don't know about you dear reader, but to me this would give rise to a shrewd suspicion that those Indians might harm me.

Another such event has to do with whether Pocahontas was already married to a native named Kocoum. She was only a 10 or 12-year-old child when she met John Smith, and it could have been that Powhatan gave his daughter to Kocoum in honorary marriage, with a promise of finalizing the bond when Pocahontas reached a mature age. No one knows for sure.

What seems firmer history is that Pocahontas was truly helpful in relations between her native people and the white settlers, and thus can be reckoned greater than her physical beauty: she was a woman of peace. Also fairly clear are the circumstances in which Pocahontas was captured and held as ransom for English prisoners with Chief Powhatan. Her captor, Captain Sam Argall, also wanted back the guns he claimed Powhatan had stolen and some corn for good measure. Argall took Pocahontas to Jamestown and her captivity could easily have become a *causis belli* between the white settlers and the Indians. What seems to have saved the day was Pocahontas' relocation to Henrico about July 1613, where she was under the care of Sir Thomas Dale. There she began her Christian education and ultimately converted and took the name Rebecca. She also met and fell in love with the widower John Rolfe, the first colonist to grow a mild tobacco.²¹ Although Dale and Powhatan

²¹ According to Morenus, Rolfe and his English wife Sarah sailed to Jamestown by were ship wrecked in Bermuda by a terrible storm. While they tarried in Bermuda, Sarah had a daughter whom they named Bermuda, but both mother and child died. Rolfe eventually brought to Virginia some Bermuda tobacco seeds that he cross-bred with the harsher Virginia tobacco, producing a mild hybrid which was very successful in England and made the Virginia colony a success. The relative utility of the word success may be discerned by perusing AC 8-2, pp. 5-40, or more ambitiously, by reading Edmund Morgan's excellent American Slavery, American Freedom (1975).

came into violent conflict, peace was restored in 1614, when Rolfe received Dale's permission to marry Pocahontas. The couple was married April 5, 1614 at the Jamestown Anglican Church, with the blessing of Powhatan, who sent an envoy to the wedding. The marriage restored a few years of peace to the Virginia colony.

Pocahontas gave birth to only one child, a son Thomas Rolfe, born in 1615. The following year the Rolfe's sailed to England where Pocahontas was received by the King and Queen and the Bishop of London. On the following year, as the family prepared to sail back to Virginia, Pocahontas fell ill of pneumonia, tuberculosis or possibly small pox. She died in March 1617 at Gravesend and is buried at St. George's Church. Poor Rolfe followed her to the grave five years later. His dates were (1585-1622). His death occurred at the same time as the savage Indian raid that decimated the Virginia colony, but it is not known whether he was killed in the raid.

Thomas Rolfe, only child of John Rolfe and Pocahontas, (1615-) was raised in London by his uncle Henry Rolfe. In 1635, Thomas returned to Virginia to live upon an estate given his parents by Chief Powhatan. Thomas Rolfe married Jane Poythress, a daughter of Frances Poythress. Tom and Jane had an only child who was named Jane Rolfe. In 1675, Jane became the first wife of Colonel Robert Bolling of "Kippux" or "Farming Dale". In 1676 Jane Rolfe Bolling gave birth to John Bolling and she died in childbirth. Colonel John Bolling, (1676-1729) son of Robert Bolling and Jane Rolfe, was master of "Cobbs" Plantation on the Appamatox River near Petersburg Virginia. He married Mary Kennon and they had six children, John Junior, Jane, Elizabeth, Mary, Martha and Anne.

John Bolling Junior (1700-1757) married Elizabeth Blair on August 1, 1728. Elizabeth was the daughter of Dr. James Blair, founder and President of William and Mary College. John and Elizabeth had seven children, Thomas, John, Robert, Mary (1744-1812), Sarah, Archibald and Anne.

The critical child in this sequence is Mary Bolling, (1744-1812). On October 8, 1761, Mary married our own Richard Bland (1730/1731-1786), the eldest son of Richard Bland (1710-1776) and Anne Poythress (1712-1758). They were parents of five children, Richard Bland (1762-1806); Anne Poythress Bland (1765-); John Bolling Bland (1767-1777); Elizabeth Blair Bland (1770-) and an unnamed infant born and died the same day of August 1771.²²

This creates a nice symmetry of illustrious historical connections with the Blands in this family. The eldest child of Richard Bland (1665-1720) and Elizabeth Randolph was Mary Bland (1704-1764), a beautiful woman, who married Colonel Henry Lee and had children John, Letitia, Richard and Henry. Son Henry (1729-1787) married Lucy Grymes, who in Virginia lore is known as "The Lowland Beauty." Their son was known as Light Horse Harry Lee (1756-1818), who married (1st) a cousin Matilda Lee and (2nd) Ann Carter, by whom he had a son Robert E. Lee,

²² E-Mail Bernard Bland to Charles L. Bland, March 27 and November 7, 2000, and AC 5-1, pp. 13-15. I also have one line of descent from Theodorick Bland Norris of Spring Hill Florida, whose line of Descent goes through Richard Bland (1762-1806) noted above. Bernard relied for his information on Wyndham Robertson's Pocahontas, Alias Matoaka, and Her Descendants Through Her Marriage in April 1614 with John Rolfe, Gentleman.

(1807-1870), who became the supreme military commander of the Confederate forces in the Civil War.²³

Mr. Morenus states that there are over 100,000 Pocahontas descendants today and many more with dubious claims to descent from the beautiful Indian princess. Bernard Bland has cleared up a popular misconception that our own link to Pocahontas can be traced through Theodorick Bland (1719-1784) who married Frances Bolling (1724-1774)²⁴ Frances was the granddaughter of Robert Bolling, but through his second wife Anne Stith, rather than through Jane Rolfe. Thus, the line of Theodorick Bland (11719-1784) and Frances Bolling (1724-1774) does not run back to Pocahontas.



"Four Faces of Pocahontas"

From Top Left: Mary Ellen Howe, 1994; Robert Matthew Sully, C1850;
Thomas Sully, 1852; Leon Ferris, c.1921
Courtesy, The Board of Supervisors and
County Manager's Office, Henrico Country Virginia

²³ VU, pp. 145-146, a portrait of Mary Bland (1704-1764) is displayed on p. 146B.

²⁴ cf AC 5-1, p. 11.

PRESLEY, TALTON AND WILLIAM BLAND AND GENEALOGY VIA DNA

In late January I had an interesting conversation with David Bland of Chandler Arizona about the possibility of identifying his ancestral line through DNA research. David, as well as several other genealogical researchers descend from Talton Bland (1795-1870/1880) of Edgefield County South Carolina, whose geographic proximity to a large stem family doesn't correspond to a specific tie-in, (see below, page 39 #31). There is at least some possibility that Talton was the son of Presley Bland (1767-1839) through his common-law marriage with Dicey Gunnels. In pursuit of these possibilities, David wrote the following to me:

Family History has made great advances in the last ten years. . . . Another exciting advance is the mapping of family groups by genetics. A project by Brigham Young University (BYU) is now seeking to establish familial relationships. The study states "This is accomplished by using the information encoded in the DNA of an individual and/or population to determine the relatedness of individuals, families, tribal groups, and populations. Pedigrees based on genetic markers can reveal relationships not detectable in genealogies based only on names, written records or oral traditions. There may be a number of individuals named John Smith, but a genetic identification is unique and can dominate and even discriminate between closely related individuals or those sharing the same name.

One of the things that now is possible is to resolve blocked genealogies such as missing parents. One of these would be Talton Bland, born in Edgefield County South Carolina. Through years of research we have never been able to establish who his parents were. By taking DNA samples from different Bland family members it is now possible to establish the correct parentage for Talton and other Bland ancestors in the area, even brothers and sisters.

After approaching a BYU staff member about our particular Talton problem, he suggested that we apply to BYU for a study, to see if we can connect Talton's family to some of the other Edgefield Families. By using the facilities of BYU, it would allow us to undertake such a study at a greatly reduced cost, since much of the study could be paid for by the university. In the next few months we will start looking for individuals to participate or contribute to this study.

I am not yet clear what the parameters and/or cost of the study would be. Cousins who descend from Talton Bland will be identified and contacted sometime in the Spring. I am interested because I have reason, somewhat more wishful than the Talton descendants, to think that my William Bland (1792-1868) might also be a son of Presley and Dicey. Anyone interested may consult the website <http://molecular-genealogy.byu.edu> or contact David Bland tim@cestools.com or your faithful narrator, blandhistory717@hotmail.com.

I should add that this process, if effective, could have positive consequences in other searches as well. Its very exciting.

THE BLANDRUNNER

Just to show you we ain't all Bland comes this strange story of compulsion from The Palm Beach Post. It came out just before the South Florida area went crazy over chads and Katherine Harris took to the skies on her broomstick.²⁵ The subject was Gilbert Bland, a man with "an edge-of-the-crowd blurriness." I like that! So wrote Miles Harvey in The Island of Lost Maps: A True Story of Cartographic Crime.

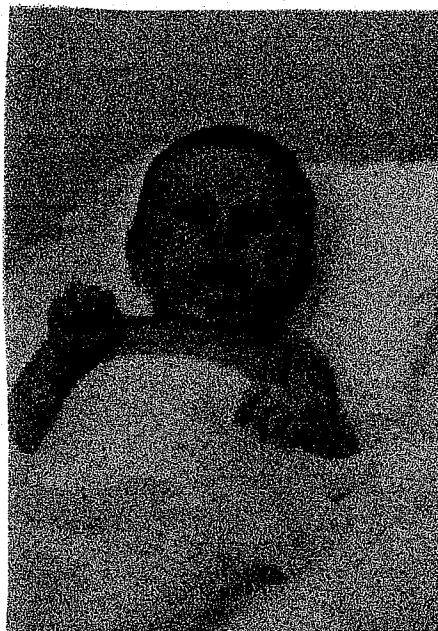
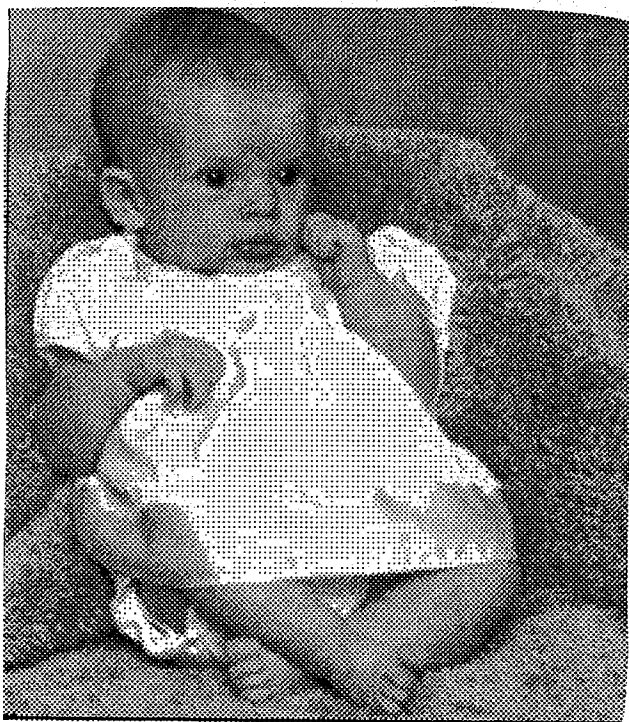
Not much is known about Gilbert Bland, whose *modus operandi* was to skulk about libraries with a single edged razor blade stuck between his two fingers, (rendering high the potential that if he wasn't careful in the bathroom, he might not retain the ability for leaving a Bland progeny) asking the unwitting staff for map collections of rare value. Left alone, Bland sliced the priceless cartographic gems from the pages, closed the books and, stuffing the ill-gotten maps in his shirt, went on his way. What was left behind? "the shrapnel of ideas," By the time he was captured near the Peabody Institute in Baltimore Maryland in 1995, Gilbert Bland had "boll-weeviled" through hundreds of old books of rare maps, confiscating thousands of maps, leaving behind a cartographic wasteland. His motive was profit, and he won a cat and mouse game with authorities by holding out for a more lenient sentence in exchange for the location of the maps. He got off with seven months and a \$100,000. fine, which he never paid, pleading poverty. When the article was written, Gilbert Bland was living in Coral Springs Florida, leading a quiet life. Harvey likened the old maps to a psychological profile of the time. Meticulously detailed along the North American coastline, the interior became more fanciful and fantastic, as if the ancient cartographers were mapping their hearts and dreams. Gilbert Bland, writes Michael Browning, was a subtle devil who "managed to make the world less reliable, more featureless . . ." and "ruined parts of our memory, probably forever." So that's what has been happening to me!! Drat!!

TRANSITIONS

BIRTHS At the National Reunion, Cousins Laverne and Kay Bland passed on the glad news to me of the birth of a grand daughter Kay Arlene Bland on June 16, 2000. Kay Arlene is the daughter of Laverne Bland II and his wife Kelly.

Cousin Kerri Bland Eason, with her husband Chad Lee Eason of Clyattsville Georgia, sent me word of two new Bland babies, including their own daughter Graycie Elizabeth Eason born September 21, 2000 and her niece Abigail Taylor Bland, daughter of Timothy Clayton Bland and Mindy Lee Singletary Bland of Valdosta Georgia. Photographs of Graycie Elizabeth Eason and Abigail Taylor Bland are displayed on the following page:

²⁵ Michael Browning, "Devil With A Razor Blade." Palm Beach Post (October 25, 2000). I'm sorry that I cannot recall who sent me this delightful article.



Left: Graycie Elizabeth Eason; Right: Abigail Taylor Bland
Courtesy of Kerri Bland Eason

ANNIVERSARIES I am happy to announce the fiftieth wedding Anniversary of Richard Parks Bland II and Dorothy Sonne Bland of Denver Colorado on February 18, 2001. This will be a happy day for not only cousins Dorothy and Dick, but also for their children Roxanne, Sharon, Rick, Shawn Becky and Cassie, their grandchildren and for the many friends and cousins of the Bland family who have come to love and appreciate Dick and Dorothy over the years. Apart from your faithful narrator, Richard and Dorothy are the only cousins to have attended every single one of the sixteen National Reunions held to date. Richard is of course the namesake and grandson of the great Missouri Congressman and 1896 Democratic Presidential Candidate Richard Parks "Silver Dick" Bland (1835-1899). Dick and Dorothy met in Rapid City South Dakota in 1950, when Dorothy went to work with Dick as a photographer. They were married the following year and now make their home in Denver Colorado, where they are proprietors of Acclaim Rent-A-Car. A photograph of Dick and Dorothy is displayed on the following page:



Standing: Richard Parks Bland and Dorothy Sonne Bland
Seated: Evelyn Lashbrook Bland

DEATHS Ruth Ann Walborn brought me up to date on sad news about her parents **L. Kenneth and Ruth Bland Hill** of Martinsville West Virginia, who were long-term correspondents and faithful in attendance at the early national reunions. I was saddened to learn of the death of Ken in 1989. Ruth herself died June 30, 1994 at age 80. Ruth was born May 7, 1914.

Harold R. Shepherd of Fort Collins Colorado, a long time cousin died on October 23, 1999. Harold was born on September 5, 1911. Harold was descended from the line listed in the Key below as 25A6A. He was descended from the Blands that left Duplin County North Carolina in the early 19th century and settled in Greene County Indiana. Harold's wife of 63 years, **Velma E. Unruh**, died on May 31, 2000. Harold and Velma were regular attendants at the National reunions. They were married on October 2, 1937.

William A. Bland of Topsail Island North Carolina died on December 4, 1999. William was a long time correspondent whose sons Thomas and William sponsored the Sixth National Reunion in Northern Virginia in 1990. His son Robert Bland was helpful to me on several occasions in advising me on details of the development of the Duplin County North Carolina Family (25A6A on the key below). William was born in Burgaw North Carolina on September 21, 1921 and descends from 25A6A, from John Thomas Bland (1810-1886) who was among the early generations from Duplin County North Carolina. William married Dorothy Heater in 1942

and also served in World War II as an officer in the US Army, and served in North Africa, Italy and France. Bill spent 30 years of his working life with the North Carolina Forest Service.

The Co-Sponsor of the Third National Bland Reunion, (1987) **Colonel Kenny Bland** of Whitehall Indiana, died suddenly on June 12, 2000. Kenny was an auctioneer and a thoroughly likeable man, who often demonstrated his support for the National Reunions. Kenny's wife was Sherry Culbert.



Colonel Kenny Bland
Courtesy Sherry Culbert

Lloyd William Ludecke, husband of correspondent and new cousin Linda Ludecke of Spring Texas, died on July 6, 2000. Lloyd was 57, and was born on October 27, 1942. Lloyd attended the University of Texas in Austin and worked in banking. He retired in 1998. Lloyd and cousin Linda were married May 30, 1970. Cousin Linda has been responsible for securing my book and newsletters to the Montgomery County Library in Conroe Texas and has been a regular attendant at the National Reunions in 1999 and 2000.

My cousin Doris Bland of Fairfield Illinois sent word that her husband **Elmer F. Bland Jr.** died August 11, 2000 at age 76. Elmer was born May 13, 1924 in Fairfield Illinois. Elmer went directly from High School Graduation to World War II, serving a tour that included a year in England, Africa, the Middle East and the Battle of the Bulge. Elmer spent his working life with Airtex Inc. and retired in 1987. In 1953, Elmer married Doris Ellen Witter, who has been my long-term correspondent. It is one of my regrets that I was never able to help Doris and Elmer extend their genealogical origins.



Elmer F. Bland
Courtesy, Doris Ellen Witter Bland

Cousin Edith Lanning of Ocala Florida wrote me that her husband **Keith Lanning** died on September 23, 2000 at age 77 after a long illness. Keith was born in Belvedere Illinois and was a World War II and Korean War Veteran. During his military tours, he was awarded two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart. Edith is the Bland of the family, descending from the line of Thomas Bland of Pendleton County Virginia/West Virginia (See below, page 38, number 9). Edith has been a long time faithful attendant at our national reunions and has helped in family history matters in many ways, for example indexing A Vision of Unity. Those of us who attended the reunions from their inception in 1985 have come to know and respect Keith with warmth and friendship and surely feel deeply saddened by his death. A photograph of Keith taken at the 1997 Reunion is displayed below:



L-R, Edith Conant Lanning, Keith Lanning and Charles L. Bland
Courtesy of Edith Lanning

Finally, and with sadness, Patricia Marsh told me that her Mother **Evelyn Lashbrook Bland** (September 9, 1901 - February 1, 2001) died at age 99. Evelyn also was the mother of Robert W. Bland Cauble of Charlotte North Carolina, ten grandchildren and seventeen grandchildren. In addition, she was the adopted "Mother" of the Bland Family Reunion so she had a lot of kids who loved her. In her working years, Evelyn was the owner of the Demonstrators Personnel Service and sales manager for Spencer Support Company. She was a member of the Middletown Kentucky Senior Citizens Group and of the Fisherville Kentucky Church of Christ. Those of us who faithfully attended each reunion will indeed feel as if we have lost a mother, cousin and good friend. Photographs of Mother Evelyn appear on pages 8 and 30.

VOLUNTEERS TO INDEX "AMONG COUSINS"

In the most recent issue I made an appeal for volunteers to index several volumes of the Newsletters. I am happy to announce that **Debi Faris** from Fort Myers Florida has done a yeoman's job of completing Volume 12-1 of Among Cousins, which is given over completely to the line descending from Thomas Bland (C1740-1826) of Pendleton County Virginia/West Virginia, (Number 9 in the Family Key displayed below). The index is presently on display in the Bland Heritage website and also is available to me for my use in answering queries.

Also, **Kerri Bland Eason** of Clyattsville Georgia generously volunteered to index Volume 14, which deals exclusively (pp. 10-102) with the lines of descent from the two known sons of William Bland (C1748-1816) and his wife Rachel Powell of Duplin County North Carolina. They were William Bland (C1771-1854) and his wife Mary Parker and his brother James Bland (1772-1818) and James' two wives Jemima Alderman (C1773-1800) and Esther Newton (C1779-1854). This Volume remains, in my own opinion, my best newsletter, and I am very pleased to have found someone to index it.²⁶ Kerri also has provided excellent photographs of two of our descendants from that line. I am pleased to display photographs of Kerri's ancestral grandmother, Milbrey Smith and Milbrey's son Theodore Bland below, page 132.

Phyllis Michael of Bristol Virginia volunteered to index Volume 15-17, which will be quite a task. I am very grateful to **Debi Faris**, **Kerri Eason** and **Phyllis Michael** for their selfless efforts to assist me. I am still seeking volunteers for Volumes 12-2,13 and the present number, volume 18. Any volunteers for the cause would be quite welcome.

LIBRARY DONATIONS

I am pleased to report that Cousin **Wade Johnson** of Coffeerville Mississippi has placed a copy of A Vision of Unity with the Skipwith Historical and Genealogical Society of Oxford Mississippi, which is housed in the Oxford Mississippi Library.

²⁶ Cousin Kerri descends through James Bland's son William (1794-1875) and his wife Susannah Alderman through their son James William Bland and Milbrey Smith, their son James David Bland and Lillian Haring, their son Tomothy, Timothy's son Doran who is the father of Kerri Eason.

Dorothy B. Heaner from Dallas Texas, has agreed to donate her copy of A Vision of Unity to the Georgia Department of Archives and History in Atlanta Georgia. Inasmuch as presently there is only a Georgia placement of the book at the Statesboro Regional Library, this placement is quite useful and much appreciated.

Sandy Caldwell of Cincinnati Ohio donated Volumes 13 and 15-17 of Among Cousins to the Marion County Kentucky Public Library. This is timely since both Volumes deal extensively with the various Kentucky family lines. I am grateful to Cousins Wade, Dorothy and Sandy for these placements and their generosity.

UPDATE OF THE KEY TO BLAND FAMILY LINES

Subscribers have told me it is useful to have access to the following key in each volume. Please note how this key relates to the identification by family group that appears at the far left side of each name in the list of correspondents, below pp. 143-152. Please note the name and address list for your name 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.

1. 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; 18, pp. 52 and 56.

2. 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.

25A. 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:

25A-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; AC 18, pp. 131-132.

25A-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; AC 18, pp. 135-140.

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:

25A-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; AC 18, pp. 11-12, 56-60.

25A-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, page 37).

25A-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; AC 18, pp. 12-13, 40, 44, 60-80, 133-134, 136-137.

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.

25B-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; AC 18, pp. 10, 80-84.

25B-6B. Arthur Bland (C1725-1763), of Prince William County Virginia, married Mary _____. Benjamin's line is discussed in VU, pp. 415-416.

25C. 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:

25C-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; AC 18, pp. 40, 45, 85-88.

25C-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; AC 18, pp. 40,45.

25D. 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).

25E-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. Charles and John Bland (C1745 -) 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; AC 18, pp.86-88.

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 18, pp. 90-92. 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; Ac 18, pp. 92-94.

7. Stephen Bland (C1782-1850) 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; AC 18 pp. 94-95, 125-126.
8. Thomas Bland (C1712-1780) Blands of Beaufort, Bertie, Craven, Edgecombe, Martin and Pitt Counties North Carolina. Source: AC 1-1, p. 15; 1-2, p. 27; 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. 25-27; 9-2, p 6; 12-2, pp. 42-43; 15-17, pp. 88-113; AC 18, pp. 95-97, 101-131.
9. 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.
10. 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; AC 18, p. 98.

Bland Families Noted but Without Extensive Developmental Lines

11. Allen Bland, Champaign Illinois. AC: 1-2, p. 25.
12. Arthur Bland, Guilford County North Carolina. AC, 3-2, p. 53, and 5-2, pp. 32-33; AC 18, p. 99.
13. Charles B. Bland (C1819-) of Mississippi. AC 8-2, pp. 42-43.
14. Elizabeth Bland Ballard, Spotsylvania County Virginia. AC 3-2, p. 51; 4-2, pp. 41-42 and 8-1, pp. 28-29
15. General Vanransler Bland (1825-1904) of Cass County Michigan. AC 18, pp. 20-23
16. 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.
17. Gladwin Bland (1876-1932) of Ireland and Mexico (AC 2-2, p. 40).
18. Isaac Bland, (C1813-1853) of Louisiana. AC 5-2, p. 35.
19. James Bland (C1793-1871) of Henry County Tennessee. AC 6-2, pp. 36-37; 7-1, pp. 30-31.
20. Jane Bland Forrester of Stokes County N.C. AC, 3-1, p. 41.
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 Bland, (1832-1908) of England and Greenwood Counties Kansas. VU p. viii and AC 3-2, pp. 52-53; AC 18, pp. 141-142.
24. John Bland Smith (1590-1668) of Martha's Vineyard Massachusetts. AC 4-1, p. 34; 8-1, p. 34; 8-2, pp. 40-41.
25. Joshua Bland (C1790-1843) of Virginia, AC 12-2, pp. 43-44.
26. Morris Brewer Bland (C1829-), of England. AC 5-2, p. 34. AC 15-17, p. 151.
27. Richard Percival Bland (C1700-1737) of St. Helena South Carolina, VU, p. 494.
28. Robert Bland (C1734-1795) of Monroe County Virginia/ West Virginia. AC 2-2, p. 14; 3-1, p. 10; 4-2, pp. 7-8; 7-2, p. 31; 8-1, pp. 43-44; 9-1, pp. 41-42; AC 18, pp. 40-45.
29. Robert Bland (1783-1836) of Berks County Pennsylvania. AC 6-2, pp. 35-36.
30. Samuel Bland, (C1793-living in 1850), Blount County Alabama, AC 4-1, pp. 29-30; 5-1, pp. 49-50.
31. 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.
32. Thomas Bland of England (C1789-), AC 3-2, p. 52.
33. 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.
34. William Bland of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, VU, pp. 365-366; AC 1-1, p. 8; 1-2, pp. 25-26.
35. William Bland (1813-1898) of North Carolina and Mississippi, AC 8-2, pp. 43-45.
36. William Bland (1817-1875) of Wheeling West Virginia, AC 3-2, p. 54.
37. 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.

THE BLANDS OF MONROE COUNTY VIRGINIA/WEST VIRGINIA

For quite some time I have been interested in further research on the Bland family that settled in Monroe County West Virginia. (Number 28 on the above key, page 39). West Virginia gained its statehood in 1863, and Monroe County, which is situated just on the border with Virginia, was created in 1799 from Greenbrier County. Some of my correspondents, who asked not to be named because the theory is uncertain, believe that some of the Blands who settled in Cumberland and Pulaski Counties Kentucky will eventually be found to have migrated there from Monroe.²⁷ In the evidence I have so far, there may be an hypothesis to work from that three brothers Robert (C1734-1795), John (C1742-1807) and Jesse (1756-1835) may be sons of John Bland (C1688-1762), one of the three elder sons of the immigrant to northern Virginia, James Bland (C1661-1709). Possibly also, John Bland (1770-1842) who lived in Cumberland County Kentucky and married Sarah E. Lee in Monroe/Greenbrier County Virginia about 1799, might be a son of the elder Robert of Monroe. He now is considered a son of Osborne Bland and his wife Letitia, the eldest son of John Bland (C1725-1795) and Margaret Osborne, who settled from Prince William County Virginia into Nelson County Kentucky.²⁸

A paragraph written in Thomas Morton's A History of Monroe County West Virginia suggests several generations of settlers in Monroe and also makes concrete suggestions of how this group could be connected to other lines within the Bland family:

A number of Bland families of the Loudon County area migrated to the part of Greenbrier County (West Virginia) that is now Monroe County, West Virginia, where they owned land in the southeastern corner of the county on Turkey Creek and Second Creek. There is also this information: "Robert Bland died in 1795 seems to have been the father of Robert (Anna) of Peters Mountain Valley whose own son was born there in 1784. Children: Robert, 1784-1857; Ester E. (M. James Mckinley, 1813); (James (m. India Dawson, 1813); Joshua, (M. Polly Shires, 1807); Joshua, probably a brother, had Robert (M. Elizabeth Hand 1808)."²⁹

²⁷ VU pp. 479-483 and AC 6-2, pp. 10-22, as well as AC 13, pp. 38-52 passim and AC 15-17, pp. 50-64, esp. 51-53 and 80-88.

²⁸ AC 15-17, p. 51. And 6-2, p. 13.

²⁹ Quoted in AC 2-2, p. 14. It also should be noted that one of my correspondents informed me that the Peters Mountain Valley in Monroe County is not the same as the one in Pendleton County Virginia, AC 12-1, p. 9. I cannot locate the e-mail at this time.

Geographically, this paragraph suggests two things:

- ◆ A migration from Loudon County Virginia. In fact we have conclusive evidence that an elder Robert Bland (C1710-1760) died in Loudon County and had two sons, Edward (C1730-1800) and Robert (C1732-1786), who migrated to York and Edgefield Counties South Carolina.³⁰ This Robert Bland had an uncle Robert, one of the younger children by the assumed second marriage of James Bland (C1661-1709) of Stafford/Prince William County Virginia. This elder Robert was proven to have died without issue though he may have lived to adulthood and married.
- ◆ If one extrapolates approximate dates from Robert Bland of Monroe County (1784-1857 above) the eldest Monroe County Robert Bland would (based on 25 year generational intervals) have been born about 1734. Interesting, in that it would have placed two Roberts, born in 1732 and 1734 in Loudon County. Perhaps, the two Roberts were one and to paraphrase the famous expression about Leacock's hero, Robert got on his horse and rode off to South Carolina and Monroe County Virginia at the same time. Since that is unlikely, the attractive alternative idea is that the Robert (C1734-1795) of Monroe County was not a son but a nephew of the elder Robert (1710-1760) of Loudon County.

These are questions that intrigue. But what one may gather from the above paragraph, amended and substantiated from other known data, is the following family group, which potentially could knock many of our prior assumptions into a cocked hat:³¹

1. **ROBERT BLAND** (C1734-1795) perhaps from Loudon County Virginia.
 - A. **Robert Bland** (C1759- before 1814) married Anna _____ and lived in Peters Mountain Valley.
 - (1) **Robert Bland** (C1784- September 23, 1857) Robert is found in the 1850 Census (Dwelling 457) as a Carpenter, married to or living with Sarah Coffee, (C1800-) whom he married in 1850, with possibly a grandson named Benjamin Bland (C1844-) who is listed as (deaf and dumb). Prior to this late marriage, Robert married Elizabeth Hand on May 12, 1808 in Monroe County Virginia. One of his children appears to be:
 - (a) George Washington Bland (C1810-) (dwelling 461) a carpenter, married to Nancy "Polly" Campbell (C1817-), whom George married in 1836. Their children:
 - (a1) Mary J. Bland (C1841-). Misty Gandara of Manhattan Kansas, wrote me that her Great Great Great Grandmother, was Mary Jane, who married Jacob Shires about 1862.³²
 - (a2) Madison Bland (C1843-).
 - (a3) Ellen Bland (C1846-).

³⁰ VU, pp. 484-500 passim and AC 6-1, pp. 8-35.

³¹ Dates are approximations: 25 years per generation and marriage age of 21 for men, 17 for women. All need verification of course. Further data is derived from the Census of 1850, as well as AC 3-1, AC 4-2, pp. 7-8., AC 7-2, p. 31, AC 8-1, pp. 43-44 and 9-1 pp. 41-42.

³² E-Mail, Misty Gandara to Charles Bland, February 1, March 21 and 24 and October 8, 2000.

Also living with George Bland was Polly Campbell (C1776-), possibly the younger Polly's mother and Jackson Bland (C1817-) a laborer.

(b) Uriah F. Bland (C1812-) (dwelling 452). The close proximity and similar names for their children suggests strongly that George W. Bland and Uriah Bland were brothers. Uriah married Nancy Bland (C1811-) in February 1834. How Nancy and Uriah might be related is unknown. Their children: ³³

(b1) Elizabeth Bland (C1836-).

(b2) Madison Bland (C1839-).

(b3) Robert Bland (C1841-).

(b4) Jonathan Bland (C1844 - March 22, 1914.

Jonathan was a Civil War Veteran serving with the Confederacy. He enlisted June 15, 1864 in Augusta County Virginia and served in Company C, 60th Regiment Infantry. About 1873, Jonathan married Ellen Hutchison (September 10, 1851 - January 23, 1907) who was born in Fincastle/Botetourt County Virginia. Their Children were:

(b4a) Hamilton M. Bland (June 10, 1875 - June 10, 1975). Interesting clean 100 years.

(b4b) Walter Bland (April 3, 1878 - January 3, 1930). Wlter married Lelia Bostick on August 30, 1898.

(b4c) Hattie Virginia Bland (June 14, 1880 - June 20, 1957). Hattie married William Snow (1887-1947).

(b4d) Lelia Bland (C1881-February 21, 1938).

(b4e) Floyd Brady Bland (August 1, 1883 - August 10, 1972) married Cleo (- May 11, 1988).

(b4f) Adger Bland (C1894 - August 1, 1918).

(b4g) Ethel Beulah Bland April 22, 1897 - October 15, 1965).

(b5) Benjamin Bland (c1844-).

(b6) George Bland (C1847-).

(2) Joshua Bland (C1786-) married Polly Shires on October 27, 1807 in Monroe County Virginia.

(3) Child, Name Unknown (C1790-)

(4) Esther E. Bland (C1792 - married James T. McKinney about 1813 in Monroe County Virginia.

(5) James Bland (1795 -) married Ida Dawson (C1799-) on July 31, 1813 in Monroe County Virginia.

³³ E-mail, Bob James to Charles Bland, October 15, 2000.

(a) Isaac Bland (C1814 - November 13, 1885) was born in Giles County Virginia and died in Popular Hills, Giles County Virginia. Isaac married Ann Heaven in Wythe County Virginia April 15, 1838.

(a1) Sarah Bland (C1841-) married William H. Thompson on December 18, 1855 in Giles County Virginia.

(a2) Cynthia May Bland (C1844-) married William Riley King in Giles County Virginia on June 14, 1860.

(a3) Tyler Bland (C1846-)

(a4) William D. Bland (C1847 -) married Mary J. _____ about 1866.

(a5) James E. Bland (C1848-) married Emma V. Pugh March 17, 1867 in Giles County Virginia.

(a6) John H. Bland (January 25, 1855 -)

(a7) David Nye Bland (March 17, 1857 -) David married Mary Elizabeth _____ (C1859 - 1889) about 1875. According to family oral history, David deserted his children after his wife's death and in 1910 was found in the census living in St. Petersburg Florida. He remarried and lived near Brunswick Georgia. ³⁴

(b) Mariah Bland (C1820-) born in Giles County Virginia.

(c) Elizabeth Bland (C1822-) Born in Giles County Virginia, married Francis M. Thompson on May 15, 1843 in Giles County Virginia.

(d) Orleany Bland (C1823-) married R.E. Bland on January 18, 1850 in Giles County Virginia.

(e) Ellen Jane Bland (February 7, 1825 - January 22, 1890). Married Madison William Flick on February 26, 1842 in Giles County Virginia.

(f) Sarah Bland (C1827-) Born in Giles County Virginia.

(g) Nancy D. Bland (C1828-1861) Married James Cloyd Ritter On August 12, 1850 in Giles County Virginia.

(h) William Bland (C1834-) Born in Giles County Virginia.

(i) Aurene Bland (C1836 -) Born in Giles County Virginia.

(j) Malinda Bland (C1838-) Born in Giles County Virginia.

(k) Eliza Bland (C1842-) Married John W. Caves April 12, 1866 in Giles County Virginia.

³⁴ Robert Smith Bland (April 6, 1883- August 2, 1961) who married Letha Ila Hullender in 1900, was the son of David Nye Bland and the grandfather of my correspondent Robert P. King. Letter, Robert P. King to Charles L. Bland, June 16, 2000. E-Mail, Robert P. King to Charles L. Bland, February 5, 2001. Cousin King relates that some eight years before he died, his grandfather Robert Smith Bland began having a series of small strokes, and Cousin King's mother reported that "with each stroke, he got a little nicer." As he neared death Robert Smith Bland also altered the story about his father, saying that David Nye Bland deserted about 1889, but that Mary Elizabeth his wife, did not die, as previously reported.

(6) Ester E. Bland (C1796-) married James McKinley in 1813. One source indicates that an Ester Bland also married _____ Snodgrass on April 9, 1818.

B. Joshua Bland (C1761-)

(1) Alexander Bland (C1782-) a laborer found in the 1850 census (dwelling 510) with Ida _____ (1812-) possibly his wife or daughter. Alexander married Elizabeth Davis in 1843 and appears to have previously married Mary Boyer and Sally Bostick. We have information about one of Alexander's sons:

(a) Moses Bland (C1812-1855) (dwelling 516) married to Rebecca Steele (C1820-) whom he married in 1834. Their children:

(a1) Alexander G. Bland (April, 1836 - February 14, 1907). Alexander was a Civil War Veteran, serving with the Union Forces under Captain Thomas A. Bryan's West Virginia Battery. Alexander enlisted March 27, 1862 was captured at Cedar Creek , October 19, 1864 and was detained at Harper's Ferry until War's end. He was released and discharged June 23, 1865. His enlistment papers show him to to be over six feet tall, with brown hair and blue eyes. Alexander and his cousin Jonathan (b4 above) must have had some interesting conversations. Alexander married Jennette Counts (- March 2, 1929) in 1865. Both are buried at Carmel Cemetery in Gap Mills West Virginia. I am pleased to display a photograph of Alexander G. Bland on the following page. ³⁵

(a2) Sally Bland (C1838-).

(a3) Jane Bland, (C1840-).

(a4) Margaret Bland(C1844-).

(a5) Ida Bland, (C1847-).

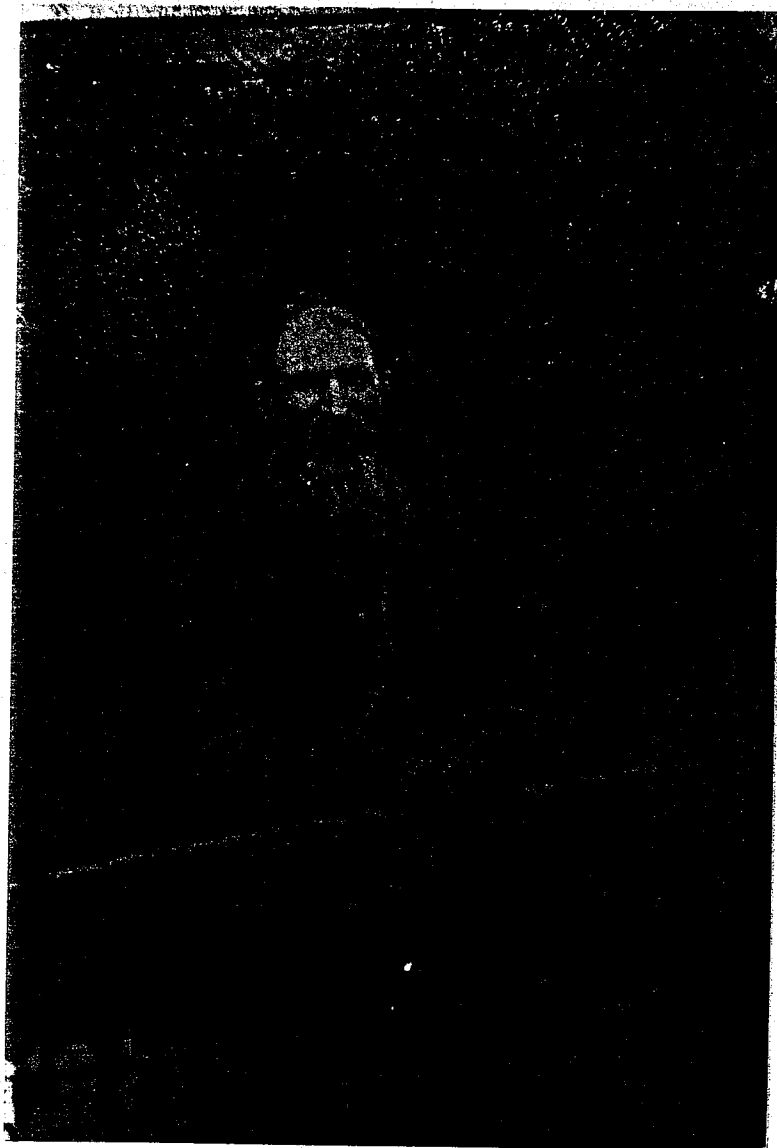
(a6) William Bland (C1849-).

(2) Robert Bland (C1787-) married Elizabeth Hand in 1808.

C. John Bland (C1770 -) This is a juxtaposition based on dates given me by cousin Karen Merrel. It is interesting that if cousin Merrel's dates are correct, this John could be John Bland (C1770-1842), who married Sarah Lee of Monroe County Virginia, whom I have long thought to be a son of Osborne Bland and Letitia, because he was in Cumberland County Kentucky, living close to them. This would tend to reinforce theories that these Monroe County West Virginia Blands moved into southern Kentucky counties like Cumberland and Pulaski. ³⁶

³⁵ Alexander and Jennette's great Grandson Steve Bland of Danville Illinois provided this information., see AC 9-1, pp. 41-42.

³⁶ E-Mail, Karen Merrell to Charles L. Bland , June 10, 2000. Also, cf, AC 15-17, pp. 51-54, esp. note 108 for previous reference.s to John Bland.



Alexander G. Bland (1836-1907)
Courtesy of Steve Bland

2. **JOHN BLAND** (C1742-1807) In the theory developed in 3 below, if Jesse Bland is the son of John Bland (c1688-1762) of Prince William County Virginia, then the man we have long assumed was his brother, John Bland (C1742-1807) who married Rachel _____ (

(- 1799) and moved to Washington County Kentucky, would be one of three brothers. ³⁷

3. **JESSE BLAND** (1756-1835) Jesse served in the American Revolution and his pension claim stated that he was born in Prince William County Virginia and settled after the Revolution in the area of Greenbrier, Monroe and Kanawha Counties. In his pension, he spoke of "his family" but when he died, he left all his worldly goods to one Henry Blake, suggesting that he never married. Jessie, at least presently, is considered the son of John Bland (C1688-1763) of Prince William County, which suggests another possibility. Perhaps he was the younger brother of Robert (1. Above, 1734-1795) and John Bland (C1742-1807) who took his family to Kentucky. ³⁸

Other Blands in Monroe County West Virginia Other families in Monroe County prior to 1850, listed by the age of the head of household were:

- ◆ Joseph Bland (C1802-) (dwelling 508) a farmer, married to Margaret Steele (C1812-) in 1829. Their children were Eliza Bland (C1833-); Phebe Bland (C1836-); Thomas Bland (C1838-); Augustus Bland (C1840-); Matthew Bland (C1844-); and Isabel Bland (C1846-).
- ◆ Reuben Bland (C1815-) (dwelling 647) married to Mildred Miller ((C1813-) whom he married in 1843. Their children: Frances Bland (C1843-), Margaret Bland (C1845-), Richard Bland (C1847-), and Caroline Bland (C1849-). Also a boy named James Bland (C1837-) lived in the household.
- ◆ Jonathan Bland, (C1820-) (dwelling 520) married to Sarah Steele (C1820-) whom he married in 1847. Their children: Sidney Bland (Female, C1847-) married William Archer December 31, 1868 in Monroe County West Virginia; ³⁹and Polina Bland (C1849-). Also, a girl named Phebe Bland (C1836-) lived in this household.
- ◆ Elizabeth Bland (C1823-) was enumerated in dwelling 652 with George Lowery (C1826-).
- ◆ Benjamin Bland (C1827-) (dwelling 515) married to Margaret or Jane Smith, (C1830-) whom he married in 1848. Their single child was Candy C. Bland (C1849-).
- ◆ Martha J. Bland (C1842-) living in the household (dwelling 8) of William Crosier ((C1784-).
- ◆ The 1880 Census finds Elizabeth Bland (C1806-) living in the household of Charles Edward Mcguire and Elizabeth Ingago Lowry McGuire.

³⁷ For John's family, see VU, pp. 463-477; AC 13, pp. 17-37 and AC 15-17, pp. 77-81.

³⁸ This, of course, remains hypothetical, subject to proof. See AC 4-2, pp. 7-8 and AC 13, pp. 17-37 passim, as well as VU, pp. 417-426 and 463-477.

INDEX OF BLAND FAMILIES IN ARKANSAS AND MISSOURI c. 1850

Most of my past writing has been concerned with sharply etching what we know about first and second-generation settlements. A first generation settlement would be a migration from England to the American colonies in the 17th Century. Second generation typically included moves from base settlements in Virginia to Kentucky, North Carolina and South Carolina. Third generation migrations, such as the movement of the family of Payton/Peyton Bland (1780-1815) and Elizabeth Smith (17894-1856) and their family to Louisiana and from there to Orange County Texas,⁴⁰ or the movement of William Bland (1794-1875) and Susannah Alderman (1795-1880) to the area of Bulloch County Georgia,⁴¹ has been fairly well documented. This is also true of the multiple third generation settlements into Greene County Indiana.⁴² Other instances could be cited.

By the middle of the 19th Century, however, younger generations were pushing out beyond these boundaries further west to the new territories. I think there might be a special utility in attempting to sort out the many settlements in Missouri and Arkansas using the mid-19th century as a chronological boundary line. The objective here is to take a look at settlements in these two states by 1850 and to carry the line as well as possible back into the past to the point of settlement and perhaps one generation beyond the 1850 boundary. I think this will shed some light on possible family interrelationships that have not been previously verified or considered.

The following is an alphabetical listing of counties in Arkansas and Missouri arranged with Bland settlers identified by family key (above, pp. 34-40), name of eldest male settler and page listing in the family groups discussed on the following pages.

ARKANSAS COUNTIES

Present day Arkansas became part of the Missouri Territory in 1812. In 1819, when Missouri applied for statehood, the United States Congress created the Arkansas Territory, which included present day Oklahoma. Arkansas became the twenty-fifth state of the Union on June 15, 1836.⁴³

Family Codes on Far Left (See Above pp. 34-40)Arkansas Territory (original Arkansas County formed in 1813)

6 John Bland (-1813) pp. 92-94

Benton, formed in 1836 from Washington County

6 Williamson Bland (1782-after 1856) pp. 92-94

³⁹ E-Mail, Bob Baker to Charles L. Bland, March 2, 2001.

⁴⁰ VU, pp 484-500 and AC 1-1, pp. 10-13, AC 6-1, pp. 24-30 and AC 15-17, pp. 134-146.

⁴¹ VU, pp. 297-320 and AC 14, pp. 31-50.

⁴² VU pp. 320-342 and 441-451, and AC 11-1 pp. 10-32 and AC 13, pp. 44-47 and AC 15-17, pp. 53-59.

Calhoun, formed in 1850 from Dallas and Ouachita Counties

7 William Young Henry Blann (1819-1854) pp. 94-95

Conway, formed in 1825 from Pulaski County

25A6E Daniel Bland (1784-1849) pp. 66-72

Crawford, formed in 1820 from Pulaski County

Unknown Catherine Bland (1820-)

Unknown Elizabeth Bland (1830-) Siblings pp. 99-100

Unknown Joab Bland (1835-)

Unknown Josephine Bland (1832-)

Dallas, formed in 1845 from Clark and Bradley Counties

25A6E Jesse Bland (1778-1843) pp. 63-65

Greene, formed in 1833 from Lawrence County

3 John Charles Bland (1861-1893) p. 89

Hempstead, formed in 1818 from Arkansas County

25A6C Abel Bland, (1788-1865) pp. 56-60

Jefferson, formed in 1829 from Arkansas and Pulaski Counties

25A6C Abel Bland, (1788-1865) pp. 56-60

Lafayette, formed in 1827 from Hempstead County

25A6C Abel Bland (1788-1865) pp. 56-60

Nevada, formed in 1871 from Hempstead, Columbia and Ouachita Counties

7 William Young Henry Blann (1819-1854) pp. 94-95

Ouachita, formed in 1842 from Union County

25A6C Abel Bland (1788-1865), pp 56-60

7 William Young Henry Blann (1819-1854) pp. 94-95

Perry, formed in 1840 from Conway County

25A6E Jesse Bland (C1778-1843) pp. 63-65

25A6E Daniel Bland (1784-1849), pp. 66-72

Prarie, formed in 1846 from Monroe and Pulaski Counties

12 George Washington Bland (1831-1905) p. 99

12 Thomas M. Bland (1827-) p. 99

8 William Henry Bland (1861-1917) p. 97

⁴³ The Handybook for Genealogists, 7th Ed, (Logan Utah, Everton Publishers, 1983), p. 18, hereafter Genealogical Handybook.

Pulaski, formed in 1818 from Arkansas County

- 25A6E Jesse Bland (1778-1843) pp. 63-65
25A6E Moses Bland (1780-1848) pp. 65-66
25A6E Daniel Bland (1784-1849) pp. 66-72

St. Francis, formed in 1827 from Phillips County

- 8 Levin Bland (1798-1847) pp. 95-97

Saline, formed in 1835 from Hempstead and Pulaski Counties

- 25A6E Jesse Bland, (1778-1843) pp. 63-65
25A6E Moses Bland, (1780-1848) pp. 65-66
25A6E Daniel Bland, (1784-1849) pp. 66-72

Sebastian, formed in 1851 from Scott, Polk, Crawford and Van Buren Counties

- 5 Edward R. Bland (1855-early 1900s) pp. 91-92
5 Joshua Bell Bland (1854-1931) pp. 91-92

Sevier, formed in 1828 from Hempstead and Miller Counties

- 25A6C Abel Bland, pp. 56-60

Sharp, formed in 1868 from Lawrence County

- 5 Derinda Bland Robinson (1855-1929) pp. 90-91
5 Willis Bland (1855-) pp. 90-91
Unknown George Washington Bland (1834-1925) p. 91

Woodruff, formed in 1862 from Jackson and St. Francis Counties

- 8 John Bland (1836-1864) pp. 95-97

Yell, formed in 1840 from Pope and Scott counties

- 25A6E Daniel Bland (1784-1849) pp. 66-72

MISSOURI COUNTIES

Present day Missouri (including present day Oklahoma and Arkansas), was part of the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. In 1812, claiming a population of 20,000, Missouri gained recognition as a distinct territory. Following a bitter Congressional debate over whether Missouri would be admitted as a free or slave state, Thomas Jefferson called the debate a fire-bell in the night, Missouri was granted statehood in 1821, (debates occurring in 1819-1820) becoming the twenty fourth state in the Union. ⁴⁴

⁴⁴ Genealogical Handybook p. 164.

County	Family Code	Name	Page
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Callaway, Formed in 1820 from Montgomery County

10		Elliot Bland (1813-1896)	p. 98
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Carroll Formed in 1833 from Ray County

25A6E		John Bland (1770-1842)	pp. 60-62
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Cass Formed in 1835 from Jackson County

25A6E		Mildred Bland Stark (1808-1880)	p. 79
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Cedar Formed in 1845 from Dade and St. Clair Counties

25B6A		Daniel Bland (1802-)	pp. 82-84
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25B6A		John Daniel Bland (1792-1861)	pp. 82-84
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Clay Formed in 1822 from Ray County

25A6E		James Bland (1793-1849)	p. 73
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Clinton Formed in 1833 from Clay County

25A6E		James Bland (1793-1849P)	p. 73
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Daviess Formed in 1836 from Ray County

25A6E		John Bland, (1770-1842)	pp. 60-62
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Howell Formed in 1857 from Oregon and Ozark Counties

5		Reuben F. Bland (1848-)	p. 91
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Jackson Formed in 1826 from Lafayette County

25A6E		John Miles Duvall Bland (1845-1904)	p. 79
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Laclede Formed in 1849 from, Camden, Pulaski and Wright Counties

25C6A		Richard Parks Bland (1835-1899)	p. 85
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Lewis Formed in 1833 from Marion County

25A6E		Isaac Bland (1788-1840)	
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25A6E		John Bland (1771-1835)	Siblings p. 72
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25A6E		Samuel Bland (1775-1830)	
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25B6A		Charles Henry Bland (1819-1888)	p. 80
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Livingston Formed in 1837 from Carroll County

25A6E		John Bland (1770-1842)	pp. 60-62
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Macon Formed in 1837 from Randolph County

25A6E Samuel Bland (1806-1864) pp. 74-79

25A6E John Miles Duvall Bland p. 79

Montgomery Formed in 1818 from St. Charles County

25A6E Samuel Bland (1806-1864) pp. 74-79

Newton Formed in 1838 from Barry County

Unknown J.S. Bland (1816-) p. 100

Osage Formed in 1841 from Gasconade County

Unknown A. Bland (1826-) p. 100

Phelps Formed in 1857 from Crawford, Pulaski and Maries Counties

25C6A Richard Parks Bland (1835-1899) p. 85

Pike Formed in 1818 from St. Charles County

25B6A Thomas Bland (1791-1845) pp. 80-82

Platte Formed in 1838 from The Platte Purchase

Unknown Matthew Bland (1815-) p. 100

Putnam Formed in 1843 from Linn County

25A6E Samuel Bland (1806-1864) pp. 74-79

Ray Formed in 1820 from Howard County

25A6E John Bland (1770-1842) pp. 60-62

St Louis Formed in 1812 as an original district of Missouri. (St. Louis City was formed in 1764)

1-4C Peter Randolph Bland (1765-1822) pp. 52 and 56

25C6A Charles C. Bland (1837-) p. 86

Unknown Benjamin Bland (1822-) p. 100

Unknown	Charley G. Bland (1849/1850-)	p. 100
Unknown	Elize Bland (1831-)	p. 100
Unknown	James Bland (1814-)	p. 100
Unknown	Lucy Bland (1848-)	P. 100
Unknown	Mary Bland (1774-)	p. 100
Unknown	Mary Bland (1849/1850-)	p. 100
Unknown	Richard D. Bland (1846-)	p. 100
Unknown	Virginia Bland (1827-)	P. 100
Unknown	Virginia Bland (1829-)	p. 100
Unknown	Orlando Bland (no age recorded)	P. 100
Unknown	Peter Bland (1827-)	

Warren Formed in 1833 from Montgomery County

- 25A6E James Bland (1793-1849) p. 73
 25A6E Samuel Bland (1806-1864) p. 73

Wayne Formed in 1818 from Cape Girardeau County

- 25C6A Richard Parks Bland (1835-1899) p. 85

Wright Formed in 1841 from Pulaski County

- 5 Thomas Walker Bland (C1828-after 1870) p. 91

ARKANSAS AND MISSOURI SETTLEMENTS

(1-4C) THE JAMES RIVER BLANDS THEODORICK BLAND (1629-1671) MARRIED ANNA BENNETT (C1643-1687) (VU, pp. 76-190, and AC 5-1, pp. 7-25, esp. pp 16-17; AC 7-1, pp. 7-11, AC 8-1, pp. 6-8, AC 8-2, pp. 5-40

RICHARD BLAND (1665-1720) MARRIED ELIZABETH RANDOLPH (C1683-1719)

RICHARD BLAND (1710-1776) PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY VIRGINIA, MARRIED ANNE POYTHRESS (1712-1758)

PETER RANDOLPH BLAND (1736/1737-1781) MARRIED JUDITH BOOKER

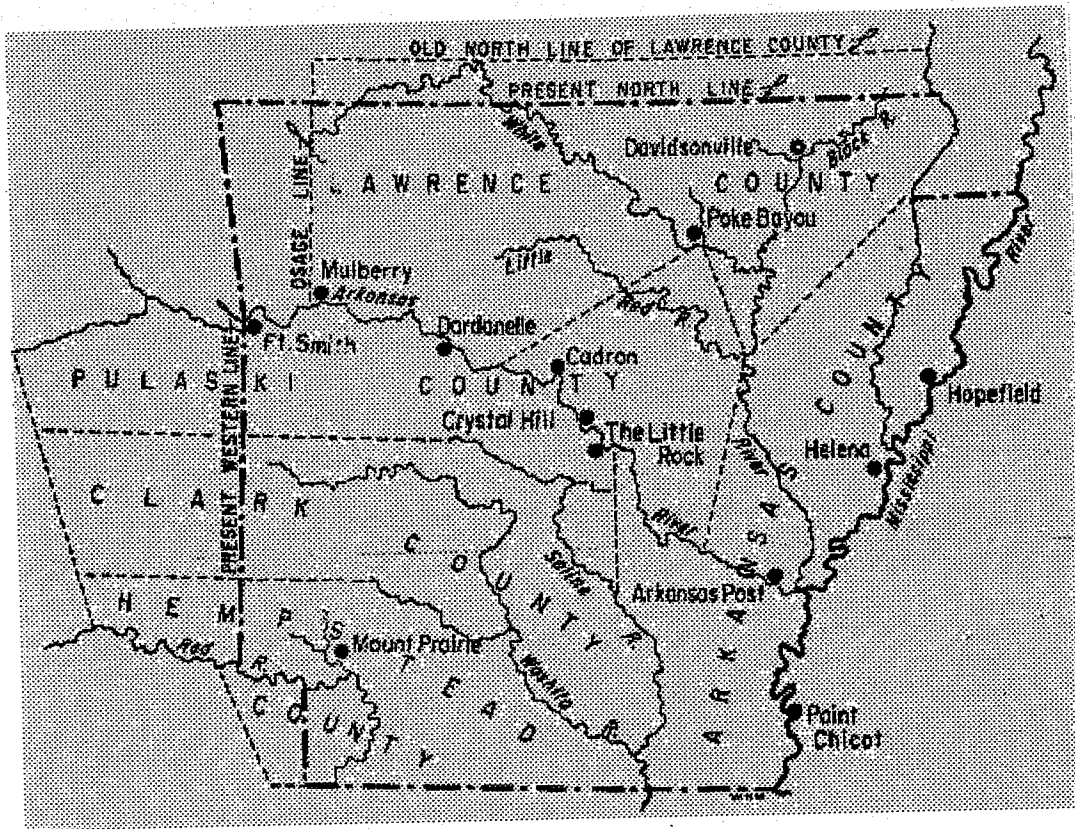
1. **PETER RANDOLPH BLAND** (C1765-1822 or 1824) The only known member of the James River Blands to move to Missouri was Peter Randolph Bland who died at St. Louis in the new Missouri Territory. Peter married twice, first to Elizabeth Morrison who must have died about 1808. By Elizabeth, Peter had four daughters:

- A. **Judith Booker Bland**
- B. **Anne Morrison Bland**
- C. **Elizabeth Morrison Bland**
- D. **Sally Morrison Bland**

On September 30, 1809, Peter married his second wife Martha Nash Wallace (1789-1833) and had two sons by this marriage:⁴⁵

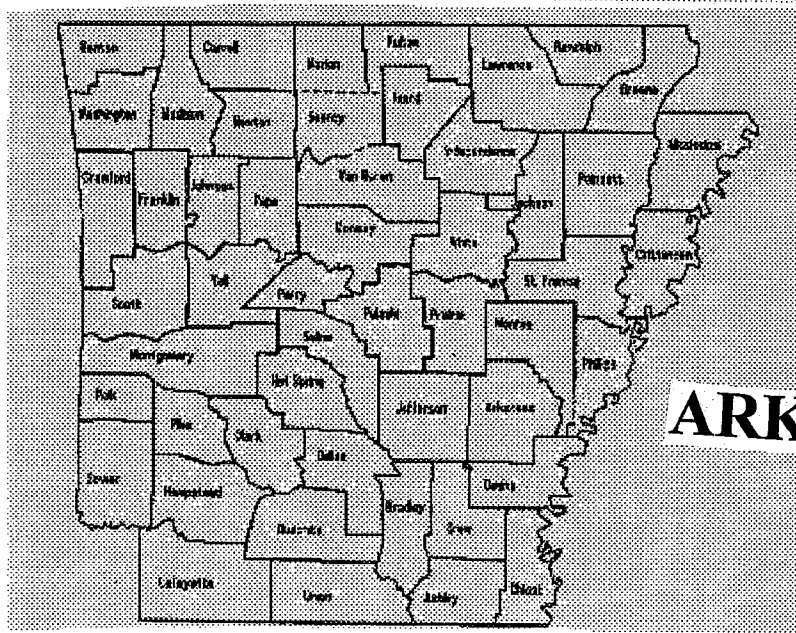
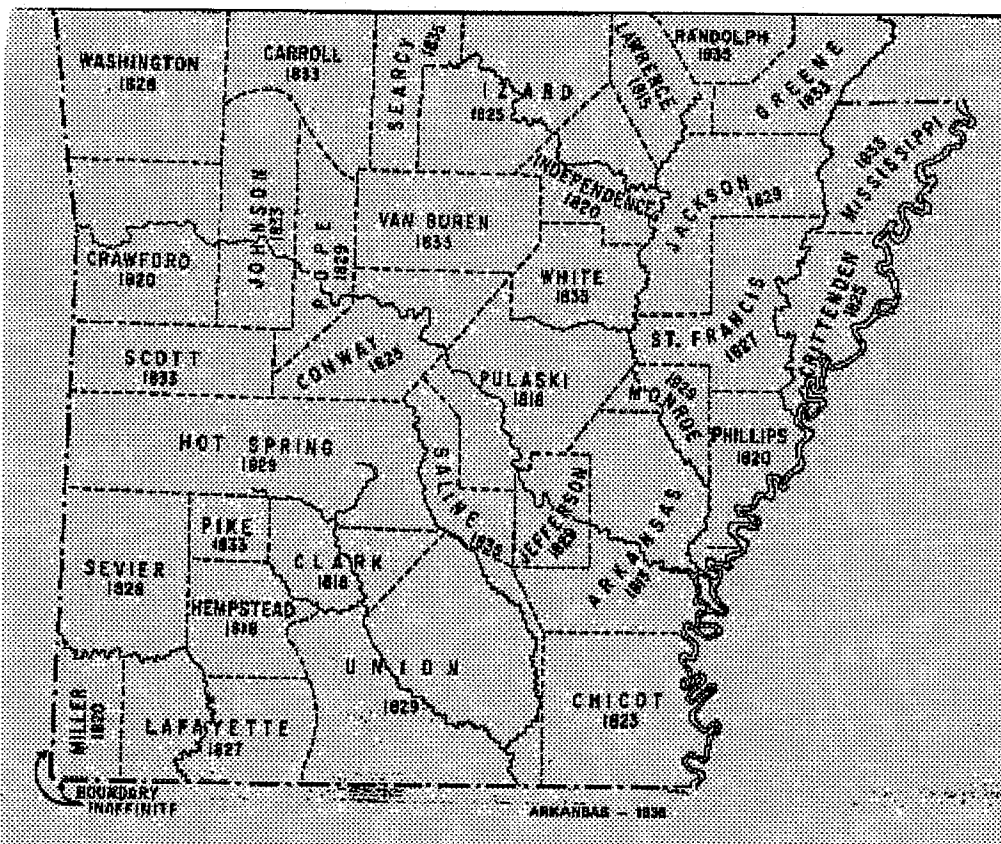
⁴⁵ AC 5-1, pp. 16-17.

ARKANSAS TERRITORY IN 1819



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ARKANSAS 1836



ARKANSAS 1850

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MISSOURI-PRESENT DAY



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(The family of Peter Randolph Bland, Continued from Page 52)

- E. Peter Francis Bland (1811-)
- F. Richard Edward Bland (1813-1867). Richard is found in St. Louis County in 1850, (dwelling 812). Richard was a physician trained in Medicine at St. Louis University and practiced in St. Louis. Richard married Henrietta Wallace Williams (1815=1855) in St. Louis on August 1, 1826. They had eight children:⁴⁶
- (1) Martha Bland (C1835-)
 - (2) Mary E. Bland (C1840-)
 - (3) Hilda N. Bland
 - (4) Edward W. Bland (C1842-)
 - (5) Alice Bland (C1845-)
 - (6) Virginia B. Bland (C1846-)
 - (7) Anna Bland (C1849-)
 - (8) John Randolph Bland (1851- living in 1897). John moved back east to Baltimore Maryland, where he married Maria Harden (1856-living in 1897). They had three known children, previously cited.
- G. John Nash Bland (1815-)
- H. Eliza B. Bland (1817-)
- I. Martha W.N. (Wallace Nash?) Bland (1820-).

2-4 JAMES BLAND (1661-1709) MARRIED UNKNOWN WOMAN AND MARGARET
(VU, pp. 249-266)

25A. WILLIAM BLAND (C1686-1744) MARRIED UNKNOWN WOMAN AND CATHERINE KEY (VU pp. 267-275)

25A6C MOSES BLAND (1718-1800) MARRIED JANE WIGGONTON (VU pp. 342-363) and AC 10-1 and 10-2 entire issue, esp. 10-1, pp. 28-31.)

WILLIAM BLAND (C1751-1801) MARRIED JULIA WARD

1. ABEL BLAND (C1788-1865) About 1800/1801, either in response to the death of the older William or perhaps from the attraction of the religious revivals that were spreading like wildfire through eastern Kentucky as part of America's Second Great Awakening most of William's children moved to Kentucky and then to Indiana and more or less settled there. Abel was the exception. He was born in Randolph County North Carolina. Abel made the family trek to Kentucky and married Ann James (C1793-1859) in Henry County Kentucky on October 27, 1808. After Ann's death, Abel married Eliza Ann Glover (1819-). Abel was found in Clark County Indiana Territory in 1810-1812. By 1820, he was in Jackson County Indiana. By December 29, 1834, Abel was found in the area that became Red River County In Texas in 1836. It was just across the border from the Arkansas Territory. In 1842, Abel and Ann and their family was found in Ouachita County Arkansas. In the 1850 Census, Abel and Ann are

⁴⁶ These children include children previously listed but not found in the 1850 census and children not previously listed but found in the 1850 census.

found in Ouachita County (Dwelling 31). In 1853, Abel served as a power of attorney in Lafayette County Arkansas. Abel's children were, by Ann James:

A. Benjamin Bland (1809/1810-1859) Benjamin was born in Henry County Kentucky and followed his parents to Texas. By 1842, Benjamin was in Stamps Township in Lafayette County Arkansas. In 1850, Benjamin is found with his family in Sevier County Arkansas (dwelling 305). About 1838, Benjamin married Martha Reid (1818-1883) an Illinois native who returned to her home in Hubbard Texas in Red River County after Benjamin's death. Benjamin was a circuit rider in the ministry of God and was reported to have been murdered by bush whackers. Children of Benjamin Bland and Martha Reid were: ⁴⁷

- (1) Robert H. Bland (C1835-) born in Arkansas.
- (2) John Wesley Bland (1839-1862) born in Red River County Texas and died during the Civil War.
- (3) George James Bland (1841-1905), born in Red River County Texas and died at Jonesboro in Coryell County Texas. George married Mary C. Norwood (1851-1916) on November 29, 1871. George and Mary were parents of eight children.
- (4) Margaret Bland (1843-1928), Born in Lafayette County Arkansas. Margaret married William Kinkard, September 16, 1866.
- (5) Joseph Abel Bland (1845-1917), born in Lafayette County Arkansas. Joseph married Eugenia Fort on October 15, 1866. I am pleased to display a photograph of Eugenia Fort below.



L-R Clockwise, Ellen, Maude and Lillian Bland, Eugenia Forte Bland
Wife of Joseph Abel Bland (1845-1917)
Courtesy of Gary Spicer

⁴⁷ The 1850 Census states that Benjamin was born in Indiana, probably Jackson County, In distinction to the traditional claim that he was born in Henry County Kentucky. It also shows that Martha called "Patsy" was born in Illinois, not Indiana. Children of Benjamin and Martha are born alternately in Arkansas and Texas. Sevier County is just on the border of Texas so this is plausible.

- (6) Mary Jane Bland (1847-1939) was born in Lafayette County Arkansas. Mary Jane married Peter E. Jarnigan (1850-1919) about 1870.
- (7) Henry Robert Bland (1851-1867).
- (8) Lucinda Adeline Bland (1853-1866).
- B. Elizabeth Bland (C1811-) was born in Henry County Kentucky. Elizabeth married _____ Talkington.
- C. Sarah Bland (1813-) was born in Henry County Kentucky or Indiana. In 1832, Sarah married (1) _____ McFarland and she married John Samuel Reid in Texas about 1836.
- D. Margaret Bland (C1816/1817-) was born in Jackson County Indiana. She married Mr. _____ Right. Crazy eh?
- E. Preston Bland (1818-1895) Preston was born in Jackson County Indiana. He served in the Mexican American War and for his service, received a bounty grant in the Oklahoma Territory. Preston married Mary Reid (1820-1853) at Hempstead County Arkansas about 1836. Following Mary's death, Preston married Eliza Grounds on September 4, 1853. Abel's children by Mary Reid were:
- (1) Sarah Bland (C1836-) who married Jim Gurley. Sarah died in Calero Oklahoma.
 - (2) Josiah McGee Bland (1842-). Josiah was born in Jefferson County Arkansas, near Little Rock. Josiah served in the Civil War and later became a doctor. He married Nancy A. Glover in Hempstead County Arkansas on November 8, 1865.
 - (3) Ann Bland (1845-) was born in Saline County Arkansas. She married (1) S. Jones Glover and (2) Franklin Gurley.
 - (4) Frances Bland (C1847-1889). Frances married Daniel J. Grounds about 1869 and they lived in Saratoga Arkansas.
 - (5) Caroline Bland (1850-1928) was born in Codd's Parish Louisiana and she is buried at Durant Oklahoma. She married John Henderson Grounds in Arkansas on August 23, 1868.
 - (6) Mary Bland (C1853-).

Preston's children by Eliza Grounds were:

- (7) Jim Bland (C1855-)
- (8) Jack Bland (C1858-)
- (9) Ellen Bland (C1862-) and
- (10) Rebecca Bland (C1866-)

F. John Wesley Bland (C1821-) John was born in Jackson County Indiana. John served in the Mexican-American War and for his service received a bounty grant in the Oklahoma Territory. In 1850, he and his family were enumerated in Ouachita County (Dwelling 32) next door to his father Abel. About 1842, John married Sarah _____ (C1827-) from Arkansas. They had six children:

- (1) James Bland (C1843-)
- (2) Elizabeth Bland (C1845-)
- (3) John W. Bland (C1847-died before 1860).
- (4) Benjamin Bland (C1849-)
- (5) Francis M. Bland (C1853-)
- (6) Monroe Bland (C1855-)

G. James Bland (1822-1847) James was born in Jackson County Indiana. He enlisted in the Arkansas Volunteer Militia for service in the Mexican-American War on July 1, 1846. James was killed at Sattillo Mexico on February 7, 1847.

H. Mary Bland (C1830 - living in 1865) was born in Arkansas and was unmarried when her father made his will in 1865. She married McKown about 1864.

I. George Washington Bland (1833- 1888) George was born in the Texas or Arkansas Territory. George died in Milam County Texas. George served the Confederacy as a corporal in Company 1, King's Regiment, Arkansas Infantry, from March 1, 1862 to May 16/17, 1863. George was captured on May 25, 1863 at the Big Black Ridge near Vicksburg Mississippi, and ultimately shipped to the Federal detention center at Lookout Mountain in Maryland. On January 25, 1864, George shifted his allegiance to the Union Army and was discharged November 27, 1865. After his discharge, George returned to Arkansas and quickly removed his family to Texas. He married Eliza Ann Glover (C1832 - 1876), who was the daughter of his step-mother Elizabeth Glover. Second, George married Martha Serena Frazier (1839-1903) on May 17, 1877. By Eliza Ann Glover, George had five children:⁴⁸

- (1) Martha Bland (C1855-)
- (2) Mary Ann Bland (C1857-)
- (3) George Washington Bland (1861-1925)
- (4) Caroline Bland (C1868-)
- (5) Viola Bland (C1873-)

⁴⁸ Additional Information on George Washington Bland is found in AC 12-2, pp. 31-32. And AC 13, pp. 84-85.

By Martha Serena Frazier George had:

- (6) James Preston Bland (1877-1939)
- (7) Hattie Ethel Bland (1879-1903). Hattie never married
- (8) Martha Bland
- (9) Charlie Newton Bland (1881-1955). Charlie married Laura Dean Cook (1890-1980). They lived in Milam Texas and had nine children.

25A6E JOHN BLAND (C1725-1795) MARRIED MARGARET OSBORNE

John and Margaret left Prince William County Virginia in 1772 and tarried for almost a decade in Shenandoah County in Northern Virginia before moving on to Jefferson County Kentucky in the area that would become Nelson County in 1785. John and Margaret and most of their children remained in Kentucky, though some moved away from Nelson County. Many of their grand children, however, moved on in third party migrations, including treks to Missouri and Arkansas:

1. OSBORNE BLAND (C1748-1820). Osborne came to Kentucky with his father. While in Prince William Virginia, Osborne married Letitia _____ about 1868. Osborne and Letitia and Jesse, one of their sons, was captured in the Kinchloe Indian Raid of 1782. Perhaps as a result of this, Osborne and Letitia moved away to Cumberland County Kentucky after 1800. They had a family of ten children. Four of their sons moved on to Missouri and Arkansas:

A. John Bland (C1770-1842), John married Sarah E. Lee, probably in Monroe/Greenbrier County Virginia about 1799. In light of the discussion above,⁴⁹ this raises very interesting questions, since at the time the family moved to Nelson County Kentucky, John would have been a boy. What reason he might have had to leave Kentucky and return to Monroe County Virginia as a young man, remains unclear. 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. He appears 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 (note the variant spelling of names):⁵⁰

⁴⁹ See above, p 44.

⁵⁰ 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

- (1) Abraham Blann (C1800 - living in 1860/died by 1870) Abraham was born in Virginia and was in Livingston County Missouri in the 1850 Census (Dwelling 631). He married Hannah Runnels (C1813 -) on January 31, 1833 in Ray County Missouri. Census takers recorded their names variously as Blan and Blann. Abraham and Hannah had a family of eleven children:⁵¹
- (a) John W. Blann (c1833-) Married Malissa D. Robinson.⁵²
 - (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 1850 Census.
 - (d) Permit or Purmit Blann (c1839-)
 - (e) Abram Blann (C1841-)
 - (f) William Blann (c1844-)
 - (g) Hannah Blann (c1846-)
 - (h) Sarah Blann (c1849-)
 - (i) Thomas Blann (c1850-)
 - (j) Rebecca Blann (c1857-)
 - (k) Jasper Blann (c1858-)⁵³
- (2) Purmit Blann (C1804-1861) 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 Reynolds, (C1813-) in Ray County Missouri on July 2, 1831. They had a family of 13 children:
- (a) John W. Blann (1832 - 1878). John married Mary Jane Gill (1834 - 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 (1834 - 1869), married Joseph Gill (1827-1899) on June 3, 1852 in Livingston County.
 - (c) Zachariah Blann (C1835-1863), married Isabell Gill (1826-1888) about 1852. They had seven children born between 1853-1864.⁵⁴

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.

⁵¹ For the marriage records of Abraham and Hannal Runnels as well as Abraham's brother Purmit, (Permitt) and Elizabeth Reynolds, I am grateful to Cathy Holt, E-mail, December 12, 2000.

⁵² This information is furnished by Cathy Holt, Edmund Oklahoma, November 17, 2000. Two sons of John W. Blann and Malissa Robinson were Rice Braxton Bland (1872-1907) and John Bartrow Blann (1876-1947) both of whom married Mollie Fink (1880-1978). Mollie was born in Texas and died in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

⁵³ 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.

⁵⁴ 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.

- (d) Martha A. Blann (c1836-) married Owen Petty July 29, 1858.
 - (e) Sarah Blann (c1837-1868) married Thomas Bryan April 7, 1862.
 - (f) Abraham Blann (c1839-)
 - (g) Isaac Blann (c1841-)
 - (h) Jacob Blann (1844-1872). 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)
- (3) James Lee Bland (1809-1811) born in Tennessee.
- (4) Hannah Bland (1811-) born in Tennessee.
- (5) Elizabeth Bland (1813 - after 1845) Born in Tennessee. Did not marry.
- (6) Zachariah Bland (c1814 -) Zachariah was born in Tennessee. He married (1st) Nancy _____ and (2nd) 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 (1838-1861). Wiett/Wyatt married Elizabeth Minnick of Daviess County Missouri on June 7, 1860. Daviess was formed from Ray County in 1836.
 - (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-)
- (7) Rachel Bland (C1815-) Born in Tennessee.
- (8) 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, for whom Mary seems to have had an extraordinary dislike. 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, Mary 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. Mary Lee and Fletcher Ewell had a family of six children.

See Below, pp. 133-134, for a discussion of Osborne Bland's son Osborne Bland Jr. (1774-1849).

C. JESSE BLAND (1778-1843) According to legends of the Kinchloe Indian Massacre, Jesse was captured and held 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:⁵⁵

(1) John B. Bland (C1805-1862). The 1850 Census locates John at dwelling 473 in Saline County Arkansas, and identifies him as age 35. John married (1st) Temperance Powell, a widow, (C1809-1848) and (2nd) the widow Lucinda Price (C1827-living in 1870), born in Missouri. Lucinda was a widow who brought a two-year old child, John R. Price, into her marriage to John. John had ten children by Temperance and five children by Lucinda:⁵⁶

- (a) Malinda Bland (1828-1883) Malinda married Daniel R. James (1825-1909) on September 9, 1847 and had by him a family of eight children. Malinda is buried at Centerhill Cemetery in Garland County Arkansas.⁵⁷
- (b) Lucinda Bland (October 17, 1828 -) 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, Third regiment, Arkansas Cavalry. In 1868, John married Lucinda Catherine Rankin (April 8, 1854 - December 29, 1940). They had a family of nine children. John and Lucinda Catherine are buried at the Ragsdale/Perryville Cemetery in Perryville Arkansas.⁵⁸
- (g) Robert Bland (March 13, 1841 - died in the Civil War).

⁵⁵ Cf AC 13, pp. 48-49, and AC 6-2, pp. 18-20. Additional information was supplied by Dallas Herring and Victoria Short of Houston Texas. I wrote to Victoria Short on July 3, expressing my belief that Jesse Bland (C1778-1843) was the father of Hiram Dow Bland and her siblings. Cf AC 6-2, pp. 18-19. Victoria 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.

⁵⁶ Information about John Bland and his two wives was enhanced by E-Mail from Bill Elsberry to Charles L. Bland, December 18, 1999.

⁵⁷ Untitled Family History : Descendants of Jesse James (1770-1836), untitled, E-Mail, Patti Vance Hays to Charles L. Bland, January 28, 2001. Hereafter called Hays. Also, a Bible Record sent by Gary Spicer, January 25, 2001, provided birth years and dates for all of John B. Bland's children. Cf E-Mail, Patti Hays to Charles L. Bland, October 21, 2000.

⁵⁸ E-Mail, Dallas Marshall to Charles L. Bland, 4-19-99 and Hays.

- (h) Nancy Bland (February 26, 1844 -) married _____ Warren.
- (i) Jesse Bland (October 8, 1846 -ante 1860) and
- (j) Sarah Bland (October 8, 1846-) a twin of Jesse
- (k) John R. Bland (C1850-)
- (l) Lucrecy (Lucretia) Bland (September 9, 1850 -) who married _____ Churchill. Lucretia was the first child of John Bland and Lucinda Price.⁵⁹
- (m) Linda Elizabeth Bland (July 9, 1852-before 1860)
- (n) Margaret Ameline (Emeline) Bland (October 28, 1854-living 1870)
- (o) Viny Green Bland (March 9, 1856-living 1870).
- (p) Missouri Bland (August 10, 1859 -) who married George Washington Elsberry (February 25, 1854-).
- (3) Naomi Bland (C1808 - 1833) Naomi married Benjamin Clemens in Pulaski County Arkansas on November 22, 1825.
- (4) Huram Dow Bland (1811-1898) Hiram Dow Bland was probably born in Kentucky and moved with his father to Arkansas. In 1850, he is enumerated in Dallas County Arkansas (dwelling 725). He also was found in Little Rock, Pulaski County and Saline County Arkansas. Hiram Dow Bland married Obediance Brazil (1813-1877) in 1829 and with her had the following children:
- (a) Jesse Bland (1833-1913) Jesse served as a Captain in Company F, Arkansas 16th regiment. He was wounded at the battle of Poison Springs. After the war, he moved to Ennis Texas. Jesse married numerous women. He married (1st) Mary Riggans; (2nd) Sarah Rhodes, (C1842-) whom he married December 16, 1858 and they had one child; (3rd) Louisa Catherine Rhodes, whom he married April 13, 1863 in Dallas County Arkansas, by whom he had three children; (4th) Mary Williams; (5th) 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-) The 1850 census lists her as "insane".
- (c) Hiram Bland (1838-1886/1893) Hiram married Mary E. Crowder (c1849-) on October 31, 1878 in Dallas County Arkansas. Mary married (2nd) Alexander Tucker. Hiram and Mary had four children.⁶⁰

⁵⁹ Interesting Juxtaposition of Lucretia with an E-mail from Cerelle Simmons, June 21, 2000, which inquires about Lucretia Bland, born in Virginia in 1803, who married a man named Bocock, but remarried in Izard County Arkansas in 1827 to Joseph Dell Churchill.

⁶⁰ This included William Henry Bland (C1886-) who married Edna Lucy Rook (C1886 -) whom Victoria 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 Victoria Short. Letter, Victoria Short to Charles Bland, July 27, 1997 and E-Mail Victoria Short to Charles Bland, July 3, 1999.

- (d) Mary Bland (1839 - 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.
 - (f) William Calvin Bland (1845-) William married (1st) Sarah T. Morrison, (C1850-) on March 17, 1865 in Dallas County Arkansas. (2nd) William married Mary James (C1849-). On February 27, 1873 in Dallas County Arkansas.
 - (g) John Davidson Bland (1849-1904) married (1st) Martha Ann Wilson Orr (C1855 - 1878) on January 4, 1870 in Dallas County Arkansas and had one child by her. (2nd) Louisa Jane Payne, (September 1857 - February 22, 1924) August 17, 1879, in Dallas County Arkansas. He and Louisa had eleven children.
 - (h) Evaline Bland married a man named Miller and she died, probably in her first childbirth.
 - (i) Obediance Bland (C1856-)
- (5) Moses Bland may have married Eady Watson, June 8, 1838.
- (6) Belinda Bland Known as "Millet" Melinda married (1st) Joseph Rutherford in Pulaski County Arkansas on August 1, 1833 and (2nd) Samuel T. Henderson on July 9, 1837 also in Pulaski County. ⁶¹
- (7) Elizabeth Bland married William Hutchison in 1836 or 1837.
- (8) Calvin Bland (C1825 -) Calvin is enumerated in the 1850 Census of Saline County Arkansas, (dwelling 576). Calvin married Caroline _____ (C1830-) about 1846. They had two children:
 - (a) Sarah Bland (1847-)
 - (b) Nancy Bland (1848-)
- (9) Verlinda Bland married Alfred C. Henderson on June 17, 1838.
- D. 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: ⁶²

Reid, who married Russell Dean Short, who were parents of my correspondent Victoria Short. Letter, Victoria Short to Charles Bland, July 27, 1997 and E-Mail Victoria Short to Charles Bland, July 3, 1999.

⁶¹ E-Mail, Patty Davis to Charles L. Bland September 9, 2000. In a follow-up E-Mail, October 21, 2000, Patti Hays states that Belinda Bland is buried at Old Union Cemetery in Saline County Arkansas and that Belinda is the name on her tombstone.

⁶² 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.

- (1) Charlotty Bland (C1819-) Charlotty married Leason Wells in Saline County Arkansas, October 9, 1836.
- (2) Mary "Polly" Bland (1819-1904) 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) Moses was enumerated in the 1850 Census for Pulaski County (Dwelling 118). He was a minister at the Spring Creek Baptist Church. He married (1st) a cousin, Mary Ann Bland, on July 28, 1842, and had two children with her. (2nd) Moses married Rebecca A. Vandergrift (C1829-) and had three children by her.
 - (a) Sarah A. Bland (C1845-)
 - (b) Nancy Bland (C1846-)
 - (c) Pauline Bland (C1849-)

D. 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. Daniel signed a petition to Congress by Inhabitants of Arkansas County on November 2, 1818. By 1825, he was in the area of the Arkansas Territory that would become Conway County, where he is found in 1829. Conway County was formed in 1825 from Pulaski County. In the 1850 Census, his widow Sarah (C1802-) was enumerated in Perry County (dwelling 65), with younger sons Daniel Richard Bland and Radford Sherman Bland. Daniel had the following children: ⁶³

- (1) William Bland (C1813-1836) William mustered into Company B, 1st Regiment of Mounted Gunmen, Arkansas Volunteers under Captain Robert Brazil in Benton Arkansas, August 10, 1836 along with his brother-in-law Jethro Peyton Henderson. William was killed in the line of Duty on November 16, 1836 near Fort Towson in Indian Territory. Prior to his death, he may have applied for a land patent of 80 acres near Daniel Bland in Conway County Arkansas.
- (2) James Bland (c1815-) Very little is known about James. He purchased 40 acres in Conway County Arkansas on June 20, 1837 and is listed on the 1840 tax list of Conway County.
- (3) Unnamed Daughter (C1815/1820-)
- (4) Lydia Bland (C1820-) married Jethro Peyton Henderson, June 15, 1837 in Saline County Arkansas. They had one daughter.
- (5) Isaac Bland (C1820/1825-)
- (6) Jane Bland (C1823-) Married Alfred Brazil in Saline County Arkansas on June 25, 1839. The county Marriage records show that Alfred married Jane Dederline, suggesting that at the ripe old age of 16, Jane was the widow

⁶³ Improvement of information about descendants of Daniel Bland was helped immeasurably by E-Mail, Joyce Bland McCool to Charles L. Bland, July 30, 2000. Joyce also proofed and corrected the section on Daniel Bland for which I am grateful. Also, per e-Mail Joyce McCool to Charles Bland December 1999, questions whether this Daniel Bland served in the War of 1812, as has previously been asserted. See also AC 7-2, p. 27.

Dederline in 1839. Alfred Brazil and Jane Bland had seven Children.

- (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 though he became a California 49er during the Gold Rush of 1849. Daniel was a Mason and a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. His tombstone reads "Go home dear wife and dry your tears, for here I lie till Christ appears." Daniel married (1st) Emmaline Ivey about 1854, by whom he had two children, and (2nd) Julia Heaton (1840-1879) about 1863, by whom he had four children. Daniel's children are as follows:
 - (a) George Radford Bland (1855-1925) George lived most of his life in Ripon California and died there. He married Luzette Rankin. They had one child.
 - (b) Sarah E. Bland (1858-) Sarah married Louis Vollman in Perry County Arkansas on March 16, 1873. They had five children.
 - (c) Malinda J. Bland (1860- before 1870)
 - (d) Josephine Bland (1864- after 1884) Josephine married J.O.A. Tippit on January 6, 1884.
 - (e) Aaron Bland (1868-1950) born in Perryville, Perry County Arkansas, married (1st) Henrietta Gibbons and (2nd) Ida J. Pruett. Aaron had one child by Henrietta Gibbons and seven children by Ida J. Pruett.
 - (f) Theodosia Bland (1875-1899)
- (9) Radford Sherman Bland (1832-1900) lived out his adult life in Houston, Perry County Arkansas. Radford served the Confederacy from July to September 1862, serving with Company B, Cocke's Infantry Regiment. He married (1st) Margaret Ellsberry (1840-1892) by whom he had eight children and (2nd) Annie Sanders. Radford and Margaret are buried in the Leach-Bland Cemetery near Houston Arkansas.
 - (a) John B. Bland (1857-1930). John died in Prague, Oklahoma. He married Margaret Nancy Leach on April 6, 1877 in Perry County, Arkansas. John and Margaret had nine children. I am pleased to display below a photograph of John Bland and Margaret Leach and six of their children.



Family of John B. Bland (1857-1930 and Margaret Nancy Leach (p. 67, 9a, including: seated L-R, John, George, Margaret, standing L-R Isiah, William Myrtle, Ester, Dovie.

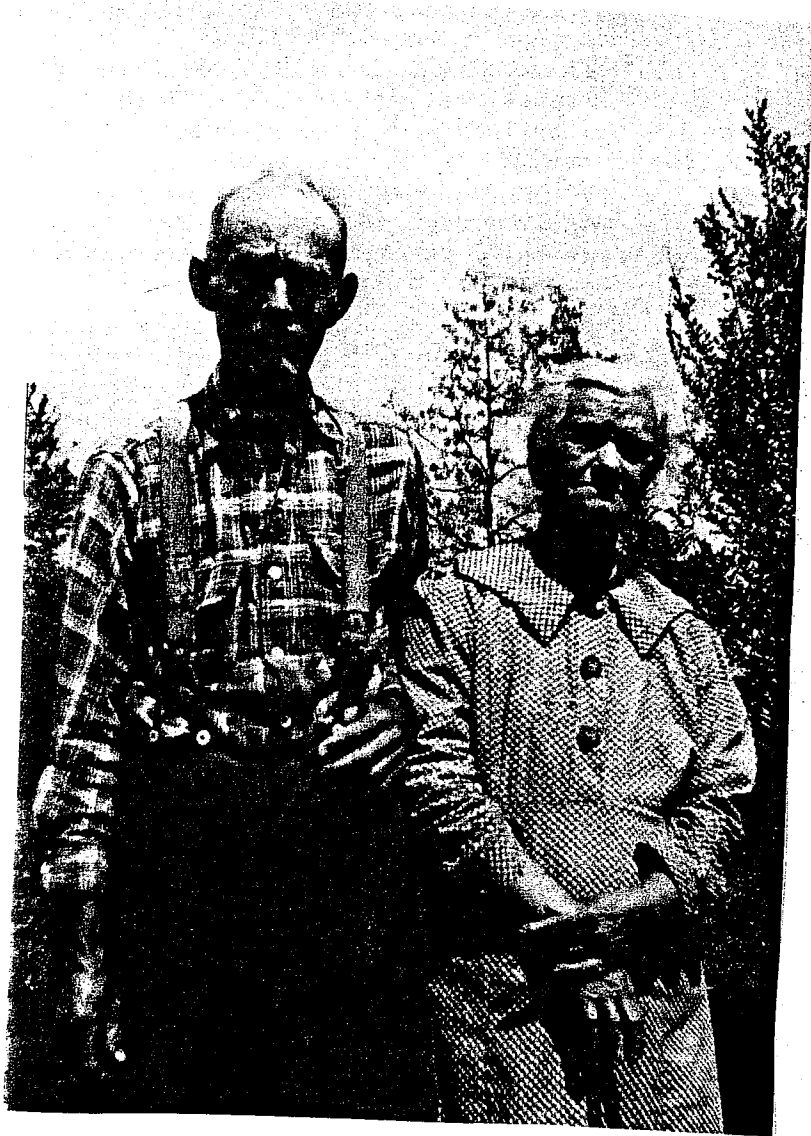
Courtesy Vaughn Holbrook

- (b) Daniel R. Bland (May 15, 1859 - November 25, 1945) Daniel died in Houston Arkansas. He married Missouri Emmaline Harper (November 24, 1865 - May 5, 1947) on March 1, 1883 in Perry County Arkansas. Daniel and Missouri had ten children of whom seven died in childhood. ⁶⁴ I am pleased to display below photographs of Daniel and Missouri in their old age, as well as four of their children on pages 70-71.
- (c) Malinda Bland (1865-1890) Malinda died in Houston Arkansas. She married Allen Ware about 1883. Allen and Malinda had three children.
- (d) Permelia J. Bland (1866-1910) Permelia died in Houston Arkansas. She married William Larkin Leach and they had twelve children. I am pleased to display a photograph of Permelia Bland Leach and William Larkin Leach below.



Seated: William Larkin Leach and Permelia Jane Bland
Standing Back Row, L-R: Radford, Grant, Henry, Verdie and Lemuel
Front Row L-R: Larkin, Rufus (On William's Lap), Francis, Cordelia, on
(Permelia's Lap)
Courtesy Vaughn Holbrook

⁶⁴ I have a marriage license for Daniel and Missouri dated February 26, 1883, supplied by Vaughn Holbrook,



Daniel Bland (1859-1945) and Missouri Emmaline Harper (1865-1947)
Courtesy of Vaughn Holbrook



Children of Daniel Bland and Missouri Emmaline Harper
By Tree: Robert
Standing: Idena
Seated: Ollie, holding Curtis
Courtesy Vaughn Holbrook

- (e) Grant Ulysses Bland (1870-1945) Grant was born in Houston Arkansas and died in Bellville, Yell County Arkansas. He married Susan Lucinda Bland on March 31, 1895 in Perryville Arkansas. They had four children who lived to adulthood.
- (f) Julia E. Bland (1873-1935) Julie was born in Houston Arkansas and died in Little Rock, Pulaski County Arkansas. She married Richard Radford Watson on November 19, 1888. They had eight children.
- (g) George Washington Bland (1875-1931) George was born in Houston Arkansas and died near Prague Oklahoma. He married Alice M. Sharp on January 27, 1895. They had nine children.
- (h) William Bland (1877-1879)

2. SAMUEL BLAND (C1751-1836) Samuel married Mary Ann _____ about 1770. Several of Samuel's sons held property in Lewis County Missouri.

A. John Bland (C1771-1835) John and his wife Elizabeth Shumate (C1774-1863) lived in Nelson County Kentucky but in his will John left lands in Lewis County Missouri.⁶⁵

B. Samuel Bland (C1775-1830) Samuel also lived in Nelson County Kentucky with his wife. In his will Samuel made mention of lands owned in Lewis County Missouri (which in 1830 would have been Marion). The executor of Samuel's will was his younger brother Isaac, (C, below).⁶⁶

C. Isaac Bland (1788 - 1840). About 1828, Isaac moved to the section of Marion County Missouri that would become Lewis County. Isaac married Nancy Floyd (1813-1846) in Lewis County Missouri in 1832. Upon Isaac's death, Nancy remarried to George K. Biggs (C1812-). Children of Isaac Bland and Nancy Floyd were:⁶⁷

- (1) Josephus Bland (C1833-1917) born in Lewis County Missouri and in 1850 enumerated in Clark County, made from Lewis County in 1836, in the household of George K. Biggs, Lewis County, (dwelling 691). Josephus married Mary Duncan on February 22, 1855 and they had a family of five children.
- (2) Joanna Bland (C1835-) also in the household of George Biggs. Joanna married F.Y. Cowgill.
- (3) Thomas H. Benton Bland, (C1837-1857) is enumerated in the household of Henry Floyd, age 73, in Lewis County in 1850 (Dwelling 542). It is interesting that Henry Floyd is living in very close proximity to Charles H. Bland (C1819-1888) (dwelling 548), who descends from an ancillary line (below, page 80).
- (4) Elizabeth Bland (c1840-1877) also enumerated in the household of George Biggs. Elizabeth married Collin Duncan.

⁶⁵ AC 13, p. 54.

⁶⁶ AC 13, p. 56.

E. James Bland (1793 - 1849). James married Mary Wyatt (1800 - 1877) on October 20, 1818 in Nelson County Kentucky. They moved to Warren County Missouri, where James died. Mary died in Paris Texas but her residence was Liberty in Clay County Missouri.⁶⁸ James and Mary had a family of twelve children:⁶⁹

- (1) William Wyatt Bland (1819 - 1895) William was trained in Medicine. He was elected to the Missouri State Senate in 1880. William married Annie Elizabeth Payne of Clinton County Missouri on February 23, 1854 and they had a family of seven children.
- (2) Serena Ann Bland (1821 - 1835).
- (3) Perry T. Bland (1823 - 1896) Perry was born in Warren County Missouri and died at Austin Texas, Travis County. Perry T. Bland and his wife Sarah Jane _____ (C1833-) were enumerated in Fanin County Texas (dwelling 275) in the 1850 Census. He married Sarah June 14, 1849. In 1850, Perry and Sarah had an infant (1850-) child M.E. Bland, sex undetermined.
- (4) Emily Jane Bland (1825 - 1909) married (1st) William Whipple Adams on June 6, 1842 at Warren County Missouri and (2nd) Thomas C. Gordon (C1850 -) at Clay County Missouri.
- (5) Lewis L. Bland (1827-1844)
- (6) John Samuel Bland (1832 - 1891) John married Catherine McMillen Armstrong in Lamar County Texas in 1862. They had a family of ten children.
- (7) Hedgeman Anderson (or Addison) Bland (1829 - 1897) Hedgeman married Mary Rucker in Paris Texas in Lamar County about 1870. They had a family of four children.
- (8) Rebecca Lou Bland (1834 - 1872) married Judge William Frank Gordon in Clay County Missouri, October 17, 1853. They had a family of eight children.
- (9) Emmaline Bland (C1837-1858) married Abraham Fry July 24, 1856 in Clinton County Missouri.
- (10) C.D. Bland (1841-1842)
- (11) James M. Bland (1843 - 1865) married Julia Sandusky.
- (12) Margaret died in infancy.

3. JOHN BLAND (C1752-1836)⁷⁰ John was the fourth child of John Bland and Margaret Osborne. John's son Thomas Morton Bland (C1772-1833), married Ann Lawrence and they had eleven children, including Milton Bland (1806-1863), who married Almira Kenley, (1808-1883).⁷¹ Milton and Almira May have had a son named William Lee Bland, (C1840-) who is said in two

⁶⁷ AC 13, p. 57

⁶⁸ AC 13, p. 58

⁶⁹ 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.

⁷⁰ See discussion about why John Bland is the father of Thomas Morton Bland, AC 13, pp. 59ff.

⁷¹ AC 2-2, pp. 27-28 and AC 13, pp. 63-64.

sources to have been born in Missouri, though where is not stated. Also, this would imply that Milton and Almira were in Missouri but instead, they are found in 1850 in Logan County Kentucky. Since Logan County was a residence for hard luck cases, it is possible that their younger children could have been separated from them and that William Lee Bland ended up in Missouri. Also, Milton and Almira may have moved on to Missouri during the 1850s. But this line of inquiry seems doubtful.⁷²

4. **DANIEL BLAND** (1764-1838) Daniel Bland was one of the younger children of John Bland and Margaret Osborne. He married Elizabeth Hughes (C1779-) and lived with her in Hardin County Kentucky. Several of Daniel and Elizabeth's children moved away from Hardin County and two of them, Samuel Bland (C1806-1864) and Mildred Bland (1808-1881) moved to Missouri.

A. **Samuel Bland** (C1806 - 1864) married (1st) Frances Baskett (C1809-1840) in Hardin County Kentucky, March 23, 1830⁷³ (2nd) Polly Huckaby (C1810-1860) on April 21, 1842, and (3rd) Alicy Bradshaw Clark (1841-1909) on July 6, 1863.⁷⁴ Let me tell you about Samuel Bland. Samuel was a physically formidable man, he was said to be a "double breasted" (perhaps barrel-chested) man:

Yes, Samuel Bland was a powerful man, so grandmother said. She told me about an experience he once had while on his way to the mill, probably Petty's Mill, near Omaha), with several sacks of grain and his wagon and team. When he reached a creek he had to cross, he found the creek bank full of swift water. He didn't return home. He unhitched and swam the horses to the other side.

Then he carried the grain across, then the wagon box and, lastly, the running gears. He reassembled the entire wagon on the other side of the creek and went on his way. Such was the assuredness of Samuel.⁷⁵

Samuel was in Warren County Missouri (or its antecedent Montgomery County) at the time of the 1830 Census. He later moved to Macon County, where he was enumerated in 1850 (dwelling 675). After 1850 Samuel moved to Putnam county, where he died. Samuel was a southern sympathizer, who was killed by the Yankees. Toward the end of his life, Samuel, fearing the "Baldknobbers", guerilla like terrorists that were all over Missouri during the Civil War,⁷⁶ had taken to sleeping in the woods. Samuel returned to his barn the day before he died, to walk his horses while they thrashed some wheat. Mary Frances Bland and her brother Jimmy had just arrived to watch the thrashing when a man with a large red mustache appeared and

⁷² AC 9-2, pp. 33-34 and Letter, Joyce Reed to Charles L. Bland, May 15, 2000.

⁷³ Samuel and Frances were married by Warren Cash and ancestor of singer Johnny Cash. AC 13, p. 70.

⁷⁴ AC 15-17, p. 71. AC 11-2 pp. 20-25.

⁷⁵ Greg Bland, Tracing (Undated).

⁷⁶ Gregory Bland lists the James and Younger brothers, Quantrill and Wild Bill Anderson. and labels them less as political insurgents than criminal opportunists.

began shooting at Samuel. Samuel hurled his pitchfork at the man but missed. The man put three balls in his chest before downing him with a "gutshot" (where was Gilbert Bland when we needed him? Above, page 58). The latter wound was fatal, although Samuel tarried until just before sunrise the next morning.

Samuel married his first wife, Mary Frances Baskett (c1809-1840) in Hardin County Kentucky, March 19, 1830. The circumstances suggest that Samuel and Frances left Kentucky shortly after their wedding and traveled to Warren County Missouri. By Frances, Samuel had:

- (1) William Bland (C1830 -). William was born after October 31, 1830 in White Township, Macon County Missouri ⁷⁷. The 1850 Census for Macon County Missouri shows him aged 20, born in Missouri. He married Adaline Cummings on September 7, 1856.
- (2) Eliza Susan Bland (C1832 -). Susan was born in White township. She married Irwin I. Kirby on August 20, 1854.
- (3) Kitty Ann Bland (C1834 -). Kitty was born in White Township. She married William Howard February 24, 1856.
- (4) John Bland (C1836 -). John was born in White Township, and married Mary Ann Irwin. ⁷⁸ John and Mary Ann had five children, who have been previously identified. ⁷⁹
- (5) Nancy Bland (C1838 -) Nancy was born in White township, and married Saloman Kerby on October 28, 1855.
- (6) Daniel Bland (C1840 -). Daniel was born in White Township. He married Matilda E. Kirkpatrick on October 7, 1866. ⁸⁰

Mary Frances Baskett died about 1840. Samuel married (2nd) Polly Huckaby (C1810 - C1860-1861) on April 21, 1842 in Macon County Missouri. I am pleased to display a photo of Samuel Bland and Polly Huckaby on the following page. Their children were:

- (7) Rebecca Bland (C1842 - 1940). Known as "Aunt Becky", she was born in White Township. Rebecca married William Lawson on February 13, 1864. She later remarried but names of her spouses are not available.
- (8) Jane Bland (C1844 -) was born in White Township. Jane married John Gates on October 14, 1863.

⁷⁷ Though Greg Bland notes that these early children were born in Macon County, it should be noted that David Bland at least feels William Bland was born in Montgomery/Warren County. Also, Macon County was formed in 1837 from Randolph County.

⁷⁸ David Bland names her as Evans.

⁷⁹ AC 11-2, p.p. 22-23.

⁸⁰ David Bland's family group sheets shows an Arnilda Bland, who later married a Boyd, as the last of Frances Haskett's children. She is, I believe, properly placed by Greg Bland as one of Polly Huckaby's children, tenth of Samuel's children.



Samuel Bland (1806-1864) and Polly Huckaby (1810-1861)
Courtesy Gregory Bland

- (9) Olive/Olivia Frances Bland also known as Mary Frances Bland (1846 - 1915) who married Eli Hudson on December 6, 1867. ⁸¹ Mary Frances was the conduit through which later generations came to know some details of the life and death of Samuel Bland (C1806-1864).
- (10) Armilda Bland (C1853 -) was born at Elm Township, Putnam County Missouri (Grayville at that time). Armilda married William Boyd on March 18, 1863. ⁸²
- (11) Lucretia Bland (C1854 -) was born in Elm township. She married Richard Arnold on March 8, 1867.
- (12) Martha Bland (1857 - 1936) was born in Elm township. She married (1st) John P. Lawson and (2nd) Eli Hudson. ⁸³
- (13) Pheobe Ellen (Melvina) Bland (1858 -) was born in Elm Township. She married John Sumpter Jr.
- (14) James Bland (C1860 -1931) was born in Elm Township. James married (1st) Mary Ann and (2nd) Effa "Effie" Hudson (C1860-1906) November 19, 1879.

Polly must have died in 1860-1861. On July 16, 1863, Samuel Bland married third Ailcy Bradshaw Clark (1841-1909) in Putnam County Missouri. Ailcy had lost her first husband James A. Clark in the Civil War, so the death of Samuel Bland was devastating to her and left her to mother six of his children by Polly Huckaby, as well as her own child by James Clark, who were still minors. On May 6, 1866, Ailcy married Blake Piercy, who fathered these minors as well as three minors by his first marriage until they were grown, a real his, hers and theirs situation. I am pleased to display a photo of Ailcy with her husband Blake Piercy, who was effectively a father to a lot of Missouri Bland children, on the following page. The single child of Samuel Bland and Ailcy Bradshaw Clark was:

- (15) Andrew Bland (1864 - 1917), was born in Elm Township and is buried in the Butler Cemetery. Andrew was known as a big man who sat tall in the saddle of his favorite horse, (women and young boys remarked about this) a Kentucky bred saddle horse named Ovid Clifford (Ovid Clifford??) and was known as "the most handsome man in the county," as his picture on the following page attests. ⁸⁴ Greg Bland extends the stories about Andrew's fondness for

⁸¹ David Bland identified two daughters, Olive (1846-) and Mary Frances (1847-). Also, it would seem Eli Hudson later married Mary Frances' sister Martha see below #(12).

⁸² Armilda's key dates indicate a problem wither with her birth date or date of marriage. If this holds up, she is undoubtedly the youngest bride I have encountered in fourteen years of working on the Bland family. Also note that Samuel Bland was no slacker in helping his wives conceive, which raises a question of why the inactivity between 1846-1853?

⁸³ Greg Bland's history does not clarify whether Mattie's marriage to Eli Hudson was a late marriage after her sister Mary Frances died in 1915.

⁸⁴ Greg Bland, Tracing



(left) Blake Piercy and Ailcy Bradshaw Clark Bland (1841-1909) widow of Samuel Bland (1806-1864) and mother of Andrew Bland (1864-1917) (right)
Courtesy Gregory Bland

animals whom he gave odd names, such as his white bull dog named Jap, (Jap??). Jap was trained to attack any man who called him a son of a bitch and to bite bulls on the nose and throw them to the ground, some feat for a bull-dog since one determined toss of the head would send poor Jap flying through the hayloft. Never Mind! This bit of canine mental conditioning came back to haunt old Andrew. Once when he and Jap struggled with a recalcitrant bull, Andrew lost his temper and yelled at Jap, "you son of a bitch!" Jap turned on Andy, (where was B.F. Skinner when we needed him?) who had to kill poor Jap. Andrew married Mary Viola Cowell about 1891 and they had a family of thirteen children including, who have been previously identified.⁸⁵

B. Mildred Bland (C1808-1880) Mildred was the sixth child of Daniel Bland and Elizabeth Hughes. She married David Jamison Stark (1808-1881) in Hardin County Kentucky on July 30, 1828. In 1856, David and Mildred moved to Cass County Missouri. Cass was formed from Jackson County in 1835. David and Mildred had a family of eight children.⁸⁶ A researcher on this family, Jenifer Fry of Witchita Kansas indicates that they were forced to flee back to Kentucky during the Civil War but they are buried at the Freeman Cemetery in Freeman, Cass County Missouri.⁸⁷

4. WILLIAM BLAND (1765-1850) William was born in Prince William County Virginia and lived in Nelson County Kentucky. William returned to Virginia and married Sarah Peake in 1794. William and Sarah moved back to Hardin County Kentucky and lived out their lives there.⁸⁸ William and Sarah had sixteen known children, most of whom remain unresearched.⁸⁹ One of their grandsons, however, has been researched and is known to have traveled to Missouri.

A. William Bland (C1813-1870). William married Susan _____ and best information is they lived in Hardin County Kentucky, but one of their sons traveled to Missouri.

(1) John Miles Duvall Bland (1845-1904) John was born in Hardin County but moved to Macon County Missouri and while there on December 9, 1877, married Rebecaca Melissa Oliver (1857-1925). After tarrying for a few years in Macon County, John and Rebecca moved to Jackson County (Kansas City) and stayed there until 1885, when they moved to Oregon. They were parents of eight children.⁹⁰

⁸⁵ AC 11-2, p. 25.

⁸⁶ AC 15-17, p. 71.

⁸⁷ E-Mail, Jenifer Fry to Charles Bland, July 6, 2000; Letter, Janifer Fry to Charles L. Bland, July 20, 2000 and e-mail copies of correspondence to Jennifer Fry, September 7 and 11, 1999. E-Mail, Earl and Mary Lou Nelson to Charles L. Bland, November 18, 1999.

⁸⁸ I have personally visited their graves at the Red Mill Cemetery in Hardin County.

⁸⁹ The Family of William Bland and Sarah Peake appears in VU, pp. 459-460 and AC 13, pp. 72-76.

⁹⁰ John and Rebecca's family are discussed in AC 7-2, p. 22 and AC 13, p. 75. Also, E-Mail, Lorna Craft to Charles L. Bland, July 24, 2000.

25B JAMES BLAND (1687-1756) MARRIED MARY GWATKIN (VU PP. 401-416 AND AC 15-17, PP. 26-45)

25B6A BENJAMIN BLAND (C1724-1771) MARRIED MARY _____

Several of the sons of Benjamin Bland, (1724-1771) moved into Kentucky and from there, some of his descendants moved to Missouri:

1. JAMES BLAND (C1752-1802) moved to Mason County Kentucky with his wife Margaret _____ and their family, which included nine children. One of these was:

A. Benjamin Villary Bland (1786-1824) who married Mary Rolf (1795-1857). They had five known children including:

(1) Charles Henry Bland (September 2, 1819 - 1888), who married Elizabeth Stith (August 7, 1826 -) in Mason County on November 25, 1846. Subsequently, they moved to Lewis County Missouri, and were enumerated there in 1850 (dwelling 548) Their three known children were: ⁹¹

(a) Mary Bland (C1850 -).

(b) Nathaniel Rolf Bland (1851 - 1920). Nathaniel married Susie Mary Fishback on April 29, 1903 at Quincy Illinois and died at Verdis Oklahoma.

(c) George Bland (1854 - 1924). George married Ella A. Bradshaw in Lewis County Missouri, December 20, 1879 and he died in Gotebo Oklahoma.

2. CHARLES BLAND (1765-1842) ⁹² Charles was born in Fauquier County Virginia but by 1800 was in Garrard County Kentucky, having followed his sweetheart, Phillis (Phyllis) Pope (May 26, 1773 - October 26, 1818) to Lincoln County Kentucky, where they were married on January 17, 1791. Charles Bland and Phillis Pope had fifteen children: ⁹³ Most of the family remained in Kentucky but the eldest son, Thomas Bland and his wife Elizabeth Duncan moved to Pike County Missouri.

A. Thomas Bland (1791 - 1845). Thomas was born in Lincoln County Kentucky and moved to Pike County Missouri where he died. Thomas married Elizabeth Duncan (- C1843) in Garrard County Kentucky on November 27, 1819.

Thomas and Elizabeth had nine or ten children. The younger children were returned to Kentucky after the death of Thomas and Elizabeth, raised by a brother, William W. Duncan (1802-1866). The others made their lives in Pike County Missouri:

⁹¹ See discussion, AC 15-17, p. 24.

⁹² Charles Bland's family and known documentation about him is found in VU pp. 401-415 and AC 15-17, pp. 26-38.

⁹³ 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.

(1) Benjamin Mason Bland (1820 - 1868). Benjamin was enumerated in Pike County Missouri, (dwelling 517) in 1850. He married Sarah Hodges (1824-1915) in Bowling Green, Pike County Missouri, April 14, 1842. 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 and Dalzell is identified in Benjamin's household in the 1850 Census. In addition, they had a family of twelve children of their own:

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- (a) George Thomas Bland (1843 - 1862). George was killed in the Civil War.
- (b) William "Monk" Henry Bland (1846 - 1896). William married Martha Ann _____ (1851 - 1896).
- (c) Elizabeth Bland (1849 - 1916) Elizabeth married James W. Clifton (1840-1910) on December 20, 1875.
- (d) Walter McQuie Bland (1850 - 1922). Walter married Martha Ann _____ (1851-1926).
- (e) Stephen Joshua or Reynolds Bland (1853 - 1928). Stephen married Emma Jane Maiden (1863 - 1941) on August 30, 1879. ⁹⁵ They lived in Vandalia, Aurain County Missouri.
- (f) Jesse Henderson Bland (1855 - 1940). Jesse married Julie A. White (1852 - 1926) on March 16, 1876. Jesse died in Minot North Dakota. ⁹⁶
- (g) James Theodore Bland (1857 - 1940). James moved to Vandalia Missouri and married Sammie Johnson, (1860 - 1938) on May 7, 1884.
- (h) Mary Lucy "Molly" or "Mae" Bland (1860-) married (1st), J.W. Spears, July 22, 1885 and (2nd) Carl Zantner on June 25, 1910.
- (i) Leland Dalzell "Daz" Smith Bland (1862 - 1920). Leland married Rilla A. Gooden (1864 - 1938) on November 2, 1892. He was killed in a train accident at Daggetts, Illinois with his son Leslie. ⁹⁷

⁹⁴ 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.

⁹⁵ 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.

⁹⁶ 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.

⁹⁷ 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.

- (j) Sally Bland (C1863 - 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) ⁹⁸ who married James Moseley of Bowling Green Kentucky.
- (3) Dalzel Leland Smith Bland (1838 - 1904) was taken in by his older brother Benjamin Mason Bland when their parents died. Dalzell became an M.D. and married Sallie Catherine Duncan on March 17, 1868. They lived in Vandalia Missouri. Dalzel and Sallie had one known child, named Elizabeth Bland.
- (4) William Henry Bland (1840 - 1929) ⁹⁹ William was born in Bowling Green, Pike County Missouri, and died in Taylor County Kentucky. William was one of the minor children who was returned from Pike County Missouri to Shelby County Kentucky. ¹⁰⁰ William married Frances Moss Ware (1859 - 1909). ¹⁰¹ They had eight children.
3. JACKY (JOHN) BLAND (C1770 - 1805/1820) Jacky was born in Virginia but appears to have lived out his life in Perry County Illinois. ¹⁰² He married Hanna Randle (C1771-after 1820) ¹⁰³ in Fauquier County Virginia on December 1, 1788. Jacky and Hannah had a family of eight children, including two who settled in Missouri:
- (5) John Daniel Bland (1792-1861) ¹⁰⁴ John Daniel was born in Virginia.. By 1820, John was in Logan County Ohio, where he met and married Rebecca _____ (1802-1872), born in Ohio, about 1822. John and Rebecca stayed in Ohio until about 1825, when they moved to Perry County Illinois, where they remained

⁹⁸ 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."

⁹⁹ 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.

¹⁰⁰ 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, ¹⁰⁰ 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.

¹⁰¹ 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.

¹⁰² E-Mail, Kevin Fraley to Charles L. Bland, January 2, 2001.

¹⁰³ Hannah was found in the household of her son John Daniel Bland in the 1820 Census of Logan County Ohio and Kevin Fraley, the primary researcher on this line, believes she died shortly thereafter. E-mail, Kevin Fraley to Charles L. Bland, March 24, 1999.

¹⁰⁴ 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.

for about 15 years before moving to the area that would become Cedar County Missouri, about 1840. John and his family are enumerated in the 1850 Census for Cedar County (dwelling 329). 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 1840.¹⁰⁵ 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:¹⁰⁶

(6) Nancy Bland (1823 - 1868) Nancy was born in Ohio. She never married and is buried at Love Cemetery, Cedar County Missouri.¹⁰⁷

(2) William H. Bland (1829-1915) was born in Perry County Illinois and died in Cedar County Missouri. He married four women (1st) Rachel _____, sometime before 1855 and (2) About 1855, William married Elizabeth Catherine Crose (1836-). William and Elizabeth Catherine are buried at Love Cemetery. They had a family of seven children: 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.¹⁰⁸

(7) 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.

(8) Daniel B. Bland (1834 - 1882). Daniel was born in Perry County Illinois. He died in Cedar County Missouri. He married Mary Jane Capps (1839 - 1866) on April 16, 1857. They are buried at the Hackleman Cemetery in Cedar County Missouri. Daniel and Mary Jane had four children. Daniel B. Bland married a second time to Matilda Ellen Kirkpatrick (1847 - after 1907) on October 7, 1866. Daniel B. Bland and Matilda Ellen Kirkpatrick had six children.

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

B. Daniel Bland (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. In 1850, he is John's neighbor in Cedar County Missouri, (Dwelling 330). Daniel married Narcissa Babb

¹⁰⁵ 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.

¹⁰⁶ 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.

¹⁰⁷ The 1850 Census records Nancy's birth year as 1825.

¹⁰⁸ Kevin Fraley's account varies from Shouse, AC 11.2, p. 27, who identifies only Rachel and Mary Catherine Dale.

(C1813-) on January 16, 1834 in Perry County, Illinois. She was born in Tennessee. Daniel and Narcissa moved to Cedar County Missouri about 1840. ¹⁰⁹ Their children were: ¹¹⁰

- (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. William and Marie/Martha had two children. William Morrow Bland married Belinda Long (C1841 -) who was born in Louisiana, about 1866. William and Belinda married in Missouri until about 1875, when they moved to Oregon, because of Belinda's health. They had five children.
- (4) Elizabeth Bland (C1840 -) born in Cedar County Missouri.
- (5) John M. Bland (C1843 -) born in Cedar County Missouri.
- (6) Frances Narcissus Bland (C1846 -) born in Cedar County Missouri.
- (7) Joseph Bland (C1849 -) born in Cedar County Missouri.
- (8) Leetha A. Bland (c1855 -) born in Cedar County Missouri.

25C JOHN BLAND (C1688-1762) MARRIED PRUDENCE

25C6A JOHN BLAND (C1742-1807) MARRIED RACHEL (-1799) If the recent reevaluation of this line ¹¹¹ holds (so far there has been no critical argument, which of course doesn't mean that my version is correct), John and Rachel had six children. Among these children, most and their descendants tended to remain in Kentucky or to migrate to Indiana or Illinois. Only the second eldest son, Charles Bland, (1764-1819) had descendants who moved into Missouri.

1. **CHARLES BLAND (1764-1819)** Charles was born, probably in Prince William County Virginia and died in Washington County Kentucky, which was the home for his parents and siblings. He married (1st) Catherine Staughton (variously Staton or Stanton) on September 28, 1795 and Nancy (Ann) Knott on November 20, 1817. Charles had ten children, all of them by Catherine Staughton. Very little is known about most of these children, primarily because there have been so few historians of the family. The one child of Charles Bland who is well known is his eldest son:

A. **Staughton Edward Bland** (1807-1842) Staughton (variously Stouten) married Margaret Parks Nall (1816-1849) in Washington County on October 4 or 9, 1834. They later moved to Ohio County Kentucky.

¹⁰⁹ AC 3-1, p. 30. Source information was that Daniel married Milly Hart and moved to Missouri.

¹¹⁰ 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.

¹¹¹ See AC 13, pp. 17-37.

Staughton was evidently a minister of God and in 1838, became proprietor of a post office at "Bland's Mill" in Ohio County. After he died, Margaret remarried to Francis Black in 1844 and they had a child, Amanda Black, a half-sister to whom Staughton's children were close. The three Bland children all moved to Missouri:¹¹²

(1) Richard Parks Bland (1835-1899) Richard, one of the most illustrious of the entire Bland family in America, was born in Ohio County Kentucky but later, following his mother's death lived with Isaiah Craig, working during summer and attending school during winter and spring. Richard finished his schooling about 1854, after which he moved to Wayne County Missouri to live with an aunt. He tarried in Wayne County just long enough to strike a reputation for himself as a young schoolteacher, but then moved with his aunt and uncle to New York and thence to California. Richard's aunt and uncle died soon after their arrival in California and Richard took custody of their minor children. Richard then remained in California until 1867, teaching, working in the silver mines, and briefly serving as Treasurer of the Utah Territory. Working in the silver mines was seminal to Richard's later advocacy of free silver, for which he would become the famous "Silver Dick" Bland.¹¹³ Richard's life path took him back to Missouri. He lived in Rolla Missouri, in Phelps County. In 1869, he opened a law practice in Lebanon in LaClede County. Richard conducted a successful congressional campaign in 1872. He is noted for his political career (1872-1899) as a powerful advocate of "Free Silver", or "bi-metalism" an economic rallying cry of populists which erupted following the demonetization of silver in 1873, and which occupied center stage in American politics approximately during his tenure as congressman. The debate remains encrypted in the political, economic and cultural context of its time and has little meaning for us today. Nevertheless, by 1896, Bland was considered a viable alternative to the perceived failure of the Cleveland administration and the frightening radicalism of William Jennings Bryan. He ran for the Presidency of the United States against the irrepressible Bryan, a far more skillful politician than Bland who was nevertheless, a kind of George McGovern of his day. Bryan overcame an early balloting lead by Richard Bland at the 1896 Democratic Convention, giving eloquent voice to Richard Bland's life work with his declaration, "You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns; you shall not crucify mankind on a cross of gold." Subsequently, Bryan went down to defeat at the hands of Governor McKinley of Ohio. Bryan later was very warm in his praise of Richard Bland. Simply because the Free Silver question was not an

¹¹² AC 13, pp. 27-29.

¹¹³ Contrary to a joke I tell episodically at National Reunions, there is no evidence that Richard got this nickname from the girls in the silver mines.

issue that lingered or reappeared in American politics, unlike, let us say, equal rights, Richard Bland has been relegated to the interstices of American history, known only to professional historians of the period or genealogists who think its cool to be part of his family. That makes him attractive to two sides of me. I also love his nickname.

Shortly after his congressional election, Richard Parks Bland, now a very sought after bachelor, but not for long, married Virginia Elizabeth Mitchell (C1854-) on December 17, 1873, at Rolla. Richard and Virginia were parents of ten children, including George Vest Bland, (1884-) the father of Richard Parks Bland II who is a long time attendee of the Bland National Reunion and serves on its Board of Directors. ¹¹⁴

2. Charles C. Bland (1837-) Charles also was born in Ohio County Kentucky and moved to Arcadia Missouri, where he became a judge of the St. Louis Court of Appeals. Charles married Hattie B. Keane. They were grandparents of Harriet Clayborne Bland Green, a track runner of high distinction who was a member of the women's relay team that won the Gold Medal at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. Charles had three sons, whom he named Tom, Dick and Harry.

3. Elizabeth Jane Bland (1837-1917). Elizabeth married Fred Ingman Tetley from Derbyshire England on November 15, 1860. While he was away in California, Richard Parks Bland sent money home for the education of Elizabeth and his half-sister Amanda Black.

I am pleased to display on pages 87-88, a montage of photos of the children of Staughton Edward Bland and Margaret Parks Nall as well as Richard Parks Bland's siblings.

3. JOHN AND CHARLES BLAND OF AMHURST COUNTY VIRGINIA (AC 15-17, PP. 152-160)

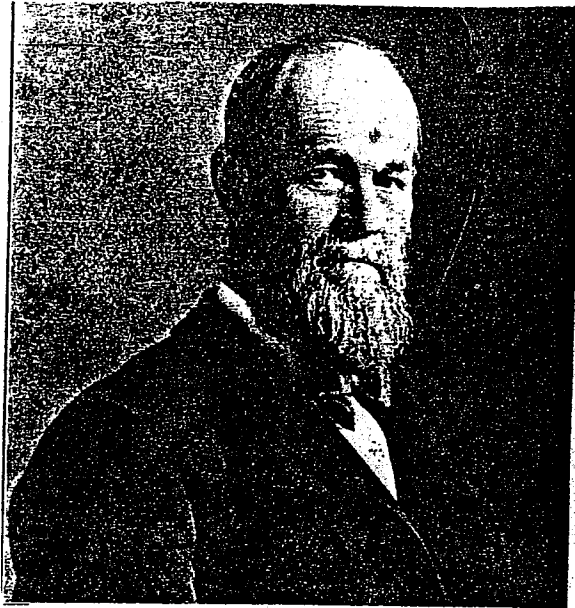
John Bland was born no later than about 1745, for he had a land survey completed on both sides of the Pedlar River in Amhurst County Virginia which was formed in 1761 from Albemarle County, on November 7, 1766. John and his brother Charles (whose name sequences are repeated later in the family line) 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.

¹¹⁴ VU, pp. 468-472.



Richard Parks "Silver Dick" Bland (1835-1899) and his wife Elizabeth Mitchell (1854-) and their children.

From VU, p. 472A



Clockwise: Children of Staughton Edward Bland and Margaret Parks Nall: Charles Cleland Bland; Harriet Claiborne Bland Green, 1936 Olympic Champion Runner, daughter of Charles C. Bland; Amanda Black Goody-Koonts, Half-Sister; Elizabeth Bland Tetley; Mrs. Mary Stteinmetz, niece and adopted daughter of Richard Parks Bland and Richard Parks Bland.

From VU, pp. 472B

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 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."¹¹⁵

A. JOHN BLAND (C1804 - 1856) ¹¹⁶ 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. Notable among their children was:

- (1) CHARLES N. BLAND (1835-1900) Charles married (1st) 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 (2nd) P. Farrow and (3rd) Fanny White on February 16, 1897 in Crockett County Tennessee.¹¹⁷ Charles N. Bland and Elizabeth beard were in Madison County by 1860. They had a family of six children including one who moved into Arkansas
 - (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.¹¹⁸

¹¹⁵ 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.

¹¹⁶ An Amhurst County Court Record, September 1812, identifies "John Bland, an infant by Jesse Bland," Francis Bland, p. 2.

¹¹⁷ AC 12-2, p. 26, Fanny remarried to W.B. Lea in 1901, suggesting that Charles N. Bland died in 1900. 36. This included 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."

5. REUBEN BLAND (C1790- 1843) PULASKI COUNTY KENTUCKY (VU, PP. 479-483 AND AC 15-17, PP. 81-88)

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 and Lincoln Counties. Wayne County was formed in 1801 from Pulaski.¹¹⁹ Reuben's approximate dates are (1780/1790- 1843/1850) Reuben was last found in public records in 1843. 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.¹²⁰ As early as 1813, Reuben was on the tax rolls of Wayne County.¹²¹ Reuben married Dicey West (C1790- after 1850) in Wayne County Kentucky on or about February 1, 1814.¹²² 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 Hardin, Grayson and Breckenridge Counties. Reuben Bland and Dicey West were parents of ten children, including the following two who either migrated to Missouri or Arkansas or had children who did so:

1. **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. Robert and Nancy had two children who moved to Sharp County Arkansas:

A. **Derinda Bland** (1855-1929) Derinda was born in Kentucky. She married Origin Robinson on February 5, 1871 in Pike County Indiana. Origin and Derinda moved to Arkansas about 1894. She died in Washington, Sharp County Arkansas. They had six children.

B. **Willis Bland** (C1855 -) Willis moved from Pike County Indiana to Sharp County Arkansas.

Sharp County Addendum: Though there is not a connection to the Reuben Bland family that is proven, by 1870:

¹¹⁹ VU, pp. 479-483 and AC 15-17, pp. 81-88.

¹²⁰ AC 1-1, p. 9.

¹²¹ 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.

¹²² 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 Greenbrier and Montgomery Counties Virginia. Reuben may have known the west family.

1. George Washington Bland (June 20, 1834 - July 31, 1925) and his family were in Sharp County Arkansas. According to census records, George was born in Tennessee. This is something of a puzzle for there is no George Bland born in any county in Tennessee, shown in the 1850 Census, when he would be 16.¹²³ George married Sarah Amanda Ring, (December 23, 1843 - August 31, 1916) C1860, when they were enumerated as a couple in Lawrence County, Arkansas.¹²⁴ By 1870 they were in Sharp County Arkansas and remained there in the 1880 Census: Their children, most of whom are buried at Powell's Chapel Cemetery in Evening Shade, Sharp County Arkansas, included:

- A. Mary P. Bland (C1862-) born in Arkansas
- B. Almeta Bland (C1866-) born in Arkansas
- C. Elizabeth Bland (C1871-) born in Arkansas
- D. Martha Bland (C1874-) Born in Arkansas
- E. Martin Texas Bland (1877-) born in Arkansas, married Allie Mintie.
- F. Ida Alabama Bland (March 23, 1881 - February 11, 1919)
Ida is buried at the Maxville Cemetery in Sharp County Arkansas.
- G. Unis (Eunice) Bland (C1884-)
- H. Robert E. Lee Bland (C1886-)

Any help in establishing a connection for this presently unattached family would be greatly appreciated.

2. 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 epidemic in the mid-1860s and oral history traditions have it that Walker married a Mrs. Pointer or Poyner.¹²⁵ 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, Wright County, and Willow Springs in Howell County, Missouri. They had five children.
- B. Joshua Bell Bland (1854-1931) 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 (1858-1927), 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. Joshua and Elizabeth had eleven children.

¹²³ AC 4-1, pp. 24-27.

¹²⁴ AC 15-17, p. 20, for a picture of George Washington Bland and Sarah Amanda Ring. Also helpful is E-mail, Pat Leatherman to Charles L. Bland May 15, 2000.

¹²⁵ 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. 34.

C. 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.

D. Thomas Bland (C1862 - 1881) Born in Grayson County, died in Wright County Missouri.

6. SAMUEL BLAND (C1700-) OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY VIRGINIA (VU PP. 546-552 AND AC 15-17, PP. 146-151)

This family group originated in Mecklenburg County Virginia. 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. 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:

A. Samuel L. Bland (June 17, 1749 - February 22, 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. Samuel married Elizabeth Williamson (June 6, 1768 - After February 1829) of Charlotte County Virginia, on June 12, 1781. Their son Williamson Bland (1782-1850) whose children would move into the Arkansas Territory.¹²⁶

(1). Williamson Bland (C1782 - December 29, 1850). 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. They died in Watertown in Wilson County. For some of their children, however, this was an intermediary step, for Williamson's brother John fought in the war of 1812 and was rewarded by some bounty

¹²⁶ I am grateful for information posted to the website Genforum On June 13, 2000 by Amanda Tinsley, and am also including in this discussion additional information about the siblings of Williamson Bland. Also, Marsha Smith-Hamilton to Charles L. Bland, January 27, 2001.

the Arkansas Territory in the area of Washington County that became Benton County in 1840.¹²⁷ Williamson came into possession of this land grant. Williamson and Dorcas had a family of eight known children, all born in Mecklenburg County Virginia. Given the age range of the children, born 1808-1829, it is probable that all of them spent time in their childhood in Arkansas, though some married and died in Wilson County Tennessee and some moved on to Texas.

(a) Celia E. Bland (1813 - 1873) Celia died in Benton County Arkansas. The genealogist Dee Swift characterized her as "not bright, but not an idiot either."). Swift then contradicts himself by confirming that Celia was bright enough to stay single.¹²⁸

(b) Elizabeth W. Bland (1815 - 1872)¹²⁹ She married William C. "Dry Billy" Patterson (1812-1890) and according to the colorful Swift, "they had a raft of kids." Elizabeth died in Benton County Arkansas.

© John Williamson Petross Bland (1817 - 1903) John W.P. married Malinda Jane Porterfield (1824-1900)¹³⁰ in Wilson County Tennessee on October 9, 1844. They moved into Benton County Arkansas in 1856.¹³¹ and were parents of eight children:

(c1) Mary Ann Elizabeth Bland (1847-) Mary Ann married Edward Jennings at Larue, Benton County Arkansas.

(c2) James Bland (1848 - 1900) James married Tennessee Ryan. A former correspondent Jewell Hegwood Dye, claimed that James "married" and "remarried".

(c3) Samuel Merritt Bland (1849 - 1911). Samuel married Amanda Catherine Tucker on October 22, 1871. They had eight children.

(c4) Sarah Parlee Bland (1853 - 1936) Sarah married (1st) Marion Carter and (2nd) John David Gardner.

(c5) William Richard Lafayette Bland (1855 - 1922). William died in Larue, Benton County Arkansas. He never married.

¹²⁷ Chuck Bolton, Genforum Posting, September 14, 2000, identified Williamson as a brother of John Bland. Williamson had a warrant for 160 acres in SW ¼, Section 25, Township 15N, Range 4 4 in the Arkansas Territory,

¹²⁸ The 1850 Census, Dwelling/Family 1431, finds Cily E. Bland, age 37, living with James Patton, age 32.

¹²⁹ I am grateful to Joe Patterson, who provided the names of Blands buried in the Patterson Cemetery near Watertown Tennessee. E-mail, Joe Patterson to Charles L. Bland, May 27, 2000.

¹³⁰ Malinda Jane proterfield's full dates are provided by E-Mail from Kay Schaffner to Charles L. Bland July 31, 2000, which supplies names of those buried at the New Bland Cemetery near bentonville Arkansas. Kay's information confirms dates for several other names listed here. Kay also provided an obituary notice for John William Petross Bland, E-Mail, Kay Schaffner to Charles L. Bland, July 30, 2000.

¹³¹ A photograph of John William Petross Bland appears in AC 12-2, p. 22.

(c6) George Clark Bland (1858 - 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.

(c7) Susan Elizabeth Bland (C1860-1932) was born in Benton County Arkansas. She married James Reynolds.

(c8) Jim Newton Bland (1865-1867)

(2) Elizabeth Bland (C1783-) married James Norvil on December 22, 1817 in Mecklenburg County Virginia.

(3) Frances Bland (C1785-) married John Hudson on April 30, 1801 in Mecklenburg County Virginia.

(4) John Bland (C1790 - December 31, 1813) John died during the War of 1812, for which he was awarded land in Arkansas. He served with Nelson's Company of the 10th Regimental Infantry. ¹³²It is unknown whether he had children to inherit this land.

(10) Rebecca P. Bland (1802-1844) died in Wilson County Tennessee. Rebecca married William Carpenter on January 22, 1817 in Mecklenburg County Virginia.

7. STEPHEN BLAND (1782-1850) AND SILAS BLAND (1792-1858) OF DALLAS COUNTY ALABAMA

I believe there is a reasonable case to made that these two gentlemen belong in number eight in the family key, as grandsons of Thomas Bland (C1712-1780) and sons of Thomas Bland (C1736-1791) (See above pp. 38 and discussion below, pp.101ff, esp. pp. 125-126).¹³³ No matter the outcome of this question, however, Stephen's younger brother Silas Bland married Elizabeth _____ (C1800-1853) and by her, had a family of eight children. ¹³⁴ His oldest son, William Young Henry Bland, moved out of Dallas County Alabama and died in Arkansas: ¹³⁵

1. WILLIAM YOUNG HENRY BLANN (C1819- 1854). William was born in Dallas County Alabama and died in Calhoun County Arkansas. He and his family were enumerated in Ouachita County Arkansas (dwelling 9) in 1850. Interestingly, they were enumerated in close proximity to Abel and John Wesley Bland under Key 25A6C (see discussion above, pp. 56-60). William married Lucinda Roark (C1818-1912) in Dallas County January 12, 1839. William and Lucinda moved to Franklin Township, Ouichita County Arkansas,

¹³² See Above, Williamson Bland, p. 93, n. 127.

¹³³ The birth year of Silas is set as 1792 because he shows up as 58 in the 1850 Census for Dallas County Alabama. If his date of birth is ever proven, it would stretch the credibility of this argument since Thomas' will was probated in March 1791, cf. AC 15-17, p. 90.

¹³⁴ See AC 15-17, p. 117, Note 292, for a discussion about Elizabeth's maiden name. Franklin argues that there is a good chance that Elizabeth was the daughter of Arthur Avera, son of Thomas Avera of Johnston county North Carolina, E-Mail, Franklin Ingram to Jack Blann, June 18, 2000.

¹³⁵ AC 15-17, pp. 114-123, esp. pp. 118-121.

to the section that later became Calhoun County about 1842.¹³⁶ William, who was sometimes called "Buck" is buried at Moore's Chapel Cemetery and Lucinda at Friendship cemetery, both in Calhoun County Arkansas.¹³⁷ William and Lucinda had eight children:¹³⁸

- A. William Henry Blann (1840 - 1912) William Henry who, like his father was sometimes called "Buck" married Miriam Cosa (1846 - 1928) on November 15, 1861 in Texas. 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. William and Miriam had seven children.
- B. Mary Elizabeth Blann (C1842-1854). Mary Elizabeth died in a fire while she was raking leaves.
- C. Sena Arissa Blann (1844 - 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.
- D. Richard Thomas Blann (1846 - 1912). Richard was born in Arkansas and died in Blanntown Ouichita County Arkansas. Richard also served in the Civil War.¹³⁹ He is buried in Friendship Cemetery. Richard married a Tennessee girl, Amanda Stanford (C1850 - 1923) on January 23 or 31, 1867. They had thirteen children.
- E. Louisa Bernice Blann (1848 - 1912) married John Riley Stringfellow. (1847-1924) on October 11, 1865. ¹⁴⁰They had ten children.
- G. Canary Smith Blann (1850 - 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.
- H. James Silas Blann (1853-1867) James died of typhoid fever.
- I. Emma Saphronia Blann (1854 - 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.

8. THOMAS BLAND OF PITT COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA (C1712-1780) (AC 15-17, pp. 88-114)

Thomas is a new addition to the family key of "Other Extensively Developed Lines" and has been proposed by me, hypothetically, as the earliest of a line of Blands that was clustered in Beaufort, Bertie, Craven, Edgecombe, Martin and Pitt Counties (see below, pp. 101ff). If the theory is right,¹⁴¹ Thomas represents the origin of the line leading to settlements in Arkansas:

¹³⁶ Jack Blann, p. 13. Jack Blann also has them settling in Hempstead County Arkansas, near Hope.

¹³⁷ 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.

¹³⁸ Jack Blann, page 2, informs us that for the 1850 Census, the Census Taker spelled the name the right way by mistake.

¹³⁹ Jack Blann, p. 15. No further elaboration is provided.

¹⁴⁰ E-Mail, Jack Blann to Charles L. Bland, July 17, 1999.

¹⁴¹ Thus far, the framework is based on a close geographic proximity. In the last number of Among Cousins I invited criticism of the idea, but thus far, none has been offered.

GEORGE BLAND (c1734-1797) of Pitt County. George was the father of three known sons. Descendants of the first two sons stayed fairly close to Pitt North Carolina or adjoining counties. The third son was:

1. THEOPHILUS BLAND (1768 - 1832),¹⁴² 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.¹⁴³ Their children who moved on to Arkansas were:

A. Levin Bland (1798 - C1847) married Elizabeth "Betsy" Ann Moore, (C1808-) on January 29, 1824 in Pitt County, North Carolina. The widow Elizabeth was enumerated in the 1850 Census for St. Francis County Arkansas, (dwelling 31) Levin and Elizabeth moved to Shelby County Tennessee by 1840 and probably around 1826¹⁴⁴ and from thence to St. Francis County Arkansas, just across the border from Shelby County Tennessee. Their children were:

- (1) Benjamin Franklin Bland (C1825-1861). Benjamin was enumerated in the 1850 Census in St. Francis County Arkansas, (dwelling 40) near his mother. Benjamin served as a corporal in the Arkansas First Mounted Rifles, CSA, and was discharged August 20, 1861. He married Lucy Ann Lurry (C1825-) about 1843.¹⁴⁵ In 1850, Benjamin and Lucy had two children:
 - (a) Levin W. Bland (C1847-)
 - (b) Mary A. Bland (C1849-)
- (2) Sarah Ann Bland (C1828-)

¹⁴² AC 15-17, pp. 108-113.

¹⁴³ 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. Interestingly, a second family of Blands, descended from Jesse Bland (C1775-1833) of Amhurst County Virginia and his wife Sally Newman, in part 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 Amhurst County Virginia, who were born no later than 1745 and would have shared the generation of sons of Thomas Bland (C1714-1780). There is, however, no extant proof of a close family relationship at this time. See previous discussion in AC 15-17, pp. 152-160.

¹⁴⁴ 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.

¹⁴⁵ Gottschalk, p. 39.

- (3) James L. or T. Bland (1829 - 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 (1833 - 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. Second, James married Lucy A. Perry (C1839-1869) at Augusta, St. Francis County Arkansas, on December 8, 1858). James had two children by Emily Snow and two more by Lucy Perry.
 - (4) Robert (Bob) Bland (C1830-1862) Robert served with the CSA as a second Lieutenant in Company C, 37th Arkansas Infantry.
 - (5) Levin Bland (1833-1852)
 - (6) John Bland (C1836 - 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.
 - (7) Lucy Bland (C1840-1862)
 - (8) Wesley or Westley Bland (C1840-1851)
 - (9) Lafayette Bland (C1847 -) Lafayette was a Private in Company C, 37th Arkansas Infantry.
- B. THEOPHILUS BLAND (1807 - July 8, 1865) married Adeline Adams (January 28, 1818 -) in Shelby County Tennessee on April 27, 1834. ¹⁴⁶ Evidently, Theophilus remained in Tennessee but one of his sons moved into Arkansas:
- (1). William Henry Bland (1861 - July 1917) ¹⁴⁷ 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. ¹⁴⁸ He married (1st) Susan Seward and (2nd) Ella T. Maher. By these two women, James had four children.

¹⁴⁶ Gottschalk, p. 37. Information in the Fischer file suggests that Adeline Adams was born in Loudon County Virginia.

¹⁴⁷ 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.

¹⁴⁸ The Centennial History of Arkansas, Vol 2, p. 79 cited in AC 2-1, p. 23, found in Gottschalk, p. 37.

10. WILLIAM BLAND (C1717-1803), KING AND QUEEN COUNTY VIRGINIA, MARRIED AN UNKNOWN WOMAN.¹⁴⁹ (VU, pp. 392-396 and AC 9-1, pp. 14-36, esp. pp. 23-24.

WILLIAM BLAND (C1742-1788) MARRIED MARY ANN DRUMMOND.

WILLIAM BLAND (C1768-1833) MARRIED SUSAN CORR.

1. ELLIOT BLAND (1813-1896) While most of this family remained in Virginia, Elliot Bland, who followed his older brother Isaac to Tennessee moved further on to settle down in Callaway County Missouri. Elliot seems to have had a particularly hard life. The family story is that Elliot's father came onto hard times and Elliott was apprenticed to a shoemaker in Richmond Virginia at age 14 and as soon as he finished the apprenticeship about 1834, he left Virginia to join his elder brother Isaac in Sumner County Tennessee. Elliott was not long in Tennessee until he married Adeline Clay (1818-1862) on December 4, 1835, in Sumner County. Elliott was inducted into the Tennessee Militia in 1836. He and Isaac served in the Second Seminole War. In November 1839, Elliott and his family moved to Humansville in Polk County. They were still in Polk County in 1850, when they were enumerated in Dwelling 738. Eliot and Adeline and their children lived out their lives in Callaway county. They were parents of:¹⁵⁰

- A. Jonathan Clay Bland (1838-1854) born in Tennessee.
- B. Martha Ann "Puss" Bland (1839-1918) who married (1ST) Hiram Moore Woodward (1834-1869) on November 3, 1857 and (2ND) James Almon Bengé (1828-) about 1872.
- C. Susan Virginia Bland (1842-1923) who married Henderson Moore (1837-1927) on November 2, 1865.
- F. Mary Adaline Bland (1845-1934) who married Logan Vann and moved away to California.
- G. Sarah Lucretia Bland (1848-1935) who married Julius Fay (- 1876).
- H. George Bland (1849-1849).
- I. Florence Eulalia Bland (1853-1860)
- J. William Bland (1855-1861)
- K. Robert Bland (1857-1860)
- L. Finis Bland (1861-1862)

One wonders whether Eliot spoke French or if this last name is a transposition. If so, it is an eloquent one. The deaths of six of Elliot's ten children by 1861, including all his sons, followed by wife Adeline herself in 1862, possibly from complications in the birth of their last child, must have been a bitter fate to swallow. That final name, Finis, seems to imply a final biting bitterness.

¹⁴⁹ King and Queen County sources show William living with a woman named Sukey in 1783, who may have been his wife, AC 9-1, p. 16.

¹⁵⁰ AC 7-1, p. 12 and AC 9-1, pp.23-24.

12. ARTHUR BLAND OF GUILFORD COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

1. ARTHUR BLAND Arthur's dates were (C1794-1850) Arthur was born in North Carolina but sometime between 1822-1826 moved to Tennessee, and died in McNairy County Tennessee. He is found in the 1850 Census for McNairy County in Dwelling 991. Arthur married twice: (1st) to Elizabeth Waddle (C -1840/1841) in Guilford County North Carolina on September 9, 1818. Charles married (2nd) Elizabeth Ingraham Murrill, (C1807-) a divorced widow of the "terrible outlaw" John A. Murrill. Children of Arthur Bland, at least two of whom migrated to Prarie County Arkansas, by his two wives were: ¹⁵¹

A. Charles Bland (C1822) Charles was enumerated in the 1850 Census of McNairy County Tennessee in Dwelling 1024 and married to Martha _____. Both Charles and Martha were born in North Carolina.

B. Robert Bland (C1826-) Robert was born in Tennessee and was enumerated in the 1850 Census of McNairy County Tennessee in Dwelling 992. Robert was married to Arthsa or Arthusy Murrill (C1833-), daughter of his step mother Elizabeth Murrill. Children of Robert Bland and Arthusy Murrill:

- (1) Sarah Bland (C1848-)
- (2) John J. Bland (C1850-)
- (3) Elizabeth Bland (C1853-)
- (4) Rachel Bland (C1859-)

C. Thomas M. Bland (C1827-) Thomas was born in Tennessee and was enumerated in the 1850 Census for McNairy County Tennessee in 1850 in dwelling 997. He was married to Charity (C1823-) also born in Tennessee. Later Thomas went to Prarie County Arkansas (formed from Ouachita County) to the area that later became Lonoke County and married a "spit-fire type" of woman named Ann _____ who is said to have caused Thomas his share of misery.

D. John Bland

E. George Washington Bland (1831-1905) born in Tennessee. George was enumerated in the household of Thomas Burkhead, a 36 year old farmer from North Carolina, in dwelling 981, for the Census of 1850 of McNairy County Tennessee. On May 31, 1852, George Washington Bland married Mary Jane Muse (1835-1925). George and Mary Jane migrated to Prairie County Arkansas, which was formed in 1846 from Pulaski County.

F. Emiline Bland (C1834-) was enumerated with her father in 1850, as were her younger siblings.

I. Arthur Bland (C1838-)

J. James Bland (C1841-)

K. William H. Bland (C1843-)

L. Mary E. Bland (C1845 -)

Other Arkansas Families The 1850 Census for Crawford County Arkansas (dwelling 9) finds 15 year old Joab Bland born in Tennessee, as head of a household that includes Catherine Bland, (C1820-); Elizabeth Bland (C1830-); Josephine Bland (C1832-) and Mary Pate (C1835-).

¹⁵¹ AC 3-1, pp. 15, 41; AC 3-2, p. 53, 4-1, pp. 25-26 and AC 5-2, pp. 32-33

This family has the appearance of parentless siblings who were old enough to be self-sufficient. Crawford County is just South of Benton County but was formed in 1820 from Pulaski County.

Other Missouri Families The following names, enumerated in 1850 in Missouri counties, could not be placed with families discussed above:

1. **J.S. Bland** ((C1816-) The 1850 Census for Newton County, on the southwestern end of Missouri (not far from Benton County Arkansas and southwest of Cedar County) and formed in 1838 From Barry County, finds J.S. Bland (C1816-) from Kentucky (Dwelling 461). He is married to Elizabeth _____ (C1815-) born in Kentucky also. Probably, J.S. moved his family into Missouri about 1848-1849. Their children, all reported on the census as born in Kentucky, were:

- A. **Mary Ann Bland** (C1837-)
- B. **James Bland** (C1840-)
- C. **George Bland** (C1844-)
- D. **Lucy Bland** (C1847-).

____ Also living with J.S. and Elizabeth Bland was John Smith, (C1829-) also from Kentucky.

2. **A. Bland** (C1826-) appears in Osage County Missouri, (dwelling 1045), born in Missouri, and married to Ann (C1827-) born in Kentucky. A child, Isaac Bland (C1838-) lives with them as does Harrison Bland (C1848-).

3. **Matthew Bland** (C1825-) the 1850 Census for Platte County, at the furthest Western border of Missouri with Kansas, finds Matthew, (Dwelling 81) with his wife Mary _____ (C1825-) and two children:

- A. **Mary Bland** (C1848-)
- B. **Cynthia Bland** (C1849-).

4. **Mary Bland** (1774-) St. Louis County found Mary Bland from England enumerated in 1850 in Dwelling 676. With her were James Bland, (C1814-) a cashier, also from England, Elize Bland (C1831-) also from England and Mary Bland (C1849/1850-) born in Missouri.

5. **Benjamin Bland** (C1822-) a clerk from Pennsylvania is enumerated in St. Louis County Missouri, (Dwelling 638) in the home of R.A. Arman, age 45, a druggist from Virginia. Benjamin is married to Virginia Bland (C1829-) born in Maryland and a baby, Charley G. Bland, (C1849/1850-) born in Maryland.

6. **Peter E. Bland** (C1827-) Peter was a lawyer, born in Missouri, and was enumerated in St. Louis County (Dwelling 1366). Peter is married to Virginia _____ (C1827-) born in Virginia and their children are Richard D. Bland (C1846-) born in Missouri, and Lucy Bland (C1848-) born in Missouri.

7. **Orlando Bland** no age given, Orlando is noted born in America, and no age, living in the boarding house of Ebenezer Young, age 40, born in New Hampshire, proprietor of Parthinan Coffee House.

THE BLAND FAMILY OF BEAUFORT, BERTIE, BRUNSWICK, CRAVEN, EDGECOMBE,
MARTIN AND PITT COUNTIES
NORTH CAROLINA

In Volume 15-17, (pp. 88-98) I made an attempt to begin a synthesis of the multiple families of Blands in the general area of North Eastern North Carolina, comprising present day Beaufort, Bertie, Craven, Edgecombe, Martin and Pitt Counties with the theory in mind that they are all one family, as the title of this piece suggests.¹⁵² These counties, excepting Brunswick, share geographic proximity and in many cases were formed from one another. Not much concerted research has been done with families from these counties. Previously, researchers have fragmented these families and treated them in isolation. Yet information discovered in the most recent volume of *Among Cousins*, further elaborated here, shows a viable generational pattern of development within these counties, whose genealogy makes them closely related. The connections are weak, sometimes confused and hypothetical in nature, but I do think a semblance of a three or four generation 18th Century Family can be discerned by close reading of the available information. I have advanced the theory that the family of Blands that settled in Dallas County Alabama,¹⁵³ was descended from this general line. Thus, the early members of this family are still of interest and should be considered a work in progress. If someone advances concrete knowledge or a thesis that destroys the logic of what I have written and leaves us with an edifice that defines these ancestors in the Bland family in a completely different way, no one would be happier than me.

EARLY SETTLERS

THOMAS BLAND (C1712/1714-1780). Between 1779-1784, lists of chain bearers in Pitt County included George Bland, John Bland, William Bland and Thomas Bland. As early as 1740, a Thomas Bland was summoned to give evidence in court in Bertie County.¹⁵⁴ There was property in Bertie County owned by Blands as early as 1739 and 1741.¹⁵⁵ If for hypothetical structure one assumes that this elder Thomas was also the father of George Bland (C1734-1797) then his own birth date would be in the range of 1712. Elements of information that bear on the ages his known sons suggest that Thomas was born no later than 1714. Thomas made his will on June 27, 1772, but it was not probated until 1780, suggesting that Thomas died toward the later time. Bare essentials of Thomas's life found in his will show a wife named Judith, and children who included:¹⁵⁶

¹⁵² For a Genealogy of these counties, see AC 15-17, p. 89.

¹⁵³ CF AC 15-17, pp. 88-123, esp. pp. 114-123.

¹⁵⁴ Wynette Parks Haun, Compiler, Bertie County North Carolina County Court Minutes: 1740-1743, 1758-1762, Book II, p. 18.

¹⁵⁵ Mary West bell, Compiler, Colonial Bertie County North Carolina, Vol. 3, p. 204 and Vol 5, p. 235.

¹⁵⁶ AC 1-2, P. 27 and AC 8-1, pp. 26-27, Martin County Will Book I 1774-1810.p. 70. Thomas Bland's will was made in Halifax county and probated in 1780 in Martin County, which was formed from Halifax in 1774. Witnesses were William Bland, William Everett (Averytt/Averitt.) and John Whorton. Executors were Robert and Needham Bryant (or perhaps Bryan).

1. GEORGE BLAND (c1734 - 1797) An immediate qualification is in order: George does not appear as an heir or in any capacity in the will of Thomas Bland. Let me again stress that the presumed father/son relation between Thomas and George Bland is hypothetical. George is entered here not because of land records that document his association with the elder Thomas, but because he appears to have been part of a second generation in this geographic area. George is the progenitor of the major and most well defined family in this area. 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).¹⁵⁷ George probably married twice. He married a woman whose name is not known by 1757. This first wife was dead by 1761 or 1762.¹⁵⁸ George remarried to a woman named Prudence, who appears in the 1800 census and died sometime before 1818. Prudence was probably the mother of his third son (see note 4, below) and may have been named Tyson or Tison.¹⁵⁹ George was enumerated in the 1790 Census for Pitt County, New Bern District with two males over 16, two females and three slaves. By 1775, he had a family composed of himself and a wife, an older male, (perhaps George Jr.) and probably two small sons and three daughters and a slave. Their graves are in Sampson County North

¹⁵⁷ This family in Pitt County North Carolina has previously been discussed 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, and 15-17, pp. 98-114. The standard source of information is the pamphlet prepared in 1940 by Katherine 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. 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 his dates are C. 1734-1797. Billy Bland Descendants of George Bland sent to Charles L. Bland, January 22, 2001, hereafter called Descendants, suggests that George was born in 1730 but I could find no definitive documentation for this and so continue to assume he was born about 1734. This document is well researched, comprehensive and extensive enough to substantially update Gottschalk. While the older document retains its value, it must be read in conjunction with Billy Bland's work. As I wrote this piece, it became clear to me that "Descendants" had substantially enhanced my knowledge of this family group. On the other hand, some information I gathered from other sources importantly supplements both Gottschalk and Descendants. I suggest that the three documents, including this essay and pp. 98-114 of AC 15-17, as well as Descendants and Gottschalk, should be foundational for anyone undertaking a study of this group. Pitt County 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, but no supporting evidence of this has been found.

¹⁵⁸ 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.

¹⁵⁹ E-Mail, Billy Bland to Charles L. Bland, January 31, 2001, hereafter Billy Bland, states that in the 1775 Census George Bland was living at the home of Moses and Sabra (Mason) Tyson. 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.

Carolina and nothing further is known about them, (Gottschalk 15).¹⁶⁰ No one has ever researched George's three daughters. The sons include:

- A. George Bland (C1758-1845), who married Sarah, (1769-1848).¹⁶¹
B. John Bland (C1761/1762 - after 1828) John was born and died in Pitt County. He married twice. John was found in the 1790 Census with an adult male, a male under 16 and three females.¹⁶² 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).¹⁶³ 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. This would have included his wife Sarah and six daughters, whose names are unknown.¹⁶⁴

(1). GEORGE BLAND (C1787/1795-) George served in the War of 1812 with the Militia of North Carolina, Second Regiment, Third Company detached from the Pitt Regiment.¹⁶⁵ 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.¹⁶⁶

¹⁶⁰ 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.

¹⁶¹ George Bland (1758-1845) is not found in Descendants..

¹⁶² 1790 Census, p. 146.

¹⁶³ Sarah, in the 1850 Census was living in the household of a son Theophilus Bland (1821-1902) see below, pp 109ff .

¹⁶⁴ 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.

¹⁶⁵ Descendants, p. 5.

¹⁶⁶ Descendants p. 3. John Bland deeds 200 acres to George Bland, "son of the said John Bland." George resold the land to John Bland on December 29, 1817 for \$1,050. George Bland pp. 4-5 and Gottschalk pp. 14-15. It is George's last appearance in the Pitt County North Carolina Records. 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

(2). BARNES BLAND (March 18, 1805 - January 25, 1887).¹⁶⁷ Barnes was deeded land in Pitt County North Carolina in 1826.¹⁶⁸ In 1849, He and his wife Rhoda were beneficiaries of the will of John Langley in Edgecombe County North Carolina, adjacent to Pitt.¹⁶⁹ About 1825, Barnes married (1st) Catherine Elizabeth Brooks, (March 13, 1810 - C1846). Barnes married (2nd) Rhoda Langley Harrington (C1802 - July 4, 1885) about 1847 in Pitt County.¹⁷⁰ Its possible that Barnes and Rhoda divorced or had a separation, for in the 1860 Census Rhoda is living with her daughter Mary Harrington, while Barnes lives with remaining minor children of his marriage to Catherine Brooks.¹⁷¹ By Catherine Brooks, Barnes had the following children, all born in Ayden, Pitt County North Carolina:¹⁷²

(a) Margaret Ann Susan Bland (November 7, 1826 - November 11, 1837). Born and died in Pitt County.

(b) Zellie Bland (February 14, 1827 - October 9, 1888) Zellie is buried at the Hancock Church Cemetery in Pitt County where Christopher Columbus Bland (1846-1917) below #12, also is buried.¹⁷³

© Sarah Bland (September 5, 1828 - C1858) married James Edwards (C1820-1863) about 1848 in Pitt County. They had two children.

(c) William Augustus "Gus" Bland (January 23, 1830 - October 17, 1918). By 1853, William resided in Brunswick County North Carolina, derivative of New Hanover and then south of Pender. He died in Shallotte in Brunswick County. He married (1st)

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.

¹⁶⁷ Barnes' will was recorded in 1888. Descendants, P. 8.

¹⁶⁸ 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.

¹⁶⁹ Pitt County North Carolina Will Book, 24, (1849), p. 592.

¹⁷⁰ The 1850 Census shows three children of Rhoda by her marriage to Moses Harrington in the household of Barnes Bland, Mary, James and Lewis Harrington.

¹⁷¹ Descendants, p. 10.

¹⁷² For the descendants of Barnes Bland, see Descendants, pp. 44-71.

¹⁷³ Jeanette Cox St. Amand, compiler, Pitt County Gravestone Records (1960) P. 25. hereafter called St. Amand.

Alice Gore (1834-1871) about 1855 in Brunswick County. William married (2nd) Hellon Gore, (C1823- living in 1880) a sister of Alice, on June 23, 1873 in Brunswick County. Children of William Augustus Bland and Alice Gore were:
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(d1) Elizabeth "Lizzie" Bland (September 1855-) Elizabeth lived her life in Brunswick County. She married William Jackson Stanley Jr. (1847-1913) about 1872. They had eleven children.

(d2) William Barnes Bland (July 12, 1856 - September 24, 1937) William was born in Brunswick and died in Durham County North Carolina. William married (1st) Frances Olive Frink (January 25, 1855 - February 13, 1885) on July 11, 1880 at Shalotte, Brunswick County and they had two children. William married (2nd) Melvinia Tensey Benton (August 15, 1875 - April 18, 1907) on June 25, 1893 in Shallotte and they had seven children. William married (3rd) Fairy Ann Hilburn (August 14, 1872 - August 11, 1957) on May 17, 1908. They had two children and Fairy outlived 'im.

(d3) Susan A. Bland (C1856 -) married Gloucus Stocks on February 19, 1874 in New Brunswick County.

(d4) John A. Bland (C1857 -) married Millie L. _____. John moved to Polk County Florida.

(d5) Caldonia "Callie" Bland (C1859-) Callie married George G. Williamson in Brunswick County.

(d6) Christopher Columbus Bland (April 7, 1859 - living 1920). Christopher married Anna Viola Frink, (C1863-living 1920) on May 6, 1886 in Brunswick County. They had three children.

(d7) Augustus C. Bland (February 25, 1862-died before 1870).

(d8) Amanda Bland (C1863-)

(d9) Josephine J. Bland (April 18, 1863 - November 29, 1954) Josephine lived her life in Brunswick County. She married Daniel Smith in April 1885. They had eight children.

(d10) Sarah Amanda Bland (March 3, 1865 - May 5, 1943) lived her life in Brunswick County. Sarah married John Hemingway Parker (C1861-) on April 3, 1890. They had six children.

¹⁷⁴ Gottschalk, p. 24., Descendants, pp. 44-49.

- (d11) Robert Lee Bland (August 1868 - living in 1920) married Mary Ellen Parker (September 19, 1863 - June 2, 1935) on November 18, 1897 in Brunswick County.
- (d12) James Bradley Bland (October 14, 1870 - June 17, 1959) was born in Brunswick County and died in new Hanover County North Carolina. James married (1st) Charity Benton (1870-1901) on September 5, 1897. There were three children by this marriage; James married (2nd) Ellen Lue Benton (September 10, 1877 - May 8, 1962). They had eight children.
- (d13) Mary Annette "Nettie" Bland (June 27, 1871 - July 6, 1948). Nettie never married.
- (e) Catherine Bland (March 17, 1832 -) married Peter E. Braswell (C1828-) about 1860 in Pitt County.
- (f) Martha Jane Bland (March 28, 1834 -) married William T. Braswell before 1856 in Pitt County. (g)
- (g) Joseph John Bland, (November 10, 1835 - October 27, 1863) fought and died in the Civil War.¹⁷⁵ Joseph was a First Lieutenant with I company, 44th Infantry Regiment of North Carolina, CSA. At the time of his enlistment February 10, 1862, he was a lawyer. He died from wounds received in battle on October 19, 1863. It must have been painful for this young man's family to witness his execution of his last will some two weeks before his death.
- (h) Richard Bland (August 22, 1837 - October 28, 1841
- (i) Susanna B. Bland (February 15, 1839 - November 11, 1913) married a Civil War Veteran, Benjamin A. Smith (1836-1910) in Pitt County on October 17, 1865. They lived their lives in Pitt County. They had eleven children.
- (j) Elcy C. Bland (September 14, 1840 - September 21, 1920) married James S. Hines (C1838-1910) in Greenville, Pitt County on February 24, 1870. They had nine children.
- (k) Alley Elizabeth Bland (July 15, 1843 - died before 1850).
- (l) 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, 36th North Carolina Regiment. He was commended for his display of valor at Fort Fisher on January 13, 1865, where he climbed a flagpole twice to raise

¹⁷⁵ Joseph's Will was made October 6, 1863, Descendants, pp. 10-11. There is no information about where his war wounds were received.

the Confederate Flag during a Northern Naval Assault. He was captured at Smithville North Carolina January 18, 1865 and was held prisoner until June 3, 1865 at Point Lookout Maryland.¹⁷⁶ He was detained at Lookout Mountain Maryland until he took the oath of allegiance to the United States on June 3, 1865.¹⁷⁷ Christopher married Elizabeth Cecelia Boyd (December 17, 1846 - January 21, 1922 or 1923). They are buried in the Hancock Church cemetery in Pitt County.¹⁷⁸ Christopher and Cornelia had thirteen children:

(11) Margaret "Maggie" Bland (October 3, 1866 -) married Alexander T. Reddick at Swift Creek Township on December 12, 1888.

(12) Sarah A. Bland (C1867-living in 1880)

(13) Anna Elizabeth "Bettie" Bland (March 23, 1868 - October 31, 1886)

(14) William Barnes Bland (April 18, 1870 - October 19, 1880).

(15) John L. Bland (June 28, 1872 - October 19, 1880).¹⁷⁹

(16) Carrie Virginia Bland (January 31, 1875 - March 30, 1926) Carrie lived her life in Pitt County. Carrie married Charles Aldridge (1870-1940) on October 16, 1895 in Contintena, Pitt County. They had one child.

(17) Lena May Bland (April 18, 1878 - December 28, 1928), Lena lived her life in Pitt County. She married Ed Lee Brown (1875-1929) in Pitt County on February 3, 1897.

(18) Dora Earnestine Bland (September 11, 1879 - July 1, 1963) Dora was born in Pitt County. She died at Kinston North Carolina.

(19) Thomas Leonidas Bland (December 17, 1881 - October 21, 1939) was born in Pitt County and died in Durham County North Carolina. He married Queen V. McGowans (C1881-) on July 22, 1903.

¹⁷⁶ AC 1-1, Attachment 6 and AC 1-2, pp. 22-23.

¹⁷⁷ 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. Also, George Bland, pp. 56-57.

¹⁷⁸ St. Amand, p. 24.

¹⁷⁹ Per Billy Bland, William Barnes Bland and John L. Bland may have died in a house fire.

(110) Lillian Gertrude Bland, (September 19, 1884 - April 30, 1908) Lillian married Benjamin Nunn.

(111) Baby Boy Bland (March 19, 1886 - March 19, 1886)

(112) Marosa Bland (June 20, 1888 -)

(113) David Alexander Bland (October 10, 1891-)

(3) Theophilus Bland (August 20, 1821 - November 1, 1902) ¹⁸⁰ Theophilus, who is buried in the Kinston, Lenoir County North Carolina cemetery, married to Mary Cannon Smith (May 10, 1830 - January 27, 1903) a daughter of Cannon and Barbara Pollard Smith on June 16, 1847. ¹⁸¹ They are buried at the Kinston North Carolina Cemetery. Their children were: ¹⁸²

(a) John Cannon Bland (April 19, 1848 - July 24, 1926), was born in Grifton, Pitt County North Carolina. John married Elizabeth Jane Cannon, (January 9, 1851 - November 18, 1907) on March 10, 1870 in Craven County North Carolina. ¹⁸³ They had a family of twelve children as follows:

(a1) Samuel Bland (January 15, 1871 - November 3, 1894).

(a2) Mary Elizabeth Bland (October 29, 1872 - January 14, 1953), who married Charles Franklin Joyner (1867-1949) on October 12 or 24, 1890. They had nine children. I am pleased to display a photograph of Mary Elizabeth Bland and Charles Franklin Joyner in the space below. ¹⁸⁴

(a3) Theophilus Bland (October 17, 1874 - January 16, 1895).

¹⁸⁰ AC 1-1, p. 15.

¹⁸¹ 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.

¹⁸² Family group information is greatly enhanced by information submitted by Harris, esp. Family Bible in Possession of Mrs. Gay Albritton Jones. Children of Theophilus Bland and Mary Cannon Smith are detailed in George Bland, pp. 61-

¹⁸³ 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.

¹⁸⁴ 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.

- (a4) Harriet Ann Bland (April 4, 1876 - December 4, 1954). Harriet married Bryant Peterson.
- (a5) Maggie Bland (February 18, 1878 - September 29, 1880).
- (a6) John Bland (November 13, 1880 - August 1958).
- (a7) Laura Bland (February 10, 1883 - May 30, 1892).
- (a8) 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.¹⁸⁵
- (a9) Eddie Bland (May 22, 1887 - March 24, 1894).
- (a10) Shade Bland (May 22, 1887 - September 6, 1942) also moved from Pitt to Craven County, near Epwroth. Shade married Vula Mary Peterson at Vanceboro in Craven County on February 13, 1916. They had six children.¹⁸⁶
- (a11) Myrtle Bland (December 29, 1892 - September 27, 1894).
- (a12) 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:

- (a13) Jodie Bland (September 4, 1909 - December 2, 1970).
- (a14) Woodrow Lee Bland (August 27, 1910 or 1912 - December 15, 1960).
- (a15) Infant daughter, born and died June 23, 1914.
- (b) Theophilus Bland (January 30, 1850 - July 20, 1896) born in Grifton, Theophilus married (1st) Nancy Jane Cox (June 5, 1850 - August 10, 1881) on January 21, 1871 in Pitt County. Theophilus married (2nd) Mary Elizabeth Tucker (1867- living in 1900) probably about 1887. Theophilus was called "a plain, practical man of sterling qualities, lives well, works his land and has one of the finest farms in the county. . ." Theophilus raised cotton, tobacco and potatoes. He died at Grifton and is buried at St. John's Church Cemetery in Pitt County. With Nancy Jane Cox, Theophilus had:¹⁸⁷

¹⁸⁵ Gray, the children's names were Hartley, Heber, Matt Jr. Leon, Mary who married Lee and Ruby who married Lilly.

¹⁸⁶ Gray, children named Shade Iron, G.S. "Pug", Rodman "Boot", Wesley, C.W. "Pete", the Craven County Sheriff in 1984, and Annie Ruth "Tink" who married Taylor.

¹⁸⁷ St. Amand, p. 37 and Descendants p. 62.

(b1) Ada Estelle Bland (September 3, 1872 - May 10, 1897) Ada was born and died in Grifton. ¹⁸⁸

(b2) Mary Elizabeth Bland (February 26 1875 - December 12, 1910) was born and died in Pitt County. Mary married Joseph Sharp Pittman (1870-1928) on September 25, 1895 in Swift Township in Pitt County. They had eight children.

(b3) Anna D. Bland (January 1877-living in 1900) born in Pitt County.

(b4) Zebulon B. Bland (January 1879-living in 1906) Zebulon suffered the loss of one leg. Nothing more is known of him.

(b5) Walter H. Bland (March 27, 1881 - October 22, 1890)

With Mary Tucker, Theophilus had the following children:

(b6) Ethel Rosemund Bland (June 8, 1888 -) was born in Kingston in Lenoir County North Carolina.

(b7) Myrtle A. Bland (August 28, 1890 - March 10, 1891).

(b8) Josephine Bland (October 1892-)

(b9) Harry T. Bland (June 1, 1896 - August 31, 1896).

(C) Martha Adelaide Bland (August 8, 1851 - July 22, 1905). Martha married Samuel Vines Laughinghouse (January 1844-) on April 27, 1890 in Contentena, Pitt County North Carolina. Martha is buried at the St. John's Episcopal Church in Pitt County.

(d) William Barnes "Buck" Bland (March 1, 1853 - February 17, 1924) married Carrie Louisa Smith (March 1851 - March 10, 1946) in Pitt County on November 14, 1877. On October 5 1900, the Greenville Eastern Reflector reported that William Barnes Bland got into a deadly fight with his younger brother "Kit" who was cut so badly that he died. William apparently fled from justice but turned himself in on October 23. Available sources are silent about what ultimate punishment William suffered. ¹⁸⁹ Children of William Barnes Bland and Carrie Louisa Smith were:

(d1) Eva Bland (1879-) married Hugh Langston (C1872-) on January 7, 1896 at Swift Creek Township in Pitt County.

(d2) William Herman Bland (March 1885 - March 20, 1941) William was born and died in Pitt County. He married Sarah Frances "Sallie" Stokes (C1889-) on August 30, 1908 in Pactolas in Pitt County. They had seven children.

¹⁸⁸ Billy Bland to Charles L. Bland, E-mail, February 3, 2001. Elizabeth H. Copeland, Ex. Ed., Chronicles of Pitt County North Carolina (1982) p. 193 # 374. This source cited Ada Estelle Bland incorrectly as the sister of Theophilus Bland (1850-1896).

¹⁸⁹ Descendants, P. 65. Billy Bland thinks that William Barnes got off on a self-defense pleas but this is not confirmed.

(d3) Walter D. Bland (October 1887 -) was born in Pitt County.

(e) Sarah Elizabeth Bland (July 2, 1854 - April 1, 1944) born probably in Grifton. Sarah married George Hellen (C1862-) on August 18, 1885 at Swift Creek Township in Pitt County.

(f) Edward Augustus Bland born probably in Grifton, (December 13, 1855 - October 25, 1901). Edward, called "a prosperous merchant" lived his life in Pitt County. He married Gertrude Green (October 4, 1871 - January 5, 1926) in Contentena in Pitt County, on January 1, 1890. Children of Edward Augustus Bland and Gertrude Green were: ¹⁹⁰

(f1) Hector D. Bland (August 20, 1894-) Hector married Viola Louise Turner on January 2, 1920. They had one child.

(f2) Wolga Bland (November 22, 1897-) married Wilhelmina Rein on October 25, 1920.

(f3) Mattie Bonilyn Bland (November 20, 1899 - November 25, 1900).

(g) James Lanier Bland (February 4, 1858 - June 22, 1938). James was born in Grifton and died in Craven County North Carolina. James married (1st) Julia C. Dixon, (February 6, 1852 - September 24, 1897) in Craven County on December 24, 1879. James Lanier and Julia lived in Pitt County until about 1893, when they moved to Epworth, in Craven County North Carolina. They were members of the Epworth United Methodist Church, where both are buried, and James operated a country store in both Pitt and Craven Counties. James children with Julia Dixon were:

(g1) John Thomas Bland (October 24, 1880 - December 9, 1944) lived his life in Greenville, Pitt County. John Thomas married Mabel Morris (January 5, 1887-) in 1916 in Washington, Beaufort County North Carolina. They had four children.

(g2) Margaret Josephine Bland, (December 6, 1882 -) who married Lancaster

(g3) Jesse Murphy Bland, (May 9, 1885 -)

(g4) Joseph House Bland (September 12, 1887 -

(g5) Daniel Reed or Reid Bland (December 19, 1889 -)

(g6) 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

¹⁹⁰ An alternate date of birth for Edward Augustus Bland is June 4, 1851, which is cited in Descendants p. 65, but is thought to be incorrect.

of corn, cotton, soybeans and tobacco whose relaxation was baseball and western movies.¹⁹¹ George and Maye had three children.

(g7) Rosa Lee Bland (April 1, 1894 -) married Pittman.

(g8) James Franklin Bland (May 5, 1897 -)

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

(g9) Myrtle Miranda Bland (December 15, 1899 - August 19, 1980). Myrtle was born in Pitt County and died in Wilson, Wilson County North Carolina. She married Henry Huff (1885-1937). They had two children.

(g10) Raliegth Hudnell Bland (January 12, 1901 or 1902 - August 28, 1962). Raliegth (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.

(g11) Robert Glenn Bland (August 24, 1907 - October 11, 1979) Robert married Lemmie Allen (-1980). They had one child.

(g12) Durwood or Derwood 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 sixty nine, 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:¹⁹²

(g13) Jacob Lanier Bland (October 12, 1929 -) was born at Craven County North Carolina. Jacob married Edith Stratton Sanford (March 23, 1933 -) at Jackson Mississippi on April 21, 1956.¹⁹³

¹⁹¹ 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,

¹⁹² Descendants p. 68 states that James and Roxy were married in 1932, which seems to be in error.

¹⁹³ 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.

(g14) Richard "Dick" Smith Bland (1931 - 1965) married Cornelia Matthews.

(g15) Lois Jean Bland (1933 -) married Donald Smith Judge.

(g16) Bill Lipscomb Bland (1935 -) married Sandra _____.

(h) Richard Ervin "Dick" Bland (April 11 or 13, 1860 - December 21, 1949) ¹⁹⁴ Richard was born at Grifton. He married Louisa Faulkner.

(i) Mary Josephine Bland (October 3, 1861 - April 15, 1889). Mary was born in Grifton. She married A.W. Jones (C1861-) on December 21, 1887 in Swift Creek Township, Pitt County.

(j) Christopher Adrian Bland (November 25, 1863 - October 5, 1900). Christopher lived his life at Grifton. He married Irena Oliver (C1874-) on December 9, 1896 in Pitt County. Christopher Bland was a police officer who on December 8, 1886 struck one John Cannon on the head with his billy-club and killed him. A jury acquitted Christopher of homicide, finding that he acted in the line of duty. On November 9, 1892, while under attack by two abusive Black men, Christopher struck one with "something" that fractured the man's skull. Christopher was killed by his older brother William Barnes Bland during a fight on or about October 5, 1900. ¹⁹⁵

(k) Elsie or Elsa Ann Pamela Bland (January 13, 1866 - May 29, 1947). Elsie was born at Grifton.

(l) Ida Victoria Bland (July 25, 1868 - March 14, 1949, ¹⁹⁶ was born probably at Grifton. She married James Herbert Albritton on January 22, 1890 at Swift Creek Township, Pitt County.

(m) Claudius Franklin Bland (March 22, 1871 - June 21, 1936). Was born at Grifton and died in Greenville, also in Pitt County. He worked at least part of his life as Superintendent of the Water Works. He married Minnie Coral Gabriel on January 8, 1896. Their children were:

(m1) Claudius Franklin Bland (August 21, 1900 - January 10, 1979) Claudius died at Henderson in Henderson County North Carolina.

(m2) Mary Carol Bland

(m3) Roscoe Barnes Bland (November 26, 1911 - September 1, 1987). Roscoe died at Framville in Pitt County.

¹⁹⁴ Descendants sets the date of Richard's death as October 1949.

¹⁹⁵ Descendants, pp. 64, 70-71

¹⁹⁶ Descendants states that Ida was born in 1869.

C. THEOPHILUS BLAND (April 14, 1768 - July 4, 1832), ¹⁹⁷ who about 1790/1795 married Sarah Joiner (C1770 - 1840) ¹⁹⁸. 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 Bartlett, Shelby County Tennessee. ¹⁹⁹ Their children were: ²⁰⁰

(1). John Bland Jr. (C1796/1798 - after 1864). John was born in Pitt County and died in Mexico. John seems to have had more wives than Blue Beard. John married (1st) Virginia Jane Moore (C1801 - 1831) in Pitt County on December 19 or 21, 1821, (Jane and Betsy Ann Moore, wife of Levin Bland, (C below) were sisters, daughters of Obediah Moore). John moved to Shelby County Tennessee about 1828-1830. He married (2nd) Virginia Short about 1833 in Shelby County Tennessee. John married (3rd) Nancy Choate Wheeler on July 5 or 7, 1836 in Shelby County Tennessee. John married (4th) Victoria _____ about 1847 and moved to California. John may then have moved to Texas where he married (5th) Isabella Coombs (October 13, 1826 - September 29, 1915). ²⁰¹ From Texas, John evidently

¹⁹⁷ 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."

¹⁹⁸ Descendants, P. 6.

¹⁹⁹ 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. Descendants p. 7.

²⁰⁰ 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, March 21, 1999.

²⁰¹ Descendants p. 18-25, states that John moved from Tennessee to Harrison County Texas and then to Santa Clara County California. He was on a ship manifest at San Francisco from New Orleans on March 28, 1849. Finally he moved to Mexico about 1864. While there he drowned and his hat was returned to Isabella, his last wife. Isabella subsequently moved her remaining family to California, where she remarried to Marcus Jackson. On February 22, 1834, John purchased a Negro boy from the estate of his father, for \$376. I am repeating a note from AC 15-17, though the evidence of five wives noted in the new evidence, hardly makes it possible that John could have packed in three more. Known as John Jr. because of his uncle John (1762-1823), John probably moved to Shelby County with his brothers. 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

went to New Orleans and from there returned to California. Later in his life, he moved to Mexico, where he died by drowning. John's children with Virginia Jane Moore were:

(a) Jacqueline Ann Bland (C1823 - July 10, 1907) was born in Pitt County North Carolina and died in San Francisco California. She married (1st) Samuel Pike Hall (1815-1860) on October 13, 1841 in Marshall, Harrison County Texas. They had seven children. Jacqueline married (2nd) Albert A. Moore on January 7, 1871.

(b) John Bland ²⁰² (C1829-) John was born in Pitt County. He went to California with his father. As late as 1880, apparently unmarried, John was living with his step-mother Isabella Coombs and Step Father Marcus Jackson in San Jose California.

© Stewart Bland (C1830 -)

(d) Richard Bland (C1831 - after 1852) Richard went to California with his father. He was still living in Santa Clara County California as late as 1852.

Children of John Bland and Nancy Choate Wheeler are:

(e) William Augustus Bland, (C1836 - after 1901) noted in 1857, as a minor child of John Bland and Nancy Choate Wheeler, William married Sarah _____ (C1836-) from Ireland, about 1859. William was living in San Luis, Obispo County California as late as March 23, 1901.

(f) Victoria Bland, (C1841-) Noted in 1857 as a minor child of John Bland and Nancy Choate Wheeler.

(g) Theophilus Bland, (C1841-) born in Texas. John was noted in 1857 as a minor child of John Bland and Nancy Choate Wheeler.

Children of John Bland and Victoria _____ are:

(h) Charles Isaac Bland (C1848-1885) Charles was born in Texas. He was the sheriff of Los Angeles County from 1872 to 1884 but was in Maricopa County Arizona by May 31, 1884 and died at Prescott, Yavapai County Arizona.

(i) Nettie Bland (C1849-) Nettie died aboard ship on the way to California with her father, so she died as an infant.

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.

²⁰² 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, 40th Regiment, North Carolina Troops. He died February 20, 1862 of disease. AC 1-1, Attachment 6.

Children of John Bland and Isabella Coombs are:

(j) Lucy Bland (C1851-) born in California. Lucy was enumerated in the 1870 census. Lucy married Isaac Goodman.

(k) Emma Bland (April 30, 1852 - April 30, 1914) was born in California and died in San Jose, Santa Clara County California.

(l) Edward Bland (C1857-after1880) Edward was born in California. As late as 1880, Edward was living with his mother and her husband Marcus Jackson.

(m) Telegraph G. Bland (August 8, 1859 - May 17, 1930). Telegraph was born at Los Gratos, Santa Clara California and died at Mohave County Arizona.

(n) Jefferson Bland (C1862-after 1880)

(2) Ely, Ellie, Elvanna or Elvy Bland (C1796/1797 - After 1851) married Robert Knox (January 16, 1781 - January 29, 1851) on November 16, 1815 in Pitt County. Ellie and Robert evidently went to Jonesville, Harrison County Texas about 1843. Ellie and Robert are buried at the Concord Cemetery in Harrison County. They had ten children.²⁰³

(3) Levin Bland (August 20, 1798 - January 1849) Levin was born in Pitt County and died in St. Francis County Arkansas. Levin married Elizabeth "Betsy" Ann Moore, on January 29, 1824 in Pitt County, a sister of Jane Moore, wife of John Bland (A above).²⁰⁴ Levin and Elizabeth moved to Shelby County Tennessee about 1830.²⁰⁵ and from thence in 1848 to St. Francis County Arkansas, just across the border from Shelby County Tennessee and lived out their lives there. Their children were:

(a) Benjamin Franklin Bland (C1824-1861/1865). Benjamin was born in Pitt County North Carolina and died in Arkansas. He had land in Woodruff County Arkansas as early as 1850. Benjamin served as a corporal in the Arkansas First Mounted Rifles, CSA, and was discharged August 20, 1861. He married Lucy L. Lurry in 1843.²⁰⁶

²⁰³ Descendants, pp. 25-27, 76ff.

²⁰⁴ 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.

²⁰⁵ 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. Children were born to Levin in Pitt County as late as February 1829. George Bland shows that Levin had land in Shelby County Tennessee that was surveyed on April 7, 1830. He last spears in Shelby County Records in November 17, 1848 and on January 1850, a mortality schedule in St. Francis County Arkansas shows he died of an inflammation of the brain. Elizabeth Bland remarried to J. Jonas, November 18, 1847, with her sister Jane Moore Bland serving as security.

²⁰⁶ Gottschalk, p. 39. Benjamin's landholdings appear in Descendants, P. 16. George Bland also has a latter date of death than earlier established hence it appears here as 1861/1865.

(b) Mary Jane Bland (C1826-1867) born in Pitt County, who married Nathan Gregory on January 19, 1843 in Shelby County Tennessee.

(c) Sarah Ann Bland (1828-1863). Born in Pitt County. Sarah married R.G. Brittain (C1826-living in 1889) in 1849. Sarah and R. G. Brittain went to Arkansas where he served in the Mexican American War in 1846. Following the war, Brittain and Sarah Bland settled in Arkansas and he entered the ministry. They had two children.

(d) James T. Bland (February 2, 1829 - January 5, 1869). James was born in Pitt County North Carolina. James was a well to do farmer and slave-holder. He did not enlist in the Civil War but helped the wives of soldiers who did. He was "murdered" by the occupation government, on orders of Governor Powell Clayton, during the Reconstruction period at Woodruff County Arkansas, which was carved from St. Francis Arkansas in 1862. James was married twice, (1st) 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:

(d1) Lee Ander Bland (December 18, 1854 or 1855 - January 4, 1941). Born in Arkansas, Lee Ander is buried at Mounds Oklahoma. On October 20, 1876, Lee Ander married Cornelia Frances Helm (September 16, 1859 - December 14, 1910) in 1876 in Lacrosse, IZARD County Arkansas. Cornelia is buried at Melbourne Arkansas. Lee Ander Bland and Cornelia Helm had a family of thirteen children.²⁰⁷

(d2) William Bland (June 1, to June 20, 1858)

James married (2nd) Lucy A. Perry (C1838-September 18, 1869) at Augusta, St. Francis County Arkansas, on December 8, 1858. Their children were:

(d3) 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 Feliciana Parish, Wilson Louisiana, on December 8, 1897.²⁰⁸

(d4) Gustaroy Bland (December 8, 1861 - September 23, 1863)

²⁰⁷ The children are detailed in AC 8-1, pp. 25-26. CF Watkins, who was descended from Lee Ander's daughter Mary Julia.

²⁰⁸ 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) Robert (Bob) Bland (1831-1862) Robert was born in Shelby County Tennessee. He served with the CSA as a Lieutenant in Company C, 37th Arkansas Infantry, CSA.

(f) Levin Bland (1833-1852)

(g) John Bland (1835 - April 1, 1864) John was a Captain in Company D, 32nd Arkansas Infantry, CSA. John was a Company Commander of conscripts and deserters. He was severely wounded in his arm at the Battle of Helena on July 4, 1863. He was killed in action at the Battle of Fitzhugh Woods Farm, Woodruff County Arkansas.²⁰⁹

(h) Lucy Bland (1840-1862)

(i) Wesley or Westley Bland (1840-1851)

(j) Lafayette Bland (1846/1847 -) Lafayette was a Private in Company C, 37th Arkansas Infantry. He enlisted at age 16 April 30, 1862, and was discharged July 17, 1862.²¹⁰

(4) Mary or Mary Anna Maryanza Bland (March 1, 1802 -) married Cullen Moore (November 12, 1797 -) (not related to the above Moores) on February 3, 1820.

(5) Hyland Bland (1805/1806 - April 13, 1851),²¹¹ was born in Pitt County. He moved with his parents to Shelby County Tennessee.²¹² Hyland married Sarah Moyer (c1807/1812 - after 1860) on July 27, 1826, probably in Pitt County North Carolina. Their children were:

(a) Wyatt Bland (c1835- living in 1860) According to one source, Wyatt married Elizabeth A. Minnick or Minnich.²¹³

(b) Jessie Lawrence "Tobe" Bland (February 12, 1838 - July 11, 1924). Jesse was born and died in Shelby County Tennessee and was buried at the Bland Cemetery in Bartlett. He married "Mattie I." Seward Marks (September 26, 1844 - January 30, 1917).²¹⁴ They had three children:

(b1) _____ Bland who married Thomas Ervin Coulter.

(b2) Gertrude Bland who married _____ Locke.

²⁰⁹ For John's military service, see Descendants, pp. 17-18.

²¹⁰ Descendants, P. 18.

²¹¹ Descendants pp. 29ff.

²¹² 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.

²¹³ Ibid.

²¹⁴ 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. Cf, George Bland, p. 31.

- (b3)Maude Bland, who married _____ Jeffries
(C) Sarah Jane Bland (1845/1846 - April 2, 1934) Sarah was born and died in Shelby County Tennessee. She married (1st) John Henry Kuhl and (2nd) Johnson "Jack" Reece on September 14, 1865 in Shelby County Tennessee.²¹⁵
- (d) Levin Bland (C1848- living in 1860)

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.²¹⁶

(6) Theophilus Bland (March 12, 1807 - July 8, 1865) was born in Pitt County North Carolina and he died in Shelby County Tennessee. He married Adeline Adams (January 28, 1818 -) in Shelby County Tennessee on April 27, 1834.²¹⁷ Adeline was born in Virginia. Their children were:

(a) Sylvia or Sylina Molly Bland (May 29, 1835 - August 9 or 10, 1925). Sylina lived her life in Shelby County Tennessee. She married her cousin William Seth Wheatley Montgomery, (May 11, 1836 - December 21, 1909) a son of Sarah Bland and John Montgomery on September 4, 1856 in Shelby County.

(b) Robert A. Bland (March 31, 1837 - March 13, 1913) lived his life in Shelby County. He married Sarah Jane Tate, (-1899) in Shelby County.²¹⁸

(c) Mary Lucinda Bland (April 20, 1838 - April 17, 1843).

(d) Ormond Knox Bland (March 3 or 5, 1842 - May 5, 1862). Ormond lived his life in Shelby County.

(e) Sarah Elizabeth Bland (June 20, 1844 - July 13, 1928) married John L. Seward. Sarah lived her life in Shelby County.

(f) John Joiner Bland (October 19, 1846 - November 19, 1846)

(g) Catherine J.A. "Kate" Bland (June 25, 1848 - May 9 or 10, 1924) married C.W. Dickey. Catherine lived her life in Shelby County.

(h) Alice Bland (May 4, 1850 -) married Jim Waddell.

(i) Anna Elizabeth Bland (February 23, 1852 to October 9 or 10, 1938) Anna lived her life in Shelby County.

²¹⁵ E-Mail, Jimmy Pardue to Charles L. Bland, March 21, 1999.

²¹⁶ 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.

²¹⁷ Gottschalk, p. 37. Information in the Fischer file suggests that Adeline Adams was born in Loudon County Virginia. George Bland, pp. 31-35.

²¹⁸ Descendants p. 33. Sarah Made her will August 3, 1896 and it was probated December 23, 1899. E-mail, Billy Bland to Charles L. Bland, February 4 and 5, 2001.

(j) Martha Jane Bland (January 25, 1854 - August 30, 1860). Martha lived her life in Shelby County.

(k) Minor Bland (January 15, 1856 - after March 3, 1913) married Margaret Williams.

(l) William Henry Bland (March or May 14, 1861 - July 1917)²¹⁹ Born in Shelby County 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.²²⁰ He married (1st) Susan Seward by whom he had:

(11) Harvey Bland

(12) Troy Bland Both these boys moved to Little Rock Arkansas in their adult life.

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

(13) Leland Bland Leland worked for her pa.

(14) Lucille Bland Lucille graduated from the University of Arkansas.

(7) Isaac Bland (December 24, 1810 -) married Tibitha Reed/Read Ellis on November 12, 1834 in Shelby County.²²¹ They had three children:

(a) Benilla Bland

(b) Ellia or Elizabeth Bland

(c) Markam Conway Bland²²²

(8) William Henry Bland (April 29, 1812 - June 25, 1852) William was born in Pitt County and died in Shelby County. He is buried at the Bland Cemetery in Bartlett. He married Sutia or Satira Montgomery Gibson, (August 8, 1811 -) on June 30, 1842.²²³ Their children were:

(a) George Rolly Bland (- October 12, 1915) George married Mary Ann O'Conner on December 15, 1885 in St. Peter's Church, Memphis, Shelby County Tennessee. They had four children:

(a1) Basil Alexander Bland married Aline Clancy.

(a2) Urquhardt Bland (a daughter) married Henry Albert Burkhardt.

²¹⁹ 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.

²²⁰ The Centennial History of Arkansas, Vol 2, p. 79 cited in AC 2-1, p. 23, found in Gottschalk, p. 37.

²²¹ Descendants pp 35-37. 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.

²²² This may be Markham Bland who married _____ Conway.

²²³ Descendants pp. 37-39. Attachment to letter from Mollie Grant to Jane Fischer, December 26, 1973, Fischer File. I lean to the name Sutia rather than Satira. Per Cargill and Connelly, Sutia was married to Isaac Gibson in Lawrence County Alabama on June 24, 1830. Sanford shows that Sutia was named Lutia in the 1850 Census of Shelby County Tennessee, where she appeared with Children named Gibson and Bland.

(a3) George Anderson Bland who married Catherine Wadley.

(a4) Mary Ann Bland who married Major Reyburn Engles of York, Pennsylvania. ²²⁴

(b) Texana Bland (C1848 -) married John Thomas Lees.

(c) William Henry Bland Jr. (C1844-)

(9) Elizabeth Bland (C1814 -) married Alfred Moore, (C1802- on January 19, 1832 in Shelby County Tennessee. They had five children. She may also have married William Rogers in 1841. ²²⁵

(10) Thulina Bland (C1815-1858) was born in Pitt County North Carolina and died in Shelby County Tennessee. She married John Kennedy (-1849) on March 17, 1832 in Shelby County Tennessee. They had three children. ²²⁶

(11) Sarah Bland (C1817 -) married (1st) John Wilson Montgomery on April 1835. Note above that their son Seth Wheatley Montgomery married his cousin Sylina Bland, daughter of Theophilus Bland (1807-1865). They had three children. Sarah married (2nd) James Davis on December 6, 1843. They had five or six children. ²²⁷

2. 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. ²²⁸ In 1765, William appears as witness to deeds in Edgecombe County. ²²⁹ William acquired 100 acres in Town Creek in 1770. ²³⁰ 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. Thus: ²³¹

A. William Bland (C1766-)

²²⁴ Parents of Jane Engles Fisher, an old correspondent.

²²⁵ Gottschalk, p. 39. Isaac Bland served as security. George Bland, pp. 27-29, suggests that Elizabeth was born about 1806.

²²⁶ Gottschalk, p. 39

²²⁷ Descendants, pp. 39-40.

²²⁸ 1790 Census, p. 68.

²²⁹ AC 6-2, p. 9, citing Edgecombe County Deed Book C, pp. 323, 405 and 480.

²³⁰ 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.

²²⁶ 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).

3. 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, 1786.²³² In the 1790 census, Thomas is found with an adult male, one male under 16 and three females.²³³ Thomas made out his will in Martin County, January 24, 1791 and it was probated in March 1791.²³⁴ This Thomas is found with a wife Sarah and children:

A. Thomas Bland (C1756 - 1800/1810)²³⁵ What has been said about the tenuous nature of evidence for the proposed family of Thomas Bland (C1712-1780) applies in spades with this Thomas. Hopefully with some more research, we can eliminate some of the uncertainties and suture the gaps that now dominate our examination of this man. Thomas was most favored in his father's will, receiving the plantation where his father lived and all his land, suggesting, though nothing is conclusive, that he was the eldest son of Thomas (1736-1791). Thomas married Sarah _____ name is unknown By his first wife, Thomas had:

(1). Charity Bland (September 11, 1786 - August 16, 1836). Cousin Rae Jean Hay of Cordova Tennessee²³⁶ refers to her third great grandmother as Charity Bland. Cousin Hay believes at least tentatively, that Charity is a daughter, rather than a sibling, of Thomas Bland (C1756-after 1800) and represents the daughter aged 0-9 enumerated in the 1800 Census. Charity married Moses Caten (December 29, 1783 - October 15, 1850) in Craven County North Carolina May 18, 1803.²³⁷

(2). Thomas Bland (C1793-1850/1850) A son was recorded in the 1800 census born between 0-9. I would suggest, very tentatively as always, that this is Thomas Bland, previously given as (C1806-1840/1850). He would be born no later than 1793 because on October 6, 1814, one Thomas Bland was compelled to cash in 48 acres in order to satisfy a debt to William Clark of Randolph County North Carolina.²³⁸ Thomas married (1st) an unknown lady and had by her:

- (a) Nancy Bland (C1830-) who married _____ Dowdy.
- (b) Elizabeth Bland (this girl may duplicate C below)

²³² Martin County North Carolina Will Book 1 (1774-1810), p. 445 and 123.

²³³ 1790 Census, p. 68.

²³⁴ 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.

²³⁵ In the 1800 Census of Beaufort County, though some information is confusing, it appears that the household of Thomas Bland includes one male and one female ages 26-44; one male 16-25; two males 0-9; one white female 0-9. Thomas does not reappear in the 1810 or 1820 Censuses suggesting that he died between 1800 and 1810.

²³⁶ Cousdin Hay has been most helpful in exploring this particular family group, though the uncertainties, I think, have left us both baffled. E-Mails, Rae Jean Hay to Charles L. Bland, February 5, 6 and 12, 2001.

²³⁷ This is admittedly a stab of faith. Charity would be 14 by 1800. E-Mail, Rae Jean Hay to Charles L. Bland, February 13, 2001. An inaccurate recording of a young daughters age is not out of the realm of possibility. Charity's dates are assigned by Rae Jean Hay, E-Mail to Charles L. Bland, December 3, 1998. Also, see AC 3-1, p. 13.

²³⁸ Jonathan B. Butcher to Jane Fisher, May 9, 1978, found in Fisher File.

About 1835, Thomas Bland (C1793-1850/1860) may have married (2nd) Hannah Keel (C1795-1840) of Edgecombe County, by whom he had: ²³⁹

(c) Elizabeth Bland (C1836 -). Elizabeth married Solomon Ives, in Craven County North Carolina on August 10, 1853. ²⁴⁰

About 1841, Thomas married to Catherine _____ (C1820-) by whom he had:

- (d) Mary Bland (C1842-)
- (e) Sabrina Bland (C1843-)
- (f) Hannah Bland (C1845-)
- (f) Lerena or Lorena Bland (C1849-)

By 1860, these 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.

(3) Unnamed Son, aged 0-9 in 1800 census.

B. 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:

(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. ²⁴¹

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

²³⁹ AC 5-1, P. 28, Also, E-Mail, Rae Jean Hay to Charles L. Bland, January 22, 2001, states that Hannah Taylor married Hardy Keel around 1794 and possibly married (2nd) Thomas Bland. The 1850 Census of Beaufort County North Carolina, Dwelling 1488, shows Hannah Bland, (age 55) living alone with a daughter Elizabeth (age 14). This juxtaposition of ages could give verity to the possibility that she is a younger Hannah, daughter of Hardy Keel and Hannah Taylor, who were married about 1794.

²⁴⁰ AC 3-1, p. 14. Previous information showed this marriage on July 14, 1853, but per E-mail from Rae Jean Hay to Charles L. Bland January 22, 2001, the earlier date was for recording of the marriage bond. Cousin Hay also reports that Solomon Ives was her great grandfather, and that story has it that his first two wives, Elizabeth was his first, died in childbirth.

²⁴¹ Notice posted in Genealogical Forum, April 6, 1998 and E-Mail by Jim Maxwell to Charles Bland, February 21, 1999.

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

1. JOSEPH TOBITHA BLAND (c1826-) Born in Washington, Beaufort County, Joseph married Margaret (C1836 -). Their children were: ²⁵⁴

A. 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 (1st) Alice Manning And they had a daughter:

(1) 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.

James Henry Bland married (2nd) Mary Ann Dew, (1857- July 10, 1936). ²⁵⁵ They were married in early 1887. Their children were:

(2) Simon Peter Bland (December, 1887-) married (1st) Elizabeth "Lizzie" Singleton, (1880-1912) by whom he had three children. (2nd) Josey Richardson by whom he had five children and (3rd) Unk Hucks.

(3) Mary Alice Bland (April 1890-) married Edward Richardson.

(4) 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. ²⁵⁶

(5) 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.

(6) Susan Gussie Bland (September 7, 1895 - August 3, 1899)

(7) Stella Gertrude Bland (March 18, 1899 - March 3, 1987). On December 20, 1915, Stella married William Henry Jordan.

B. Mary Bland (C1856 -)

C. Ellen Bland (C1858 -)

D. John Bland (c1860-)

²⁵⁴ 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,

²⁵⁵ Carlton Bland File, hereafter called Carlton Bland, Family Group Sheets and Photographs of Tombstones.

2. JOHN BLAND (C1815/1820 -) born near the Cross Roads Church in Martin County North Carolina. John married Penny Haislip (C1817/1824-) who was born near Hamilton in Martin County. Their children were: ²⁵⁷

A. William A. Bland (1842-)

B. James Bland (1844-)

C. Abner Bland (1846-)

D. John Bland (1848-) William A. Bland, James, Abner and John all served in the Civil War.

E. Dacie Carolina Bland (1850-)

F. Liza Penina Bland (1853-)

G. Reuben Bland (c1856-1921) If one thinks of statistics and not of the poor women who went through the child bearing ordeal of being married to him, Reuben Bland is the all time champion of contributors to Bland progeny. ²⁵⁸ Between them, Reuben's two wives bore him 34 children. ²⁵⁹ Reuben married Julia Coburn and:

- (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 Bland (November 3, 1881 - July 24, 1940). John married Mattie Spruill. John and Mattie's children include:
 - (a) Jasper Thomas Bland ²⁶⁰
 - (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 -) ²⁶¹

²⁵⁶ 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.

²⁵⁷ Bruce H. Bland Jr., Posting to Genforum, January 2, 2000. E-Mail, Bonnie King to Charles L. Bland, February 13, 2001.

²⁵⁸ Beverly Guthrie, Genealogical Forum (March 21, 1998)

²⁵⁹ Ac 9-2, p. 6 and Lynn Clinnard, Genealogy Forum, September 12, 1998.

²⁶⁰ Jasper was the father of Bruce H. Bland, Genealogical Forum June 29, 1998. A posting to Genforum by Allen Churchill August 9, 2000, showed that John Thomas had a daughter Nellie Grace Bland (1914-1984) who married George David Roberson (1913-1984)

- (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 -)²⁶²
- (19) Wiley H. Bland (July 5, 1901-)²⁶³
- (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-) Coy was the father of three children:²⁶⁴
- (a) Verna Bland, who married _____ Quidley.
- (b) Coy L. Bland Jr.
- (c) Glenda Bland who married _____ Wealton.
- (26) Albert Small Bland (February 18, 1910-)
- (27) Baby Girl Born Dead, (July 15, 1911-)
- (28) Jesse C. Bland (July 11, 1912-)
- (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

3. JOHN BLAND (C1815-1862) John Bland married Sidney Wharton (c1820 -) on December 26, 1841 in Craven County.²⁶⁵ 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, 3.²⁶⁶ 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

²⁶¹ How Julia Coburn gave birth to 5,6,7,8 in a space of five or six months is one of those biological contradictions to genealogical wisdom that must be worked out in time and with more information.

²⁶² Joseph was the grandfather of Lynn Cinnard, Genealogical Forum September 12, 1998.

²⁶³ William E. Bland, Genealogy Forum, June 6, 1999, indicates that he is a grandson of Wiley Bland.

²⁶⁴ Posting to Genforum by Regina Bland Stowe, August 25, 2000.

²⁶⁵ AC 3-1, p. 14.

²⁶⁶ Census of Craven County North Carolina, page 370, dwelling 1696.

this family resided in the Bay Creek area of Pamlico County (Pamlico was created from Craven and Beaufort County in 1872).²⁶⁷

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.

4. **THEOPHILUS BLAND** (C1814-1883) Halifax County records show a will by Theophilus Bland which doesn't seem to fit any of the identified Theophilus Blands located among the descendants of George Bland, (1734-1797). The date of the will is indeterminate. An administrator was appointed on January 15, 1883. Heirs of Theophilus Bland were listed as:²⁶⁸

- A. **Thaddeus Bland**
- B. **Susan Bland** who married Mr. Barfield
- C. **James Bland**
- D. **Lee Bland** a minor
- E. **Addy Bland** a minor
- F. **Fanny Bland** a minor

Theophilus Bland married Mary Joyner in Halifax County on August 19, 1845.²⁶⁹ 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.

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

- A. **James Bland** (C1820-)
- B. **John Bland** (C1838-)

6. **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-).

²⁶⁷ Chris Gates, Genealogical Forum (June 27, 1999). Census of Craven County North Carolina. E-Mail, Chris Gates to Charles L. Bland, July 19, 1999.

²⁶⁸ David B. Gammon, Compiler, Records of Estates of Halifax County North Carolina, I, (1816-1823, 1865-1900), p. 8.

²⁶⁹ AC 3-1, p. 14, AC 15-17, p. 107 and , Theophilus Bland (1768-1832), a son of George Bland (1734-1797) married Sarah Joiner. This would suggest a close kindred relation with names and surnames of wives, but I do not see how this Theophilus fits into the family and descendant of George Bland (1734-1797).

7. WILLIAM BLAND (C1805-) of Martin County, married (1st) a woman whose name was unknown, by whom he had:²⁷⁰

A. James Theodorick Bland (C1842-)

B. Penelope Bland (C1857-) Penelope married John Grimes on July 31, 1881 in Martin County.

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

C. James Bland (C1862-) who married Susan _____.

D. William Thomas Bland (1864-1936) who married Addie Bland.

E. Nancy A. Bland (C1865-) who married Max Chrisenberry on September 2, 1888.

F. Henry Bland

G. Simon Turner Bland (April 28, 1869 - January 4, 1910) who married Huldah Virginia Everett on August 12, 1891.

The 1850 Census of Pitt County shows three Bland women living in separate homes, but without any apparent affiliation within the George Bland family:

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

2. AMANDA BLAND (C1832-) lives in Dwelling 785 near Theophilus and Mary (Dwelling 800) with Samuel Smith (C1823-).

3. SABRINA BLAND (C1835-) lives in Dwelling 893 with James Elks (C1825-).

Other North Carolina Families

I am grateful to Cousin Kerri Eason of Valdosta Georgia for helping to update information about the Blands of Bulloch County Georgia. Kerri descends from William Bland (C1794-1875) and Susannah Alderman (1795-1880) who moved into Bulloch County Georgia from Duplin County North Carolina about 1816. Their son:

1. JAMES BLAND (1817-1893) married Milbrey (not Malberry) Smith (1824-1904) on November 30, 1842 in Bulloch County Georgia and they moved to Hamilton County Florida and had twelve children.²⁷¹ Of most interest to Kerri Eason is:

A. Theodore Bland (November 28, 1856 - March 13, 1896). Theodore married Cornelia Prather (- October 11, 1899) on December 8, 1884.²⁷²

I am pleased to display photos of Millbrey Smith and her son Theodore on the following page:

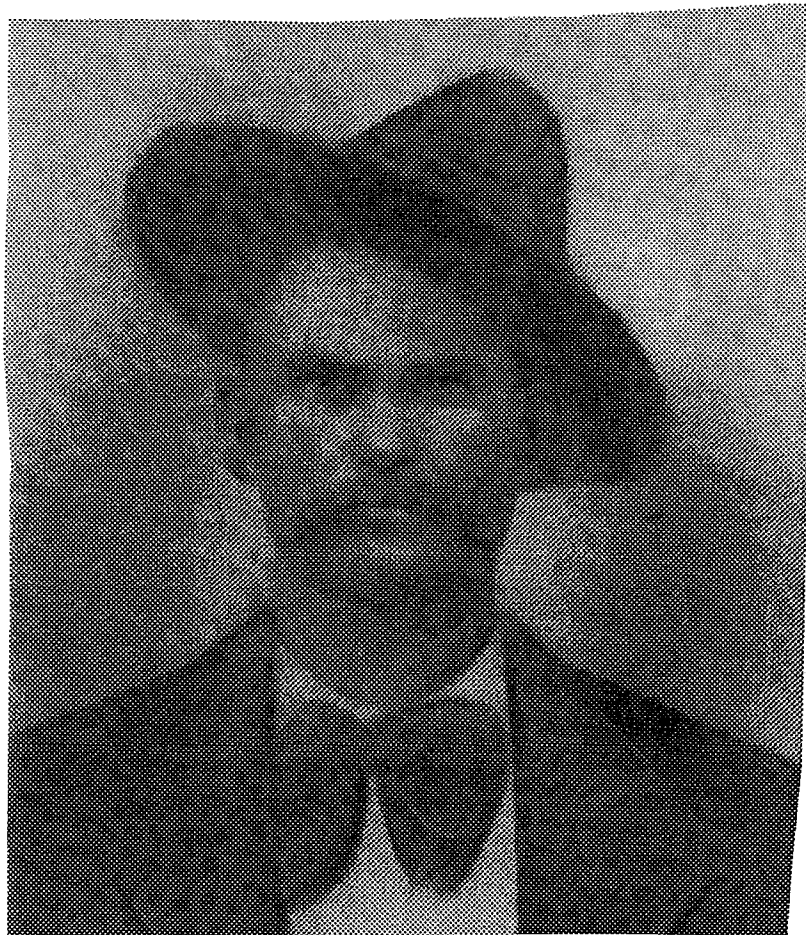
²⁷⁰ AC 5-1, p. 30.

²⁷¹ AC 14, pp. 31-33.

²⁷² E-Mails, Kerri Eason to Charles L. Bland, December 28, 2000; March 4, 2001. Also, Kerri Eason to Charles L. Bland, May 6, 2000, Family Bible records reinforce the information first displayed in AC 14, p. 32.



Milbrey Smith Bland (1824-1904)
And her son Theodore Bland
(1856-1896) courtesy of
Kerri Bland Eason



THE BLANDS OF EDGEFIELD COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA
AND NELSON COUNTY KENTUCKY

DESCENDANTS OF OSBORNE BLAND OF NELSON COUNTY KENTUCKY (also see discussion above, pp. 60-72) Osborne's second son was:

1. OSBORNE BLAND JR. (C1774-1849) called Osborne Junior for the sake of distinction from his father. Osborne married Patsy Donahoo (C1784-1848) Osborne ultimately moved his family to Greene County Indiana about 1838 and settled into Greene County Indiana at Richland Township. Osborne and Patsy had twelve children. Of particular interest here is:

A. James Bland (C1813-1880/1890) James was probably born in Cumberland County Kentucky and died after 1880 and before 1890 in Greene County Indiana. He married the widow Lydia Burch Shaver (C1810/1817-living in 1870) James and Lydia had a family of eleven children. Here we are especially interested in:²⁷³

(1) William Bland (1838-) who married Mary T. Skinner (1838-) on January 4, 1858 in Owen County Indiana. Their children, all born in Indiana, were:

(a) Elzie V. Bland (June 1859 -) married Alice Lyons about 1891

(b) Elvira Bland, (May 1862 - 1939) Was born in Green County Indiana. Elzie is buried at the Zion Cemetery, Linn Creek Missouri. She married William Stamper on March 7, 1878.

(c) Anvern Mack Bland (May 2, 1863 - February 5, 1949), Anvern was born in Greene County Indiana and died in Brown County Kansas. He married Mary Ann Sanders (November 13, 1863 - July 2, 1926) on July 4, 1889. They had five children: Golden Bland; Gertie Bland; Lola Grace Bland (1900-1962), who married George Henry Soden on March 11, 1921.²⁷⁴; Cecil Bland and Anvern Bland Jr. I am pleased to display a photograph of Anvern Bland made 1946-1947 on page 134.

(d) Minnie Bland (February 13, 1865 - September 27, 1920). Minnie was born in Greene County Indiana and died in Camden County Missouri. She married John Walton Jeffries on March 17, 1886 in Camden County.

(e) Alice Bland (C1866 - 1960). Alice was born in Indiana. She married Robert Livingston

²⁷³ In the 1850 Census, Lydia is enumerated as age 40. Per Jean Engle of Sperry Oklahoma, Lydia gave her age in 1870 as 53, meaning of course that she only aged 13 years in 20 years. See AC 15-17, p. 56. James and Lydia were parents of Roland Wallace Bland, who married Elizabeth Edmund Bingham, ancestral grandparents of a long time correspondent Pamela Sparks Jones Wilkerson of Oaktown Indiana and a newcomer Tondra Bland Varnadoe of Lake Worth Florida. Cf e-mail, Charles L. Bland to Pam Jones and Tondra Varnadoe, July 31, 2000.

²⁷⁴ E-Mail, Sharilyn Gilbert to Charles L. Bland, October 3, 2000. Lola and George had four children including George William Soden who was the father of my correspondent Sharilyn Gilbert.

(f) Alvin Elmer Bland, (June 23, 1867 - February 15, 1947), was born at Spencer, Owen County Indiana and died Hiawatha, Brown County Kansas. He is buried at the Miller Cemetery in Everest, Brown County Kansas. Alvin married (1st) Minnie Dellphine Sipe or Sype on June 7, 1891 at Iberia, Miller County Missouri, and (2nd) Martha Ann Shipman on June 7, 1891 at Hiawatha, Brown County Kansas . ²⁷⁵

(g) Armeda Bland (September 5, 1871 - July 14, 1946). Armeda was born in Spencer, Owen County Indiana and she died in Robinson Kansas. She is buried at the Miller Cemetery in Everest, Brown County Kansas. She married Noah Frank Hedrick at Camdenton Missouri about 1888.

(h) Andrew M. Bland (C1873-1924) was born in Indiana and died in Camden County Missouri. Andrew is buried at the Zion Cemetery in Linn Creek Missouri. He married Nancy H. Pemberton on January 27, 1903.

(i) Ira Bland (August 1875 - July 31, 1931) Ira was born in Indiana and died in Brown County Kansas. He is buried at The Miller Cemetery in Everest, Brown County Kansas.

Anvern Mac Bland (1863-1947)
Courtesy of Sharilynn Gilbert

²⁷⁵ Family Group Sheets, Stella Mae Williams to Charles L. Bland, January 26, 2001. E-mail, Stella Mae Williams to Charles L. Bland, October 11, 2000. A son, Terry Tory Bland (May 11, 1901- May 11, 1981) married Viola Pearl Smith in Del Norte Colorado on November 24, 1928. They were parents of four children including my correspondent Stella Mae Bland Williams.

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN PRESTLEY BLAND OF EDGEFIELD COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

During the last year, I was pleased to receive from a new cousin, Johnny Ferguson of Mount Washington Kentucky, information about his line of descent from this family that enhances what we know about the family of:

1. JOHN PRESTLEY BLAND (July 31, 1815 - July 1887). John Prestley Bland was the eldest son of Presley Bland (1767-1838) of Edgefield County South Carolina, and his wife Martha Barrentine or Barrenton.²⁷⁶ John married Martha Adaway Cogburn (September 10, 1815 to June 28, 1868)²⁷⁷ in Edgefield County South Carolina.²⁷⁸ By 1840, they had moved to Charleston South Carolina. John died in Edgefield County South Carolina and Martha died in Granitsville South Carolina, which was in the section of Edgefield County that became Aiken County in 1871. They had ten children, who have been previously articulated. Of particular interest is their daughter:

(A) Mary Emma Bland (January 9, 1850 - November 30, 1931), who married Bernard Scott Bennett, (January 14, 1844 - January 27, 1921) who was born at Elk Creek in Spencer County Kentucky. They were married in Graniteville South Carolina on July 20, 1865 just two months after Bernard was mustered out of service with the Confederacy in May 1865. According to an account provided by Johnny Ferguson, following his discharge Bernard went to Graniteville South Carolina where lived a lovely lass by the name of Mary Emma Bland. Bernard had met her while stationed at Granitville. After their marriage, they lived in Granitville for two years and moved to Spencer County Kentucky, Bernard's home, and in 1886 moved to Louisville Kentucky.²⁷⁹ Both Bernard Bennett and Mary Emma Bland Bennett are buried at the Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville, Jefferson County Kentucky. Mary Emma gave birth to fourteen children:

- (1) Edward Joseph Bennett (1866-1944). Edward married Mary Magdalen Karl on December 18, 1889.
- (2) Mattie Elvina Bennett (1867-1952) married _____ on December 18, 1889, in a double wedding with brother Edward (1 above).
- (3) Quinton Hasden Bennett (1869-1875)
- (4) Lina Bennett (1871-1914) married George John Krim on October 5, 1893.
- (5) Dixie Bland Bennett (1873-1894) married Robert G. Sutton on October 5, 1890.

²⁷⁶ Johnny Ferguson to Charles L. Bland, August 14, 1999. CF VU, pp. 510-511. The spelling of his middle name Prestley appears consistent in the record, and there is no explanation why it differs slightly from his father's name.

²⁷⁷ Martha's date of death is listed by her daughter Mary Emma Bland Bennett in a letter to Mamie Bland Goodwin, June 10, 1925, sent to Charles Bland by Bland Goodwin.

²⁷⁸ Bible Record of Bernard Scott Bennett and Mary Emma Bland cites year of John's death as 1887, though prior sources had it at 1889. Martha's dates supersede prior dates of September 18, 1814. I believe a Bible Record is superior to all but tombstone markings.

²⁷⁹ Ibid, also CF AC 6-1, p. 17 and AC 11-2, p 11. .

- (6) Nannie Ora Bennett (1875-1972) married John Banks Helm on March 21, 1906.
- (7) Annie Allie Bennett (1876-1898)
- (8) Julia Bennett (1878-1901)
- (9) Mary Scott Bennett (1879-1971) married (1st) William W. Howard on December 24, 1906. Mary married (2nd) Joseph Salteberg.
- (10) Zilpah Mayme Bennett (1881-1909) married Louis Robert Schwench on October 1, 1906.
- (11) Joie Vergie Pierce Bennett (1883-1976) married Charles Todd Gardner on May 10, 1917.
- (12 and 13) Chester Heady Burch Bennett and Albert Frank Alma Bennett (1888-1889) twin brothers.
- (14) A still born child, birthdate unknown. ²⁸⁰

Mary Emma was fond of saying that she had thirteen daughters and each of her daughters had a brother. Mary Emma also became famous locally for her proclamation: "If I am ever unconscious, just feed me ice cream." ²⁸¹ I am pleased to display below photographs of Martha Adaway Cogburn and her daughter Mary Emma Bland and husband Bernard Scott Bennett on pages 138-140.

Bernard Scott Bennett's parents were Joseph Heady Bennett (February 24, 1794 - November 2, 1887) born in Nelson County Kentucky. Joseph died in Louisville Kentucky. Bernard's mother was Susan Wingfield Overton (October 21, 1800 - October 22, 1871) born in Washington County Kentucky and died in Spencer County. ²⁸²

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM BLAND OF NELSON AND HARDIN COUNTIES KENTUCKY

Interestingly, a new correspondent, Dorothy Bearden Heaner of Dallas Texas, highlights a Bland/Bennett connection that is most probably from the same Bennett family. It involves a daughter of:

²⁸⁰ Johnny Ferguson calls attention to an article written on Emma's 78th birthday that states Emma had eighteen children.

²⁸¹ Among these fourteen was Edward Joseph Bennett (1866-1944) who married Mary Magdalen Karl (1869-1953). They were parents of Sherley Bennett (1910-) who married Samuel Alonzo Ferguson., (1916-1993) They were parents of Johnny Ferguson Sr., who married Sherley Lynn Bennett and they were parents of Johnny Ferguson Jr. my correspondent. I am also grateful for the written contributions to this essay of Bland Goodwin, Augusta Georgia, Letter to Charles L. Bland, January 10, 2001.

²⁸² This information is from a copy of a bible record supplied by Johnny Ferguson.

1. WILLIAM BLAND (1765-1850) who married Sarah Peake (1769-1844). William was born in Virginia and accompanied his parents to settle in Nelson County Kentucky, but as an adult lived in Hardin County.

William's daughter:

A. Susan Bland (1796 - July 20 1842) was born in Nelson County Kentucky and is buried at the Little Union Cemetery near Fairfield in Nelson County. Cousin Heaner writes that she descends from Isaac Bennett (1791-1858) who was born in Rockingham County Virginia but died near Elk Creek in Spencer County Kentucky, and was buried at Little Union Cemetery in Nelson County. Isaac married Mary Bland on January 19, 1818 in Nelson County. Isaac Bennett and Mary Bland had nine children:

(1) Edward Bennett (1818-) was born in Nelson County and died in Spencer County Kentucky. Edward married (1st) Elizabeth Clark on November 24, 1844; (2nd) Hanna Brown Audd; and (3rd) Crilla Murray.

(2) James Bennett (1819-1834)

(3) Hilary Bennett (1822 - August 1842)

(4) Walter Bennett, who married Laura Stanley.

(5) Eliza Bennett, who married Edrington Wells.

(6) Bland Bennett (1828-1850)

(7) Quinton Bennett

(8) Mary Bennett, who married Sam Clark.

(9) Ann Bennett (-February 1834) married _____ Beckham.

Spencer County was formed in 1824 from portions of Nelson, Shelby and Bullitt Counties, making it possible that these Bennetts of Elk Creek, Spencer County, lived all along in the same general area. Given their respective ages, it seems very possible that Joseph Heady Bennett and Isaac Bennett were brothers or at the least, very close relations.

²⁸³ Of course, by the time Emma and her husband settled in Spencer County, Mary Bland (1796-1842) would have been a distant memory. Still, one wonders if the living families knew that not too many generations back, they had a common ancestral grandfather in William Bland (1686-1744) of Prince William County Virginia.

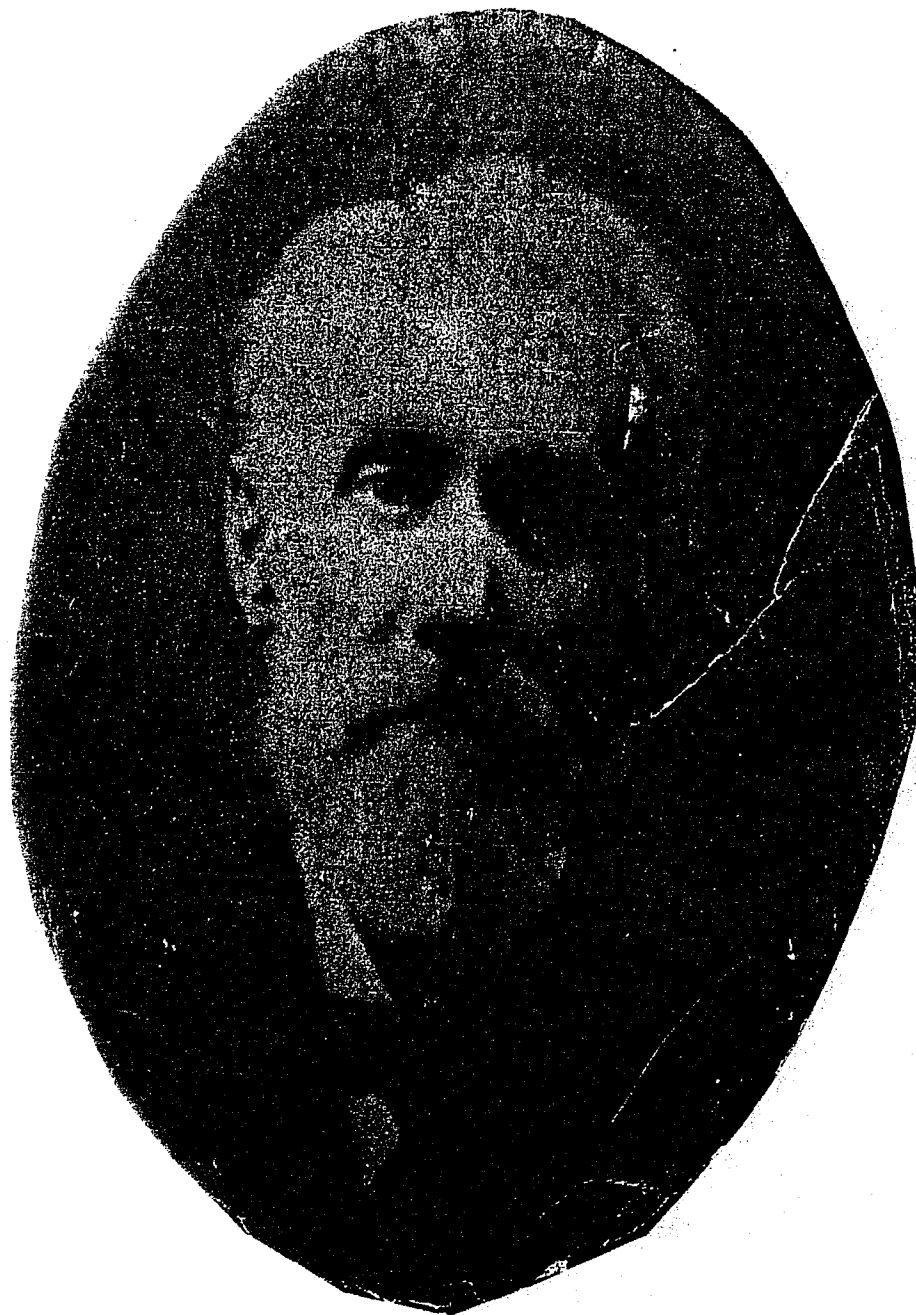
²⁸³ E-Mails, Dorothy Bearden Heaner to Charles L. Bland. , December 26, 2000. Cf AC 3-1, p. 27; AC 13, p. 72 and AC 15-17, p. 76.



Mary Adaway Cogburn Bland (1815-1868)
Courtesy of Johnny Ferguson



Mary Emma Bland Bennett (1850-1931)
Courtesy Johnny Ferguson



Bernard Scott Bennett (1844-1921)
Courtesy Johnny Ferguson

OTHER BLANDS

1. JOHN BLAND (January 19, 1832 - November 24, 1908) John was born in England and carried in a footnote of Vision of Unity (p. viii) as an early example of Bland families for whom links had not been found. John lived in Salem, Greenwood County Kansas and came there from Westmoreland County England about 1875. Fortuitously, a piece comes to me from The History of Greenwood County Kansas (no date) which enables us to lift this family from the obscurity of a census report. John was married to Isabella Salkeld (July 21, 1839 - June 5, 1925). They are buried at Ladd Cemetery in Salem. John and Isabella had the following children:

- A. William Bland (C1861-)
- B. Thomas Bland (C1863-1930) Thomas was a farmer who never married. He also served as County Commissioner of Greenwood County.
- C. Emily Bland (C1866-1930) Emily married _____ Balch.
- D. James Bland (February 22, 1868 - May 21, 1940) James was born near Reagill England and married Minnie Belle Lillie (September 11, 1875 - August 10, 1957) on March 17, 1892. Minnie was born in Eureka, Greenwood County Kansas. James and Minnie were farmers who lived out their lives in Greenwood County and are buried at Eureka. They had eight children:
 - (1) John David Bland (December 31 1892 - 1958) He married _____ Evenson and they had a daughter Doris.
 - (2) James Wesley Bland (December 13, 1894 - 1969) James married (1st) Mary Chambers and they were parents of Donald and Richard. James married (2nd) Elisabeth Falor Lindamood.
 - (3) William Leroy Bland (October 20 1896 - 1951) married (1st) Hazel Shipman. They had three children Roy Jr. Delana and Evelyn. William married (2nd) Florence _____. William died at Geneseo Kansas.
 - (4) Fred Edward Bland (October 7 1898 - October 1975) Fred worked for the Frisco Railroad. He married Ruby F. Piedmont on October 26, 1922. They were parents of a daughter, Louise, and sons Frank, Wilbur and Marion Joseph.
 - (5) Horald Clinton Bland (August 23, 1900 - March 11, 1967) he married Sophia Boswell of Piedmont Kansas on May 3, 1922. Horald lived in Piedmont all his life and worked for the K.T. Wiedemann Company. They were parents of Robert and Ramona Bland. Robert married Leota Pennwright and worked for the Cities Service Oil Company. They had four children. Ramona married Gus Carpenter Jr. of Cedar Point Kansas.
 - (6) Elza Franklin Bland (July 30, 1902 - March 27, 1957). Elza never married.
 - (7) Grace Laura Bland (September 25, 1906 -) Grace married Otto Verle Forcum in February 1924. They were parents of Delbert and Dale.
 - (8) Hallie Delbert Bland (October 31, 1908 -) Delbert married Martha Lockard of Tonronto on May 5, 1935. They were parents of four sons and a daughter.

- E. Anna Bland (C1870-1953) married Edward Lillie.
 F. Elizabeth Bland (C1872-) married _____ Harrison and moved with him to southern Kansas.
 G. Isabella Bland (C1874-1907) Poor Isabella was struck and killed by lightning and did not marry.

These children were all born in England. Additionally:

- H. John Bland (1876-1886) John was the first of the children born in Kansas.
 I. Fred Bland (1879-) Fred married and left Greenwood County.
 J. Maude Bland (-1927) Maude did not marry.
 K. Laura Bland (-1972) married Thomas Wall and lived in Upper Fall River Kansas.²⁸⁴ They had a son named Bertram.

I am not certain but believe the Photo below to be James Bland (1868-1940) and six of his children.



²⁸⁴ Ramona Bland Carpenter, "The John Bland Family" in The History of Greenwood County Kansas, (no date). Mrs. Carpenter's report states that four children were born after John and Isabella's arrival in Kansas.

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Names listed below are subscribers and correspondents, updated as of March 15, 2001. To the left of each person is a family key, when known, from which the correspondent descends, (See the Key to Bland Family Lines, this volume pp. 34-40). This list should be used as follows, e.g.,: If you descend from Edward or Robert Bland of Loudon County Virginia and York and Edgefield Counties South Carolina your code number is 25A-6B and you would profit by writing to anyone with the same code, e.g. Charles L. Bland, Williamsville New York. A word of caution. Not all correspondents can or will respond to inquiries. Be patient. Also thick skinned! Check your name against the key and let me know if a correction is needed. In brief, those whose key begins with one, descend from the James River Virginia Family. Those whose key begins with 2 descend from the Northern Virginia Family as follows:

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Sons of William Bland (C1686-1744) and Catherine Key.

25A-6C Moses Bland (C1718-1800) of Prince William County Virginia and Randolph County North Carolina.

25A6D Thomas Bland (C1719-1788) of Prince William and Fauquier Counties Virginia.

25A-6E John Bland, (C1725-1795) of Prince William County Virginia and Nelson County Kentucky.

Sons of James Bland (C1687-1756) and Mary Gwatkins.

25B-6A Benjamin Bland (1724-1771) of Prince William County Virginia.

25B-6B Arthur Bland (1725-1763) of Prince William County Virginia.

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