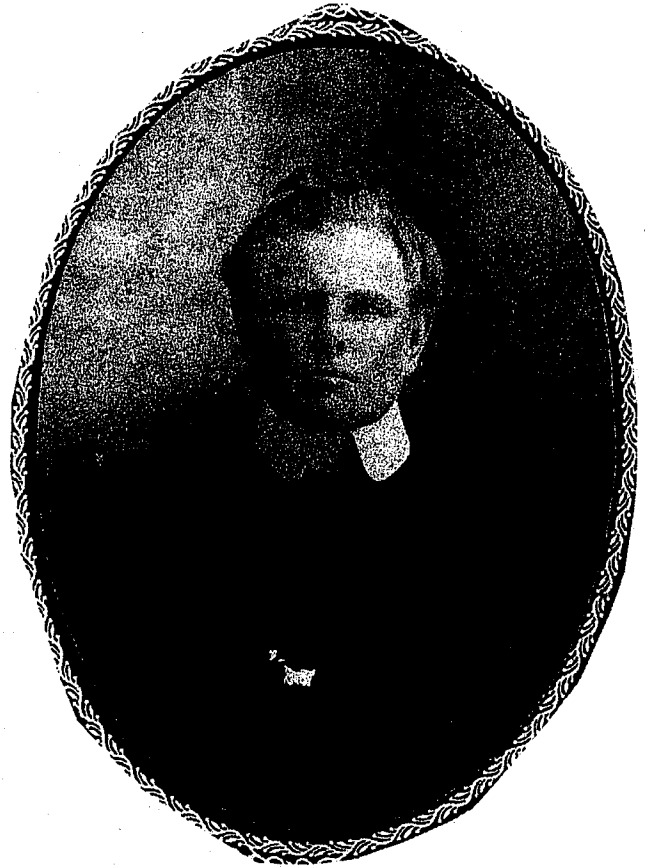


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Daughters of
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QUINTESSENTIAL BLAND WOMEN

Top Left: Sarah Elizabeth
Bland Peveto (May 1, 1839
- February 18, 1927)

Top Right: Altha Ann Bland
Dobbs, (September 20, 1854
- December 12, 1932)

Lower, Sitting: Nancy Jane
Bland Norwood Peveto
(May 26, 1845 - August 25,
1933).

Lower, Standing: Susan
Bland Lewis (November 6
1860 - February 20, 1926)

Daughters of Peyton Bland
(1815-1872) and Susannah
Harmon, (1822-1892 Orange
Orange County Texas.
See Discussion PP. 119-139

The Best News is that on October 30, 2001, after an eighteen month separation from my sweet wife Na Li, we boarded a flight from Shanghai and headed home to Buffalo New York. We have been happily together since, or as the Chinese say, good. It is remarkable that the same Immigration and Naturalization Service that so promptly issued a VISA for Mohammed Atta to take flying lessons, dithered and delayed the arrival of my wife for this long. I think the absolute emotional nadir was sometime in mid-June 2001 when a packet was returned without action because I overpaid by \$5. But though the wheels move slowly, they do move and on October 10 2001, I flew to Shanghai to bring Na home with me. She received her long awaited VISA interview on October 17, an anti-climactic moment that passed in about three minutes. So all this is behind us now and Na is happy to be my new wife, a new American and new Bland, and she is looking forward to the Reunion in two days. Believe me I was happy when early last November, I could ask a friendly passerby to snap the photo below. Even in black and white, if you look closely, you can see a rainbow.



NATIONAL BLAND REUNIONS

The Seventeenth, 2001 St. Joseph Missouri The Seventeenth National Bland Reunion was held at St. Joseph's Missouri on July 20-22, 2001. The local sponsor for the Reunion was Patricia Bland Elliott of St. Josephs. There was a good turnout of about 90 and it was a very enjoyable reunion. I attended only for a few hours on the 21st, due to pressing problems with my wife's prospective immigration, and I'm embarrassed to say, have not collected information and photographs for the Seventeenth Reunion. I take responsibility for this and in the Fall of this Year will write up the 2001 Reunion on the Bland Heritage Website (see discussion below, Page _____).

The Eighteenth, 2002, Spring Texas The Eighteenth National Bland Reunion will be held July 19-21, 2002. The local sponsor is Linda Ludecke of Spring Texas, with assistance from Terese Bueker and Vicki Clackley. Spring is a few miles north of Houston, and there will be interesting events to report on, including a talk on the use of DNA in Genealogy. This is the second Texas Reunion, the Twelfth was held in orange Texas in August 1966. There are two or three major Bland families that settled in Texas, including the populous line of Peyton Bland and his wife Elizabeth Smith of Orange County Texas in the 1820s and 1830s , Abel Bland and his wife Ann James who settled in Red River County Texas in the 1830s and Talton Bland and his wife whose children came to Texas later in the 19th Century. We look forward to a good turnout and a happy and productive reunion this year.

The Nineteenth, 2003, Savannah Georgia The Nineteenth National Bland Reunion will be held on July 18-20, 2003 at Savannah Georgia. The local sponsor is Grace Gennie "Jennie" Wood Zuccarini of Savannah, who is descended from Elisha Bland, who was born in northern Virginia and as a boy lived in Edgefield County South Carolina, and then moved to Washington County Georgia about 1807. Georgia is also home to another prolific line of Blands from Duplin County North Carolina who settled around 1815 in the area of Bulloch County Georgia. There are a number of smaller lines that moved through Georgia during the 19th Century. I'm very grateful to Jennie Zuccarini for accepting sponsorship of the next reunion and hope that she will be rewarded by the largest and happiest turnout yet.

Maintenance of the Richard Bland Gravesite Richard Bland (1710-1776) is one of the luminaries of our family. A lawyer and teacher and politician in pre-revolutionary Virginia, Bland was a political tutor for Thomas Jefferson and his writings on the nature of the Social Contract inspired such seminal works in American politics as Jefferson's Summary View of Virginia (1774). Over many years, attention to his gravesite, a family plot located near Jordan's Point on the James River, a short distance from Hopewell Virginia, has ebbed and flowed. The Bland Reunion of 1986 contributed \$600. to Richard Bland College to partially defray maintenance of the site. William Moore of Hopewell and his wife Vera Moore have kept the issue alive and in our minds over the years and in 1999, the Bland Reunion voted to defray the

costs of mowing and keeping the site clean during each growing season, a cost that previously had been born by Bill and Vera. We have funded the maintenance costs for 1999, 2000 and 2001 and are committed to 2002, pending developments in the Virginia legislature for on-going maintenance of such sites.

Vera Moore meanwhile, reports that Richard Bland College has a fund of \$4,439. toward permanent maintenance. She says that the second report of the Virginia Legislature on Revolutionary Soldier's Cemeteries is still deliberating, with suggestions such as organization of Local DAR chapters to act as foundation trustees, to enjoin city or county governments to identify and maintain the sites. If I read her memo correctly, Vera favors empowering a trustee source, with funding. The issue is still open, but the Bland family as a whole, speaking through the National Reunions, has empowered itself to have an on-going role in this issue. ¹

The Bland Heritage Web Site No one has given better or more enduring service to Bland Family Research over the years than David Bland of Independence Missouri and his wife Joan. David serves as Treasurer for the National Reunion and since 1999 has maintained the Bland Heritage website, accessible at www.blandheritage.org. David notified members of the Reunion Executive Board in March, which the sites web-hosting company went bankrupt and as a result, our access to the web site was foreclosed. It was not a total disaster because David had wisely downloaded the site before disaster struck but it took some time and effort, and expense to relocate and secure an additional site. The site has been opened again, but is not fully operational at its previous level. One of the issues we must take on at the 2002 Reunion is some supplementary support in labor and effort to give some respite to David and Joan of full responsibility for this task. Tara Rayner, Fairbanks Alaska, has taken some responsibility for this. She is a good model for cyber-savvy Bland researchers in future.

TRANSITIONS

New Blands I am happy to have the photograph below of twins Jillian Honor Ward (left) and Jasmin Hope Ward both born December 23, 1999. They are held by an older brother Jacob Huston Ward. These are the grandchildren of Marsha Smith-Hamilton of Campbellsville Kentucky, whose dual lineage from Osborne Bland (C1748-1820) of Nelson and Cumberland Counties Kentucky and Charles Bland (1765-1842) of Shelby County Kentucky has been previously detailed. ² Congratulations to granny Marsha, her son James H. Ward and daughter Jennifer Hope Phillips Ward.

¹ E-Mail, Vera Moore to Charles L. Bland, July 16, 2002.

² AC 18, pp. 10-11. E-Mail, Marsha Smith Hamilton to Charles L. Bland, July 17, 2002.

During the National Reunion in Spring Texas, I received word of another new arrival in the Bland family. He is Cash Albert Page, born June 13, 2002, the son of Susan Slaydon Page and Robert Wilson Page and grandson of Jody Cooper Slaydon and Robert Slaydon. Cash descends from the line of Peyton Bland (1780-1815) and Elizabeth Smith (1794-1856), many Generations later. Welcome to the world and Texas Cash.



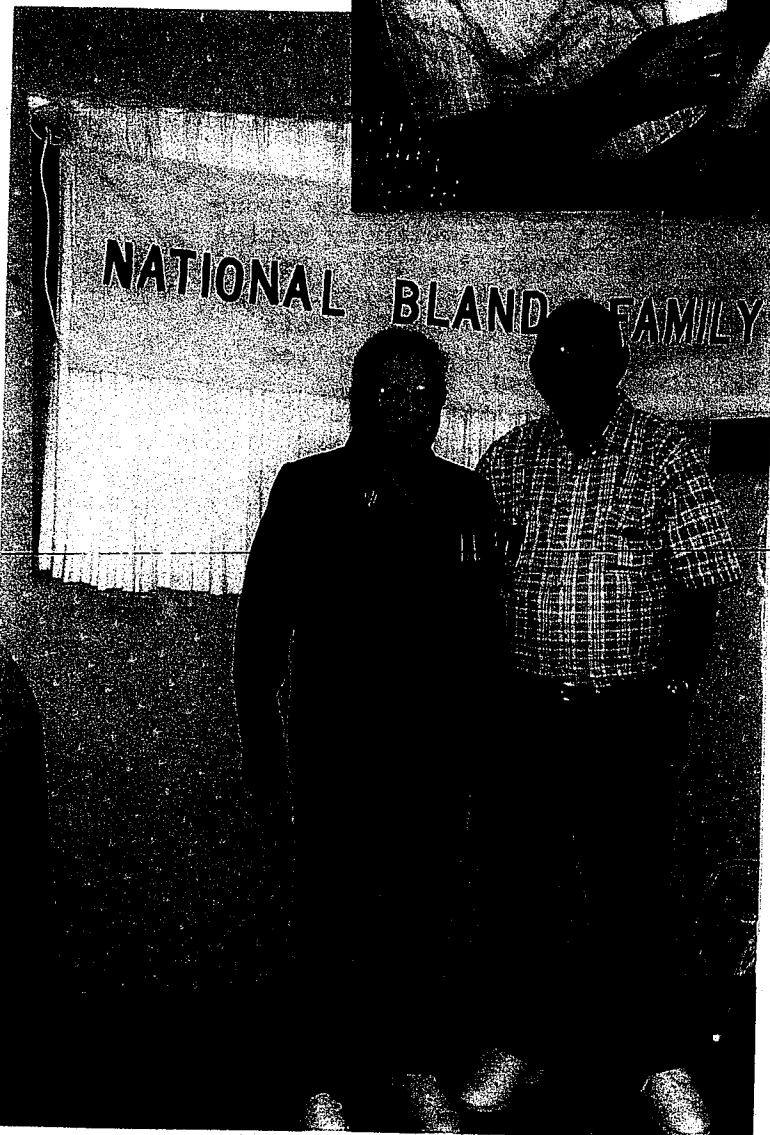
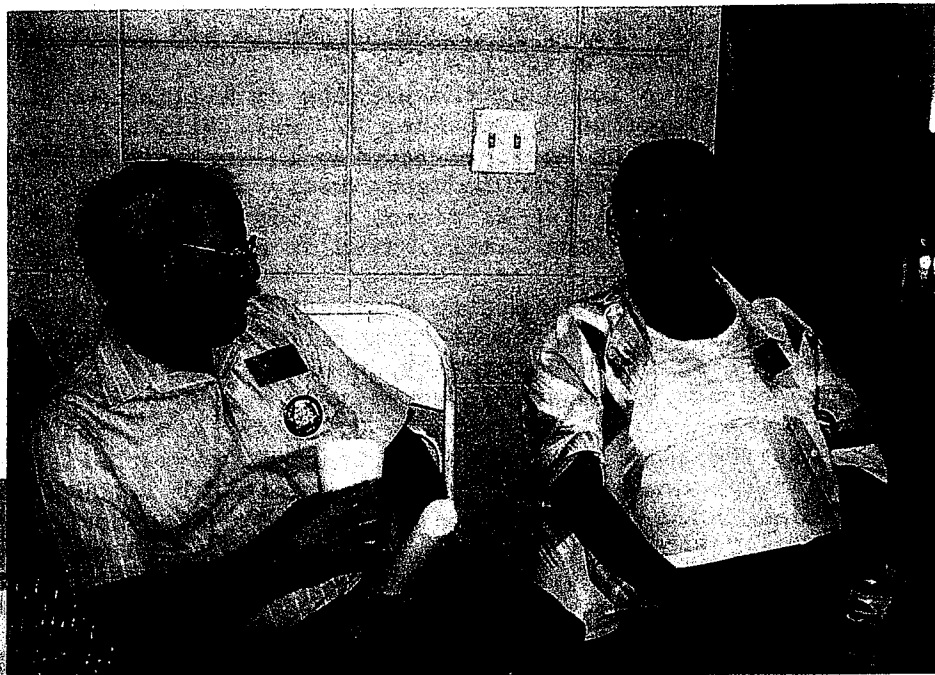
Cash Albert Page
Courtesy Granny Jody Cooper Slaydon



Jillian, Jacob and Jasmin Ward
Courtesy Marsha Smith Hamilton

Deaths I received word on June 12, 2002 from her daughter that Angela Bland Alford, a longtime faithful supporter of Bland genealogy, had passed away. Angela sponsored the Fifth National Reunion in Cumberland Mississippi in August 1989 and the Fourteenth Reunion in Mississippi, August 1998. In addition, she was a good genealogist of her family line and an active supporter of the national reunions and genealogical research on the Bland family. I have selected two photographs of Angela, from the 1989 and 1997 Reunions in Mississippi and Indiana. Rest in peace, Angela, you will be sorely missed.

Those who knew her know what a lovely and interesting lady Blanche Mount of Shelbyville Indiana was in her lifetime. Thus, it was sad to hear from Lois Taylor that Blanche died at age 98, almost 99, on April



Angela Bland Alford

Top, 1989

Lower, with Husband Hop Alford, 1997

22, 2002. Blanche was one of my favorite people and Bland cousins, whose company was always enjoyable.

I was saddened to learn of the passing of William A. Bland of Holly Ridge North Carolina on December 4, 1999. Bill's son Thomas and Bill, sponsored the Sixth National reunion in Northern Virginia in 1990 and his son Robert has contributed some truly valuable material to our genealogical research. Milton E. Bland, a good correspondent from the Duplin County North Carolina family, died at age 80 on December 30, 1999.

Merritt Louis Page, Green City Missouri died on October 30, 2000, at age 87. Merritt was educated at Kirksville State Teachers College in Missouri, now Truman State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree and he earned his Masters Degree from Northwestern University in 1946. Merritt was also enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II. In his working life, Merritt was a teacher, basketball coach and Boy Scout Leader. He was also avid in his research into the Bland family, and descended from prudence Bland, the eldest daughter of Osborne Bland (1748-1820). I met and corresponded with Merritt during the 80s and early 90s, through the helpful mediation of the late Marian Daniels.

While organizing my files this spring, I found several old obituary notices, never published, that relate to active members among my genealogical correspondents. Lois Taylor sent me an obituary notice for the death of her father Clifford Hudson on August 21, 1987. Lenore Bland Brown Nichol notified me of the death of her mother Daisy Smith Bland on August 12, 1989. Vernon and Dee Sellars of Joliet Illinois provided an obituary notice for their son David, who died at Joliet Illinois at age 18 on January 27, 1991. Cleatis Bland, father of Laverne Bland and Dee Sellars, died on December 16, 1989 at age 80. Bertha Dunn sent me word that her aunt Leafy Daughtery, descended through the Bland family of James Bland (1749-1799) of Duplin County North Carolina, discussed below in this issue, died on February 1, 2001. She was 86, born January 14 1914 to Alford Ray and Lillie myrtle Bland Keller. She died in Mayetta Kansas. I regret my oversight of these notices before. Some were given to me before I began to record deaths, births and marriages for present day Blands in Among Cousins, and others fell prey to the clutter of my unorganized files, which I am slowly retrieving.

I frequently receive or see obituary notices for Blands whom I do not know, and who are not active in genealogy, some of them dated by a few years. Here are notices received, 2001-2002. Eugene Bland, age 53, died at Benton Harbor, I think Michigan, on June 10, 1976. On October 1, 1977, H. Richard Bland, age 61, of New Buffalo Michigan passed away after an illness of four months. From the Cabot Arkansas Star Herald comes news that the widow Alice Nancy Reeves Bland, age 96, died at North Little Rock Arkansas, on May 22, 1981. The Ocala Florida Star Banner posted a notice on March 26, 1987, that Catherine Bland Metz, age 83m died at Ocala Florida. From the Washington Post of February 20, 1988, comes the news that Alaine Spencer Bland, age 77, died on February 20, 1988. Ollie Bland, 96 of Benton Harbor Michigan, died on January 23, 1991. She was living at Benton Harbor, I think Michigan at the time of her death. Dorothy Bland, age 66, died on August 27, 1991

at Coloma Michigan. Dorothy was born in Scotts Arkansas on June 14, 1925. Bobby D. Bland, formerly of Kalamazoo Michigan, died at Goodland Florida on April 16, 1992. He was 54. Mrs. Evelyn Bland (age 82, died on November 26, 1993. She was born January 24, 1911 in Covington Virginia and died in Richmond Michigan. Local Civil Rights leader J. Carl Bland died at age 73 on April 14, 2002, in Buffalo New York.

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. 76-239.

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, AC 19-20 pp. 16-19. 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 (1707-1774), Prince William County Virginia and New Hanover/Duplin County North Carolina. James married Mary (Buchannan?). 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, AC 19/20, pp. 19-66

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. AC 19/20, pp. 66-139.

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, AC 19/20 pp. 139-156.

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 13).

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. Peregrine Bland (C1596-1654) VU, pp. 240-243, AC 2-2, pp. 9-10 and AC 5-2 p. 9
28. Richard Percival Bland (C1700-1737) of St. Helena South Carolina, VU, p. 494.
29. 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.
30. Robert Bland (1783-1836) of Berks County Pennsylvania. AC 6-2, pp. 35-36.
31. Samuel Bland, (C1793-living in 1850), Blount County Alabama, AC 4-1, p. 29-30; 5-1, pp. 49-50.
32. Talton Bland, (C1795-1870) of Edgefield County South Carolina and Chattahoochie County Georgia, AC 1-1, p. 13; 2-2, pp. 36-36A; 5-1, p. 42 and 6-1, pp. 31-32; AC 19/20 pp. 73-77.
33. Thomas Bland, Scrivener of London (-1667) VU, pp. 243-249.
34. Thomas Bland of England (C1789-), AC 3-2, p. 52.
35. William Bland of Nottinghamshire England (- 1786), AC 19/20, pp. 157-160.
36. 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.
37. William Bland of Union County SC, (1792-1868). VU, pp. 524-544 and AC 6-1, pp. 32-34; AC 19/20 pp. 70-73.
38. William Bland of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, VU, pp. 365-366; AC 1-1, p. 8; 1-2, pp. 25-26.
39. William Bland (1813-1898) of North Carolina and Mississippi, AC 8-2, pp. 43-45.
40. William Bland (1817-1875) of Wheeling West Virginia, AC 3-2, p. 54.

41. 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.

ENGLISH ORIGINS

JAMES BLAND (1661-1709)

The first branch of the major Bland families in North America begin with Theodorick Bland (1629-1671), founding immigrant of the James River Family, who arrived in Virginia about 1654, following the death of his Brother Edward Bland (1613-1652), who is the co-founder. Their Northern Virginia Bland "cousin" and founder of the second major branch James Bland (C1661-1709).³ By this time, most of those who do Bland research have laid aside the thought that James was a descendant from the James River Bland Family and have accepted that he was a fourth generation Bland, who came from Penrith Township, Saint Andrews Parish, Cumberland County England. For those who look for a common origin for all us Blands, take comfort in the fact that Penrith lies in modern day Cumbria, just north of Sedberg and Orton, seat of the James River Family. Before the year 1538, however, when King Henry VIII took a census of all his subjects, in order that he might better tax them, information is sketchy and anecdotal and I have found nothing reliable to link the two families together. If someone can discover a common link between these two families, no one will be more pleased than I.

James Bland, the Virginia founder, descends from his great grandfather James Bland, who married Alice or Ellis Pattison or Patterson in Penrith, on June 4, 1599. That would suggest that the earliest ancestor in this line that we know of was born no later than about 1578, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. The northern England in which James and Alice (as I prefer to know her) embarked on their marriage was bitter, hard scrabble. The area was impoverished, rife with disease and starvation. Lest Penrith be mistaken for a thriving city, note that in 1664, just a few years after our immigrant ancestor was born, its census counted 378 homes. The primary occupation was

³ This introduction is borrowed from Volume 14 of Among Cousins, pp. 10ff and slightly modified. James made a will that was probated on March 9, 1708 under the "old style" Julian calendar, which began the New Year on March 25. The British didn't adopt the Gregorian calendar that begins January 1 until 1752. In our own reckoning his will was probated in 1709. He was then 47 when he died. James' will is recorded in Will Book 2, page 460, Stanford County Virginia. Relevant previous discussions about James are found in VU, pp. 191-266. Also see AC 3-1, pp. 8-9; 6-1, pp. 5-8; and 10-1, pp. 8-11.

sheep farming. When James and Alice began their marriage also, England was well into the era of the Renaissance and the massive changes that were being wrought throughout Europe by the Protestant Revolution. It was the time of the great Enclosure movement, in which old landed wealth that competed with the power of the crown was giving way to capitalistic enterprise and acquisition. Poor farmers like James and Alice, who may have belonged to an old manorial order or at least have known of it in memory, would stay put, lacking the imagination and perhaps, resources, to do more. But not long after James and Alice married, Englishmen first set foot in that dreadful wasteland called Virginia, named for the "virginal" Queen Elizabeth. Not too many generations would pass before young people would be leaving Cumberland and striking out to make their fortune in big cities like London, or in the new world. Our ancestor was one of those.

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

One son who lived to adulthood was named John (1639-), who married twice and by his second wife Julia _____ had at least five children, including a son named Thomas, for whom a plausible though unproven argument may be made that he was one of the original settlers in what became King and Queen County, Virginia.⁴

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

James appears to have been one of those young men who left Cumberland County for a better life elsewhere: after his birth, all traces of him disappear. A James turns up in St. Mary's County Maryland as witness to probation of a will on February 14, 1684. On March 17, 1685, another entry is found in the Lord Mayor of London's Waiting Book showing a young man named James Bland, aged 22, a "glazier and plumber", by trade, shipping out to fulfill an indenture in East Jersey province of the foundling British colonies in North America.⁵ Could these two be the same man and are they in turn the same man as the one who began to turn up in Stanford County Virginia records as early as 1687? Most certainly the witness to the deed in St. Mary's county was the same man, for James spent a lot of his life between 1687-1701 shuttling back and forth between St. Mary's Maryland and Stafford Virginia. Though we have subsequently shown that the James Bland who was born in Penrith disappeared from the county records,⁶ James appears

⁴ For a synopsis of this family line, see AC 9-1, pp. 14-36, esp. pp. 15-16.

⁵ VU, p. 199, 249. I discussed the possibility that James Bland descended from the Virginia Family of Adam Bland, through a great grandson Thomas Bland (C1634-1700) in VU, pp. 228-249, but ultimately abandoned the idea. Stafford County Virginia and St. Marys County Maryland, were "just a row boat away"

⁶ AC 3-1, p. 9.

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That said, the founder of the Northern Virginia line is James Bland, (1661-1709), who first appeared in the Virginia Records in 1687. In 1701, he purchased 600 acres in Stafford County (part of it would become Prince William County) and lived out his life there.

At the time of his death, James was married to Margaret _____ a woman who appears to be his second wife.⁸ The structure of his will, made in 1708, suggests that at the time of his death, James had two adult sons, William and James, and a third, John, who was about to reach his majority. He also had five minor children, including four daughters, Alice, Hannah, Patience and Ellen, and a son Robert.⁹

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⁸ James left these 600 acres to his widow and children when he died. No one has ever identified Margaret's maiden name. For the possibility she was named Sisson or Sison, see VU, pp. 258-260. They were probably married around 1685, for the evidence is pretty clear that their eldest child, William Bland, was born close to 1686.

This son Robert died before reaching his majority, or at the least before marrying and having children. In Vision of Unity I mistakenly identified him as the Robert Bland (1708-1760) who lived and died in Loudon County Virginia and is recognized as the founder of the Edgefield and York County South Carolina Branch of the Bland Family.¹⁰ Matter of fact, there was a Robert Bland son of James son William Bland, who was probably about the same age as his uncle, born about 1708. He did live to adulthood, conducted legal transactions in Prince William County and settled in Loudon County, where he died about 1760. He of course in our research is now categorized under William Bland, (C1686-1744), eldest son of James Bland.¹¹

WILLIAM BLAND (C1686-1744)

William Bland is the known ancestral grandparent of most living Bland descendants today. The reason is that he has had many more active researchers than descendants of the other children of James Bland (1661-1709) or for that matter, any of the forty-one lines cited above PP. 10-16. William first appears in the public records in 1709, but the structure of James will makes it likely that as James oldest son, William would have been born no later, and not much before, 1686.¹²

William acquired about 2,100 acres in Northern Virginia, mostly in the area that became Prince William County in 1730. William and his brother James and some of his neighbors also fostered a mining enterprise that went bust several years after William's death, perhaps accelerating the decision of his sons to move out of Virginia.

William Bland married twice, (1st) about 1706 to an unknown woman who was mother to two known sons, James Bland (C1707-1774) and Robert Bland (C1708-1760). I will discuss selected descendant lines of both James and Robert in this issue, pp. 21-139. William married (2nd) in Stafford County Virginia, Catherine Key (C1694 -) on February 16, 1717.¹³ Catherine was the mother of:

⁹ VU, pp. 260-263. One of the elements of Bland research that is lacking is what happened to these daughters. One of my earliest associates, Mr. Leslie Dawson, descended from Ellen Bland, who married William Davis, a business associate of James' sons William and James. Nothing else is known of the daughters. Leslie Dawson, History of the Dawson-Davis Family and Related Families of Fairfax and Prince William Counties Virginia (1984) pp. 150-195 passim. Dawson notes the marriage of Ellen Bland and William Davis but offers no supporting evidence.

¹⁰ VU, pp. 484-493, Esp. 485-486, in which a grandson of James Bland affirms legally that Robert, son of James, "died without issue."

¹¹ VU pp. 488-491 and updated information in AC 2-2, pp. 13-14.

¹² Various, I have speculated that William might have been born in 1683, 1682, as early as 1680, but the evidence we know doesn't really support this idea. For the nonce, the best evidence, formed on deductions, is that he was born around 1686. Even this is problematic. It leaves only the narrowest margin for later generations to emerge. It means for example, that William's eldest son James (1707-1774), was born no later than 1707, when William was 21 and that James was a mere 19 when his son William (C1726-1775) was born. William's eldest son William (C1748-1816) was proven to have been born no later than 1848, meaning that William was no older than 21 when he married. In the realm of genealogical speculation anything is possible, but these dates are uncomfortably close. See discussion of James Bland (C1707-1774) and his son William (C1726-1775) below pp. 20-21.

¹³ VU, p. 272.

* Moses Bland (C1718-1800), who moved to Randolph County North Carolina about 1770 and was founder of a major branch of this family. Moses Grandson Abel Bland (C1787-1864) is discussed below, pp. 139ff. ¹⁴

* Thomas Bland (C1719-1788), who died in Fauquier County Virginia. Some of his children moved out to West Virginia as well as to Hardin and Nelson Counties, Kentucky. ¹⁵

* John Bland (C1725-1795) about 1776/1780 John moved his family further into Western Virginia and ultimately into the region that became Nelson County Kentucky. ¹⁶

As in the case of William's father, we know nothing about any daughters William may have had by either wife. But these five sons make William Bland (C1686-1744) the principal ancestral grandfather of Bland descendants living today.

JAMES BLAND (1707-1774)

James was born in Stafford County Virginia about 1707. He is the eldest son we know of William Bland (C1686-1744). Milton Wilson, in his earlier study of the Bland family, concluded that James migrated to New Hanover County North Carolina between 1757-1760. He probably moved earlier. James participated in a local rebellion in Stafford County in 1732, which may have left him in bad odor and about 1752, the mining business James and his brother Moses inherited from their father went bad. ¹⁷ James acquired 200 acres on Black River in New Hanover County on October 7, 1747. It is prudent then, to give James a wide berth of 1747-1760 for his arrival in North Carolina. In 1761, James returned to Prince William County Virginia to divest his lands there. ¹⁸

In his will, which was made out September 11, 1766 in New Hanover County, James distributed property to his wife Mary and seven children, including older sons William Bland and James Buchanan Bland, and daughters Elizabeth, Catherine, Sarah, Ann and Lettice. ¹⁹ very little is known about any of James' children, except for his son William.

¹⁴ See VU, pp. 342-363 and AC 10-1 pp. 16-39 and 10-2 pp. 9-26

¹⁵ VU, pp. 367-400 and 478-479, and Ac 3-1, pp. 30-32; 4-1, pp. 13-15, 4-2, pp. 31-33, 9-2, pp. 6-29, 15-17, pp. 49-50

¹⁶ See VU, pp. 417-462 and AC 13, pp. 37-79, and AC 15-17, pp. 50-80.

¹⁷ VU, pp. 272,278.

¹⁸ James would have been eligible for an immigrant's grant of 50-100 acres as well as 50 acres for each member of his family. James used proceeds from the Virginia sales of 1761 to purchase 700 acres in 1763 on Bull Tail Creek, near the Rock Fish River in new Hanover County.

¹⁹ The name of the younger James Bland has caused speculation that Mary's name was Buchanan. No one knows for sure and no one knows what happened to son James Buchanan Bland, though Edith Lanning once sent me a letter indicating that a "Buck" Bland had been buried in Fauquier County Virginia, AC 3-1, p. 15. Over the years, there have been suggestions that James' daughter Lettice married Osborne Bland (C1748-1820) or that she married a man named King from Stafford County Virginia. Neither of these ideas has been proven.

WILLIAM BLAND (C1726-1775)

Inasmuch as several of William's children began to appear in the New Hanover-Duplin County (formed from New Hanover in 1750) records in the late 1760s and early 1770s, his birth date is set at 1726. William married about 1747. No one has ever determined the name of his wife, who was not mentioned in his will of March 19, 1775. William disposed his estate to children noted in this order, William, Thomas, Charles, Mary Parker, James, John and Joseph.²⁰

Very little is known of Thomas, Charles, and Mary. A great deal is known, however, about the following four sons:

William Bland (C1748-1816)²¹

John Bland (C1750-1827)²²

Joseph Bland (C1754-1800)²³

James Bland (C1749-1799)²⁴ In this issue, our first subject of genealogical discussion is the line of James Bland (1749-1799) and his wife Bathsheba.

JAMES BLAND (C1749-1799) OF DUPLIN AND CHATHAM COUNTIES, NORTH CAROLINA

James was the second son of William Bland (C1726-1775) of Duplin County North Carolina, from whose issue sprang an enormous progeny of descendants.²⁵ It is worthy of note that among his sons, James, (C1749-1799); John (C1750-1827); and Joseph (C1754-1800) served in the American Revolution²⁶

Inasmuch as a birth date of 1748 for William Bland, eldest son of William Bland (C1726-1775) has been reliably fixed, and documentary evidence suggests a date not later than 1750 for John Bland²⁷ it is probable that James Bland was born in 1749/1750. He first appears in the records as co-executor of his father's will in 1775. In 1781-1782, he appears in military service vouchers for Wilmington District of

²⁰ VU, pp. 283-284, the will is found in Duplin County North Carolina Will Book A, P. 25. My reliance on the summarization in Milton Wilson, Pioneer Families of Polk County and South Florida (1944) p. 285, while writing VU, led me to omit Joseph, an oversight that was corrected in AC 1-1, p. 3.

²¹ VU, pp. 293-320, and AC 14, pp. 25-102.

²² VU, pp. 284-293

²³ AC 3-1, pp. 15-20, 3-2, pp. 30-32, 8-1, pp. 11-15 and 9-2, pp. 31-32.

²⁴ AC 11-1, pp. 10-32 and AC 15-17, pp. 123-130.

²⁵ VU, pp. 282-284 and 320-342, and summaries in AC 11-1, pp. 10-32, 11-2, pp. 4-8, 12-2, pp. 32-36 and 15-17, pp. 123-130. Al and Mildred Hunter were the pioneer researchers of the James Bland Line. I also owe a huge debt also to Jack Bland, Barbara Bogle, Lenore Bland Brown, Bertha Dunn, Lloyd Cooley, Marilyn Heckman Frost, T.C. and Donuta Hulsey, Masie Medford, Betty Miller, Lisa Ober, Leota Bland Ruder, and Harold Shepherd.

²⁶ AC 1-1, p. 3, Lenore Bland Brown, Paris Texas, has asked that anyone who knows or has a clue, let her know where James Bland is buried. Lenore indicates the Daughters of the American Revolution would establish a marker at his grave, with appropriate ceremony. The same applies to James' brothers Joseph (C1754-1800) and John (C1750-1827).

²⁷ VU, pp. 293-294.

North Carolina.²⁸ He next appears in the records of Chatham County North Carolina, living in close proximity with his brother John (C1750-1827). One of the more remarkable aspects of their lives is that from evidence available, it appears that almost all of John's descendants, in the several generations after his death, remained in Chatham County and many of them live there even today. The children of James Bland, on the other hand, between 1815-1830, began to appear on the western frontier, first in Orange County Indiana and then in Greene County Indiana. The women we assume to have been James' younger daughters evidently married and moved to other parts of the country with their husbands. The brothers and older daughters clustered together in Greene County. In Greene County, these siblings settled in Highland and Worthington, living in close proximity with Osborne Bland Jr. and Patsy Donahoo and their children, who lived in Richland and Beech Townships.²⁹ Later, many of them began to spread out to Iowa and Kansas.

When I began working on Vision of Unity in 1980, I made contact with Albert and Mildred Hunter and discovered that they had already made enormous strides in constructing the family of James Bland (C1749-1799). The Hunters had placed James in Chatham County by 1790, when he appeared in the census near John Bland. James was enumerated with two females and five minor males under age 16, indicating that the range of birth years for his sons at least was 1774-1790.

In 1983, the Hunters found court minutes in Chatham County showing that in 1794, James was appointed road overseer, followed by a 1796 entry in which he was replaced by Upshur Robinson, who appointed Jacob Bland, a minor, as one of his hired hands. A subsequently found indenture order dated February 1800, bound:

Thomas Bland, an orphan of James Bland decd. . . unto Simon Bright, he being now 11 years old, to learn the trade of blacksmith."³⁰

A clue to the children of James Bland is the reappearance of the son Thomas, in Chatham County Tax lists of 1815, with Henry, Francis and William. These four men as well as Jacob appeared again in the 1830 Census of Greene County Indiana.³¹ James married a woman named Bathsheba, who appeared in the records of Chatham County North Carolina as "Barshaby". No one knows her maiden name with certainty. James and Bathsheba had as many as twelve or thirteen children:

1. Jacob Bland (C1779-1839) Jacob was born in Chatham County no later than 1779 and probably not much earlier. He was a minor in 1796, so 1779 is a fairly firm birth year. By 1800, he was an adult head of an extended family in Chatham County, The composition of the household, one female 26-45, a male aged 10-16 and a female under 10. Inasmuch as Jacob did not marry until about 1801 (his first child was born in

²⁸ AC 1-1, p. 3. Also useful is Albert S. Hunter, "One Man's Discovery of a revolutionary Ancestor" The Pennsylvania Minuteman, (No date but 1980s) pp. 17-19, in James Bland (1749-1799) File.

²⁹ VU, pp. 320-342, 441-455. A Map in VU, pp. 342A, is illustrative.

³⁰ AC 1-2, p. 5. This may portend that James Bland died c.1796, but I prefer the date of 1799, suggesting he died just before the apprenticeship of Thomas Bland to Simon Bright.

³¹ VU, pp. 325, 342B-C.

1802), the identity of the older woman is a mystery, perhaps an aunt or even a sister. "Barshaby" Bland, Jacob's mother lived alongside of Jacob, (over 45 and head of the household), with one female 16-26, one male 10-16 and two males under 10. ³²

Jacob married Nancy Richardson about 1801. Nancy was recorded in 1850 and 1860 as having been born 1779, and she died sometime after 1860 in Greene County Indiana. Jacob and Nancy were enumerated in Chatham County in 1820 but by 1830 were in Green County.

Jacob Bland and Nancy Richardson had a family of eight children, born in Chatham County North Carolina. All moved with Jacob and Nancy to Greene County Indiana: ³³

- (A) Nancy Richardson Bland (December 5, 1802 - June 24, 1876) Nancy married Richard Pope (1801-1841) on January 25, 1825. Richard and Nancy are great grandparents of my correspondent Harold Shepherd who descends through their daughter Nancy Massara Pope. ³⁴
- (B) Permelia Bland (C1805-1883) It appears Permelia didn't marry. In the Greene County Census of 1860, she was enumerated living with her mother and her sister Zina.
- (C) Mary Bland (C1807-C1847) Mary married Wiatt Miller on June or December 21, 1826, one of the first marriages in the Beech township. Mary was still living when a son Ira or Alva Miller was born, but she must have died about a year before Wiatt Miller remarried to Elizabeth Padget April 30, 1848. ³⁵
- (D) Sarah C. Bland (January 8, 1808 - April 10, 1882) Married George W. Wilkie, (- January 25, 1873) January 30, 1840. Sarah is buried at the Wilkie cemetery in Highland, Greene County. ³⁶
- (E) Zina Bland (C1809-) died after 1860, when she was shown in the 1860 census living with her mother and sister Permelia.
- (F) Rebecca Bland (April 11, 1813 - June 10- 1865). Rebecca married Mark Clark on June 18, 1840 in Greene County.
- (G) James Jacob Bland (September 16, 1815 - September 19, 1862). ³⁷James enlisted in the same military unit as his brother Robert Henry (see below) on September 9, 1861. His military

³² The will of "Barshaby", no doubt a corruption of Bathsheba, is a mystery the Hunters were never able to unravel. In addition to the close proximity between Bathsheba and Jacob, a further clue is a will by Esther Rowan in New Hanover County, North Carolina, January 2, 1788, in which she wills her property to her daughter Elizabeth Richards but stipulates that in case of her death, the whole would default to "my god daughter Bathsheba Bland," (VU, p. 324-325).

³³ VU, pp. 324-332

³⁴ AC 3-2, p. 33

³⁵ David Heath to Charles L. Bland, April 26, 1987.

³⁶ Jack Baber, Early History of Greene County Indiana, p. 43. Also, David W. Heath, Op. Cit.

³⁷ Wall Cemetery Record, Highland, Green County Indiana, provides reliable dates for James Jacob Bland

papers in 1861 describe him as 5' 10", dark complexion and black hair and eyes.³⁸ It was said by Albert Hunter that both brothers contracted a disease while in service. Robert Henry survived, but John Jacob did not. He was discharged about March 1862 and died a few months later.³⁹ On May 7, 1841, in Greene County, James Jacob Bland married Martha J. Monk, (October 20, 1823 - September 8, 1864).⁴⁰ Martha was the daughter of Shadrach Monk and Anna Gillmore, from Chatham County North Carolina. As will be seen below, her sister Rachel married a son of Francis Bland, one of the five migrant brothers. Al Hunter told the story that Martha, in grief after James' death, lost her reason, became physically decimated and died soon after him. James Jacob Bland and Martha J. Monk had a family of six children, all born in Greene County:⁴¹

- (1) Robert Henry Bland (November 11, 1845 - August 23, 1911) who married Sarah Elizabeth Wright (c1850 -) somewhere in Iowa about 1868. In the 1880s Robert Henry and Sarah were in Delhi township, Osborne County Kansas and Moreland Township, Graham County Kansas. Photographs of Robert Henry Bland, with his brothers Charles Wesley Bland, Joseph Ellsworth Bland and George Washington Bland, are displayed on the next page.
- (2) Charles Wesley Bland (November 19, 1848 - May 15, 1924). Charles married Emma Smith, (April 16, 1854 - January 6, 1839), on May 23, 1877 in Iowa. The family also lived in Missouri, but by 1895, the family was enumerated in Cowley County Kansas:⁴²
 - (a) John Loss Bland (October 23, 1878 - April 28, 1970) John married Beulah Cleamens on April 15, 1906. He was an attorney in Los Angeles California.
 - (b) Eva Bland (March 26, 1883 - June 29, 1924) Eva was a nurse and she never married.

and his Brother Robert Bland.. Provided by Harold Shepherd, September 17, 1981.

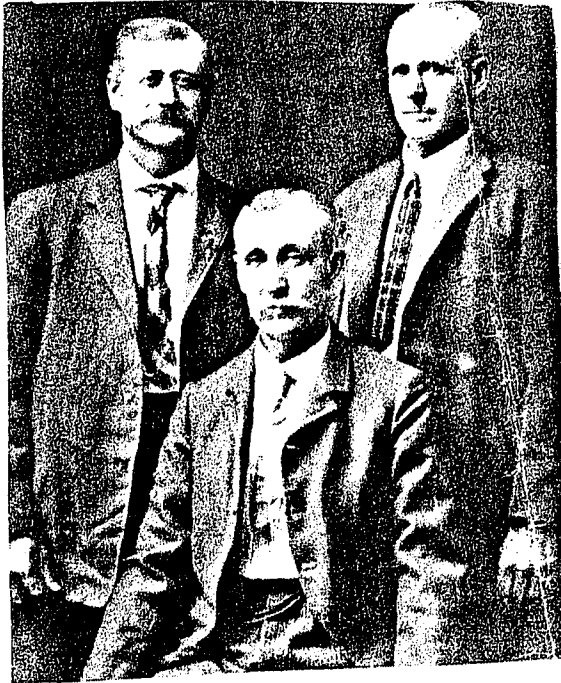
³⁸ As one reads this essay, it is interesting to see how often this general physical description recurs among Bland men.

³⁹ James Jacob Bland's war record and debilitating illness is detailed in a letter from Betty Miller, Undated.

⁴⁰ The Wall Cemetery in Highland indicates that Martha died September 8, 1861, but since she died of grief over the loss of her husband who died in 1862, it would appear that the 1864 date is correct. AC 3-2, p. 33.

⁴¹ VU, pp. 330-332. Updated information about the children of James Jacob Bland and Martha Monk appears in AC 3-2, pp. 33-39.

⁴² Maisie Medford to Charles L. Bland, March 20, 1985 and September 19, 1985. Crowley County Kansas census for 1895. "UTSA's Oldest Student Lived Through History," The Discourse Vol. 5, No. 7, (July 1977) Charles and Emma were grand parents of my correspondent Masie Medford., whose mother was Ophie Loriol Bland.



Top: Left: Robert Bland (1845-1923); George Washington Bland (1861-1941) and Charles Wesley Bland (1848-1924); Right: Joseph Ellsworth Bland (1858-1933) Courtesy of Betty Miller
Bottom: Charles Wesley Bland (1848-1924) and Emma Smith, (1854-1939) courtesy of Maisie Medford.

- (c) Asa Paul Bland (August 20, 1886 - December 10, 1918) Asa never married. He was a telegrapher in New Mexico.
- (d) Ophie Loriol Bland (November 19, 1893 - August 31, 1980) At age 81 in 1975, Ophie enrolled in college at University of Texas at San Antonio. Ophie married Oscar Coon on January 11, 1911. A photograph of Ophie Loriol Bland Coon is displayed below.
- (3) Fletcher Tunis Bland (September 14, 1853 - after 1900). Fletcher lived near his brother Robert in Delhi, Osborne County Kansas in 1880. He married Lucy Jane Dalton (C1856-) on December 30 1875.
- (4) Shady Bland, died in infancy.
- (5) Patten Bland , died in infancy.
- (6) Little Annie Bland, died in infancy.



Ophie Loriol Bland (1893-1980)
Courtesy of Maisie Medford

(7) William Gillmore Bland, (March 2, 1856 - September 16, 1936). On February 8, 1879 William married Rebecca Jane Vernon (February 6, 1859 - July 13, 1936) on February 8, 1979. In 1880, they were enumerated South Township, Madison County Iowa but by 1900 were found in Warren, Jefferson County Iowa. They had ten children:

(a) Nellie Ann Bland (November 22, 1879 - May 10, 1954). Nellie was born in Madison Iowa. She married Otis Beauford Spee on July 21, 1909.

(b) Hattie Jane Bland (March 11, 1881 -) was born in Madison Iowa. She married Alva Donathan Spee on June 9, 1902.

(c) Ada Dell Bland (October 2, 1882 -) Ada was born in Madison Iowa. She married Leonard Roe Berry on March 10, 1902.

(d) Mary Gertrude Bland (September 9, 1884 - September 6, 1885) was born in Wick Iowa.

(e) James Frederick Bland (June 27, 1886 - June 14, 1952), was born in Wick Iowa. He married Jennie Lockrie on May 28, 1916.

(f) Vina May Bland (February 26, 1889 -) was born in Prale, Warren County Iowa. Vina married Calvin Lafayette Spee on February 14, 1914.

(g) Elizabeth "Lizzie" Iona Bland (July 7, 1891 -) was born in Prale, Warren County Iowa.

(h) Lena Ellen Bland (May 8, 1894 -) was born in Prale, Warren County Iowa. She married Everett McCullen on August 29, 1930.

(i) Ruby Pearl Bland (September 2, 1897 - February 18, 1898) was born in Prale, Warren County Iowa.

(j) Vannah Fay Bland (August 11, 1900 - March 25, 1956) was born in Prale, Warren County Iowa. She married Simion Earl Hadle on February 24, 1932.

A photograph of William Gillmore Bland and his family appears on the next page.



Standing L-R: Elizabeth Iona Bland (1891-); Vina Mae Bland Spee (1889-); Nellie Ann Bland Spee (1879-1954); Frederick James Bland (1886-1952); Hattie Jane Bland Spee (1881-); Seated L-R: William Gilmore Bland (1856-1936); Vannah Fay Bland Hadley (1900-1956); Rebecca Jane Vernon Bland (1859-1936); and Lena Ellen Bland McCullough (1894-) made March 3, 1936, William's 80th birthday, Courtesy Betty Miller.

- (8) Joseph Ellsworth Bland (October 24, 1858 to October 26, 1933) was born in Greene County and died in Juneau Alaska, where they are buried. Joseph married Margaret Virginia Ewing (September 24, 1869 - December 30, 1850) on September 26, 1886. They had nine children, all of them born in Edison, Skagit County Washington. ⁴³

⁴³ Berna Amelia Converse, the daughter of Myrtle Martha Bland and Bernie Converse, was the mother of my correspondent Betty Jean West Miller. Family group sheets from Betty Mille and letters from Betty Miller to Charles L. Bland, May 21, 1985 and June 3, 1985. Betty advises me that I should squelch rumors

- (a) Gertrude Amelia Bland (July 5, 1887 March 11, 1953) Gertrude died in Juneau Alaska. She married Edward S. Jewell.
 - (b) Emma Etta Bland (August 5, 1889 - September 29, 1927) Emma died in Tacoma Washington. She married Fred Talmadge Thurman.
 - (c) Ethel Minerva Bland (June 16, 1892 - (August 21, 1959) Ethel died in Utah. She married _____ Pettichord in 1910.
 - (d) Myrtle Martha Bland (June 7, 1895 - June 23, 1974) Myrtle died in Juneau Alaska. She married Wilbur Bernie Converse (February 7, 1887 - January 14, 1955).
 - (e) Anna Pearl Bland (April 14, 1898 -April 25, 1898) died in Juneau Alaska.
 - (f) Charles William Bland (March 17, 1900 - October 22, 1949) Charles died in Juneau Alaska. He married Brownie Valentine Crosby on September 7, 1934.
 - (g) (Myrna Neona Bland (October 7, 1904 - November 11, 1980) died in Juneau Alaska. Myrna married George Francis Smith.
 - (h) Alta Margaret Bland (June 11, 1907 - December 7, 1932) Alta married Robert Orme.
 - (i) George Earl Bland (August 21, 1911 - February 9, 1967) George died in Juneau Alaska. He married Brita Karina Ask on May 28, 1938.
- (9) George Washington Bland (June 14, 1861 to October 22, 1941), born in Greene County. George married Sophia Amy Duncan (1864-1909) on May 1, 1882. They had five children:
- (a) Otis S. Bland (December 24, 1882 -) married Winifred E. Rowe, February 6, 1921.
 - (b) Alisia S. Bland (July 30, 1884 - September 13, 1919) Alisa married Pearl Watson on June 5, 1910.

that Joseph Ellsworth and that Duncan woman were a number. He never married until he married Margaret Ewing. That Duncan woman married his brother George Washington Bland. .

- (c) Nellie E. Bland (July 23, 1889 - August 5, 1945) married Joseph Wright on March 5, 1907.
- (d) Effie M. Bland (May 30, 1892 - August 25, 1900)
- (e) Tommy G. Bland (October 17, 1893 -) Hattie B. Paine on August 5, 1917.

Secondly, George married Lydia _____ (October 24, 1863 - September 13, 1919) on March 4, 1919. When Lydia died, George was living in Colorado. ⁴⁴

(H) Robert Henry Bland (March 4, 1817 - September 28, 1869). Robert was a soldier in the Civil War, serving in the Indiana Volunteers, 43rd Infantry, Company C. Jack Bland indicates that Robert also served as a private in Company A, 115th Indiana Volunteers with his cousins James O.D. Bland and Enoch F. Bland. According to his military papers, in 1861, Robert was from 5'9" to six feet tall, with dark complexion, hair and eyes. Robert married Chloe Hodges (August 1, 1818 - June 17, 1908) on March 6, 1837. Chloe was born in Surry County North Carolina. ⁴⁵ According to Al Hunter, Chloe worried so much about Robert while he was on duty that she "became almost insane." Their children were:

- (1) Rebecca Bland (1838 -)
- (2) Sarah Ellen Bland (1840 -) married Marion Bennett November 8, 1866. ⁴⁶
- (3) Nancy Bland (1842 -), married Charles Wilkie on February 1, 1876).
- (4) Mary Elizabeth Bland (June 10, 1845 - May 1923) married Columbus Jefferson Hunter (1841-1901) on November 1, 1866. ⁴⁷
- (5) Joseph Bland (October 8, 1846 -), married Amanda Shipman (February 21, 1846 -) on October 8, 1876. Joseph and Amanda had three sons, including:

⁴⁴ Bertha Dunn to Charles L. Bland, April 20, 1993.

⁴⁵ The Wall Cemetery shows Chloe's dates as August 1, 1818 to June 17, 1904. The Hunters accept the 1816-1908 dates as accurate.

⁴⁶ Bertha Dunn to Charles Bland, June 15, 2002, citing Diane Drogich, "Marion Bennett" Genforum Posting, November 30, 1999. This connection was established when I wrote AC 11-1, (1993).

⁴⁷ Columbus and Mary were grandparents of Albert Sinclair Hunter, (1908-1991).

- (a) Oscar E. Bland (November 21, 1877 -) Oscar attended Linton High Schools and matriculated at Valparaiso and Indiana University including Law studies. He set up a practice in Linton, Greene County Indiana in 1901 in partnership with Henry Moore. Oscar was a stalwart Republican who was elected to the Indiana Senate in 1906, representing Greene Monroe and Owen Counties. Oscar married Josephine Hanna on June 18, 1902. In 1908, when this article was published, they had a daughter named Helen (1903-).⁴⁸
- (6) James Jacob Bland (February 17, 1849 - January 21, 1913) James died in Holton Kansas. He married Martha or Jane Glover (February 14, 1854 - October 30, 1925) in 1877 at Holton.
- (7) William T. Bland (1852 -).
- (8) Zina Catherine Bland (1855 -).

2. Mourning Bland (C1782-) Mourning was living with Francis Bland in 1830, suggesting that she could be his sister.⁴⁹

3. Elizabeth Bland (C1785-). This woman was found in the household of James Bland of Hendrick's County, living near Henry Bland and Kesiah Tomlinson.

4. William Bland (C1787-after 1860)⁵⁰ William was born in Chatham County and was in Orange County Indiana, as early as 1819, where his son Joseph was born, and he was in Greene County as early as 1824, when he assisted his brother Thomas in escorting two men indicted for the first murders in the county.⁵¹ The information about Orange County Indiana further strengthens the Hunter's hypothesis that the siblings of James Bland passed through Orange County, and stayed for several years before moving on to Greene County. William married Elizabeth McBain (C1789-after 1873) on January 2, 1813, with Thomas Bland (3 below) serving as bondsman. Elizabeth was buried at Mayview Cemetery, North of Beloit, Mitchell County Kansas, having traveled there with her

⁴⁸ Bertha Dunn to Charles L. Bland, June 15, 2002, citing Diane Drogich, "Oscar Bland" Genforum Posting, February 3, 2000. Ms. Drogich in turn cited Biographical Memoirs of Greene County Indiana With Reminiscences of Pioneer Days (1908).

⁴⁹ VU, p. 333.

⁵⁰ VU, pp. 336-342. The information that follows depends to a great extent on several letters to Charles L. Bland from Jack Bland, Portland Oregon, between 1994-1996, hereafter called Jack Bland File. Jack found one record that showed William Bland (1787-) in Clark County Indiana as early as 1807. I am inclined to think this was William Bland (1786-1828) of the Randolph County North Carolina Family, AC 10-1, P. 28.

⁵¹ I was pleased to receive from T.C. Hulsey, Joseph Bland's enlistment papers, Wayne County, Iowa, July 26, 1862, and an inventory of his effects July 14, 1863, both indicating his place of birth as Orange County Indiana. Jack Baber, Early History of Greene County, p. 9.

son James Otis Daniel Bland. A photograph of the woman her descendants think is Elizabeth McBain is displayed below.

Those who know the family think that William, sometime after 1860, got an itch for a younger woman and abandoned Elizabeth. Upon reflection, I challenge this idea for the following reason: William and Elizabeth were still living together in Worthington, Smith Township, Greene County Indiana, as late as 1860. The census of that year shows



The Woman Believed to be Elizabeth McBain
Courtesy of her descendant grand daughters

that William, aged 75, was living with Elizabeth, aged 60, (who had trimmed her age by a decade).⁵² William had certainly died by 1873, when most of his children and his widow Elizabeth migrated to Kansas. It is possible but not likely that a man aged about 73-75 in 1860 would run off with a younger woman.⁵³ The 1830 census of Greene County Indiana shows six children in William and Elizabeth's household, including one female, 15-20, two females 0-5, two males 5-10 (William Jr. and James Otis Daniel) one male 10-15 (Joseph) and one male 15-20 (Possibly Aaron, (A) below). These figures match closely what we know of William's family. At least one other male child, Enoch, was born in 1833. The 1840 census also records two females born between 1830-1835. This would seem to support the notion of a family of ten, including five daughters and five sons. The daughters are unknown.

What follows is a synthesis of what many family historians have assembled about the five sons of William Bland and Elizabeth McBain:⁵⁴

(A) Aaron Bland (C1814-)⁵⁵ may have been the unaccounted for male in the 1830 Household of William Bland and Elizabeth McBain. Aaron was living in Richland Township in 1860. He was among the first school pupils to attend school in Highland.⁵⁶ Aaron married Lavina Bryant or Hunter, (C1814 -) born in Kentucky, on December 23, 1834 in Highland township.⁵⁷ They had:

- (1) Leroy Bland (C1838 -) Leroy married Mary N. Reynolds in Greene County on May 20, 1862.
- (2) Elizabeth Bland (C1841 -) Elizabeth married Felix F. Blazer on October 14, 1858 in Greene County.

⁵² Letter, Jack Bland to Charles L. Bland, October 21, 1992.

⁵³ If Census reports were accurate, as late as 1870, Elizabeth was not living with James O.D. and his wife Mary Gentry, although Mary Gentry's mother was. 1870 Census Record for Greene County found in Ober File. It may have happened that William, ages 73 to 86 just died sometime in the 1860-1873 period. I am grateful to Lisa Ober for provision of the 1870 Census of Greene County Indiana which shows William and Elizabeth together in Greene County and for my money, relieves William of the historical burden of leaving Elizabeth for a younger woman. What I suspect is that William died sometime between 1870-1873.

⁵⁴ For much of what follows I am grateful to Bertha Dunn, who transmitted to me on September 20, 1992, her history of the family of William Bland and Elizabeth McBain. I also found very useful letters from Jack Bland, October 21 and December 15, 1992 and from T.C. Hulsey, January 8, 1993.

⁵⁵ VU, P. 342. See Bertha Dunn to Charles L. Bland, June 15, 2002.

⁵⁶ Baber's Early History of Greene County Indiana (1875), pp. 44-47, indicates that "Kissie" Bland, Susannah and Cynthia Hunter and others were among the first to attend school in Highland.

⁵⁷ Ibid.

(B) Mahala Bland (C1816 -) Cousin Bertha Dunn has made the case for Mahala as one of the daughters of William Bland, 1787. She is found in the 1850 Census as the wife of Anderson Buckner, (C1820 -) whom she married in Greene County on August 12, 1838. By the time of the 1850 census, Anderson and Mahala had moved on. Their children were: ⁵⁸

- (1) Elizabeth J. Buckner (C1840 -)
- (2) William Buckner (C1842 -)
- (3) Celia Buckner (C1844 -)

(C) Joseph Bland (1818/1819 - July 14, 1863). ⁵⁹ Joseph was born in Orange County Indiana and moved to Greene County as a child with his parents. As an adult, between 1850-1859, he moved to Coles County Illinois, probably with his brother William. When William moved to Iowa, Joseph returned to Indiana. His military papers described him as an adult being 5' 8" in height, light complexion, blue eyes and sandy hair. Joseph served as a Private in the Civil War, 23rd Iowa Regiment, Company D, along with his brother William Bland, and his son Francis W. Bland. Joseph and Francis were severely wounded at the battle at Big Black River near Vicksburg Mississippi in May 17, 1863. Joseph died July 14, 1863 of a gun shot wound in his right side and Francis on July 16, 1863 at a hospital in Memphis Tennessee. ⁶⁰ Joseph married Sarah Ann Milam (February 25, 1823 - January 8, 1899) on December 12, 1839, in Greene County. After Joseph's death, Sarah moved to Wayne County Iowa and evidently on from there. Sarah is buried in the Jewell County Kansas Cemetery. Joseph Bland and Sarah Milam had seven children, including:

- (1) Francis W. Bland (1842 - July 16, 1863) noted above.
- (2) James Thomas Bland (December 20, 1844 - September 27, 1918). By 1869, James was in Wayne County Iowa. He married Roxie Ackley (April 28, 1849-February 17, 1903) on April 10, 1869 in Wayne County. Roxie was born in Ohio. Both are buried at the South Lawn Cemetery in Seymour Iowa. ⁶¹ They had seven children, including the following:

⁵⁸ Bertha Dunn to Charles L. Bland, June 15, 2002. Mahala's age also relates her to a heretofore unknown daughter in William's household in the 1830 and 1840 census.

⁵⁹ VU, pp. 340-341.

⁶⁰ The story of this battle is told in Shelby Foote The Civil War II, (1963), pp. 62-63 and 377-378. Cf AC 7-1, p. 21 and AC 7-2, pp. 18-20. Joseph Bland's certificate of inventory following his death, July 14, 1863 was provided by T.C. Hulsey. Also, Mr. Hulsey provided Joseph's military service certificate, April 14, 1989.

⁶¹ See my divergence with Bertha Dunn, AC 1-1, pp. 4-5. Also, cf AC 1-2, p. 6.

- (a) William Bland (C1870 -) born in Iowa
- (b) Jesse M. Bland (C1878 -) born in Iowa
- (c) Annie Bland (C1880 -) born in Iowa.

(3) William T. Bland (April 4, 1847 - March 30, 1924). William died in Beloit Kansas of gastroenteritis. On March 6, 1873 at Bloomfield, Davis County Iowa, William married Amelia A. Killion (C1854-), born in Indiana. In 1880, William and Amelia were living in Walton, Rooks County Kansas with two children. They had a total of five children:

- (a) Otto C. Bland (January 28, 1875 - January 3, 1904). Born in Iowa. Otto fell from a telephone pole to his untimely death. He married Minnie Cline (C1878 -) on December 25, 1900.
- (b) Orin Pearl Bland (May 20, 1878 - September 14, 1920). Born in Iowa. Orin served in the Spanish American War as a corporal in Company D, 44th Infantry. He committed suicide in Seattle Washington. Orin Married Nettie Trumbull, (C1875 -) November 16, 1904. Photographs of Orin Pearl Bland, his wife Nettie Trumbull and their children, is displayed below.
- (c) Ida M. Bland (March 1880 - after 1924) Born in Kansas. Ida married Clyde A. Novis (1879 -) on December 24, 1902. They had three children.
- (d) C.J. Bland (C1883 -) Born in Kansas.
- (e) Frank R. Bland, (May 30, 1887 - October 29, 1923). Born in Kansas and died in Beloit Kansas. T.C. Hulsey says that Frank R. Bland "got around a lot" and was married, but no one knows to whom. Frank died of convulsions following a nervous breakdown.

William filed for a divorce from Amelia Killion on September 29, 1897, claiming she had abandoned him since November 10, 1895. By 1900, William and Amelia were divorced and William was living with his brother Worthington in Beloit in Mitchell County Kansas. ⁶²

⁶² Further information about William T. Bland appears in AC 7-2, pp. 18-20 and AC 9-1, pp. 36-38. Also invaluable are primary documents about William and the Blands in Mitchell County Kansas sent to me by T.C. Hulsey, April 11 and 14, 1989 and October 10, 1990.

Orin pearl Bland (1878-1920), his wife Nettie Trumbull (1875-) and their children Carol Lovell Bland and Delia fern Bland, courtesy of Thomas C. and Donita Hulsey. Orin was a son of William T. Bland (1847-1924) and Amelia Killion (C1854 -).



William left Beloit after 1900, and moved to Newcastle Wyoming, probably residing with his brother Joseph Asbury Bland (See 6 below). By October 20, 1909 he was back in Beloit and married the widow Susan E. _____ Kimsey, (C1848 - January 1, 1916), 1914).⁶³ William is the great-grandfather of Donita Hulsey, wife of my correspondent T.C. Hulsey.

- (4) Worthington Bland (C1850- July 3, 1921), Worthington was in Beloit Kansas by 1900. He died of a thrombotic apoplexy.
- (5) Elizabeth Jane or Jenny Bland (June 8, 1854-). Elizabeth was born in Coles County Illinois. She married J.A. Reynolds in Wayne County Iowa, October 30, 1873. Poor Reynolds died soon after. In the 1880 Census for Wayne County Iowa, a Jenny Reynolds and her son Tony A. Reynolds (C1877-) were living with Joseph Asbury Bland, (6 Below) her brother or Sarah Bland, her mother
- (6) Joseph Asbury Bland (May 30, 1859 -). Joseph married Minnie Noah (C1865-) on May 30, 1886 in Mitchell County. By 1900, Joseph and Minnie were living in Weston County Wyoming.⁶⁴

(D) William Bland (C1821-by 1895) William was born either in Orange or Greene County Indiana and died in Beloit, Mitchell County Kansas. He is buried at the Hopewell Cemetery south of Beloit. William served with American forces and was wounded in the Mexican American war. Beginning August 23, 1862, he served as an infantryman with his brother Joseph and his nephew Francis in the 23rd Iowa Regiment, Company D, during the civil war.⁶⁵ He was wounded in the right hip and honorably discharged. He received a pension of 3.00 per month for his disability. His military papers describe him, like his brothers and nephews, as "black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, 5' 9". William married (1st) Jane Buckner in Greene County on August 5, 1839, and by her had:

- (1) Unknown Daughter (C1840 -).⁶⁶

Jane Buckner must have died in childbirth. Following his tour in the Mexican American War, William married (2nd) Catherine

⁶³ AC 7-2, p. 20.

⁶⁴ Re Joseph Asbury Bland and Jenny Bland, see letter T.C. Hulsey to Charles L. Bland, January 8 and April 20, 1993. Also, Bertha Dunn to Charles L. Bland, April 20, 1993.

⁶⁵ See the certificate of military service for James O.D. Bland AC 1-1, attachment 8. A notation in Greene County records showing a "Wick" Bland serving in the Mexican American War (VU, p. 342, derived from Baber, Early History of Greene County, p. 36) may have been a misprint for William, since there seems to be no other reference to Wick Bland.

⁶⁶ The 1840 Census shows William living with a female aged 20-30 and a female under 5.

Brock, (C1828-) in Greene County November 21, 1847. William and Catherine tarried briefly in Greene County, then by 1850, moved to Coles County Illinois ⁶⁷ and from there to Corydon, Wayne County Iowa, where they were enumerated in the census of 1860. Bertha Dunn notes that "sometime after 1870 and before 1875" probably about 1873, William and his wife Catherine moved to Beloit Kansas. A photograph of William Bland and Catherine Brock is displayed below. Their children were: ⁶⁸



William Bland (C1821-1895) and Catherine Brock (C1828 -)
Courtesy of Bertha Dunn

⁶⁷ In the 1850 Census for Coles County, William is enumerated with his wife and a son "Berlin" (Henry Berlin) and some members of his wife's family.

⁶⁸ A family group sheet submitted by bertha Dunn shows an illegitimate grandson Floyd George Bland (C1885 -) living with William and Catherine. Whose child he is or what happened to him does not appear. Floyd is also mentioned by Masie Medford to Charles L. Bland, September 19, 1985. Masie got her information from Edna Warren of Tulsa Oklahoma.

(2) Henry Berlin Bland (August 8, 1848 - February 8, 1910). Henry was born in Greene County Indiana. About 1874, Henry married Mary E. _____ (C1851-), an Illinois woman. Henry and Mary were found in Beloit, Mitchell County Kansas in 1880, and by 1900, were in Harrison, Nemaha County Kansas.

(3) Martha Elizabeth Bland (March 8, 1851 -), born in Coles County Illinois, who married David Rolf in Wayne County Iowa, December 14, 1865. ⁶⁹ This couple moved to Mitchell County Kansas by 1880.

(4) James L. Bland (C1854/1855 -1893) probably also born in Coles County was married to Nannie Birdsall (C1860-) a girl from Illinois, in Beloit, Mitchell County Kansas, September 24, 1876. James may have died in 1893 in an accident with his younger brother William G. Bland ⁷⁰. James and Nannie had two children:

(a) Louise Bland (C1878 -)

(b) Charles Bland (C1880 -)

(5) Noah Alexander Bland (October 9, 1856 - January 30, 1927), born in Wayne County Iowa. By 1875, Noah was in Beloit, Mitchell County Kansas. On November 15, 1876, he married at Beloit, Carrie Bailey (May 20, 1860 - February 11, 1940) a girl from Washington Maine. Noah was a minister, and he and Carrie moved frequently and retired at Holton Kansas. Later they moved to Ontario California. ⁷¹ A photograph of Noah Alexander Bland, Carrie Bailey and their children, is displayed below. Noah Bland and Carrie Bailey had a family of five children:

(a) Abner Edgar Bland (December 5, 1879 - March 28, 1948). Abner was born in Beloit Kansas and died at Santiago California. He married Mary White (1881 -).

(b) Laura Bland, dates uncertain, died at age 2.

⁶⁹ This information about a "Mary" Bland, was found by Bertha Dunn in a Church of Latter Day Saints record, AC 1-1, p. 5.

⁷⁰ In 1893, in Mitchell County Kansas, Marian Bland filed for legal guardianship of their children Louise and Charles, as well as Jed W. Bland, a minor child of William G. Bland. This information casts doubt on a possibility raised in AC 9-1, p. 38, that James Bland married Minnie Noah on May 30, 1886. Bertha Dunn believes that James L. Bland married Nannie Birdsall or Birdsel, September 24, 1876 in Mitchell County Kansas. She notes that the simultaneous death of James L. Bland and William G. Bland and the probability that they married Birdsall or Birdsel women suggests "there is a story to be told behind all of this." It is possible that Nannie Birdsall died and James remarried to Marian _____. Bertha Dunn to Charles L. Bland, April 20, 1993.

⁷¹ Noah and Carrie were the great grandparents of my correspondent Bertha Dunn.



Standing: Harry William Bland (1894-1957); Sitting, Backrow, L-R: Abner Bland (1879-1948) a Mary White (1881-); ⁴⁹ Noah Alexander Bland (1856-1927) and Carrie Bailey (1860-1940); Sitting Front Row, L-R, Alfred Ray Keller (1884-1944) and Lillie Myrtle Bland Keller (1884-1939); Arthur B. Bland (1885-1851) and Louise Ennis, (1884-1951). Courtesy of Bertha Dunn.

- (c) Lillie Myrtle Bland (September 20, 1884 - April 26, 1939). Lillie was born in Lecompton, Douglas County Kansas and died at Jackson County Kansas. Lillie married Alfred Ray Keller (1884-1944) on March 30, 1909.⁷² A photograph of Alfred Ray Keller and Lillie Myrtle Bland appears on page 42.
- (d) Arthur B. Bland (December 19, 1885 - February 3, 1951). Arthur was born in Kansas and died at Oklahoma City Oklahoma. He married Louise Ennis (1884-1951) on March 28, 1905 at Oklahoma City.
- (e) Harry William Bland (January 22, 1894 - March 21, 1957), was born in Lawrence Kansas and died in Beaumont California.
- (6) John R. Bland, (C1858 -) was born in Iowa, and was living with his parents in 1880. On October 20, 1879, John married at Mitchell County (Probably at Beloit) Kansas, Carrie Mauldin, (C1861-) born in Iowa, and by 1885 they were living in Beloit, Mitchell County Kansas. A photograph of John R. Bland and Carrie Mauldin appears on page 42. John R. Bland and Carrie Mauldin had a daughter:
- (a) Minnie Bland (C1883 -)
- (7) Eve Ellen Bland, (May 12, 1860- May 21, 1929) born in Iowa, died in Nemaha County Kansas. She married Harvey Cooley (1855-1933) on November 3, 1875. A photograph of Eve Ellen Bland and Harvey Cooley is displayed on page 43. They had by him nine children, all of them buried at the Goff cemetery, Nemaha County Kansas.
- (a) Maria Aletha Cooley (C1878 -) married _____ Donaldson.
- (b) William Cooley (C1880 -) married Nettie Booth and they had four children.
- (c) Andrew B. Cooley (C1882 -) married Mabel Dittman and had two children with her.
- (d) Stella Cooley (C1884-1921)
- (e) Flora Cooley (C1884 -) a twin of Stella, married Ed Rozel and had three children with him.
- (f) Sarah Cooley (C1886 -) married _____ McKibben. There were no children.

⁷² Lillie and Alfred are the grandparents of my correspondent Bertha Jean Kovar Dunn.



L: John R. Bland (C1858 -) and Carrie Mauldin, (C1861 -).
R: Wedding Photo of Alfred Ray Keller and Lillie Myrtle Bland
Keller, March 30, 1909. Photos, courtesy of Bertha Dunn.



Children of Eve Ellen Bland Cooley (1860-1929) and Harvey Cooley Back Row, L-R: Flora, Stella, Noah, Andrew, Sarah, Aletha. Front Row, L-R, Richard, Eve Ellen Bland Cooley; Arthur, Harvey Cooley, William.

- (g) Richard Cooley (1888 -) married Violet _____ and they had a step-daughter.
- (h) Arthur Cooley (C1890 -) married Clara Louise _____. They had three children.
- (i) Noah Cooley (February 22, 1894 - April 21, 1953) married Dorothy Talbott and they had two children.⁷³
- (8) Sarah E. Bland (C1863-1880) was living with William and Catherine in 1870. She was born at Corydon, Wayne County. Bertha Dunn notes she may be the Susan C. Bland who died in childbirth at age 17, buried in the Jewell City Kansas cemetery.⁷⁴
- (9) Francis Marion Bland (November 5, 1865 - January 2, 1948)⁷⁵ born at Clinton Iowa and died in Beloit, Kansas. Francis married Mary Knight (July 1871-September 18, 1950) an Illinois or Tennessee girl, June 8, 1889. Both are buried at Beloit Kansas. Francis Marion Bland and Mary Knight had a family of three children:
- (a) Rea O. Bland, (March 1890 -) Rea married Lewis A. Hicks June 12, 1907.
- (b) Fern Bland (1895-1896).
- (c) Berlin Burton or Bruin Bland (C1908 - March 13, 1942).
- (10) William G. Bland (C1867-1893) was born in Iowa and died accidentally with his brother James (see (4) above). According to Bertha Dunn, William married Minnie R. Birdsel (perhaps Birdsall), (C1861 - 1893) a widow.⁷⁶ They had one child:
- (a) Jed Bland (1891 -). Inasmuch as James Bland's widow filed for guardianship of Jed, it would seem reasonable that both William and Minnie were gone by 1893.

⁷³Noah Cooley was the father of my correspondent Lloyd N. Cooley.

⁷⁴ AC 1-2, p. 6. an illegitimate grandson, Floyd George Bland, (C1880-) was living with William and Catherine in 1880 and 1885. Bertha Dunn believes he may be the son of Sarah/Susan. Bertha Dunn to Charles L. Bland, September 20, 1992, p. 15-16.

⁷⁵ Francis Marion's obituary says he was born November 5, 1865. His death certificate puts his birth in 1867. Bertha Dunn to Charles L. Bland, September 20, 1992, p. 15. Bertha Dunn to Charles Bland April 20, 1993.

⁷⁶ A question arises whether this widow's maiden name was Birdsel or was it the name of her first husband?

(11) Marian Bland (C1869 -) ⁷⁷

(E) James Otis Daniel Bland (April 7 or 24, 1824 - September 2, 1908). ⁷⁸ He was known more commonly as James O.D. Bland. James was born in Greene County Indiana and died in Concordia, Cloud County Kansas. James served from July 28, 1863 to February 25, 1864 in the Civil War, with Bryan's Company A, 115th Indiana Regiment, Volunteer Infantry, which was formed in Greene County. This unit was sent to Kentucky and engaged the confederates, defeating them at Blue Springs Tennessee in October 1863. James reenlisted at Terre Haute Indiana as a Private in Company C, 156th Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry and served between March 16, 1865 and August 7, 1865. ⁷⁹

James married first, Sarah Elrod (1827 - September 1859) ⁸⁰ in Greene County, September 4, 1845 and by her had seven children:

(1) John Bland (1847 - After January 25, 1865). John enlisted in the 59th Indiana and died of a fever in New Bern North Carolina while enroute to join up with General Sherman's forces in Georgia. ⁸¹

(3) Martha J. Bland (C1850-) was buried at Jewel County Kansas. She married (1st) _____ Reynolds. Her second husband was Tom Griffis.

(4) William F. Bland (C1852-).

(5) Susan Catherine Bland (March 6, 1854 - February 16, 1949). Called "Kate" Susan moved to Kansas with her father and was a teacher. Leota Bland Ruder wrote that she knew "Kate" Dolan when she was 90, (about 1944), a "very well read lady with a lot of charm." ⁸² Susan was born in Greene County Indiana and died in Enid Oklahoma. Susan moved with her father to Kansas, where she became a teacher. One of her grand daughters remembered her as having "a ramrod straight posture, her sense of human and intelligence, she was such a

⁷⁷ Maisie Medford to Charles L. Bland, September 19, 1985, identifies Marian.

⁷⁸ VU, pp. 341-342. Precise dates are provided by Leota Bland Ruder in an Obituary in the Concordia Kansan, September 10, 1908, AC 1-1, attachment 9, and by Bertha Dunn to Charles L. Bland, September 20, 1992, pp. 17-21. CF AC 1-1, pp. 4-5. Cf, Obituary of James O.D. Bland September 2, 1908, The Concordia Empire.

⁷⁹ For James' military service, see AC 1-1, attachment 8. James family is listed and covered by Leota Bland Ruder, "Bland Family Early Settlers of Cloud County," January 1985. Notable military service records are James' Declaration for Pension, February 23, 1907, and Certificate of record, No. 62662, October 1, 1907. Both substantially detail James O.D. Bland's service record.

⁸⁰ James O.D. Bland and Sarah Elrod appear in the 1850 Census of Greene County Indiana, in Dwelling 995, with children John and Martha. Also useful for the James O.D. Bland and Sarah Elrod family is correspondence to Charles L. Bland, 1999, from Lisa Ober., Huntsville Texas.

⁸¹ AC 1-1, attachment 8.

⁸² AC 1-1, attachment 7. Leota Bland Ruder to Bertha Dunn, August 10, 1982.

vocal person with grace and gallantry in the face of increasing age."⁸³ She married (1st) Charles Harrison Dolan (November 2, 1838 - April 6, 1901) in Concordia Kansas on March 25, 1875⁸⁴ and (2nd) _____ Rhodes in 1906 in Lamont Oklahoma. Susan is buried at Lamont, in Grant County Oklahoma, in Potter's Field. A photograph of Susan Bland Dolan Rhodes is displayed below. Charles Dolan and Susan Bland had three children.⁸⁵

- (a) Walter Dolan
- (b) Elizabeth "Lizzie" Dolan
- (c) Nora Dolan



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

⁸³ Personal Statement of Phyllis Marie Cole O'Mealy to Lisa O'Mealy Ober, February 7, 1999.

⁸⁴ Marriage license found in Ober File.

⁸⁵ Charles and Susan Dolan's children included Nora Alma Bland who married Ralph W. Cole. They were parents of Clarence Walled Cole, who married Thelma Meek. They were parents of Phyllis Marie Cole, who married Gene Laverne Robertson. They were parents of my correspondents Anita Marie Robertson White and Lisa Dina O'Mealy Ober.

Top: James O.D. Bland (1824-1908)
Lower: James O.D. Bland and Mary Gentry
Courtesy of Leota Bland Swain Ruder and Lenore Bland
Brown Nichol



(6) Margaret E. Bland (C1857 - March 30, 1896) was buried at Concordia Kansas, Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Margaret married John D. Wilson, (C1840 -) on November 8, 1875.⁸⁶ They had two children:

(a) Edward Wilson Leota Ruder calls him Dr. Ed Wilson.

(b) Myrtle Wilson

(7) Alma Bland (1859 -). Alma died in early childhood, date uncertain.⁸⁷

After Sarah Elrod's death, James O.D. Bland married (2nd) April 5, 1860, Mary Gentry, (May 9, 1839 - July 6, 1911) who was born in North Carolina.⁸⁸ A photograph of James O.D. Bland and a later photograph of James O.D. Bland with his second wife Mary gentry is displayed on page 47. According to Bertha Dunn, on April 18, 1873, James and Mary, with both their mothers and eight children in tow, arrived at Buffalo, Concordia Kansas. They settled on 160 acres of good flat land about four and a half miles southwest of Concordia. As a Kansan, James was a prosperous farmer in spite of a bad locust plague, and a politician, orator and church man, contributing to construction of the courthouse and the First Presbyterian church. James represented Cloud County in the Kansas legislature of 1889. James Bland and Mary Gentry had a family of five children including:

⁸⁶ Margaret's marriage License is in the Ober File.

⁸⁷ Ibid.

⁸⁸ Previously, photos were displayed in AC 1-1, Attachment 11, and AC 4-2, p. 22, two distinct women, both of whom are identified as Mary Gentry. There does not seem to be agreement between the descendants about which was which, but there does seem to be agreement that one was Elizabeth McBain, James O.D. Bland's mother, while the other was his wife, Mary Gentry. After careful consideration, I conclude that the photo appearing in AC 1-1, Attachment 11, is James O.D. Bland's mother, Elizabeth McBain, while the woman in the photos in AC 4-2, p. 22, are his wife, Mary Gentry. My reasons follow: Lenore Bland Brown notes that in AC 1-1, Attachment 11, we are looking at two photos while in AC 4-2, p. 22, it is one photo, typical for a man and wife, less son for a man and his mother. Lenore also states that her father, John Herbert Bland, looked directly at the photo in AC 4-2, p. 22 and stated that she was his grandmother Bland.

(8) Lucinda Bland (C1861 -) Lucinda appears in the 1870 census aged 9.

(9) Sarah Ann Bland (October 20, 1862 - 1930). Sarah was born in Worthington, Greene County Indiana and died in Concordia, Cloud County Kansas. She married (1st) George Biggs and (2nd) Jeffrey Eakins. Sarah Ann and Mr. Biggs are buried together at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Concordia. Sarah had no children.

(10) Daniel Ervin Bland (May 9, 1866 - November 20, 1949), born in Worthington, Greene County Indiana, and died in Concordia, Cloud County Kansas. He is buried at Fairview Cemetery in Concordia. Daniel married Flora Irene Heaton Burnside (August 3, 1862 - April 23, 1936) who was from Cass County Michigan, in Concordia on March 12, 1890. A photograph of Daniel Ervin Bland and another of Daniel with his wife Flora Heaton are displayed on page 50. Daniel and Flora sojourned to Oklahoma about 1894, but returned to Kansas and settled in Miltonvale and Concordia. Daniel and Flora were grandparents of Leota Bland Ruder. They had one son:

(a) Otis Daniel Bland (February 18, 1891 - September 2, 1955) Otis married in Clay County Kansas Pearl E. Lyne (July 24, 1889 - May 16, 1976) on July 13, 1911. A photograph of Otis Daniel Bland and Pearl Edith Lyne is displayed on page 50. They lived in Concordia, Cloud County. They are parents of six children, including my correspondent Leota Esther Bland Swain Ruder.⁸⁹

(11) John Huse Bland (May 8, 1868 - July 20 or 28, 1856), was born at Worthington, Greene County Indiana and died in Concordia, Cloud County Kansas. John was an organ maker and piano tuner. He married Lenore Shaw (May 9, 1877 - April 9, 1963) a Kansan, on May 10, 1894 in Concordia, Cloud County Kansas. A photograph of John Huse Bland and a later photograph of John Huse Bland with his wife Lenore Shaw are displayed on page 51. John and Lenore were parents of three children including:⁹⁰

(a) James Raymond Bland (December 29, 1896 -)

(b) Millard Thomas Bland (May 12, 1899 - July 6, 1977) Millard married Elsie Rossel (May 12, 1900 -) on June 16, 1929 at Wichita Kansas. They had two children.

⁸⁹ Obituary of Otis Daniel Bland, September 2, 1955 and Pearl Lyne Bland, May 16, 1976 source uncertain.

⁹⁰ John Huse Bland and Lenore Shaw were grandparents of my correspondent Lenore Bland Brown Nichol.



Top Left, Daniel Ervin Bland (1866-1949)
Top Right: Daniel Ervin Bland and Flora Irene Heaton
Burnside (1862-1936)
Lower: Otis Daniel Bland (1891-1955) and Pearl Edith
Lyne (1889-1976)
Courtesy of Leota Swain Ruder



Left: John Huse Bland (1868-1956)

Right: John Huse Bland and Lenore Shaw (1877-1963)

Courtesy Lenore Bland Brown Nichol

- (c) John Herbert Bland (March 28, 1903 -) John married Daisy Vada Smith (April 12, 1903 -August 12, 1989) on August 12, 1924. ⁹¹

(12) Mary Cordelia Bland (April 1, 1872 -) born in Worthington, Greene County and died in Fairview Oklahoma. Mary married Charlie Wiley in Concordia. They had two sons:

- (a) Harold Wiley
- (b) Claude S. Wiley
- (c) Edward S. Bland (C1880-1899) was born in Concordia Kansas. He is buried near Concordia at the West Branch Cemetery.
- (d) Malcolm O. Bland (February 7 or July 2, 1882 - May 1967). Malcolm was born in Concordia Kansas and married (1st) Edith J. Ranney and (2nd). In 1908 Malcolm was living in Wray Colorado. He died in Denver or Englewood Colorado. There were children with Edith Ranney but names are unknown.

⁹¹ Family Group Information on John Huse Bland is provided by Lenore Eva Bland Brown Nichol, who is the daughter of John Herbert Bland and Daisy Vada Smith. Obituary notice for Daisy Smith Bland.

(F) Celia Bland (May 3, 1829 - June 11, 1885) Bertha Dunn has made the case for inclusion of Celia as a daughter of William Bland (C1787 -). Celia is buried at the East Asher cemetery in Lulu, Mitchell County Kansas. Celia appears in the 1880 Census of Mitchell County Kansas, aged 51, and married to Iona E. Owen. They were married in Greene County Indiana on October 4, 1848 and appear there in the 1850 Census with:⁹²

- (1) Susan Owen (C1849/1850 -) Born in Indiana
- (2) S.F. Owen (C1855 -) Born in Indiana
- (3) C.E. Owen (C1863 -) Born in Indiana
- (4) Elmer Owen (C1866 -) born in Iowa
- (5) S.S. Owen (C1869 -) born in Iowa
- (6) Mertie Owen (C1874 -) born in Kansas

(H) Enoch F. Bland (November 9, 1833- September 19, 1920)⁹³ Enoch was born in Greene County Indiana and is found there as late as the 1860 Census. A lifelong friend attested that he left Indiana for Kansas in 1873, probably along with his brother James Otis Daniel Bland. Enoch was living at Lulu in Mitchell County Kansas in 1880 and was there as late as December 1884. By 1889, he had moved to Concordia, Cloud County Kansas, where he worked with his son John as a hotel keeper. As noted below, he was a part time farmer, but his war injuries limited his physical ability to farm. By 1900, Enoch was living in Omaha Nebraska and by 1910, he was living with John at Los Angeles California where he died. Enoch served with his brother James O.D. Bland and his cousin Robert Henry Bland in Company A, 115th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Enoch's military papers show that he was about 5'7", fair complexion, blue eyes and red hair. While on a march from Nicholasville Kentucky to the Cumberland Gap in Tennessee, in September 1863, Enoch contracted chronic diarrhea and measles. He spent six weeks in a hospital at Tazewell Tennessee, where the kind and gentle care he received left him with a lifelong condition of chronic asthma and bronchitis. He was discharged from the Army on February 25, 1864.⁹⁴ Enoch filed for a

⁹² Bertha Dunn to Charles L. Bland, June 15, 2002.

⁹³ Enoch's family is first discussed in AC 1-1, P. 5. AC 2-1, pp 8-9, AC 11-1, pp. 25-27 and AC 15-17, pp.1 28-130. I also received valuable new information from Jack Bland, in letters dated October 21 and December 15, 1992. The last letter contained very important information from Enoch Bland's Civil War Pension records, written out by Enoch himself in 1915. Further clarity in Enoch's family was provided by Jack Bland's letters to Charles L. Bland, April 20, 1993, and April 16, 1994. The 1994 document is 27pp and the best narrative about Enoch and his descendants.

⁹⁴ AC 1-1, p. 5 and Attachment 8, and AC 1-2, p. 6. For Enoch's discharge, Jack Bland to Charles L. Bland, December 15, 1992.

disability pension in 1887, but his war related disease hampered his ability to farm. A first rate photograph of Enoch Bland and his sons is displayed on page 54. Enoch married (1st) Catherine Gaines Gentry (C1839-July 5, 1879) on July 28, 1855 in Bloomfield, Greene County.⁹⁵ Following the photograph of Enoch Bland and his sons is a photograph provided long ago by Harvey Cooley, which he says, is the mother or grandmother of Henry Bland. I don't believe it is his grandmother Elizabeth McBain, so I offer the possibility that it is Catherine Gaines Gentry Bland (See Page 55). On April 1, 1880, Enoch married (2nd) on April 1, 1880, in Bloomfield, Greene County Indiana, the widow Mary E. Wilkie Cooper (April 15, 1851 - before 1900).⁹⁶ There were no children in this second marriage. Enoch's children by Catherine Gentry, were:

(1) Henry Bland (May 18, 1856 - December 10, 1935). Henry was a teacher, photographer and an instructor in penmanship. He was born in Greene County, Smith town, and he died in Pattonsburg, Daviess County Missouri.⁹⁷ He is buried at the Old Town Cemetery in Pattonsburg. In Mitchell County Kansas on May 30, 1878, Henry married Emma Isabelle Owen (October 6, 1860 - November 11, 1924). A photograph of Henry Bland and another of Henry with his wife Emma Owen is displayed on page 56. Henry and Emma died at Pattonsburg Missouri and are buried in the Old Town Cemetery. They had twelve children:⁹⁸

- (a) Roy Owen "Dick" Bland (March, 1879-1936) was born in Kansas and is buried at the Old Town Cemetery in Pattonsburg Missouri.
- (b) Frank Bland (1880 -). Frank married Jessie _____ and they had two children.
- (c) Ray Arthur Bland (June 1, 1883 -). Ray married Bertha W. _____ but there is no record of children.
- (d) Bertha May Bland (April 29, 1886 - February 23, 1945), a twin of Bert, (3 below) was born in Norton County Kansas and died in St. Josephs Missouri. Bertha married twice to _____ Hecter and _____ Maxfield. There is no record of children.

⁹⁵ Jack Bland to Charles L. Bland, April 20, 1993. I share with Jack Bland the belief that Catherine Ganes Gentry (1839-1879) and Mary Gentry (1839-1911), second wife of James O.D. Bland, were sisters.

⁹⁶ Jack Bland to Charles L. Bland, April 16, 1994, p. 8, indicates that Mary Cooper had two children by her previous marriage, a daughter L. W. Cooper and Julius Cooper.

⁹⁷ Daviess County was formed from Ray County, which may have placed Henry in proximity with the Blands descended from John Bland (1770-1842) and his wife Mary Lee, AC 15-17, pp. 51-53.

⁹⁸ Ibid. The first five children of Henry Bland and Emma Owens were born in Mitchell County Kansas.

Enoch Bland (1833-1920) and Sons
Seated: (L-R) William Edward Bland, Enoch Bland, Henry Bland
Standing: Joseph W. Bland, James Shelton Bland, John Stephen Bland
Beloit Kansas, 1884
Courtesy of Jack Bland





Harvey Cooley wrote, about 1983: "Mother or Grandmother of Henry Bland, Maiden Name was Scott or Keys" Is she Gatherine Gaines Gentry Bland?

See Page 53, Paragraph one.

- (e) Bert B. Bland (April 29, 1886 - 1927) a twin of Bertha, died at Pattonsburg Missouri. Bert married Effie E. Cain (1885-1964). They had six children.
- (f) Lura Ethel Bland (August 29, 1889 - September 8, 1962) was born at Dennison, Crawford County Iowa and died at Pattonsburg. She married Raliegth L. Chadwick, (C1887-1914), who died when a large case in a butcher shop fell on him. They had three children.

The remaining children were born at Pattonsburg Missouri.

- (g) Benjamin O. Bland (1892 - 1930) buried at Pattonsburg Missouri. Benjamin married Viola _____ (C1897 -) and they had two children.

- (h) Earl Bland (January 10, 1895 - May 1943) a twin of Pearl. In 1922, Earl moved to Eldorado Illinois and became the High School coach. He moved to Marion Illinois for the same coaching job. In subsequent years he moved on to other jobs and to Chicago. While at Eldorado, Earl met Lena Mary Jarrell, whom he married in 1926.⁹⁹
- (i) Pearl Bland (January 10, 1895 - February 1895) Pearl, a twin of Earl.
- (j) Richard Bland
- (k) R. L. C. Bland
- (l) P. B. Bland (twins)

I am pleased to display photos of six of the sons of Henry Bland and Emma Isabelle Owen on page 58.

- (2) William Edward Bland (October 29, 1857 - November 8, 1884). William was born in Greene County. He married but no more is known of his family.¹⁰⁰
- (3) James Shelton Bland (August 19, 1859-). James was born in Indiana. He married Ida E. Owens (c1864-), who also was born in Indiana, in Mitchell County Kansas, February 5 1884. I am pleased to display a photo of James Bland and Ida Owen on page 57. Their children were:
 - (a) Jean H. Bland (July 1887 -)
 - (b) Vera S. Bland (December 1891 -)
 - (c) Forest E. Bland (June 1893 -)
 - (d) Clifford J. Bland (December 1896 -)
 - (e) Ross W. Bland (October 1998 -)
- (4) Joseph Winfield Bland (February 23, 1861 -), married Maggie Owens, October 22, 1884 in Mitchell County
- (5) Celia Bland (November 10, 1862 -) Jack Bland indicates that Celia probably died as a child.

⁹⁹ One of the children of Earl Bland and Lena Mary Jarrell is my Correspondent Jack Bland, see Jack Bland to Charles L. Bland, July 30, 1999.

¹⁰⁰ I juxtapose here a record from the East Asher Cemetery in Cloud County Kansas, which shows W.E. Bland aged 27 years, 4 days. Bertha Dunn to Charles L. Bland, September 20, 1992. p. 24 and letter, Jack Bland to Charles L. Bland, December 15, 1992.



Top: James Shelton Bland (1859 -)
And Ida Emma Owens (1864 -)
Lower: Henry Bland (1856=1935
Courtesy Harvey Cooley and
Jack Bland



Sons of Henry Bland:

Front Row (L-R) Bert B. Bland (1886-1927), Roy Owen Bland (1879-1936),
Earl Bland (1895-1943), Back Row (L-R) Ray Arthur Bland (1883 -),
Benjamin Owen Bland (1892-1930) and Frank Bland (1880 -)

Courtesy of Jack Bland

- (6) John Stephen Bland (May 17, 1867 -). John married Lillie M. _____ and they had two children. They later moved to Los Angeles California. John was close with his father. They operated a hotel business together and it is evident that after the death of his second wife, Enoch lived with John. Children of John Bland and Lillie _____ were:

(a) Verne W. Bland (May 1894 -)

(b) Harry H. Bland (C1897 -)

These are the only children listed in Enoch's Pension papers. Jack Bland concludes that the other children found in the 1880 census, L.W. a female (C1869-) and Julius (C1874-) may not be Enoch's children but those of his second wife, by a prior marriage. If so, it is apparent that Enoch adopted them, since they have the Bland name. ¹⁰¹

5. Thomas Bland (C1789-1862) ¹⁰² This man has no family historian and what little is known about him was found by Albert and Mildred Hunter and transmitted to the author. ¹⁰³ Thomas appears in Greene County as early as 1824. ¹⁰⁴

Thomas married Sarah Thornton, (-1850) a Quaker, probably in North Carolina about 1814-1815. They left North Carolina about 1814-1815 and by 1817 had moved into Orange County Indiana. In 1829, they bought a tract of land in Greene County near Bloomfield . . . "and built a log cabin in the thick forest." ¹⁰⁵ By 1830, their household included three children, a male under 5, and a male and female, ages 10-15. Thomas Bland and Sarah Thornton had three, possibly four children:

(A) Jacob Bland (C1816-) ¹⁰⁶ who appears in the Greene County Indiana Census in 1850 in Richland township. ¹⁰⁷ He had a wife, Elvira Hartley (C1819-) born in Indiana, whom he married December 22, 1836 in Greene County. ¹⁰⁸ By 1860, the family was in Cumberland County Illinois. ¹⁰⁹ They had seven children:

¹⁰¹ Bertha Dunn to Charles L. Bland, April 20, 1993.

¹⁰² VU, p. 335.

¹⁰³ Al and I visited the Pennsylvania State Library in August 1983 and found a book by Thomas A. Bland (1830-1908) Pioneers of Progress (1906). An introduction indicated that Thomas was the son of Thomas Bland and Sarah Thornton.

¹⁰⁴ Jack Baber, Early History of Greene County Op. Cit. p. 9.

See above, p.16, note 29.

¹⁰⁵ Thomas A. Bland Pioneers in Progress, Op. Cit. Introduction.

¹⁰⁶ VU, pp. 340-341 and AC 1-1, pp. 4-6. The introduction to Thomas A. Bland's Pioneers of Progress indicates that his older brother stayed behind in Indiana as a farmer. This seems to fit Jacob perfectly.

¹⁰⁷ AC 1-1, p. 4

¹⁰⁸ Bertha Dunn to Charles Bland, April 20, 1993, suggest Elvira's family name was Hartley, per Greene County Marriage records.

¹⁰⁹ Albert Hunter, group sheet on Jacob Bland (C1816 -) undated.

(1) Thornton Bland, (C1838 - living in 1905) Thornton Bland is found in the Chicago City Directory with Thomas A. Bland in 1905. The name Thornton Bland seems to bind Thomas Bland and Sarah Thornton to Jacob Bland in a parent/child relation.¹¹⁰

(2) Mary Bland (C1840-)

(3) Sarah Ann Bland (C1842-)

(4) Samuel Bland (C1844-)

(5) Bersheba Bland (C1846-)¹¹¹

(6) Rebecca Bland (C1849-).

(B) Bathsheba "Bashaba" Bland (C1825/1826 -) Bashaba, as she was called, remains something of a mystery. Mildred Hunter believed that she was the daughter of Thomas Bland. I believe so, because of Jacob Bland's (1 above) proclivity for naming his children for old family, Thorton, also Bersheba, etc. It remains true, however, that Bathsheba could be a daughter of any of the sons of James Bland (C1749-1799). Bashaba married Anthony Milam or Milan in Greene County September 9, 1841. They disappear from the Greene County records before 1850, leaving a son Moses Milam (C1842 -) living with Jacob Bland, older son of Thomas Bland and Sarah Thornton. This disposition of what was probably an orphan, further reinforces the case that this Bathsheba was the daughter of Thomas Bland and Sarah Thornton.

(C) Thomas Augustus Bland, (May 21, 1830 - January 3, 1908).¹¹² In 1864, Thomas served a brief tour of duty as an Army surgeon for the Union. Thomas was an active Republican in his politics. He was a self-educated man who after a boyhood in farming, became a physician and journalist. He founded The Indiana Farmer which was "the most popular journal in the west that is devoted to agriculture." and was co-editor of The Home Visitor. With his wife Mary, Thomas co-edited The Northwestern Farmer, from 1865-1871. On April 18, 1852 in Coles County Illinois, Thomas married Mary Cornelia Davis of Hitesville Illinois.¹¹³ She was born in Virginia and she completed a degree in medicine. Thomas and Mary had no children and lived variously in Chicago, New York and Washington DC.¹¹⁴ Although there is a sizeable list of Thomas publications, one Esau, or the Banker's Victim (1892) appears to be a thinly disguised biography of his father or brother.

¹¹⁰ AC 2-1, pp. 7-8.

¹¹¹ See above, under Jacob Bland (1779-1839).

¹¹² For the date of Thomas Bland's death, see AC 2-2, pp. 33-34.

¹¹³ Confirmation of the wedding date is found in AC 3-1, p. 21.

¹¹⁴ Baber, Op. Cit. p. 41

(D) William Bland is a possible son of the elder Thomas Bland and Sarah Thornton. He married Nancy Boswell in Coles County Illinois August 18, 1855. ¹¹⁵

Sarah died in 1850, and Thomas sold his farm and moved with his two younger children to Coles County, Central Illinois. There, Thomas married Dorcas Combs there on May 9, 1852. ¹¹⁶

6. Francis Bland (C1790/1794-1833). Francis married Elizabeth Lane (C1790/1800 - 1861) from South Carolina in Orange County Indiana on January 7, 1819. Francis and Elizabeth moved into Greene County Indiana, Highland township, about 1821. Francis and Elizabeth had eight children of whom information is known about only four:

(A) Morning Bland (April 18, 1819 - July 22, 1861) Bertha Dunn has made the case for Morning as a daughter of Frances Bland (C1790 - 1833). Bertha finds she is noted in Greene County as a pupil of the first school in Highland. Morning is buried as Morning Pickard at the Armstead/Owen/Bland Cemetery in Highland, Greene County Indiana. Morning married Abner Pickard, (C1820 -) in Greene County on February 17, 1842. In the 1850 and 1860 Census for Greene County she appears again with the following family:

- (1) Elizabeth Pickard (May 29, 1843 - January 11, 1861)
- (2) Amos Pickard (C1845 -)
- (3) Simon Pickard (C1847 -)
- (4) Nancy Ann Pickard (C1849 -)
- (5) Benjamin Pickard (C1851 -)
- (6) Lucinda Pickard (C1856 -)
- (7) Kizza Pickard (C1858 -)
- (8) William Pickard (C1859 -)

¹¹⁵ Earlier, AC 3-1, p. 21., I made the observation that this William Bland have been William Bland (C1787-), Thomas Bland's older brother. I have retracted this observation.

¹¹⁶ Ibid. The date of the second marriage of the elder Thomas is found in AC 3-1, p. 21. Also, see two letters to Charles Bland, August 13, 1984.

(B) Simon Bland, (December 27, 1823 - October 15, 1898).¹¹⁷ By the time Goodspeed's History of Greene County was published in 1884, Simon was reckoned as one of the "substantial and prominent men in northern Greene County." He was also politically active as a Democrat.¹¹⁸ Simon married Rachel Monk (September 29, 1829 - June 29, 1871)¹¹⁹ a sister of Martha J. Monk (pp. 23-24 above) on May 18, 1851. Rachel and Simon had eight children:

(1) Mourning/Morning Bland (C1852 -) married John W. Calvert in Greene County on September 25, 1876.

(2) Margaret Bland (July 8, 1854 - October 5, 1890)

(3) William H. Bland (November 12, 1856 - June 1, 1910) William, a respected and successful farmer and good Democrat, married in 1881 Elmira Goodwin (May 5, 1859 - December 2, 1833) in Green County on March 2, 1879. Poor William succumbed to consumption in his bowels. Their children were:¹²⁰

(a) Winona Bland

(b) Fila Bland (October 11, 1882 - June 25, 1901)

(c) Lucretia "Cleate" Bland who married W.D. Stalcup (September 5, 1873 -). They had six children.¹²¹
Cratsie Bland Cratsie married Otis Bedford.

(4) Ferdinand Bland (C1857/1862 -) Since he is the only Ferdinand Bland living in Greene County Indiana at the time, it is possible that he is the same Ferdinand DeMoss Bland, who married Sarah Ann Gainey, for whom Ferdinand would have been her second husband. She was the eldest daughter of Meredith Gainey who died in Greene County in 1846. If this happens to be true, the evident age gap between Sarah and Ferdinand, while not impossible to contemplate, would be problematic.¹²²

¹¹⁷ Diane Drogich, "William Henry Bland" September 17, 1999, citing a selection from Biographical Memoirs of Greene County Indiana, With Reminiscences of Pioneer Days (1908), states that Simon died in 1900 at age 75, but I believe this is in error.

¹¹⁸ AC 1-1, p. 7.

¹¹⁹ These dates for Simon and Rachel are from the Wall Cemetery in Highland Indiana and were provided by Harold Shepherd, AC 3-2, p. 37.

¹²⁰ Bertha Dunn to Charles L. Bland, June 15, 2002. Bertha lists , Gertie Bland (December 29, 1867 -) parents unknown., Also Genforum Posting by Robert L. Jackson, "Obituary of William H. Bland" December 23, 2000. Gertie Bland is also noted in genforum Posting by Diane Drogich, "William Henry Bland", Gertie was deceased by 1908.

¹²¹ The children of Lucretia and W.D. Stalcup are detailed by Margaret Danielson to Leota Bland Swain Ruder, March 2, 1972.

¹²² Bertha Dunn to Charles L. Bland, June 15, 2002, including a Genforum Posting, December 5, 1999 by Diane Drogich, "William Wilshire Gainey".

- (5) Granville Bland (July 11, 1863 -) Granville is buried at the Armstead/Owen/Bland Cemetery in Greene County.
- (6) Mary S. Bland (July 20, 1864 - September 30, 1865)
- (7) Nancy Bland (March 13, 1865 -) also buried at the Armstead/Owen/Bland Cemetery.
- (8) David F. Bland. David married Nora Wilkie in Greene County on September 13, 1885.

All of the final five children had died by the time of Goodspeed's history in 1884. On August 3, 1873, Simon married the widow Lucinda Danely Owen, but there were no children by this marriage.

(C) Kesiah Bland (C1823 - June 10, 1901). Bertha Dunn, citing information from a Burch descendant, makes the case for inclusion of Kesiah as a daughter of Francis Bland (1790-1833). Kesiah married George Burch Jr. in Greene County Indiana on May 3, 1846. She was his second wife. Their children were:

- (1) Francis Burch (February 11, 1847 -)
- (2) Davis Hume Burch (January 25, 1850 - June 7, 1853)
- (3) Rebecca Kesiah Burch (September 18, 1851 - November 16, 1942) Rebecca was born in Greene County and died in Pickering, Nodaway County Missouri. She married William Ulay Sharr, (January 10 1852/1853 - April 26, 1946). William and Rebecca are buried at the Orrsburg Cemetery in Nodoway County Missouri. Their children
 - (a) F.M. Sharr Perhaps Francis.
 - (b) J. Austin Sharr (1882-1971) perhaps John Austin, married Elsie _____ (1884-1975).
 - (c) Isaac Lee Sharr (1884-1976) married Elsie L. _____ (1890-1962).
 - (d) Emiley Sharr who married _____ Partridge.
 - (e) Ethel Kessiah Sharr (1889 - April 15, 1979) married Isaac Aansel Treese (November 1, 1885 - August 30, 1953).
 - (f) Eva Sharr married _____ Lolimer
 - (g) Mary Sharr married _____ Hollensbe.
- (4) Jane Burch (July 24, 1853 - July 11, 1855).

(5) Elizabeth Burch (C1855 -) married John Brossman (April 7, 1840 - June 19, 1905) in Greene County Indiana on January 28, 1874.

(6) David Burch (C1857 -) married Calla McDaniel (C1859 -) in Greene County Indiana, on April 25, 1877.

(7) George Burch III (November 7, 1860 -April 17, 1861)

(8) John C. Burch (C1861-1940) married Emma J. Pethel (1864-1909) in Green County on August 24, 1882. Both are buried at Orrsburg Cemetery in Nodoway County Missouri.

(D) Pernelia Bland (C1826 -) Bertha Dunn makes the case that Pernelia is a daughter of Frances Bland (1790-1833) although she also could be a daughter of William Bland (C1787-1873). Pernelia married Joseph Kelly or Kelley (C1825 -) in Greene County Indiana, January 10, 1847. They appear in the 1850 and 1860 census of Greene County with the following children:

(1) Elizabeth Kelly (C1849 -)

(2) Celia Kelly (C1855 -)

(3) John Kelly (C1856 -)

(4) Simon Kelly (C1858 -)

(5) William Kelly (C1859 -)

7. Henry Bland (C1791-1869) Henry's dates are gauged from the 1850 Census and the last entry found for him in Hendricks County Indiana appeared in 1869. Henry married Kesiah Tomlinson (C1798-) in Orange County Indiana, December 23, 1819. The 1850 Census for Hendricks County shows a family consisting of Henry, Kesiah, and three children. They also live adjacent to two Tomlinson households, one of whom is Jemima Tomlinson, a good candidate for Kesiah's mother. Both Henry and Kesiah show North Carolina as their birth place. Henry and Kesiah showed the following children:

(A) Kisiah Bland (C1833-). Kesiah is listed as Kesiah Bryant.

(B) Sarah A. Bland (C1835-). Sarah is listed as Sarah I. Britton

(C) James Bland (C1838-). James Hunt

This would not include older children of Henry and Keziah born between 1820-1832. A clue to their identity was a James Bland (C1823-) and his wife Mary Susannah (C1826-) living nearby. James was probably a son, although surely this would mean that the younger James Bland (C) above, would be a grandson. Also living in this household was

Thomas Bland, (C1829-), a son of Henry and Kesiah, and Elizabeth Bland (C1785-), possibly the sister noted above (C1785 -) sister. ¹²³

Between 1819-1821, four Bland women were married in Orange County Indiana, a county formed in 1816 which lies just southeast of Greene County. ¹²⁴ The Hunters as well as others, including me, have speculated that they may be the daughters of James Bland of Chatham County North Carolina. The fact that Thomas Bland and Sarah Thornton were in Orange County by 1817, that Joseph Bland (C1819-1863), a son of William Bland and Elizabeth McBain was born there, and that Henry and Francis, two of the five brothers, were married there during the same time span, (1819-1821) offers a powerful suggestion that these women were in fact daughters of James Bland born between 1792-1800. ¹²⁵ In uncertain order, they are:

8. Mary Bland, who married Samuel Daughtery, November 5, 1819. What happened to Samuel and Mary is not certain. No Samuel Daughtery appears in the 1820 Census. Samuel Daughterys are found in the 1840 Census for Bartholomew and Vermillion Counties, Indiana. In the 1850 Census, a Samuel Daughtery is found in Spencer County Indiana while a Mary Daughtery is found in Huntington County Indiana. ¹²⁶

9. Isabell Bland, (C1795/1804-) who married Felix Armstrong on March 29, 1820. Felix Armstong did not appear in the Indiana census for 1840. In 1860, there is an Isabella Armstrong in Boon Township, Warrick County Indiana.

10. Fanny Bland, who married Henry Leatherman, March 29, 1820. Henry Leatherman did not appear in the 1820 census. In 1840, a "widow" Leatherman was found in Marion County Indiana.

11. Rachel Bland, who married Elisha Baldwin, April 8, 1821. Elisha Baldwin was in the 1840 Census of Greene County Indiana. By 1850 there were three separate entries in the census for Elisha and Rachel Baldwin. Mention of Elisha Baldwin is missing in the 1860 census, but Rachel Baldwin is found in the Wayne County Census.

12. Kissie Bland was noted by one source as being among the first to attend school in Highland Township. Her position as a daughter of James Bland is speculative, since nothing is known of her except for a note in Baber's history. ¹²⁷

¹²³ AC 6-2, p. 7.

¹²⁴ AC 1-1, p. 7.

¹²⁵ It should be noted that if these girls were the daughters of James Bland they would have been born prior to 1800. Juxtaposed to marriage dates, these women were somewhat older when married, in terms of contemporary norms. On the other side of the ledger, it should be noted that the demand for women on the frontier, often compelled men to be less picky than when they were back east.

¹²⁶ AC 6-2, p. 7, enlarges upon the information first noted in AC 1-1, p. 7, about Bland women who married in Orange County Indiana between 1819-1821.

¹²⁷ Jack Baber, Early History of Greene County Indiana, pp. 44-47.

13. Phoebe Bland (C1792/1793 - February 22, 1840) Marilyn Jean Heckman Frost has proposed that Phoebe Bland be counted as a daughter of James Bland and Bathsheba _____. She states that Phoebe married Joseph Newsom (C1775 - 1860) in Christian County Kentucky September 30, 1808. They ended up in Coles County Illinois, hence the connection with the children of James and Bathsheba. Children of Joseph and Phoebe were:

(A) James B. Newsom (C1810 - 1856) Born in Indiana and died in Richland County Illinois. James married Eliza Jane Slaven (C1829 -) who was born in Posey County Illinois.

(B) Lourenah Newsom (C1816 -) married heritage Saulmon in 1830 in Gibson County Indiana.

(C Merrit Newsom (C1820 - 1875) born and died in Indiana married Elizabeth Almon in Posey County Indiana in 1842. ¹²⁸

THE SONS OF ROBERT BLAND (1732-1787) OF LOUDON COUNTY VIRGINIA AND EDGEFIELD COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

The line begins in Loudon County Virginia, with Robert Bland (C1708-1760), who married Jane _____. As noted previously, ¹²⁹ Robert was a son of William Bland (1686-1744) by his first wife. Robert and Jane had three sons including Edward (1730-1800), Robert (March 9, 1732/1733 - March 27, 1787) and William (C1744-1771)¹³⁰. Robert's birth date was given with precision in the Dero Darwin Bible Record. Edward Bland, the oldest son's, birth year is projected back from Robert's proven date and the elder Robert's birth year is poised at C1708 because William Bland has been shown to be born close to 1686. ¹³¹ Robert married Ann _____ on April 10, 1857 and they subsequently had a family of ten children.

¹²⁸ E-mail, Marilyn Frost to Charles L. Bland, March 23, 2000 and July 15, 2002.

¹²⁹ Pp. 484-500. esp. pp. 485-486. See discussion above, pp. 18-19.

¹³⁰ Edward, Robert and William repeatedly appear on lists of tithables in Loudon County: Virginia County Court Records: Tithables, Loudon County Virginia 1758-1769 (1991) and Tithables, Loudon County Virginia, 1770-1774 (1992); Cf, Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Comp. Fee Books of Loudon County Virginia 1762, 1764, 1765 (1987); Robert Bland appears as court cryer and constable in Virginia County Court Records: Will Abstracts of Loudon County Virginia, Will Book C, January 13, 1783 - 8 September 1788 (1988). In a document I have not seen before, on December 24, 1771, Robert Bland (1772-1787) in Loudon County Virginia sells land to Thomas Hutchinson, including the "late dwelling place of William Bland." I interpret this to refer to Robert's brother William, Virginia Court Records: Deed Abstracts of Loudon County Virginia, 1770-1772 Deed Book H, 12 November 1770 to August 24, 1772 (1989) p. 131. William appears on a list of Tithables as late as September 9, 1771. The meaning is ambiguous, meaning either that William has died by December 1771 or has simply moved away.

¹³¹ Discussion of this issue appears in AC 6-1, pp. 8-10.

This discussion of selected children of Robert Bland (1732-1787) and his wife Ann _____ focuses on the descendants of Presley Bland (1767-1838), Elisha Bland (1775-1836) and Peyton Bland (1780-1815), for whom correspondents have recently provided new information that substantially updates the lines.

THE SONS OF PRESLEY BLAND AND THE MYSTERY OF DNA RESEARCH

One of the most dramatic developments in recent scientific history and genealogical research has been the ability to objectively confirm hitherto unknowable historical by the use of DNA, genetic research. A recent New York Times article about Thomas Jefferson and his slave mistress Sally Hemmings underlines the promise of DNA into historical inquiry. According to the times, the association of white descendants of Thomas Jefferson has been horrified since 1998 when genetic research made a perfect match between Jefferson and one of Sally Hemmings' sons. The research has had the effect of a dynamite explosion on Jeffersonian scholarship, in which prior doubters have become believers.¹³²

As it happens, one of the topics of conversation and a speech at the 2002 Annual reunion in Spring Texas will be the application of DNA to genealogical research. I do not know enough about DNA research to make any broad speculation. There are, however, three presently unattached Blands who show enough geographical and circumstantial evidence to be potential children of Presley Bland of Edgefield County South Carolina and potentially DNA could prove or disprove this possibility. They are William Bland (1792-1868), Talton Bland (C1795-1870) and Margaret "Peggy" Bland (C1800-1859).¹³³

Born in Loudon County Virginia, Presley Bland (February 16, 1768 - November 11, 1839) was the second eldest son of Robert Bland (1732-1787) and his wife Ann (C1740 -after 1808). He migrated with the family to Edgefield County sometime between 1778-1784. On March 19, 1796 Presley was deeded 500 acres on April 1, 1796 near the Edgefield County Courthouse.¹³⁴ Between 1800-1823, Presley divested himself of some 1229 acres of land in Edgefield County, leaving him with a modest 157 acres. Then in 1823, he suddenly purchased 1886 acres, elevating his wealth and no doubt his social status to a very favorable position when he made out his will in 1839 and left a sizeable estate to all his children, except his son Avory.¹³⁵ If fate smiles on the dreamers, William, Talton and Margaret will join the list.

In his day Presley Bland was a local legend in Edgefield County. In modern times, his actual and aspirant descendants have pondered over the structure of his family.¹³⁶ I originally concluded that Presley had

¹³² Brent Staples, "Monticello as The All American Melting Pot," New York Times, July 1, 2002.

¹³³ See Discussion about Presley Bland in VU, pp. 501ff and AC 6-1, pp 13-15.

¹³⁴ AC 11-2, pp. 9-11.

¹³⁵ See discussion, AC 6-1, pp. 13-14.

¹³⁶ Over a period of ten years from about 1981-1993, with help from many other researchers, including Mary Wallace Day of Kenesaw Georgia, John Bland Mobley, Columbia South Carolina and Colleen Monje, now of Burlington Vermont, I gradually refined what I know about Presley's family and eventually came to hope that he might be my fourth great grandpa. Cousins Mobley and Monje supported my own research trip to Edgefield County South Carolina in November 13-22 at the Edgefield County Courthouse and the local environment. The personnel of the Edgefield County Probate office were first rate in the help they gave me and I also

an elder son Avory Bland, who was a single child by an early marriage to an unknown woman, followed by seven children born to his second wife Martha Barrenton. It became clear to me who the mother of Avory Bland was during my November 1987 trip to Edgefield County, when I crawled on hands and knees through the brambles and briars (Br'er Rabbit ain't got nothin' on me) with a man named Albert Turner, who remained upright at the edge of the briar patch and urged me on. Deep in the thicket lay the abandoned and run-over Avory Bland Cemetery just outside the town of Edgefield. The discovery of the tombstone of a woman named Dicey Gunnels was quite a revelation.¹³⁷ Presley Bland had a close association with a man named Daniel Gunnels, who was married to Elizabeth Gunnels. They were parents of Dicey Gunnels (February 10, 1773 - January 28, 1856), spelled Gannels on her tombstone in the Avory Bland cemetery but spelled Gunnels in Avory Bland's household enumeration in the 1850 census and every other relevant source I saw).¹³⁸

1. **Avory Gunnels Bland** (October 27, 1792 - February 7, 1857) In 1816, a man named Avory Gunnels purchased from Daniel Gunnels 50 acres in Edgefield County on the Columbia Road near "a pine corner on Presley Bland's land," suggesting that Daniel Gunnels and Presley lived close together, (On January 1, 1795, Presley witnessed a transaction between Sarah Gunnels and Daniel Parker). In 1817, Avory Gunnels purchased 144 acres from Gosper Donaldson, a relationship of some significance to be discussed below. Then on March 24, 1820, a deed occurs in which Avory Bland purchases a burying ground from Thomas Hatcher who acknowledges the transaction "in consideration of the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars paid to me by Avory Gunnels, commonly called Avory Bland."¹³⁹

In future transactions, Avory is identified as Avory Bland. The following conclusion, to me, is inescapable. As a neighbor to Daniel Gunnels, Presley Bland (1768-1839) had a common law marriage or simply

will never forget the friendship I developed in my few days there with a young man named Elzey Turner, who out of nowhere appeared at the court house day after day and rolled up his sleeves and helped me search through the enormous files at the court house.

¹³⁷ In fairness, others including Albert Turner knew about the site and had done their own crawling. My crawling odyssey was for my own confirmation of dates on the tombstones.

¹³⁸ The lettering on this stone has held up remarkably well in the open air and weather but might have eroded so Gunnels looks like Gannels.

¹³⁹ Edgefield County Deed Books 13, January 1, 1795, pp. 98-102; 32, January 8, 1816, pp. 436-437; 34, December 15, 1817, pp. 354-355; 37, March 24, 1820, pp. 108-110; 1850 Census, Edgefield County South Carolina, Family 334. Deed Books 9, March 24, 1794, pp. 312-317, and 12, April 29, 1795, pp. 151-154, identify Elizabeth Gunnels as Daniel's wife, suggesting that Sarah is a sister. The will of John Frazier, filed October 1794 and probated September 14, 1799, identifies Elizabeth Gunnels and a sister Rosamond Jester as his daughters. A 1787 court minute indicates that "Rosannah Gunnels came into court and acknowledged her Deed of gift to Daniel Gunnels, Sarah Gunnels, Dicey Gunnels, Moses Gunnels and Saunders Gunnels." Based on name similarities appearing the will of John Frazier, it would appear that all the foregoing Gunnels were siblings. On April 17, 1817, there was a trespass by Henry Chipman against Avory Bland, Sarah Gunnels and Rose Carter: Edgefield Minutes of Common Pleas, 1814-1825, pp. 29,88 and Brent H. Holcomb, Comp. Edgefield County, South Carolina Minutes of the County Court: 1785-1795, p. 2; Janie Revill, Edgefield County Records, pp. 71,91. Dicey Gunnels' dates appear on a tombstone in the Avory Bland cemetery, now buried beneath briars and brambles, observed by Charles L. Bland in company of Albert Turner, November 17, 1987.

an intimate relationship, unacknowledged by the formality of marriage, with Dicey Gunnels, (1773-1856). Avory Gunnels was at least one child of this relationship.

It has been approximated with some reliability that Avory married Mary Johnson about 1820 (their first child was born in 1821). It seems probable that Avory adopted his father's name prior to his marriage. A reward for this recognition of his patrimony might have been receipt of some wealth from Presley. In joint transactions, Avory Bland, on July 24, 1820, sold 219 acres of land on the Edgefield-Columbia Road to Augustus Nagle, for \$600. On the same day and in back to back transactions, Nagle purchased 13 acres called "Cross Keys" from Presley Bland for an equal amount of \$600. It may well be that these transactions constituted Presley's settlement with Avory upon his marriage, for in a third transaction, Nagle committed the entire 232 acres to Avory as security against a credit arrangement in which Avory was to be paid \$1,200 in three annual installments. The Cross Keys estate was expanded to 157 acres and sold to Avory's Cousin Elza Bland¹⁴⁰ in 1825 for \$710. In 1831, Elza resold this land to Avory, now expanded to 337 acres, for \$1,500. This information confirms what was strongly implied by various legal evidences that Avory Gunnels Bland was the half-brother of Presley Bland's other children.¹⁴¹ Avory was not mentioned in his father's will of 1839. Presley's settlement with Avory seems to have occurred at about the time of Avory's name change from Gunnels to Bland and his subsequent marriage.

There seems to be no dissent from Presley's patrimony over Avory Gunnels Bland. Avory, from the sketchy evidence available about him, appears to have been loyal to his family and somewhat defiant toward society. Certainly, a sort of opprobrium must have attached to the circumstances surrounding his birth. Yet although Avory took his father's name, he never forsook his mother for she is found living with him in 1850.¹⁴² Avory's grave is an obelisk that towers over the others. But while the tomb of his wife, son and brother flank him, Dicey Gunnels lies directly in front of him. Dicey died a year before Avory, meaning that he could have devised this arrangement. It is as if Avory Bland is raising his fist to posterity, saying "THIS IS MY MOTHER!!"¹⁴³

¹⁴⁰ Elza, (1798-1839) was a son of Wormeley Bland (C1771-1800) and Sarah Turner. Wormeley was the brother of Presley Bland.

¹⁴¹ VU, pp. 503-509.

¹⁴² (Dicey's parents turned up in Georgia in 1820 and thereafter disappeared from sight. How many of Dicey's siblings remained in Edgefield County is uncertain. She seems to have cast her lot with the Blands).

¹⁴³ Silas E. Lucas, Jr. The Third or 1820 Land Lottery of Georgia, (1985), p. 134, shows Daniel Gunnels in Wilkes County Georgia. Dicey and Rosannah Gunnels appear together in dwelling 77 in the 1820 Census. It is also certain that Avory Bland was an immensely wealthy man. In 1850, his wealth was reckoned at \$40,000, and in his will of 1857, he granted some 4,800 acres and 110 slaves to his children, (VU, p. 512). The source of his wealth is something of a mystery, though his sales and purchases of land between 1816 and 1838 seems to reinforce the supposition that he came into substantial wealth through his marriage about 1820 to Mary Johnson (born 1804 - September 24, 1839). Avory started with a modest purchase of 50 acres from his grandfather Daniel Gunnels in 1816, followed by a purchase of 144 acres from Gosper Donaldson in 1817. These purchases cost Avory \$360. Between 1820-1838, Avory purchased an additional 3,711 acres, plus one-third share of an \$8,000. purchase of property in Edgefield town and two single purchases of lots in Edgefield Town for which he paid 2,600. Avory was a co-partner in a business enterprise called Bland-Caitland. He also bought up properties lost for indebtedness on several occasions. During the period 1820-1838, Avory sold 1,058 acres.

What happened between Presley Bland and Dicey Gunnels is unknown. Dicey Gunnells lived on to 1856, but after about 1805 Presley married a woman named Martha Barrington, Barrentine or Barrenton.¹⁴⁴ In my book and an earlier newsletter revision I stated that Presley had eight children by his second marriage, including John Prestley Bland; Randall Bland; Sampson Bland; Luke Bland; Emily Bland; Mary Bland; Martha Bland and Caroline Bland.¹⁴⁵ John Bland Mobley held that there were eight children through the common law marriage between Presley Bland and Dicey Gunnels, including Avory Bland; Randall Bland (1804 - May 9, 1829) who in his will left his entire estate to "my brother Avory Bland" and six other unnamed children who died in infancy. Thus, according to Mr. Mobley, the relationship between Presley Bland and Dicey Gunnels continued through 1805, after which time Presley married Martha Barrington.¹⁴⁶ Within this framework of eight children, of whom only two were known, there has arisen that possibility that two of the unnamed children might be:

2. William Bland (February 2, 1792 - November 25, 1868) William Bland was my great great great grandfather.¹⁴⁷ My uncle Berry Jewell Bland, in his uncompleted work that led me to my own historical research on the Blands, and his daughter Margaret Bland Magliocco, as well as Betty Bland Lovvorn of Ooltewah, Tennessee, concluded that William was a probable son of Wormley Bland (February 17, 1771 - July 7, 1800) and Sarah Turner (1773-1848). These assertions were based on oral traditions within the family, and I accepted the idea when I wrote Vision of Unity.¹⁴⁸ Subsequent research, however, persuades me that this is an error. Anna Bland, Wormley's mother, gave generous allotments of land to many of her grandchildren, and on September 17, 1801 specifically gave land to Wormley's sons Elzey and Turner.¹⁴⁹ William Bland was a small boy of nine at the time of this grant. It seems inconceivable that Anna Bland would have excluded him if he were in fact a son of Wormley Bland. Again, when she made out her final will in 1848 in Edgefield County, Wormley's widow Sarah Turner Bland Mobley left specific bequests to Elza Bland and Margaret Bland Hazel, and

Avory's purchase and acquisition of slaves is somewhat more obscure though I have noted that in his will, he apparently took care to keep slave families together (VU 512-13,518 n.1). Avory was a remarkable man who led a noteworthy life.

¹⁴⁴ For spelling of this name, see AC 6-1, p. 14. Alternative spellings seem to be Barrentine or Barrington.

¹⁴⁵ VU, pp. 510f, AC 6-1, pp. 17-18 and AC 10-2, pp. 26-29.

¹⁴⁶ VU, pp. 501-508; AC 6-1, pp. 13-18; AC 10-2, pp. 26-29 and AC 11-2, pp. 9-13. John Bland Mobley, Columbia South Carolina and Bland Goodwin, Augusta Georgia supplied valuable information.

¹⁴⁷ Previously, William Bland and his line were discussed in VU pp. 520-544 and AC 6-1, pp. 31-33.

¹⁴⁸ Sarah Turner's mother was born Ellzey, one of the families in Virginia with whom the elder Blands were close. The name Ellzey or its variants appears elsewhere in the Bland family of Edgefield County, for example Wormley's son Elza (1798-1879); Elzy Harmon Bland (1863-1938), a son of Peyton Bland (1815-1872) and Susannah Harmon (1822-1892) and Elza Donaldson, identified below, p.75. My Great Grandfather were Named Berry Elzey Bland (1856-1917), suggesting strongly to me as well as undoubtedly, uncle Berry and cousins Margaret and Betty, that he was descended from Wormley.

¹⁴⁹ Edgefield County Deed Book 19, September 17, 1801, pp. 546-548.

numerous grandchildren, but did not mention William. This would appear to rule out Wormeley as the father of William Bland (1792-1868)¹⁵⁰

Another possibility about William's patronage is Edward Bland (C1730-1800), the older brother of Robert Bland (1732-1787).¹⁵¹ Edward moved to South Carolina from Loudon County Virginia sometime between 1764-1775 and was on hand to witness Robert's will on December 21, 1786. He was in Edgefield County as late as 1790, when he appears in the census with two adult males, three adult females and five slaves. Subsequently Edward moved to York County South Carolina where he made out his will in 1797 and had died by 1800 when his will was probated.

In his will, Edward mentioned a son William Bland, to whom he left a mare. With the help of Berry Bland, his daughter Margaret Bland Magliocco and Betty Bland Lovvorn, I have long known that my third Great grandfather William Bland lived in Union County South Carolina, adjacent to York County, no later than 1812. He moved across the border to Rutherford County North Carolina in January 1831. Union County was formed in 1798 from the 96th District that was parent to Edgefield, but adjacent to York County South Carolina and Rutherford County North Carolina. In a trip to Union County South Carolina in November 1985, I found a record that William Bland on December 9, 1812, purchased from John Kendrick, 50 acres of land on the Broad River, (which runs through Rutherford County North Carolina into Union County).¹⁵² William's name appears in the Union County Census for 1820 and 1830, with distributions that appear to match known facts about his family by his first wife. According to Margaret Magliocco, William married Caroline or Carolina Miller or perhaps Aiken. There is, however, a deed in Union County South Carolina December 18, 1827, in which William Bland sells land to Payton B. Darwin. The transaction is attested to by "Nancy Bland, wife of the within named William Bland".¹⁵³ We are thus confronted with a contradiction, unless William married Caroline/Carolina Miller or Aiken after or before he married Nancy.¹⁵⁴ This would make Caroline Miller the mother of William's older children,

¹⁵⁰ To give credit to the fairly specific oral tradition passed down to Berry Bland, Margaret Magliocco and Betty Lovvorn, William might have been the child of Wormley as part of a relationship similar to Presley Bland and Dicey Gunnels. On the other hand, there is no specific evidence that William ever was in Edgefield County.

¹⁵¹ See discussion, AC 6-1, pp. 10-12.

¹⁵² Union County South Carolina Deed Book M, December 9, 1812, pp. 149-150. In Union County South Carolina on March 3, 1817, my ancestral grandfather William Bland, joined twelve "good and lawful men" at a coroner's inquest to gaze upon the body of one John Findley "then and there lying dead." They reckoned that Findley got drunk and tried to cross the river at Howell's Ferry, when the river got the best of him.

¹⁵³ Union County Deed Book S, December 18, 1827, p. 515.

¹⁵⁴ VU, pp. 531-544. Nancy, however, is identified at a time that would make her the mother of Jacob Calvin/Calhoun Bland (1827-1898) and Thomas R. Bland (1829-1904). Thomas was my great-great grandfather.

while Nancy would be the mother of Jacob Calvin/Calhoun Bland (1827-1898) and Thomas R. Bland (1829-1904). Thomas was my great-great grandfather.¹⁵⁵

On January 1, 1831, William Bland purchased land in Rutherford County, North Carolina at the confluence of the Broad and Second Broad Rivers, no more than a few miles across the border from Union County. This land was where William Bland's family lived. Nancy _____ died, probably between 1840 and 1845, for in 1847, William married Viannah Padgett in Rutherford County North Carolina.

The transaction in 1827 by William with Payton B. Darwin is significant on two counts: First, it identifies a first or second wife of William Bland. Second, Darwin is almost certainly Peyton Bland Darwin (1805-1883) the son of John Darwin and Jane Bland (1762-1827) daughter or Robert Bland (1732-1787) who died in Edgefield County. This links William concretely with the older Edgefield family. The John Darwin family, however, made its home in York County, adjacent to Union, as did Edward Bland (1730-1800), brother of Robert.

What all of this shows, however, is that William Bland lived in an adjacent county to Edward Bland, who had a son named William. A problem is that Edward had two adult sons in 1790. Admitting the possibility that Edward had William in 1792 at age 62 and that his two sons in the 1790 census died before he made his will in 1797, this stretches things a bit too much. At best William born in 1792, would have been the son of one of those two unnamed sons of Edward Bland. That remains a possibility.¹⁵⁶

¹⁵⁵ My Aunt Virginia Bland Long sent me a newspaper clipping May 31, 1904, announcing the death of my great, great grandfather Thomas R. Bland, which confirmed his date of death as May 30, 1904, and also affirmed that he was the son of William Bland (1792-1868). The obituary thus is worth quoting in full: Henrietta, May 31, 1904: Mr. Thomas R. Bland, an aged, prominent and highly respected citizen of Caroleen, died at his home at 7 O'clock yesterday morning, at the venerable age of 75 years. He will be buried today at the Concord Baptist Church, near Bostic. Mr. Thomas R. Bland was born near where Cliffside now stands, on February 27, 1829. He was the son of William Bland, whose father came from Ireland to this country about the year 1800 and settled in Rutherford County. He was married to Miss Patsy Rollins in the year of 1849, at the age of 20. A few years after his marriage, he moved to Georgia, where he stayed only a couple of years and returned to the scenes of his birth and early life, where he spent the remainder of his life. In 1862, at the age of 33, he enlisted in Company I, Fiftieth Regiment of North Carolina Volunteers, in the Confederate Army and made a brave soldier, taking part in many bitterly contested engagements, but escaped without a wound. Mr. Thomas R. Bland was the father of eight children, six of which survive him as follows: James C. Bland; Berry E. Bland of Henrietta; William W. Bland; Sallie Bland; Janie Bland and Leonard C. Bland and Nancy Harrill (who was in fact a granddaughter known as "Cousin Nannie" 1874-1980). He has been a consistent member of the Baptist church for nearly sixty years. The obituary did not note Thomas' first child Nancy Bland Harrell (1850-1874) and omitted his daughter Martha Catherine (1873-1952), who married Robert Freeman and had moved away. It should also be noted that there is no record of a Bland from Ireland in Rutherford County.

¹⁵⁶ In AC 5-1, pp. 42-43, I suggested the possibility that William Bland (March 9, 1772 - September 15, 1857) who was probably born in South Carolina, might have been this missing son of Edward Bland. William married Elizabeth Wood, (1776 - March 24, 1835). There also was a William Bland in Washington county Georgia in 1806 and Wilkinson County Georgia in 1820. The Bible Record of Harris Jones Bland (1818-1893), turned up by Marie McLaughlin, in her Research of the Alabama Records, identified William Bland (1772-1857) as his father. There has been no follow up to probe where William came from and who his parents might have been.

Another is that William was the oldest son of Presley Bland and Dicey Gunnels, or at least the eldest known by present day researchers. We have seen tangible evidence that he was connected to the Edgefield County South Carolina family. How is more difficult to ascertain, but by process of elimination, based on what we now know, he would have been a son of Presley Bland and Dicey Gunnels. If Edward Bland (1730-1800) and Wormeley Bland (1771-1800) are eliminated, so must the eldest son of Robert Bland (1732-1787): John Bland (1757-1781), who died eleven years before William was born. Among the other sons of Robert Bland, Elisha (See Below, pp. 77) would have been sixteen at the time of Williams birth, and sons Peyton and James eleven and eight. This of course does not make the case for Presley. One discouraging factor is the close proximity of births between William who was born February 2, 1792 and his presumed younger brother Avory, born October 27, 1792. If William and Avory were brothers, poor Dicey Gunnels had no respite for the year 1792!

3. Talton Bland, C1795 - 1870/1880 A somewhat stronger case can be made for Talton Bland and his sister Margaret.¹⁵⁷ Although Talton Bland lived at Edgefield County, he does not have any direct transactions of land with other members of the family, and seems to have lived apart from them.¹⁵⁸ He was distinctly a poor man with little property. Previous information supplied by Terese Bueker of Woodlands Texas and McXie Martin of Saint Augustine Texas, shows that Talton was born in South Carolina about 1795/1800 and died in Chattahoochie County, Georgia between after August 15, 1870 and before the Census of 1880¹⁵⁹ Talton married (1st) a woman whose name has not been determined. The circumstances suggest that his first wife died in childbirth with his son Calvin Bland (1820-1891) and a son born in 1820 would tend to push Talton's birth backward toward the 1795 date, rather than the alternate of 1800.¹⁶⁰ Talton married second time to Mary Carter on January 23, 1823, in what apparently was a double wedding with Talton's sister Peggy Carter, discussed below: By his first wife, Talton had:

(A) Calvin Bland (April 7, 1820 - March 6, 1891). Calvin is buried at Antioch Cemetery near St. Augustine Texas. He married Lucinda Morgan on October 3, 1845 at Muscogee Georgia. They had a family of four children:

(1) Analiza Bland (1847-1930) who married John Tinsley on November 29, 1866 at Chattahoochie Georgia. Analiza and John later moved to St. Augustine Texas.

¹⁵⁷ Talton and his sister Peggy Bland have previously been discussed in AC 1-1, p. 13; 1-2, p 21; 2-1, pp. 15-16; 2-2, pp. 36-37 and 6-1, pp. 31-32.

¹⁵⁸ Terese Bueker found a record of Blands in proximity with Taltons in Anson County North Carolina, and also Taltons and Blands in close proximity in Orange, Caswell and Johnston County South Carolina, AC 2-2, p. 36.

¹⁵⁹ AC 1-1, p. 13.

¹⁶⁰ AC 1-1, p. 13. Talton was shown as aged 55 in the 1850 Census and 60 and 70 in the 1860, 1870 Census. Vanity or simple miscalculation may have contributed to Talton's loss of five years.

(2) Harriet Frances Bland (1849-1910) who married Thomas Wesley Moore Baggett at Chattahoochie Georgia on January 7, 1869, and later moved with him to St. Augustine Texas. Harriet and Thomas' children included:

(a) Ida Lavina Baggett (1870-1947) who married James Benjamin Whitton in St. Augustine Texas on December 5, 1883).¹⁶¹

(3) Francis W. Bland (1853-1910) married Mary Ophelia Lane at Chattahoochie Georgia, where they remained.

(4) William Wesley Bland (1855-1923) married Matilda Louise McClung on August 26, 1875 and moved to Marshall Texas. William Wesley's children included:

(a) John Lafayette Bland (1878-1915) who married Minnie Theola Head (1884-1966) at Marshall Texas on March 19, 1902.¹⁶²

(b) Selma Lurline Bland (June 27, 1897 - after 1997). Selma married Leonard J. Schuler (-1971) of Marshall Texas.¹⁶³

(5) James Jefferson Bland (July 16, 1861 -) James married Mattie Baggett on July 4, 1886 and they had seven children. James is buried at Liberty Hall Cemetery in Saint Augustine Texas. Among their children was:

(a) James Walter Bland (February 9, 1888 - May 14, 1943) born at Bland Lake Texas, near San Augustine. James Walter married (1st) Bertha Consford and (2nd) Annie Lorraine Hardy (February 1903 - November 24, 1979).¹⁶⁴

By Talton's second marriage to Mary Carter, he had the following children:

(B) Sarah Bland (C1826-) Sarah married Jacob Waddell.

(C) Eliza Bland (1830-1882) Eliza married Reuben Bailey on June 30, 1845 in Muscogee Georgia.

¹⁶¹ William Newt Whitton, a son of James Benjamin Whitton and Ida Lavina Baggett married Margaret Ethel Waley on February 25, 1928. They were parents of McXie Amanda Whitton, who married Dr. James Moody Martin on April 11, 1952.

¹⁶² John and Minnie had a son Nelson Lee Bland (1914-) who married Clareed Lewis Cohn on February 29, 1940. They were parents of Terese Bland, who married Robert Arthur Bueker on January 24, 1970.

¹⁶³ This information about Selma Bland Schuler was provided by David Tim Bland of Chandler Arizona, Letter to Charles L. Bland, September 15, 1997.

¹⁶⁴ Dolly Bland Trayal to Charles L. Bland, September 6 and 16, 1999 and July 8, 2002. James and Annie were parents of James Melton Bland, born at St. Augustine Texas on May 6, 1922, who were parents of Dolly Trayal.

(D) Enoch Bland (1832-1863) Enoch married Lucy A. _____ and served in Company B., 31st Georgia Infantry, from May 18, 1862 to May 20, 1863. Enoch was fatally wounded in battle on May 20, 1863 at Richmond Virginia.

4. Margaret "Peggy" Bland (C1796/1802 - 1859) Margaret is often mentioned as the sister of Talton Bland who married Gosper Donaldson (C1794/1798 - 1842) on January 23, 1823 in a double wedding in Edgefield County with Talton Bland and Mary Carter. About 1824-1825, Gosper and Margaret moved to Lowndes County Alabama, where both died. Children of Margaret Bland and Gosper Donaldson were:¹⁶⁵

(1) Elza Richard Donaldson (December 3, 1819 - March 26, 1892). Elza, holding a name that links him closely to the Blands of Edgefield County where he was born, died in Sandy Ridge or Montgomery Alabama. Elza married Allethia Hambrick (C1830-) on January 29, 1846 in Lowndes County Alabama.¹⁶⁶

(2) Elizabeth Donaldson (September 3, 1822 - October 17, 1908) was born in Edgefield County and died in Elba Alabama. Elizabeth married William Beard (September 17, 1817 - September 2, 1864) on August or September 7, 1843 in Alabama.

(3) Amanda M.F. Donaldson ((C1823 -) was born in Edgefield County and died in Columbia County Arkansas. Amanda married (1st) William G. Hambrick on July 20, 1843 in Lowndes County Alabama and (2nd) Garbin Beatty, whom she married in Alabama after 1850.

(4) Marianne Donaldson (C1825 -) in Lowndes County Alabama.

(5) Anne Catherine Donaldson (C1828 -) in Lowndes County Alabama, married Joseph Taylor on June 29, 1848 in Lowndes County.

(6) Martha Adeline Donaldson (C1830 -) in Lowndes County Alabama.

¹⁶⁵ McClendon, Edgefield Marriage Records, pp. 14, 49. Gosper Donaldson was the son of David P. Donaldson and Elizabeth Gallman, whose father was Gosper Gallman. Gosper Donaldson and Margaret Bland later migrated to Lowndes County, Alabama, where Gosper Donaldson died. Peggy Bland died at Coffee County Alabama. Sue Meinhart, postings at Genforum, November 11, 1999. The birth dates of children listed indicate that Peggy Bland may have been the second wife of Gosper Donaldson.

¹⁶⁶ David Sanders to Charles L. Bland, November 15, 1999 suggests that Elza died in Montgomery Alabama. I am also grateful to Melissa Anderson for her guidance on this line, Melissa Anderson to Charles L. Bland June 30, 2002.

I believe Talton and Margaret Bland should be placed within the Edgefield County family because of that family's proclivity for naming their sons by allied family surnames (Presley, Wormley, Payton, Elza as in Ellzey, and Turner) and indirect references to associations within the Edgefield family that are too numerous to be only coincidences.¹⁶⁷ If this is so, again we may seek after Talton's parentage through elimination of all possibilities except for Presley Bland and Dicey Gunnels, by the same process followed with William Bland (1792-1868). Absent specific linkages, the following makes it clear that although there might not be a specific relation, there is at least a semblance through association:

At least three transactions establish some correlation between the larger family of Blands and these names: (1) On December 15, 1817, Avory Gunnels purchased 144 acres of land from Gosper Donaldson; (2) On November 5, 1821, Avory Bland and Gosper Donaldson witnessed a sale of land between Elza Bland and Presley Bland; (3) On January 1, 1795, Presley Bland witnessed a transaction between Daniel Parker and Sarah Gunnels, a sister of Daniel Gunnels, father of Dicey Gunnels, thus Avory Bland's aunt and grandfather. The land transacted was shown by a map to be adjacent to land owned by "Moses Carter's People". In 1790, Presley Bland acted as security for Moses Carter in a court matter. Again, on April 17, 1817, back-to-back trespass allegations occur between Henry Chipman and Avory Bland, Sarah Gunnels and Rose Carter.¹⁶⁸

None of this links Talton to the larger Bland family. Talton, however, purchased 45.75 acres of land from Thomas and Mary Chiles in November 1826. Talton appears to have failed as a landowner, for in 1829 and again in 1832 he was forced to relinquish portions of this land to a man called William Eddins, because an inaccurate survey encroached on Eddins' land. In both cases, the concession of land by Talton Bland to William Eddins was witnessed by Jesse Bettis. This Eddins-Bland connection is mirrored by the marriage, noted below, between Thurston Bland (1878-1956) and Ida Eddins in Orange County Texas (See Thurston Bland Below p. 112). By then it was a long way back from Orange County Texas, to an earlier generation of Thurston and Ida's relatives who had lived as neighbors in Edgefield County South Carolina.¹⁶⁹ On October 4, 1834, Avory Bland purchased 70 acres of land, (not near that of Talton Bland), from William Eddins, by then of Greene County Alabama. Jesse Bettis witnessed the transaction.

These transactions may portend a significant association between the various families. There is more in this string of indirect references than can be waved away, yet nothing holds for sure and nothing can be proved. Surely there is more here than what Christopher Johnston wrote in another context, "we must bear in mind that the

¹⁶⁷ Correspondents David Bland, Chandler Arizona and Dolly Bland Trayal suggest Talton's actual name was Talmadge or Talmedge, but I have never seen any evidence of anything but Talton.

¹⁶⁸ Edgefield Deed Books 13, January 1, 1795, pp. 98-102; 34, December 15, 1817, pp. 354-355; 38, November 5, 1821, pp. 329-330. Holcomb, Minutes of the County Court, 1785-1795, p. 130. Edgefield County Minutes of Common Pleas, 1814-1825, pp. 29,88.

¹⁶⁹ Edgefield Deed Book 42, November 9, 1826, pp. 391-392; 43, January 7, 1829, p. 420; 46, November 26, 1832, pp 535-536.; 47, October 4, 1834, pp. 136-137. AC 2-1, p. 15.

evidence is by no means clear, and that after all these may be no more than an accidental coincidence." Maybe Mr. DNA can tell us for sure.

**ELISHA BLAND (1775-1837) OF EDGEFIELD COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA AND
WASHINGTON COUNTY GEORGIA**

Elisha Bland (April 9, 1775 - 1837),¹⁷⁰ was the seventh child of Robert Bland (C1732-1787) and his wife Anne, (C1740-1808). Elisha was born in Virginia, lived in Edgefield County South Carolina and made out his will in Washington County Georgia August 1, 1836, according to an affidavit by his son John Bland, who stated that Elisha died in 1837. One of Elisha's descendants called him "a respectable citizen and prosperous farmer." Elisha "came to Georgia by 1794," evidenced by his appearance on the Muster Roll of the Washington County Georgia Dragoons between November 1 and December 31, 1794. Elisha also served in the War of 1812 as a Private in Freeman's Squad. Elisha's migration to Georgia is substantiated by a deed in Edgefield County, South Carolina in 1798 in which Anna Bland sells 100 acres to Elisha Bland "of the State of Georgia". By 1801, Elisha had sold these 100 acres, and he did not subsequently appear in the Edgefield records.¹⁷¹ In 1806, Elisha received a land grant of 600 acres in Washington County, Georgia.¹⁷²

Elisha married Agnes (possibly Conyers and the widow Freeman)¹⁷³ (C1768/1770-June 16, 1862).¹⁷⁴ about 1796 in Georgia. Agnes was born in North Carolina. One of the most extraordinary aspects of this line is the extraordinary toll of life exacted by the Civil War on descendants of Elisha and Agnes, who had the following children, all born in Washington County Georgia:

¹⁷⁰ Elisha's will was made August 1, 1836 and he died sometime in 1837. For the source of Elisha's birth date, see VU. p. 496, 499. Readers are referred to a previous discussion about the family of Elisha Bland and his wife Agnes, (AC 1-2, pp. 20-21, AC 6-1, pp. 22-24 and AC 8-1, pp. 31-32, 11-2, pp. 13-19 and 12-2, pp. 38-39). This information is updated from family group sheets provided by Jennie Zuccarini of Savannah Georgia, a voluminous set hereafter called Zuccarini. Also note letter from Nora Elder to Charles Bland, April 3, 1983 and letters to Daniel E. Bland from William H. Bland, Statesboro Georgia, March 27, 1952; to Daniel E. Bland from Thelma Bland Underwood, Deveroux, Georgia August 12, 1953; Reubin H. Bland to Simeon Bland, May 19, 1863 (copy). These documents were in the possession of the late Elizabeth Pritchard Newsom of Sandersville Georgia and headed by the following: "FRIENDSHIP CHURCH CEMETERY (BAPTIST) (Transcribed by E.P. and J.S.N. July 23, 1961)". To Charles Bland from Mildred Mason Snyder, Panama City Florida, February 25, 1986; and Mary-Helen Sears Foxx, Compiler, The Washington County Georgia Researcher, (1982), pp. 58,75,92, 95 and 98. I am also grateful to Mary Ann Caldbeck for three e-mails, July 20 and July 22, 2002, that added a great deal of very helpful information and are identified in future notes simply as Caldbeck.

¹⁷¹ Edgefield County Deed Book 15, January 15, 1798, pp. 370-372. Deed Book 22, December 30, 1801, pp. 138-139.

¹⁷² Judy Ennis Larson "Register Report" (Undated) a 39 page document, p. 1, indicates that Elisha received Land in Washington County in 1807. Hereafter, Cousin Judy's Report is referred to as Judy Ennis Larson. Judy credits Bland Family researcher Mary Ann Caldbeck as a major source of her information.

¹⁷³ Agnes may have been the daughter of William Freeman, Zuccarini, and p. 4; Caldbeck cites a new book, History of Oconee Georgia, which identifies her as Agnes Conyers Freeman Bland. Although this reinforces her as a Freeman, the authors offer no evidence. The Washington County Georgia Census of 1850 records Agnes as aged 82. Agnes' obituary in 1862 said she was 92. Judy Ennis Larson, p. 1, reports that a new book on Oconee Georgia establishes Agnes' name as Agnes Conyers Freeman.

1. Simeon or Semion or Simion Bland (C1797-1798 - May 1 or October 15, 1864). ¹⁷⁵ Simeon was an identical twin of his brother Micajah. It was said that people could not tell them apart. His will was made May 20, 1862 in Washington County Georgia. He married Elizabeth Hodges (C1798 - April 19, 1853) in 1821. Elizabeth was born in North Carolina and Nora Elder believes was the daughter of Henry Hodges of Beaufort County N.C. ¹⁷⁶ Simeon Bland and Elizabeth Hodges had the following children:

(A) Henry Bland, (C1820/1822 -March 12, 1869). Henry was born and died in Washington County Georgia, but it was a near thing. He was the only son of Simeon Bland who did not perish in the Civil War. Henry enlisted in Company D, 68th Georgia Regiment on August 15, 1863, with his son Simeon Micajah, (1846-1931 (1) below). ¹⁷⁷ He was captured by the Yankees near Nashville Tennessee on December 16, 1864 and imprisoned at Camp Douglas in Illinois. He was released June 18, 1865. (note the parallel experience of Henry's son Simeon Micajah Bland. When the war was over, Henry became addicted to a drug called Landrium. Some say he died of an overdose, others that he committed suicide. He married first on December 11, 1845, Elizabeth Ann Adams, who died probably in childbirth in 1846. Henry and Elizabeth had one child:

(1) Simeon Micajah Bland (October 1, 1846 - June 1931). A newspaper notice indicates that Simeon Micajah enlisted in Company D, 66th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiment in September 1863. He was captured by the Yankees in December 15 1864 and imprisoned for six months at Camp Douglas Illinois before he was released June 18, 1865. He moved to Wheeler County, Georgia in 1896 and lived there for the last thirty-five years of his life. On January 10, 1886, Simeon Micajah Bland married Mattie Carrie McMillan (January 5, 1866/1867 - January 1931) They had a family of eleven children including:

(a) Leon Micajah Bland (C1886 -)

¹⁷⁵ My original information had Simeon's death at October 15, 1864, which a later source changed to May 1, 1864. Zuccarini Group Sheets, p. 5 list both dates. Simeon made his will May 20, 1862. Because of Civil War related deaths among Simeon's son, it fell to his brother John to divide his property upon his death.

¹⁷⁶ However slightly, this relation may give some weight to my attempt to develop a unified family structure for what I think is a distinct family of Blands is found in a cluster of Eastern North Carolina Counties, including Beaufort, cf. AC 15-17, pp. 88-123 and AC 15-17, pp. 101-131.

¹⁷⁷ Jennie Zuccarini, e-mail to Charles L. Bland, July 12, 2002, writes that she has established Henry in the United Daughters of the Confederacy, a benefit for anyone who can claim to descend through him.

- (b) Clara Manita Bland (November 19, 1887 - September 24, 1945). Clara married Warren Clifton Smith (July 15, 1880 - February 26, 1951) on July 26, 1904. Warren was Clara's cousin, and grandson of Simeon Macajah Bland's aunt Rachel Bland Prosser. Clara died in Albany Georgia and is buried in Alamo Georgia. ¹⁷⁸
- (c) Emily Strathmore Bland (C1889 -)¹⁷⁹
- (d) Lester Alvin Bland (C1891 -)
- (e) Ennis Alton Bland, (C1893-)
- (f) Verlon Bland (c1895 -)
- (g) Vergalina Bland, (C1895 -) a twin of (f) Verlon Bland.
- (h) Thomas Albert Bland (C1897 -)
- (i) Carrie Lizzie Bland (C1902 -)
- (j) Dana Otto Bland (C1903 -)
- (k) Oscar Lee Bland (C1907 -).

Henry Bland married (2nd) Martha A. Lawrence (C1827-1867) in September 1848, in Washington County Georgia. Perhaps Martha's death was the last blow. In reading through the group sheets, one wonders if the heavy load of the Civil War, the death of his brothers and the deaths of his two wives might not have pushed Henry over the edge. He was so familiar with death, that he must ultimately have welcomed its embrace. Their children were:

- (2) Harriet Bland (C1852-ante1890), who married Fabrian Watkins December 7, 1869 in Washington County.
- (3) Jasper or Joseph Newton Bland (C1856-) who married Mary Tanner October 8, 1877 in Washington County.
- (4) Marietta Bland (C1858-), who married Miles Tanner, December 12, 1876 in Washington County.

Henry Bland married (3rd) Lavenia Frances Lawrence Prosser (March 14, 1833 - September 13, 1893) a sister of his second wife Martha Lawrence, on November 8, 1868. Jennie Zuccarini affirms that Henry and Lavenia had a son: ¹⁸⁰

¹⁷⁸ Zuccarini. P. III-4. Clara and Warren were the grandparents of my correspondent Mildred Snyder.

¹⁷⁹ Mildred Snyder to Charles L. Bland, July 29, 1953.

¹⁸⁰ Jennie Zuccarini to Charles L. Bland, July 12, 2002, citing "Washington County Georgia Newspaper Clippings, Vol VII, P. 309.

(5) James Henry Jordan Bland, (C July/August 1869 - March 1, 1888). James may have married Carrie Watkins. He became epileptic and died at the county poor house.

(B) Mary H. Bland (C1824 - 1859/1862) Mary was born and lived her life in Washington County. She married Robert Tom "Bob" Sheppard (April 1, 1830 - September 1, 1896) on December 2, 1847.¹⁸¹ As we shall see, Bob had a definite thing about Bland women and they for him. Robert Shepphard is buried at the Sheppard Family Cemetery near Sandersville, Washington County. Their children were:¹⁸²

- (1) Sarah F. Sheppard (C1850 -)
- (2) John Sheppard (C1851 -)
- (3) Elizabeth Sheppard (C1854 -)
- (4) Henry Sheppard (C1857 -)
- (5) Mary Sheppard (C1859 -)

(C) Micajah H. Bland (November 28, 1826 - June 21, 1862). Micajah was killed in the Civil War in Richmond Virginia, where he is buried at the Holley Wood Cemetery. He married on December 23, 1852, Sarah D. Louise Prosser (May 7, 1837 - October 19, 1900) in Toombs County Georgia. She is buried there in the McCorkle Cemetery at Ceder Crossing. Micajah Bland and Sarah Louise Prosser had a family of five children, including:

(1) Augustus Prosser Bland (December 3, 1853 - March 4, 1930). Augustus is buried at the Friendship Baptist Church in Deep Step, Washington County Georgia. He married Docia Underwood (July 11, 1868 - September 25, 1950) and had three children. Sadly, Augustus and Docia survived all three including:

- (a) An Unknown Child
- (b) Thomas P. Bland (August 4, 1889 - March 29, 1920)
- (c) Horace A. Bland (1900-1912).

¹⁸¹ Washington County Georgia Marriage Book A, p. 233. This revises by several years information in AC 6-1, pp. 22, also cited by Judy Ennis Larson, that Mary was married December 2, 1851. Mary Claire Sheppard Lines to Charles L. Bland June 17, 1994. Mrs. Lines indicated that her mother, Mary Bostwick Sheppard, at age 95, remembered that all three of Robert Sheppard's wives were cousins, which enabled her to piece together the records correctly.

¹⁸² Zuccarini gives dates of 1848-1862 for all four children. Judy Ennis Larson indicates there was a son, Thomas Jordan Sheppard, who died on September 10, 1846. For other Bland women that Robert Sheppard married, see below, pp. 98, 99. Sheppard had twelve children among his three Bland wives.

(2) John Otis Bland (October 30, 1855 - June 5, 1867) died of Typhoid dysentery.

(3) Samuel Johnson Bland (February 27, 1858 - January 20, 1930), also is buried at the McCorkle Cemetery, Toombs County.¹⁸³ He married (1st) Martha J. McSwain (August 31, 1858 - October 14, 1902), by whom he had:

(a) Louise Lester Bland (August 27, 1886 - March 29, 1920). Louise was born and died in Toombs County Georgia.

(b) Max Weaver Bland (C1889 -)

(c) Augustus Prosser Bland (February 7, 1894 - November 23, 1958). Augustus is buried at the Friendship Baptist Church in Washington County

(d) Thelma Bland (C1896-), who married _____ Underwood.¹⁸⁴

(e) Semion/Simeon "Sims" Bland (1901-1939). Sims is buried at the McCorkle Cemetery.

Samuel Johnson Bland married (2nd) Isadora Esther Burke, (February 7, 1878 - December 30, 1948) on September 13, 1903 and had by her:

(f) Samuel Johnson Bland Jr. (June 23, 1904 - October 20, 1975).¹⁸⁵

(g) Nora Lou Bland (C1906 -)

(h) Jessie Elizabeth Bland (C1920 -).

(4) Henry Micajah Bland (January 15, 1860 - March 10, 1928). Henry is buried at the McCorkle Cemetery in Toombs County Georgia. He married Julia Fields, December 6, 1885. They had one child:

(a) Edward Bland.¹⁸⁶

¹⁸³ This revises prior information that Samuel is buried at the Friendship Baptist Church in Washington County.

¹⁸⁴ Zuccarini and Judy Ennis Larson, p. 23.

¹⁸⁵ Samuel Johnson Bland Jr. was the father of Nora Bland Elder.

¹⁸⁶ Thelma Bland Underwood, above, claimed that her father Samuel Johnson Bland, had a brother Henry who had a son named Edward.

(5) Margaret E. "Maggie" Bland (March 7, 1861 - November 20, 1940). Margaret married Thomas Wesley McGarr and they had a son:¹⁸⁷

(a) Walter McGarr (1896 - June 6, 1964) Walter was born in Emanuel County and died in Crisp County, Georgia. He married Norma Toole in 1928.

(C) William Freeman Bland (C1830 - May 12, 1865). William enlisted in the CSA, Georgia Company E, 12th Artillery Battalion on September 26, 1863. He served through the war and surrendered with general Lee's forces at Appomattox on April 9, 1865, but contracted typhoid dysentery on his way home. At Fairfield South Carolina, a good family took him in and that is where he died. The South Carolina family buried him at Fairfield and wrote to his family in Georgia that "He wanted to get home so bad to see his family."¹⁸⁸ William married Mary Elizabeth Williams (December 13, 1835 - February 5, 1914) on September 19, 1854. Mary was buried in the Bland Family Cemetery about twelve miles from Sandersville Georgia.¹⁸⁹ William and Mary Elizabeth had the following children:

(1) William Rubin Bland (September 13, 1856 - December 3, 1908). William Rubin Bland married Susie Winifred Garlan (September 10, 1867 - December 31, 1945). Both are buried at the Bland Cemetery in Washington County. They had one known child:

(a) William Henry Bland, (C1896-living in 1952)

(2) Nancy "Nannie" Bland, (C1859-after 1914) who married James M. Brown about 1883. Nannie and James are buried at the Bland Family Cemetery. Two of their children, Willie M. Brown and Carl lee Brown, both of whom died in infancy, are also buried there.

(3) Mary Ann Bland, (C1861 - 1882). Mary Ann is buried at the Bland Family Cemetery in Washington County.

(E) Jane Almira or Elmira Bland, (C1832/1833 - 1867/1870)¹⁹⁰ who married Young A. Cox, (C1821/1822 - 1890/1900) on September 16, 1847. Jane and Young Cox had a family of eleven children:

¹⁸⁷ I am grateful to Mary Ann Caldbeck for Margaret's family information, re Caldbeck.

¹⁸⁸ Jennie Zuccarini to Charles L. Bland, July 12, 2002. Jennie says that the letter was shared with her in 2001 by William's great grandson Willie Clyde Bland. Jennie has also established William Freeman Bland in the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

¹⁸⁹ Buried close by Mary Elizabeth Williams Bland are her parents Moses B. Williams (1805-1880) and Nancy F. Taylor Williams, (1803-1882).

¹⁹⁰ Jane's last child was born in 1867 and she didn't appear in the 1870 Census. By then Young Cox had remarried to Lucinda Taylor. It is possible that Jane died in childbirth.

(1) Sarah "Sallie" Cox (C1848 -) married (1st) James R. Trawick in Washington County on December 22, 1870 and (2nd) _____ Thigpen in Hancock County Georgia.

(2) Martha Elmira "Mattie" Amanda Cox (October 4, 1850 - July 4, 1897). Martha married Peter Oliver Wood (November 10, 1839 - March 3, 1922) on February 3, 1873 in Washington County. Peter and Martha are buried at Dublin, Laurens County Georgia. Their children were:

(a) Marshell William Gino Wood (December 15, 1873 - May 27, 1959). Marshell married Anna Nora Howell (September 23, 1875 - December 26, 1959) in Laurens County Georgia on January 15, 1893. ¹⁹¹

(b) Julia Belle Wood (July 1876/1877) married L. Otha Beachem about 1891.

(c) Thomas Wood (C1878 -)

(d) Mollie Wood (C1880 -) married _____ Trice.

(e) George Washington Wood (September 24, 1882 - August 4, 1955), married Hattie Clyde Wicker on January 10, 1915 in Laurens County.

(f) Minnie Cox Wood (December 1883 -)

(g) William Andrew "Ander" Wood (July 5, 1891 - July 20, 1976). William married (1st) Mary Ryle on February 20, 1916. He married (2nd) Minnie Lee Cooper about 1929. William is buried at Cordell Georgia.

(4) Nancy Cox (C1852 -) who married George F. Underwood on March 15, 1870 in Washington County.

(5) Georgia Ann Cox (C1854-after 1905) who married Alexander Cullens.

(6) William D. Thomas Cox (C1855 - after 1905).

(7) Thomas Reubin Cox (C1856 - after 1905) married Isabella Jennie Armstrong about 1880.

(8) John Richard Cox (C1859 - after 1905) married Nannie Clay about 1879.

(9) Semion "Sims" Cox (C1862 - 1910) who married Emma Ruby Brown about 1885.

¹⁹¹ Marshell and Anna had ten children, including Gordon Wood (1907-1974), who married Mattie Lou Horton, parents of Jennie Wood Zuccarini.

(10) Ella Cox (C1865 - January 12, 1925) married J.J. Cates.

(11) Robert L. Cox (C1866 - after 1905)

(12) Jane E. "Ida" Cox (C1867-1903) Married Jefferson Linton Gladin on July 16, 1885.

(F) Rubin H. Bland (C1834 - June 14 or 19, 1863) Rubin was born in Washington County. He was killed near Jackson Mississippi during the Civil War). He never married.

(G) Elizabeth Bland, (C1835 -After 1880). Elizabeth married Robert F. Wood (C1835 -) on January 7, 1858 in Washington County. Their children included:

(1) Nancy Elizabeth "Nannie" Wood (November 14, 1858 - C1950) was born in Washington County and died in Clewiston, Near West Palm Beach Florida, where she is buried. Nancy married Henry Everett Moorman about 1880.

(2) Leona "Ola" Wood (C1862-). Was born in Washington County and died at Soperton Georgia. Leona married John H. Holton.

(H) William Frederick Semion/Simeon Bland, (C1838 - May 14, 1863) William died near Jackson Mississippi in the Civil War. He married Virginia C. Hall (December 29, 1836 - February 2, 1923) about 1860 in Washington County. ¹⁹² On May 19, 1863, just after William Frederick Simeon Bland was killed, his brother Reuben H. Bland wrote to his father to tell him of Frederick's death. The two brothers had been fighting against the Yankees at Jackson, Mississippi May 13-14, 1863. On the second day, while hauling ammunition to a gun, William Frederick Simeon was struck by a six-pound shell that went clear through his shoulder. He fell wounded and died soon after. Reuben grieved: "What hurt me to the very heart - we had to leave him on the field, where he fell into the hands of the enemy. Oh! If I could have got him away and buried him I would have been much better satisfied, but we had no time to take care of him as the Yankees were so close on us." William Frederick Simeon Bland and Virginia C. Hall had two children:

(1) Jasper Bland (C1856 -)

(2) Margaret Bland (C1861 -)

¹⁹² Virginia Hall Bland married James F. Brooks on August 6, 1865.

(I) Sarah Ann Elizabeth "Sally" Bland, (May, 1842 - February 27, 1928). Sarah died in Toombs County Georgia and is buried in the McCorkle Cemetery near Cedar Crossing. Sarah was blind for some years before her death. Sarah married first, William R. Hodges sometime between 1879-1885 and later _____ Smith. Sarah evidently died with a great deal of family information, including the Family Bible buried with her. Her nephew Edward did not have the wit to copy or save any of these gems, except the letter referred to above from Reuben to Simeon Bland.

2. Micajah "Caje" Bland (1797-1798 - July 7, 1866).¹⁹³ Micajah was the second son of Elisha Bland and his wife Agnes. Micajah's will was made June 8, 1866.¹⁹⁴ He died in Washington County Georgia. Micajah married Elizabeth "Betsy" Marshall (C1806 -), after 1820. Their children were:¹⁹⁵

(A) Nancy G. Bland, who married Griffin Raines, February 4, 1844 in Washington County Georgia.

(B) Elizabeth Jane Bland, who married J.F. Kennedy.

(C) Almira Bland, (C1825 -) who married John R. Hodges (C1825 -) on January 1, 1849.

(1) Ann E. Hodges (C1850 -)

(2) Marshall H. Hodges (C1859 -)

(3) John A. Hodges (C1862 -)

(D) Marshall Hodges Bland, (c1831/1832 - February 6, 1863). Marshall was a storekeeper but when the war came, he joined the Confederate Army. He was a Lieutenant in Company C, 49th Regiment of Georgia Volunteers. He saw action with the 49th from Seven Pines to Fredericksburg. Marshall died at Richmond Virginia. He married Sarah Columbia Jordan, (December 26, 1840 - 1869) who is buried at the Jordan Cemetery, some seventeen miles from Sandersville Georgia. Marshall was buried at Poplar Springs Church. They were married December 19, 1861 in Hancock County Georgia. They had one child:

¹⁹³ Washington County Georgia Will Book B, (1852-1903).

¹⁹⁴ Washington County Will Book B, June 8, 1866, pp. 230-231. The same will shows Almira Bland to have married John R. Hodges and Elizabeth Jane Bland to have married J.F. Kennedy.

¹⁹⁵ Jennie Zuccarini to Charles L. Bland, July 12, 1902, reports that Micajah "Caje" Bland had a grandson, whose child is uncertain, named Henry J. Bland (1864-June 20, 1888), who lived in Washington County and died of typhoid fever. Henry married Carrie Watkins.

(1) Marshall Hall W. Bland (October 11, 1862 - January 20, 1936) Marshall was buried at Memory Hill Cemetery in Baldwin County. Marshall was noted in his grandfather Micajah's will of 1866.¹⁹⁶ Marshall married Rubye Graham (November 24, 1874 - September 16, 1967). Their children were:

(a) Bessie Jordan Bland (September 18, 1895 - November 17, 1973).

(b) Lucie Bland (March 29, 1900 - November 22, 1986) Lucille married _____ Roddenberry. She is buried at Memory Hill cemetery.

(c) Marshall Hall Bland Jr. (June 28, 1902 - July 20, 1976) Marshall is buried at Memory Hill cemetery.

(E) William F. Bland, (C1837 - August 29, 1862) William enlisted in the CSA August 1, 1861 with the 28th Georgia Regiment, and participated in the long march from Yorktown to Richmond. He transferred to Company C, 49th Regiment of the Georgia Infantry on June 20, 1862. He died in the Richmond Virginia in a military hospital. which decimated his strength so badly that he never recovered. After the Battle of Southern Pines he was transferred to the 49th Georgia Volunteers where he was sent to a hospital and died in Richmond Virginia. William did not marry.¹⁹⁷

3. Elizabeth Bland (C1802 - 1859) Was Elizabeth a heretofore-unknown daughter of Elisha Bland?¹⁹⁸ In the autumn of 1999, Cheryl Hodges Schepis of Athens Georgia wrote me seeking a connection for her ancestor Henry Thomas Cox and Elizabeth Bland Daniels Cox. Elizabeth married Henry Thomas Cox, (August 17, 1800 -August 20, 1877) in Washington County Georgia. Elizabeth is buried at the Cox Cemetery in Washington County Georgia, adjacent to the Bland Cemetery. After Elizabeth's death, Henry married Nancy T. Whitaker, (1828-1922) on January 3, 1860. The suggestion here is that Elizabeth Bland married (1st) _____ Daniels and (2nd) Henry Thomas Cox.¹⁹⁹ Elizabeth and Thomas Cox They had eight children, many of whose names compel one to assume there is a connection with the Elisha Bland family:

(A) John William Cox (1824-1868) John died in Wrightsville Georgia. He married (1st) Elaphair E. Rogers (C1832 -) on October 15, 1846 and (2nd) Sarah Jane Eastwood (C1832-1908) on January 11, 1856.

¹⁹⁶ Washington County Georgia Will Book B, June 8, 1866. pp. 230-231. Judy Ennis Larson, pp. 15-16.

¹⁹⁷ Judy Ennis Larson, pp. 4-5

¹⁹⁸ E-mail, Cheryl Hodges Schepis to Charles L. Bland, October 4, 1999. Caldbeck notes, "My opinion is that she is certainly a very close relative of this Bland family but I do not think she is a daughter. . . in Elisha's will he leaves his estate to be divided between 'My five children' and names them. He does not say between 'five of my children.' If she were a daughter and close enough to name children for family members, I don't think Elisha would have left her out of his will."

¹⁹⁹ Ibid, Note also the Bland Cox connection below, pp. _____

(B) Micajah Bland Cox (1830-1909) who is buried at the Erick Church Cemetery in Alamo Georgia. Micajah served the Confederacy in 1863 with Martin's Battery Unit. Micajah married (1st) Nancy Massey (1829 -) on January 15, 1854 and (2nd) Frances 'Fannie' Catherine Bland Braswell on September 17, 1896.

(C) Henry Lee Cox (1833-1903) is buried at the Ebenezer Church Cemetery in Wilkinson County Georgia. He served with Martins Battery Unit in the Civil War in 1863. Henry married Mary C. Brown (C1852-1926) on July 31, 1871.

(D) Eliza Adeline Cox ((C1834-after 1890). Eliza is buried in the Peacock Cemetery between Wrightsville and Sandersville Georgia. She married William W. Braswell (1825-1873) on February 14, 1852.

(E) Stephen B. Cox (C1835-) Stephen served the Confederacy in 1863 as a member of Martin's Battery Unit. He married Elizabeth Massey (1843 -) on December 11, 1859.

(F) Jarod L.Y. Cox (C1839 -)

(G) Elisha F. Cox (C1842 -)

(H) Nartha H. Cox (C1848 -) buried at the old Sandersville cemetery. Martha married Francis Orr on February 9, 1860.

3. Rachel Bland (C1803 - 1888).²⁰⁰ Rachel was born in Washington County and died in Baldwin County Georgia. Rachel and her husband Thomas Prosser lived in Washington County in the 1850 Census. She married Thomas Prosser (C1791/1792 - after 1870) about 1822 and had a family of nine children, including.²⁰¹

(A) Edna Agnes Prosser (C1828 - August 1866). Agnes is buried at the Prosser Family Cemetery in Deep Step, Washington County Georgia. She married William Middleton Haygood (C1821-1864), a CSA Soldier who enlisted October 12, 1861 with the Washington County Buffalo Tigers and was killed at Chancellorsville Virginia. Their children were:²⁰²

(1) James L. Haygood (C1849 -)

²⁰⁰ Judy Ennis Larson, p. 2, identifies, Rachel's dates as (1804-1865). Larson follows generations three and four of the Rachel Bland Thomas Prosser family in pp. 6-8.

²⁰¹ Martha F. Prosser, (July 3, 1830 - June 7, 1899) was the great, great grandmother of Mildred Snyder of Panama City, Florida.

²⁰² Judy Ennis Larson, pp. 6-7

(2) Cornelia Haygood (C1851 -) Cornelia died in Alabama. Cornelia married Enoch E. Refroe, (C1840 -) in Washington County Georgia on May 5, 1867. Renfroe enlisted in Captain Woolfolk's Company of Virginia Light Artillery on December 16, 1861. He was captured in the Wilderness Campaign May 6, 1864 and exchanged at Lookout Point on February 10, 1865.

(3) William E. Haygood (C1853 - June 16, 1901) William is buried at the Smyrna Baptist Church in Deep Step, Washington County Georgia. Though his age may seem to contradict this, he served in Company D, of the Sixth Georgia Cavalry. William married Mattie Avant (February 23, 1874 - December 11, 1954) on October 6, 1898. They had one child:

- (a) William Wyatt Haygood (October 7, 1900 - (March 5, 1957). William died in Sandersville and is buried there at the Brown-Wood Cemetery.

(4) Elizabeth A. Haygood (July 13, 1856 - April 19, 1946). Elizabeth is buried at the memory Hill Cemetery in Baldwin County Georgia. Elizabeth married (1st) on November 15, 1874, Pleasant Theodosius Ennis (February 18, 1853 - January 26, 1891). Pleasant was a merchant farmer and tax receiver in Baldwin County. Elizabeth married (2nd) J.W. Hardy (- 1902) in 1894. Pleasant Ennis and Elizabeth had the following children:

- (a) Evelyn "Evie" Ennis (August 21, 1875 - July 12, 1897). Evelyn is buried at Black Springs Baptist Church in Baldwin County. One source indicates that Evelyn married Dr. _____ Peeler about 1894.²⁰³
- (b) Oscar Marcelus Ennis (June 16, 1883 - October 10, 1966) Oscar was born in Oconee, Washington County and died in Milledgeville, Baldwin County Georgia. He is buried at Memory Hill Cemetery in Baldwin County. Oscar married Marie Manning Gilmore (October 26, 1889 November 3, 1946) in 1905 in Washington County. They had one child.²⁰⁴
- (c) Docia dates uncertain, died at age two.
- (d) Bessie Ennis

²⁰³ Judy Ennis Larsen, p. 18.

²⁰⁴ Their child, Oscar Marion Ennis, was the father of Judy Ennis Larson.

(e) Smythe Annie Lee Ennis (March 8, 1890 - January 5, 1929). Smythe is buried at memory Hill Cemetery in Baldwin County. One source indicates that Smythe died on the operating table at the hands of her fiancée.²⁰⁵

(5) Horatio Haygood (C. 1858 -)

(6) Marcia (Marsalette) Haygood (C1860 -) never married.

(7) Wyatt Haygood (C1862 -)

(8) Emma Middleton Haygood (October 8, 1864 - April 4, 1945) Emma is buried at Memory Hill Cemetery in Baldwin County. Emma married Erasmus Augustus Ennis, (June 16, 1850 - January 11, 1926) brother of Pleasant Ennis (6) above. On November 9, 1882. One source reports that Erasmus left home at age 16 to join up with the James gang and got as far as Alabama before turning back. Erasmus must have turned his passion to Emma Haygood for they ended up with sixteen children:²⁰⁶

(a) Lula Paine Ennis (December 1, 1883 - February 24, 1912). She was born and died in Washington County and is buried at Friendship Church Cemetery. Lula married Carlos Isadore Giles. They had seven children.

(b) Annie Moman Ennis (April 18, 1885 - October 26, 1980) Annie married Elton Veal (February 4, 1883 - March 1973) in 1906. Elton died in Oscilla Georgia. They had seven children.

(c) Marcia Johnson Ennis (July 14, 1886 - May 14, 1968). Marcia was born in Washington County and is buried at the McIntyre Baptist Church Cemetery in Wilkinson County. Marcia married (1st) William E. Deason, (1872-1933). Marcia married (2nd) Lambert Felix Carson (August 1, 1889 - February 12, 1952).

(d) Erasmus Minor Ennis (May 22, 1888 - July 5, 1972) Erasmus is buried at Westview Cemetery in Baldwin County. On December 6, 1909. Erasmus married Annie Lillian Giles (December 14, 1891 - December 11, 1979). They had thirteen children.

²⁰⁵ Ibid.

²⁰⁶ Ibid, pp. 18-21.

- (e) Theodosius Nathaniel Ennis (February 27, 1890 - December 22, 1968) Theodosius married Minnie Bell Griffin (August 26, 1893 - March 1984)
- (f) Thomas Watson Ennis (September 18, 1891 - July 1977). Thomas Watson married (1st) Pearl Hitchcock in Washington County Georgia on July 23, 1921. Thomas married (2nd) Bertha Mae Connell Andrews on February 18, 1951.
- (g) Middleton Campbell Ennis (February 16, 1893 - August 21, 1952). Middleton served in World War I, April 4, 1918 to May 28, 1919. Middleton married Mae Schertel in 1915.
- (h) Julian Horne Ennis (November 2, 1894 - May 7, 1976) Julian is buried at the United Methodist Church in Deepstep in Washington County. On April 11, 1915, Julian married Mattie Otelia Giles (October 19, 1898 - March 22, 1967) in Deepstep, Washington County. They had nine children.
- (i) Luther Dawkins Ennis (September 13, 1896 - August 1, 1968), Luther was born in Washington County and died at the Veteran's Hospital in Dublin, Laurens County. He is buried at Memory Hill Cemetery in Baldwin County. Luther was a private in World War I. On October 19, 1919, Luther married Callie Laura Pound (October 15, 1902 - January 22, 1994). They had seven children.
- (j) Evelyn "Evie" Pearl Ennis (April 10, 1898 - June 12, 1985) Evelyn married Benjamin Killingworth Barnes on December 27, 1919. They had one child.
- (k) William Tarver Ennis (September 8, 1899 - December 17, 1977). William is buried at Memory Hill Cemetery in Baldwin County. He married Annie Bell Tanner (December 29, 1904 - January 17, 1991) in Washington County on July 4, 1922. They had five children.
- (l) Wyatt Malcom Ennis (March 26, 1901 - December 28, 1973). Uncle Mac as he was known, married (1st) Eula Fowler Hodges and (2nd) Minnie Bailey Stokem on May 11, 1935.
- (m) Emma Kate Ennis (July 9, 1903 - February 15, 1985) Emma was known to my correspondent Judy Ennis Larson as "Sister Kate." In 1935, Emma Kate married Albert O Saunders.

- (n) Harvard Jordan Ennis (March 13, 1905 - October 27, 1983). Harvard Jordan married Martha Stephens (February 2, 1914 - October 9, 1999), on October 2, 1938 in Washington County.
- (o) Ina Eloise Jordan (November 19, 1906 -) Ina married J. Earl Mickler in St. Augustine Florida on November 20, 1926.
- (p) Kenneth Elmer Ennis (May 12, 1908 - January 16, 1980). Kenneth married Louise Franks (1909-) in 1919 in Washington County.

(B) Martha F. Prosser (July 3, 1830 - June 7, 1899) was born in Baldwin County Georgia. She married James Jackson O'Quinn (April 23, 1828 - January 13, 1887) on March 13, 1848 in Washington County. Martha is buried at the Prosser Cemetery in Deep Step Georgia. Their children were:

- (1) William Jessie O'Quinn (November 2, 1851 -).
- (2) James Bryant O'Quinn (C June 1854/1855 - March 14, 1935). James was a well respected Baptist and married Luella E. _____ (C1858 -) about 1879. They had a daughter:
 - (a) Alice O'Quinn (C1880 - after 1952) Alice married Lee Jordan in 1898.²⁰⁷
- (3) Molly O'Quinn
- (4) Tahulla L. "Lue Belle" O'Quinn (November 5, 1858 - November 1, 1938) married James M. Smith, (C1857 -) on May 2, 1880. They had one child:
 - (a) Warren Clifton Smith (July 15, 1880 - February 26, 1951) was born in Baldwin County and died in Tallahassee Florida. Warren is buried at Montgomery County Georgia. He married his cousin Clara Manita Bland (November 19, 1887 - September 24, 1945), a daughter of Simeon Micajah Bland and Mattie Carrie McMillan.²⁰⁸
- (5) Mary A.O. O'Quinn
- (6) Amanda "Mandy" O'Quinn
- (7) Martha "Mattie" O'Quinn

²⁰⁷ For this information, Judy Ennis Larson cites a Genforum Posting, February 28, 2001, by John K. O'Quinn Sr.

²⁰⁸ Zuccarini, pp. III-4.

(C) Elisha Prosser (C1833 -) Elisha was killed in the Civil War. He married Mary Ann Giles (C1844 -) in 1860 in Washington County. They had two children:

(1) Jesse Prosser (C1861 -)

(2) Elisha Prosser (C1863 -)

(D) William Prosser (C1835 -) William married Elaphair Butler in December 1851. They had:

(1) Elisha Benjamin Prosser (October 24, 1859 - November 2, 1923) Elisha is buried at the Harmony Churchyard Cemetery in Baldwin County. Elisha married Georgia Priscilla Smith (November 30, 1860 - September 30, 1936) in Baldwin County on October 27, 1880. Elisha and Georgia had the following children: ²⁰⁹

(a) Elisha Dawson Prosser (December 8 1882 -) married Lou Rainey Laverette on April 25, 1911 in Baldwin County Georgia.

(b) Mary Leah O'Nora Prosser (February 28, 1885 - July 7, 1984) Mary is buried in the Friendship Church Cemetery. Mary Leah married James Simeon Prosser (July 27, 1880 - February 21, 1950) on May 8, 1904, in Washington County. They had three children.

(c) Clemmie Belle Prosser (January 24, 1887 -) Clemmie Belle married John Lawrence.

(d) Sarah Eveline (March 19, 1889 -) Sarah married (1st) John Garrett and (2nd) Douglas "Dink" Durden.

(e) James Marcus Prosser (April 22, 1891 - April 26, 1961) James married Lillie Mae Edwards. They had six children.

(f) Lillie Buena Prosser (November 5, 1893 -) Lillie Buena married Willis Martin on November 20, 1913 in Baldwin County Georgia.

(g) Charlie William Prosser (July 4, 1896 -) On September 16, 1917, Charlie William married Thelma Huff in Baldwin County. They had five children.

(h) Otis Ivey Prosser (April 26, 1899 - August 1969. Otis was born and died in Baldwin County. Otis Ivey Prosser married Grace Veal.

²⁰⁹ Judy Ennis Larson, pp. 21-22.

- (i) Jordan Hodges Prosser (March 13, 1902 - April 3, 1940) Jordan was buried at Memory Hill Cemetery in Baldwin County. His tombstone reads "He lived in a house by the side of the road and was a friend to man." Jordan died of peritonitis after being gored by a bull. Jordan married Ollie Mae Underwood (January 31, 1899 - November 19, 1992) on July 31, 1919.
- (j) Clara Mae Prosser (August 8, 1905 - December 23, 1987), Clara married James Wright Avant (May 21, 1903 - September 20, 1969).

(E) Thomas Prosser (June 14, 1836 - April 16, 1902) Thomas is buried at the Memory Hill Cemetery in Milledgeville, Baldwin County Georgia. Thomas married Nancy Belle Ennis (April 14, 1839 - December 29, 1904) on December 25, 1854, in Baldwin County. They had the following children.

- (1) Charles Thomas Prosser (1860-1929) Charles is buried at Memory Hill Cemetery in Baldwin County. Charles married Harriett Jessonia "Hattie" Holmes (January 31, 1869 - June 21, 1931). Their children were: ²¹⁰
 - (a) Laura Belle Prosser (September 8, 1893 - April 17, 1962). Laura belle is buried at Memory Hill Cemetery in Baldwin County. She married David Thomas Butts (October 28, 1886 - April 21, 1972) in Baldwin County on December 10, 1914. They had two children.
 - (b) Nettie C. Prosser (April 21, 1897 - April 1, 1974). Nettie married Samuel J. Bland (December 27, 1893 - January 12, 1964). They had one child.
 - (c) Robert Lee "Bobby Lee" Prosser (November 20, 1898 - March 11, 1975). Robert lived near the Washington/Baldwin County Line and according to Judy Ennis Larson, liked to drink moonshine and reminisce about the family. ²¹¹

(2) James L. Prosser (April 14, 1862 - June 22, 1878)

- (D) James A Prosser (June 21, 1843 - March 11, 1931) James served in the CSA, with Company A, Phillips Georgia Legion. He is buried at the Memory Hill Cemetery in Baldwin County. James married Margeret Ezelle, (November 18, 1841 - August 4, 1931) in Washington County on January 18, 1866. They had one child:

²¹⁰ Judy Ennis Larson, p. 22.

²¹¹ Judy Ennis Larson, p. 22, quoting Maxine Cunningham.

(1) Emma Frances Prosser (May 15, 1880 - February 25, 1956). Emma was born and died in Milledgeville in Baldwin County. She married William Doctor Giles (April 18, 1873 - July 9, 1941) on December 20, 1899. Their children were:

- (a) Nannie Roberta Giles (October 7, 1901 -)
- (b) Willie Dock Giles (October 29, 1904 -)
- (c) Emmet Smith Giles (July 21, 1906 -)
- (d) Thomas Newman Giles (August 31, 1908 -)
- (e) Herbert Malcom Giles (March 13, 1911 - June 7, 1986) Herbert is buried at Memory Hill Cemetery.
- (f) Emma Lucille Giles (July 3, 1913 -)
- (g) Ella Frances Giles (March 7, 1916 -)
- (h) Irene Giles (November 15, 1918 -)
- (i) Unnamed Infant (C1919 -)
- (j) Inez Madelyn Giles (April 27, 1920 -)

4. John Bland (March 15, 1805 - December 24, 1895)²¹² John died in Telfair County Georgia. John is buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery in McRae Georgia. On March 31, 1830, John married Emiline/Emilie "Millie" Daniels, (C1815 - December 24, 1885).²¹³ Their children were:

(A) Simeon Daniel Bland (June 30, 1831 - February 5, 1917).²¹⁴ Simeon is buried at the Brewton City Cemetery in Laurens County Georgia. Simeon enlisted in the CSA as a private on September 10, 1861. He served as a doctor and lieutenant from May 19, 1863 with the Georgia CSA, Company H, 49th Regiment of Georgia Volunteers. Simeon had received his medical degree from Oglethorpe Medical College at Savannah Georgia in 1861. He was one of the few Blands who emerged alive from the war. Simeon married (1st) Tabitha Jane Wood (May 23, 1831 - June 11, 1873) on December 1, 1854. Tabitha is buried at the Henry Wood Cemetery in Oconee Georgia.²¹⁵ There were four known children of this marriage:

²¹² Judy Ennis Larson, p. 4, provides the only specific date for John that I have seen. Judy also sets the date of death as 1895.

²¹³ Washington County Georgia Marriage Book A. Page 21.

²¹⁴ Caldbeck corrects the previous year of death 1897.

²¹⁵ Tabitha's father Henry Wood (1797-1873) and mother Frances Kinman (1803-1888), as well as an infant daughter of Simeon and Tabitha Bland were buried in the same cemetery. In Washington County Will Book B, January 9, 1873, pp. 230-231, note that Henry Wood identified his daughter Tabitha as the wife of Simeon D. Bland. Elizabeth Bland, daughter of Simeon Bland, married Robert F. Wood. Also note

- (1) Sarah Ann Bland, (May 22, 1855 - July 8, 1856) who is also buried at the Henry Wood Cemetery.
- (2) Fannie Catherine Bland (October 14, 1857 - June 10, 1940) Fannie is buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery in McRae Georgia. Fannie married (1st) Robert R. Braswell on January 10, 1876. Robert Braswell drowned in the Oconee River in the Spring of 1891. Fannie and Robert Braswell had the following children, all born in Washington County Georgia: ²¹⁶
 - (a) Frederick Hemming Braswell (C1878 -)
 - (b) Leila M. Braswell (September 17, 1878 - December 8, 1880).
 - (c) Panzye Dee Braswell (March 31, 1881 - October 28, 1953) Panzyee died in Wheeler County Georgia and married Albert Hinson.
 - (d) Anna Lee Braswell (October 14, 1885 - March 8, 1936) Anna died in Wheeler County. She married (1st) John Thadeous McLean and (2nd) Jeremiah Rawlins. She had five children with Rawlins.
 - (e) Lily Mary Rawlins (1886 - May or June 1889)
 - (f) Fannie Mildred Braswell (April 20, 1889 - February 2, 1942). Fannie died in Wheeler County. She married Jesse Gordon Gradwell on February 7, 1905.

Fannie married (2nd) her cousin Micajah Bland Cox (October 15, 1830 - December 20, 1907) on September 17, 1896. Their children were:

 - (g) Guyton Simeon Cox (February 20, 1898 - April 20, 1981). Guyton married Bernice Avery on March 29, 1941.
 - (h) Dora Estelle Cox (December 25, 1899 - September 29, 1973) Dora married (1st) Roy McArthur and (2nd) Alston Cherry.
- (3) Leila Lillian Bland (November 1859 - April 1933) Born in Washington County and died in Telfair County. She is buried at the Bethlehem Methodist Church in Sand Hill, Telfair County. She married William T. Yawn (March 1862 - May 1928). Their children were:²¹⁷

the Bland-Wood connection in AC 5-1, pp. 42-49.

²¹⁶ Caldbeck provides a full list of children for Fannie Bland and Robert Braswell.

²¹⁷ Caldbeck notes that these children were listed from family memory and there might also have been a

- (a) Beverly Yawn (1888 -) a son.
 - (b) Mary Lee Yawn (October 21, 1891 - May 11, 1959). Mary Lee is buried at the Sandhill Cemetery in Telfair County Georgia. She married _____ Parker.
 - (c) Willie T. Yawn (1894 -)
 - (d) Vivian Yawn (1897-1953) a son buried at Sandhill Cemetery in Telfair County Georgia.
 - (e) Leila B. Yawn (1900 -) married _____ Coffee.
 - (f) Fannie Yawn (1902 -).
- (4) Frederick Hemming Bland (February 14, 1861 - April 16, 1941). Frederick was born in Washington County and died at Mount Sterling Kentucky. During his life he was a merchant and land developer in Crisp County Georgia.²¹⁸ He is buried at Sunnyside Cemetery in Cordele, Crisp County. Frederick married Lillian Augusta Beall (July 13, 1861 - November 13, 1913). Their children were:
- (a) Willola Bland (February 24, 1888 - December 15, 1973) Willola died in Eustis County Florida. She married W.E. Clark. Their only son was killed on the *USS Reuben James* in World War II.
 - (b) Emi Wood Bland (September 2, 1890 - 1939) Emi died in Miami, Dade County Florida. She married Furman Farris Momand on June 24, 1909 and there were two children.
 - (c) Frederick Hemming Bland II (November 27, 1895 - February 26, 1937) was born in Cordele, Crisp County Georgia. Frederick was a merchant in Cordele He died of cancer and is buried in the Sunnyside Cemetery in Cordele. Frederick married Anna Elizabeth Whatley (1892-1973) in Cuthbert County Georgia on July 5, 1914. They had five children.²¹⁹
 - (d) Lillian Beall Bland (July 27, 1899 - May 1977) Lillian married E.L. Palmer on February 20, 1928 and there were no children.

daughter named Alice.

²¹⁸ Caldbeck notes that when his father remarried, Frederick Hemmings Bland left home (at age 12!) and lived with his mother's Wood Family in Wilkinson County Georgia.

²¹⁹ Among these were Frederick Hemming III, who married Mary Rhydonia, parents of my correspondent Mary Ann Bland Caldbeck.

Simeon married (2nd) on August 3, 1873, Susan W. Moody (April 6, 1855 - October 6, 1941) of Wilkinson County Georgia. Susan died in Brewton, Laurens County and is buried at the cemetery there. ²²⁰ They had one child:

(5) Margaret Maggie Moody Bland (April 7, 1872 - June 6, 1955). Margaret is buried in Brewton City Cemetery in Laurens County. Margaret was the niece and perhaps a daughter of Simeon Bland and Susan Moody, who raised her. ²²¹ Margaret married James Allen Jackson and they had seven children.

(B) Susan Annette O. "Annie" Bland (August 13, 1837 - May 20, 1901) Susan is buried at Lumber City in Telfair County Georgia. ²²² She married (1st) to a Thomas S. Meagher (December 8, 1826 - December 11, 1859) on December 10, 1857. ²²³ Susan and Thomas had the following children:

(1) Anna Stitie Meagher (September 1, 1858 - January 21, 1948) Anna lived her life in Telfair County. She married William Francis Tompkins (May 5, 1853 - December 2, 1922) on January 10, 1878. Their children were:

(a) Lee Rassie Tompkins (February 14, 1879 - December 3, 1947). Lee married Annie Cornelia Ashley (C1885-) in Telfair County about 1908.

(b) Claudie Tompkins (October 15, 1880 - May 12, 1910)

(c) Ernest John Tompkins (January 29, 1886 - January 26, 1960) Ernest married Beulah Mell Thompson (May 6, 1899 -) in Jefferson Davis County Georgia on November 7, 1915.

(d) Willie Dee Tompkins (July 7, 1892 - February 17, 1968).

(e) Annie Lee Tompkins (July 7, 1892 - November 6, 1974)

(f) Sally Newsome Tompkins (April 20, 1897 - October 30, 1968).

²²⁰ Per Caldbeck, Susan's second husband was Frank S. Haskins whom she married June 2, 1918.

²²¹ Judy Ennis Larson, p. 14. The date of Margaret's birth suggests that she might have been a child of Simeon and Susan, conceived and born before the death of Tabitha Jane Wood and made good through a marriage at first opportunity. Information cited by Caldbeck makes this a shrewd possibility.

²²² Many of John's daughters are known through a trust for his heirs, which named Susan A. Sheppard and Martha L. Dykes: Washington County Georgia Deed Book H, P. 403.

²²³ The marriage to Meaghen is listed in Washington County Marriage Book B, date confirmed by Judy Ennis Larson, p. 14. Susan is identified as Susan A. Brown, suggesting her marriage to Meaghen might have been her second, her first being to _____ Brown.

(2) Thomas Valentine Meagher (July 23 1860 -)

Thomas Meagher died seven months before his son was born. Susan Annette Bland Meagher married (2nd) to the omnipresent Robert T. Sheppard, who had previously married her cousins, Mary H. Bland (C1824-1862) and Mary Ann Hodges.²²⁴ They had one child:

(a) Roberta Annette "Nettie" Sheppard (February 1, 1875 -) who married Cory lee Thompson.

(C) Elisha Bland, (1839/1840 - December 13, 1862) Elisha served the CSA in the Civil War, serving as a private. He enlisted on March 4, 1862 with Company H of the 49th Regiment of Washington County Georgia Cold Steel Guards. Elisha was wounded at Second Battle of Manassas on August 26, 1862. He died in Henrico County Virginia.²²⁵

(D) Martha L. Bland (1842 - after 1885) married Wilson L. Dykes from Sumter County South Carolina on February 14, 1860. Poor Wilson was a Civil War Soldier who died in the Virginia Wilderness Campaign May 6, 1864. Martha Bland and Wilson Dykes had one child:

(1) Gussie Dykes (C1861 -)

5. Jane D. Bland (C1812 - May 13, 1897) Jane died in Washington County Georgia. She married John Hodges (1798 - March 3, 1856) of North Carolina, on January 7, 1830.²²⁶ Nora Elder believes he was the brother of Elizabeth Hodges, (1800-1853), who married Jane's brother Simeon Bland. Jane D. Bland and John Hodges had a family of six children:

(A) Henry Carl Hodges (March 16, 1830 - November 16, 1915) Henry was a doctor and lived out his life in Washington County. He is buried at the Hodges Family Cemetery. Henry married Elizabeth Rutherford Tucker on September 28, 1851. They had one child:

(1) Hughes Hodges

(B) Mary Ann Hodges (C1835 - 1873), married Robert Sheppard about 1859. Bob Sheppard had previously married her Cousin Mary H. Bland (C1824-1862) and was yet to marry another cousin, Susan Ann Bland (1837-1901). Mary Ann and Bob had six children:

(1) Rueben Sheppard (August 27, 1860 - February 28, 1950) Rueben was born and died in Washington County, and is buried at the Tabernacle Methodist Church Cemetery. Rueben married Nancy Ann Doolittle (January 21, 1866 - October 29, 1926) on December 20, 1884. Their children were:

²²⁴ Mary Claire Sheppard Lines to Charles Bland June 17, 1994, delineated the three Bland marriages of Robert Sheppard, who between his three Bland wives had eight children.

²²⁵ Judy Ennis Larson, P. 4 supplies dates for Elisha, whose military records show he was born in 1840.

²²⁶ Larson, p. 5, cites Sierra Marriage CD as stating that Jane and John were married December 10, 1829.

(a) Lyman McClesky Sheppard (July 27, 1886 -January 15, 1939). Lyman is buried at the Tabernacle Methodist Church in Washington County. He married Rosabelle Meeks (October 17, 1893 - November 25, 1956). They had four children.

(b) John A. Sheppard (July 25, 1889 -(December 25, 1907), John is buried at the Tabernacle Church Cemetery in Washington County Georgia.

(2) Jay or Jabez Sheppard (C1863 -)

(3) Thomas Jerden Sheppard (C1867 -)

(4) James Toole Sheppard (C1870 -)

(5) Wiley Sheppard (C1872 -)

(6) Ann Sheppard (C1872) Wiley and Ann were twins.

(C) Henry Jordan Hodges (June 1, 1846 - August 29, 1915) who married Emma Hall on December 15, 1872. They had one child:

(7) Essie Hodges (June 15, 1891 - September 2, 1979). Essie married Bascom Marvin Beal on January 10, 1909. They had ten children.²²⁷

(8)

(E) Elmira Edna Hodges (C1847 - April 29, 1910)²²⁸ Elmira married George W. Waller on December 23, 1872 in Washington County.

(F) John B. Hodges (C1850 -)

(G) Martha B. "Mattie" Hodges (C1854 - April 15, 1898) Martha married Thomas W. Davis in Washington County on January 21, 1872.

²²⁷ Judy Ennis Larson, pp 15-16.

²²⁸ Zuccarini, p. 18, indicates that her date of death was November 16, 1915, but this was the same date as a brother Henry Hodges and there is no explanatory note. Judy Ennis Larson indicates a birth date of 1847, p. 5.

PEYTON BLAND (1780-1815) AND ELIZABETH SMITH (1794-1856)

The Darwin Family Bible, a kind of touchstone for the family of Peyton's parents, Robert Bland and Ann _____, the name was Payton, taken from an old Virginia Family, but Peyton, as well as his son Peyton always spelled his name with an E and we will honor it that way. ¹

Since his parent's movement from Virginia to South Carolina is reckoned at 1778-1784, Peyton Bland (January 1, 1780 - March or April 1815) could have been born in either state (or colony). He died in St. Martin's Parish Louisiana, shortly after returning home sick from service in the War of 1812. Peyton served with Bakers 15th Regiment of the Louisiana Militia beginning January 3, 1815 and with Captain Shadrach Porter's Infantry until he was discharged on March 13, 1815. David Bland, Peyton's grandson, relates that Peyton was on his way to fight at the Battle of New Orleans when he took deadly sick and returned home, where he died a few days later. ²

Peyton married Elizabeth Smith (1794-1856), ³ daughter of Jesse Smith and Susan Wordein from Darlington County South Carolina about 1809. ⁴ Peyton bought land in Louisiana on February 4, 1808, so he married Elizabeth in Louisiana, where they applied for a marriage license. Elizabeth was reputed by an old article by Rusty Alexander to be a rough, tough character "Large of stature, standing six feet, two inches and weighing 200 pounds or more." She was red headed, fiery

¹ Much of what follows is a condensation of information that previously appeared in AC 1-1, pp. 10-13; AC 3-1, pp. 36-37, AC 3-2, p. 45; AC 6-1, 24-30; AC 9-2, pp. 35-36; AC 10-1, pp. 12-16; as well as correspondence from Junaita Peveto Turner Alexander, Helen Bourque, Guri Clark, Derry Dunn, B. Gayle Jones, Conrad and Nelle Mang, Bobbie McGuire, Alice Bland Napier, Susan Scheffer, Jody Cooper Slaydon and Daniel Wheat I am especially grateful to Willie Lee Moseley, who sent me the "David Bland Family History" on September 18, 1996. This history was compiled by David Bland (1843-1927), a son of Peyton Bland's son John, (1811-1886) about a year before he died. It contains extremely valuable historical insights. I have pp. 32-40 as well as the following Supplements: 1. November 22, 1891; 2. By Allie Bland; 3. by John Clebrun Bland, related probably by Allie Bland, February 23, 1931; 4. "Copy of Record of Allens"; 5. Bascom Giles to Mrs. Monroe Chapman, January 26, 1942; 6. Alford Stark to Mr. David C. Bland, April 3, 1942. Hereafter it is called David Bland.

² Peyton is alternately described in David Bland, Supplement 3, as having fled to Chicago. John Clebrun Bland tells of meeting up with one Perry Bland in Dallas Texas. Perry Bland's great grandfather, named John Bland, lived in Louisiana near the Atchafalya River. John joined a party that went to Chicago and when he returned to Louisiana, found that his wife and children had left home. Believing them to have been massacred by Indians he returned to Chicago and married and raised a family. John's first wife was named Smith. This story lacks strong legs because among other things in 1815 there was no Chicago. Since John Clebrun Bland was born 33 years after Peyton's death, this story may resonate some discord within the family and generational resentment or loss toward Peyton and even Elizabeth Smith because of John's undoubtedly hard early life, which was certainly brought about to some degree by the death of Peyton Bland and the actions of Elizabeth Smith. This is further complicated by John Clebrun Bland's marriage to the grand daughter of Robert Johnson and Elizabeth Smith. See discussion below, p.

³ Conrad Mang to Charles L. Bland, August 20, 1996, includes a record that John Bland is appointed administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Johnson in May 1857.

⁴ *Ibid.* Peyton was enumerated in the South Carolina Census, Edgefield County, in 1810, with two small children. Subsequent known history reveals nothing of them. AC 1-1, p. 10.

tempered, carried a cap and ball pistol on her hips and was afraid of nothing.²³³ Elizabeth was a self-trained physician and mid-wife and made her rounds on horseback.²³⁴

These details of Elizabeth Smith were passed on to me in narrative form in 1983 and are by now apocryphal. The documentary record suggests a much more difficult and painful life for Elizabeth and her children who endured some 20 years of Job-like tribulations following the death of Peyton in 1815. The widow Elizabeth Smith Bland married Robert Johnson (C1787-1856) on January 8, 1817. By Johnson, she had a son named Warren Johnson. It is possible that Robert Johnson was the son of the Robert Johnson with whom Peyton's father Robert Bland consummated an indenture in Loudon County Virginia on August 11, 1775, i.e., the relationship between families could be close and long lasting. Parallel to her marriage with Johnson, Elizabeth had a long-term relationship with John Dickerson and bore his child, Joseph Dickerson, in 1822.²³⁵ Descendants in this family speculate that Robert Johnson may have disappeared for a time, leaving Elizabeth to conclude he was dead, before reappearing, but as in most human relations there is no conclusive explanation.

It has been said that Johnson refused to keep Elizabeth's children by Peyton Bland, John and Peyton, forcing Elizabeth to indenture them to Asa Foreman and Benjamin Fork in January 1823. Quite possibly, Johnson's anger over this child by Dickerson could be the reason the boys John and Peyton were indentured.²³⁶ Whatever the forever-lost reasons, Elizabeth stuck with Dickerson leaving Louisiana with him and with her daughter Caroline about 1824 and headed for Texas, leaving behind her sons John and Peyton. By 1827, Elizabeth was living with Robert Johnson, but by 1830, she back in Louisiana, alone in the census of that year for St. Landry Parish, with one daughter (Caroline) and one male child (Joseph Dickerson or Warren Johnson). Elizabeth returned to Green's Bluff, the area that became Jefferson/Orange County Texas in 1835, with her sons Peyton and John. The Mexican government granted her a league of land, (4428 acres). At this time, she had five children, including the two Bland boys and their sister Caroline, young Johnson and Dickerson. Storms do pass over sometimes, however, and between 1840 and 1850, Elizabeth was reconciled with Robert Johnson, for they are found together in the 1850 Census.²³⁷

Peyton Bland and Elizabeth Smith had three children, whose descendants became the pioneers of Orange County Texas, which was formed in 1852 from Jefferson County, which in turn was created from the old Mexican Territory in 1836. Thanks to information found in Volume Twenty Three, Book Four of Las Sabinas (1996) which contains historical discussion of later generations by Derry Dunn and also an invaluable annotated record of Tombstone Inscriptions at the Bland Cemetery, (which

²³³ AC 3-1, p. 36.

²³⁴ James Oliver of Beaumont Texas, claims that the source was an "old news report." James Oliver to Danny Wheat, June 5, 2001. Cf Derry Dunn, pp. 34-35.

²³⁵ Conrad Mang to Charles L. Bland, August 20, 1996. Joseph Dickerson died in 1855. He married Edelia Foreman, (1823-) a daughter of Nathan Foreman. David Bland says that Elizabeth married Dickerson, but no objective proof of this was turned up by Conrad Mang's research.

²³⁶ AC 10-1, p. 15.

²³⁷ AC 10-1, p. 16.

might more aptly be named the Bland and Peveto Cemetery), as well as discovery of a 1989 letter detailing the descendants of Caroline Bland (1813-1888) it has been possible to present a fairly good though not complete four generation portrait of this important and thoroughly interesting family of the children and descendants of Peyton Bland (1780-1815) and Elizabeth Smith (1794-1856), especially for their son Peyton (1815-1872) and his wife Susannah Harmon (1822-1892). A great deal more information is needed for the children and descendants of John Bland (1811-1886) and Mary Foreman (1816-1904) and his sister Caroline Bland (1813-1888) and William Clark. Contributions by anyone who can reliably correct what I have written, or can provide supplementary information about precise names, dates of birth, marriage and death, as well as subjective information that bring these ancestors to life, would be welcome. I would propose to correct and update this piece over the next year and then to file the completed report to that date with the Orange County Historical Society. The children of Peyton Bland and Elizabeth Smith were:

1. **JOHN BLAND** (March 5, 1811 - November 2, 1886) ²³⁸ John was born at St. Martin's Parish Louisiana and died in Orange County Texas. At age 11, on January 18, 1823 John was indentured to one Asa Foreman in St. Landry Parish Louisiana, and worked with him until he was 21, when Foreman, who was obliged to educate John during his indenture "to the third rule," paid him \$20. And gave him a horse and saddle. John married Mary Foreman (February 4, 1816 - January 13, 1904), ²³⁹ a daughter of Joseph Ephrem Foreman and Marie Charlotte Stoutson, on February 22, 1831. John and Mary lived at Perry's Bridge Louisiana until they departed for the Mexican Territory in 1834 or 1835. David Bland writes "My parents moved from Louisiana to Texas in 1835." ²⁴⁰ They moved to the part of Jefferson County that later became Orange County and settled on the Little Cypress Bayou near Newton's Road. Fear of attacks by Indians and Mexicans drove John and Mary, with their two oldest children, back to Louisiana, John served in the Texas Revolution with Captain Kokornot, from September 2, 1836 to March 2, 1837. ²⁴¹ He was stationed at Balew's Landing on the Sabine River. On June 18 1835, John received one league, 4428 acres, in Polk County as his head right from the Mexican Government. In 1841 received a "labor" bounty grant of 640 acres from the new Republic of Texas on March 25, 1836. ²⁴² John never owned slaves but frequently hired them from neighbors. ²⁴³ After the war, he was a farmer, who was said to have loved liquor, horses and gambling, all in moderation of course, and from his prolific family, one would judge that he loved Mary Foreman immoderately. Their children were: ²⁴⁴

²³⁸ Helen Bourque asserted that John Bland was born March 5, 1811. Derry Dunn, claims that John's Middle name was Payton.

²³⁹ David Bland, P. 1, is the source of Mary's birth date. Derry Dunn, p. 28, lists it as April 3, 1816 and the marriage date as February 21, 1830.

²⁴⁰ David Bland, p. 1. Bobbie J. McGuire to Charles L. Bland, March 28, 2002.

²⁴¹ Dunn, p. 33; David Bland, Supplement 5.

²⁴² David Bland, Supplement V is a letter from Bascom Giles to Mrs. Monroe Chapman, January 26, 1942, which identifies Patent 419, Volume 24.

²⁴³ AC 1-1, p. 11.

²⁴⁴ Dates of the children of John Bland and Mary Foreman conform to the information in David Bland,

(A) Joseph Bland (June 8, 1832 - November 8, 1915) Joseph was born in St. Martins Parish Louisiana and died in Orange County Texas. He began his career as a surveyor. During the American Civil War, Joseph was elected Sheriff. After the war the governor appointed him Sheriff. Joseph was a Democrat and a Mason, holding the Degree of the Royal Arch from 1863. A photograph of Joseph hanging with his friends is displayed on page 101. Joseph married (1st) Martha Ann Thomas, by whom he had four children.

(1) Henry W. Bland (C1856-1919) Henry married (1st) Rachel Simmons on December 28, 1877 and (2nd) Frances Henry on July 3, 1918.

(2) Clara Bland (July 19, 1856 - May 29, 1922) Clara married Douglas W. Stakes on November 2, 1880.

(3) Jefferson Davis Bland (June 30, 1861 - December, 1913) was born in Orange County Texas and died in DeRidder Louisiana. Jefferson was the Sheriff and County Surveyor from 1894 to 1899 when he moved to Deridder Louisiana. In 1913, he arrested a man named Frank Carson, who operated a "Wheel of Fortune". The day after Carson's release, he got into an altercation with Jefferson and shot him dead. Both men were said to have drawn their guns and fired and died simultaneously, which is, however, scant consolation to the descendants of Jefferson Bland. Jefferson's body was returned to Orange County Texas for burial. He married Emily Myers (November 26, 1867 - May 27, 1933) on November 11, 1883.²⁴⁵ They had two children:

(a) Iola Bland (September 1884 -1886) born and died in Orange Texas.

Supplement 2, supplied by Allie Bland. In the 1850 Census, John is found in Jefferson County (the area that became Orange County) in Dwelling 104, near his brother Peyton whose family was in dwelling 173. David Bland, Supplement 6.

²⁴⁵ The story of poor Jefferson's death is told in McGuire, op. cit. and forces me to change the previously noted date of 1918 to 1913. Emily had a twin sister Emma.

(b) Nina Mae Bland (October 23, 1886 - November 15, 1945) Nina, who was born and died in Orange Texas with a hiatus in Deridder Louisiana, married Moses Edward Frazar (August 8, 1875 - June 30, 1914), on May 15, 1907 in Deridder.²⁴⁶ Nina had two children with Moses Frazar and after his death married Thomas Britton Meadows in 1815 in Merryville Louisiana, by whom she had one daughter.²⁴⁷



Masonic Temple on Water Street. Front row, left to right: C.H. Sexton, Joseph Bland, L.D. Spencer, A.B. Lyons, and Sam Levingston, Sr. Back Row, left to right: Dr. Sanders, W.D. Street, Dan Morrison, A. McKay, and W.R. Bolin. This lodge building was erected on land purchased in 1878 and was the second one in Orange owned by Madison Lodge No. 126, the first structure (built in 1854 and also on Water Street) having been destroyed in the great storm of 1865 which almost wiped out Orange. The building pictured was on Water Street between Henderson and Division streets. The third, or present, temple, on the corner of Elm and fifth streets, was first occupied in 1926.

Joseph Bland (1832-1915) seated front row, 2nd from left,
courtesy of Juanita Alexander

²⁴⁶ Moses Frazar and Nina Mae Bland had a family of three children, including Marvin Edward Frazar, the father of my correspondent Bobbie Jo Frazar McGuire. Bobbie McGuire to Charles L. Bland, March 28 and July 7, 2002.

²⁴⁷ E-Mail, Bobbie McGuire to Charles L. Bland, July 2, 2002.

(4) Flavia Bland who married Adolph Prejean.

Joseph Bland married (2nd) the widow Abbie Holden Parrish on November 21, 1865, by whom he had:

(5) Malona "Lonie" Jacente Bland (October 15, 1866 - August 1936). Malona married Edward Hall on June 8, 1886.

(6) Margaret "Maggie" Bland (1869-) married G.S. Russell on March 17, 1887.

(7) Joseph Bland

(8) George W. Bland who married Margaret Peveto on June 29, 1892.

Joseph married (3rd) Mel Stakes on October 8, 1885. David Bland claims there was an adopted daughter by this marriage, Laura Benson.²⁴⁸

(B) Oliver Bland (September 9, 1834 - June 2, 1909), Oliver was born in St. Martins Louisiana and died in Orange County Texas. He married Elizabeth McDonald (1849-1902) on July 11, 1871. Oliver and Elizabeth had the following five children:

(1) John Horace Bland (April 15, 1872 -)

(2) William Walton Bland (August 25, 1875 - May 23, 1935). William married Daisy Rebecca Toland on November 1, 1904.

(3) Mary Allenah "Lena" Bland (November 18, 1877 - May 1937) Mary married M.V. Anderson on December 23, 1893.

(4) Elizabeth J. Bland (May 12, 1880 -) married Dr. D.R. Seastrunk on May 31, 1905.

(5) Maud E. Bland (December 12 1884 - March 3, 1917) married Tom Dodd on September 7, 1904.

(C) Malone or Malona Bland (September 6, 1837 - February 15, 1907). Malona was the first child of John Bland and Mary Foreman born in free Texas. She lived and died in Orange County. She married William Fleming. They had one child a daughter Ida Fleming, who married _____ Wilkinson.

(D) Peyton Bland (July 22, 1839 - July 22, 1839).

²⁴⁸ Ibid.

(g) Mary Bland (September 25, 1840 - October 15, 1919). Mary was born and died in Jefferson/Orange County Texas. Mary married (1st) William Hatton (- C1864) and had two children by him.

(1) Moses Hatton

(2) Robert Hatton

Mary married (2nd) George A. Foreman on November 16, 1865 and they had a family of six children:

(3) John Travis Foreman

(4) Buelah Foreman who married _____ Peveto.

(5) Joseph Foreman

(6) David C. Foreman

(7) George A. Foreman (according to David Bland, David and George Foreman were twins).

(8) Sarah E. "Sallie" Foreman who married _____ Stediley.

F. David Bland (January 27, 1843 - November 25, 1927) David was born and died in Jefferson/Orange County Texas. He was born at Little Cypress Bayou, about five miles North of Orange. David joined the CSA on August 1, 1861, Company B, Fourth Texas Cavalry. He served throughout the war, finally mustering out May 18, 1865. His unit engaged the Yankees in battle some 150 miles north of El Paso at the Battle of Val Verde and at Glorietta between Santa Fe New Mexico and Fort Union. They also engaged the Yankees at Galveston on January 1, 1863 and in April of 1864 engaged the Yankees at Pleasant Hill. At Mansfield, in absence of his commanding officer, David personally demanded the surrender of Yankee forces. After another year of fighting, David wrote, "In Burleson County on the Brazos, we were mustered out on May 18, 1865. I reached home in June, and soon resumed employment as a private citizen, but always a Confederate Veteran."²⁴⁹ A picture of David Bland in his military uniform as well as photos of David Bland with his wife Martha Allen, juxtaposed to John Clebrun Bland and his wife Martha Jane Johnston, is displayed on pages 104-105 David worked for a spell in the timber business after the Civil war but then went back to farming and stuck with it. Late in his life he also wrote a history of his family that is invaluable for its freshness and later was updated by his daughter Allie. He married Martha Allen (October 20, 1844-1914)²⁵⁰

²⁴⁹ David Bland describes his military service on pp. 2-4.

²⁵⁰ David Bland, Supplement 4, is a brief record of Martha Allen's family and includes a Bible Record of her birth date.

David Bland (1843-1927)
Courtesy Helen Borque





Upper: David Bland (1843-1927) and Martha Allen (1844-1914)
Courtesy of Helen Borque

Lower: John Clebrun Bland (1848-1895) and Martha Jane Johnston
(1856-1938), Courtesy of Robert Kibbe

John Clebrun Bland Family (C1888-1889)

Front Row: (L-R) John Clebrun Bland holding David Clarence Bland, Ada Jane Bland, Mary Melissa Bland, Martha Jane Johnson holding Florence Lonie Bland

Back Row From Left: Richard Henry Bland and Percy Bland
Fara Elizabeth Bland was not yet born.

Source: Unknown



(continued from P. 106) of Jasper County Texas on November 17, 1869 and by her had a family of seven children: ²⁵¹

- (1) Mary Minerva Bland (November 29, 1870 - May 17, 1946). In a double wedding with her sister Fannie Lourena Bland, (photograph displayed below) Mary married J. W. Gates on December 23, 1890. Mary and Mr. Gates had a family of six children:
 - (a) John D. Gates married Marie _____.
 - (b) Mary Gates married Ed Korff.
 - (c) Hallie Gates married W.G. Burgess.
 - (d) Bland Gates married Ruth Ferguson
 - (e) Allen Gates married Charlotte _____.
 - (f) Thurston Gates

Double Wedding
December 23, 1890
Left: Mary Minerva
Bland (1870-1946)
And Hal Gates.
Right: Fannie
Lourena Bland
(1874-1895) and
George Elsworth
Newport

Courtesy of
Helen Borque



²⁵¹ Family Group Sheet provided by Daniel P. Wheat Jr. Letter to Charles L. Bland, May 7, 2002. cf David Bland, p. 35.

(2) John Calhoun Bland (July 9, 1872 - 1941) John married Mattie Chester Thompson on December 6, 1894. They had two children:

(a) Louise Bland married Malcolm Pearce

(b) Chester Bland married Mary _____.

(5) Fannie Lourenia Bland (March 29, 1874 - January 23, 1895). In a double wedding with her sister Mary, (see page 107) Fannie married George Elsworth Newport (1861-1951) on December 23, 1890 and they had a family of three children: ²⁵²

(6) Fanny Newport, who married James Oliver.

(7) Arthur Newport

(8) George Newport married Kathleen _____.

(9) Allie Bland (July 26, 1875 - 1964) Allie was a teacher, like her mother and late in her life, prescribed for the aging, the society of young people, nature and dodging traffic as a way to stay young. She reaped the intangible rewards of a teacher, which is that her students remembered her. In a 1962 article, Allie lashed out at young women who wore "tight britches and shorts" and wondered about their motives, not to speak of their morals and ugly legs which might more appealingly have remained covered. A Photograph of Allie Bland appears below, showing a comely woman who remained young at heart and in appearance.



Allie Bland (1875-1964)
Courtesy of Helen Bourque
And Las Sabinas

²⁵² A picture of Fannie Louraine Bland, courtesy Helen Bourque, is displayed in AC 3-1, p. 37, and AC 8-2, p. 45.

Allie might have added that she stayed young because she went to her grave on her own and didn't marry a man to drive her there. Allie lived to be 89, God bless her. One of her nieces, Alice Bland Napier, told me she liked to be called Allie after her auntie.

(5) David Nathaniel Bland (December 23, 1876 - 1888)

(6) Thurston Joseph Bland (July 17, 1878 - July 6, 1956)
Thurston served his country in the Spanish American war and also fought for the British in the Boer War. Thurston was an accomplished singer (well, sort of) and adventurer. After his war time days, he hired himself onto a ship bound for Australia and to San Francisco, where he hired on for a year on a whaling ship. He wrote his parents from Hakodate Japan: ²⁵³

I am on the whaling ship California and we reached this port a few days ago. I wrote you earlier that I would probably ship as steward on the bark Santiago for Hawaii, but an opportunity offering to go on this ship made me realize it had more adventure in it and since then I have not regretted the change.

Thurston married Ida Eddins in Orange County Texas on February 22, 1905 and settled in for the long haul as they say, under a fig tree in Orange County. Do they grow figs in Orange? At one time I thought he died in 1905, but alas, he just got married and then lived another fifty years. Thurston and Ida had three sons: ²⁵⁴

(b) Joe Bland married but the name of his wife does not appear.

(c) Blanchard Bland was married but the name of his wife does not appear.

(c) David George Bland married Vivian.

(7) Martha "Mattie" Bland (November 6, 1882 - 1965) Martha married Ambrose Monroe Chapman (1878-1951) on June 7, 1905. Photographs of Martha Bland Chapman and her daughters Nelle and Fanita appear on page 113 Children of Martha Bland and Ambrose Chapman were:

(a) Nelle Chapman (1907-2000) who married Daniel Patrick Wheat II (1907-1990). Nelle and Mr. Wheat had a family of four children. ²⁵⁵

(b) Fanita Chapman (1913-1970)

²⁵³ AC 3-2, p. 45.

²⁵⁴ Ibid

²⁵⁵ These children included my correspondent Daniel Patrick Wheat III, Daniel Patrick Wheat to Charles L. Bland, May 7, 2002.



Martha Ann Bland Chapman (1882-1965) and daughters Nelle and Fanita, Courtesy of Helen Borque

(G) John Clebrun Bland ²⁵⁶ (December 16, 1848 - October 5, 1895) was born and died in Jefferson/Orange County Texas. John married Martha Jane Johnson (February 18, 1856 - September 28, 1938) on March 22, 1875. John and Martha were Bland cousins. Martha was the daughter of the above noted Warren Johnson, son of Robert Johnson and Elizabeth Smith Bland. ²⁵⁷ Photographs of John Clebrun Bland and Martha Jane Johnson and their children, taken 1888-1889, appear above, pp. 108-109. They had a family of six children:

- (1) Richard Henry Bland (September 25, 1876 - May 29, 1901). Richard married Dora Bain Cook.
- (2) Percy Lafayette Bland (July 7, 1878 - March 18, 1921)
- (3) Ada Jane Bland (February 14, 1881 - September 10, 1953) Ada married a cattle rancher Andrew Ozar Lemaire (1870-1953) on August 16, 1899. ²⁵⁸ Their children were:
 - (a) Valerie Lemaire (1901-) who married J.D. Yates. Valerie was a librarian and she and Mr. Yates had no children.
 - (b) Johnnie Celie LeMaire (1902-) Johnnie married Fred Smith. She was a teacher and she and Mr. Smith had no children.
 - (c) Andrew Bland Lemaire (1903-1989) Andrew was employed at Bethlehem Steel in Beaumont Texas. He married Elizabeth McDaniel (1906-1999) about 1929 and had four children. ²⁵⁹
- (4) Mary Melissa Bland (September 2, 1883 - November 1956) Melissa married W.L. Downey on January 7, 1901.
- (5) David Clarence Bland (March 7, 1886 - August 20, 1951). David married Kathleen Lomax on September 10, 1915 and they had three children.
- (6) Lonie Florence Bland (January 11, 1888 - January 18, 1957) Lonie married W.F. Rachel on October 26, 1915.

²⁵⁶ John's name is alternately spelled Claiborne.

²⁵⁷ David Bland, p. 33.

²⁵⁸ Valeria Lamaire Mullally to Charles L. Bland "Descendants of John Claiborne Bland, ND.

²⁵⁹ Ibid, these children include Valerie Jane Lamaire, who married James E. Mullally.

(7) Fara Elizabeth Bland (September 10, 1893 - 1976) Fara Elizabeth married Robert Louis Kibbe (1888-1982) on October 23, 1915.²⁶⁰ Fara Elizabeth's photograph appears below, courtesy of Elizabeth Kibbe.



(H) Elizabeth Bland (January 19, 1853²⁶¹ - February 2, 1918) Elizabeth was born and died in Orange County. She married Jack Turner about 1876 and they had two children:

(1) Edith Turner (1877- 1968) Edith married ___ Ritter.

(2) Arthur Turner (1879-

(I) Lafayette Bland (February 13, 1855 - March 4, 1861).

2. CAROLINE BLAND (September 7, 1813 - June 2, 1888) was born in St. Martin's Parish Louisiana and died in Orange County Texas. She married William Clark (December 12, 1800 -) in St. Martin's Parish Louisiana about 1830. They came to Texas about 1835, suggesting that as discussed above, unlike her brothers, Caroline stayed close to her mother.²⁶² Caroline and William Clark had a family of six children:²⁶³

²⁶⁰ AC 6-2, p. 32.

²⁶¹ Helen Borque supplied the corrected birth date for Elizabeth, in lieu of a previously used date of February 7, 1852.

²⁶² Source cited by Derry Dunn in Las Sabinas XXIII, No. 4. (1996) pp. 29-30, hereafter called Dunn.

²⁶³ Detailed information about the descendants of Caroline Bland and William Clark was provided in Helen

(A) Altiann Clark (1831 - February 4, 1917) married (1st) W. W. Wadsworth on July 21, 1847 and (2nd) Solomon McGehee on August 8, 1857.

(B) Oliver/Solomon Clark (May 16, 1832 - March 5, 1901) Guri Clark and Derry Dunn calls this man Oliver, whereas sources in my hands identify him as Solomon. Solomon survived a fight with a Mexican Lion while a younger man, and also served in the Confederacy, though he initially refused. Oliver/Solomon married Jane McLain (April 4, 1833 - September 6, 1917) on June 4, 1869.²⁶⁴ Their children were:

- (1) Rachel A. Clark (1851-)
- (2) Peyton "Pate" Clark (August 9, 1853 - October 12, 1903). Peyton married (1st) Sarah Conley on December 25, 1870 and (2nd) Martha Lavine. Their children were:²⁶⁵
 - (a) William P. Clark (October 1881 -)
 - (b) Oma Clark (January 1891 -)
 - (c) Francis E. Clark (January 1895 -)
 - (d) Oliver Clark (December 22 1897 - March 25, 1973) married Radell Peveto.
 - (e) John Clark (January 1899 -)
- (3) Sarah E. Clark (January 1855 -)
- (4) John "Bud" Clark (December 16, 1858 - June 21, 1931) married Catherine _____ (November 25, 1859 - October 9, 1931). They had the following children:
 - (a) Oliver Clark (June 1884 -)
 - (b) Francis Clark (female) (April 1887-)
 - (c) Naholy Clark (August 1889-)
 - (d) Mable Clark (March 1891 -)
 - (e) Edith Clark (December 1892 -)

Borque to Charles L. Bland June 1, 1989, citing information she had received from Guri Clark of Novato California.

²⁶⁴ AC 1-1, p. 11; Dunn. P. 30

²⁶⁵ Oliver C. Clark, one of the children of Peyton Clark is buried at the Bland cemetery and his mother is listed as Martha Lavine.

- (f) Ira Clark (December 1892 -)
- (g) Walter Clark (November 1894 -)
- (h) Abby Clark (October 1899 -)
- (5) Martha Clark (December 24, 1865 - June 13, 1942).
- (6) John Claiborne Clark (October 25, 1870 - March 30, 1949) married Margaret Rosella Davis (July 27, 1875 - March 9, 1963) on November 14, 1891. They had the following children:
- (a) Luther Pryor Clark (December 9, 1893 -) married Kate Elizabeth Kelly on January 21, 1921.
- (b) Abel Clark (August 25, 1895 - September 12, 1918)
- (c) Claiborne Charles Clark (February 2, 1898 - September 15, 1967) who married (1st) Blanche Sheffield and (2nd) _____.
- (d) Jane Angeline Clark (January 5, 1900 - March 1, 1961) married (1st) Michel Peveto and (2nd) _____.
- (e) Annie Bell Clark (July 18, 1902 -) married Elga Sheppard.
- (f) Vanie James Clark (November 15, 1904 -) married Mario Edwards.
- (g) Oliver "Ollie" Clark (February 13, 1907 -) married Pearl Williamson.
- (h) Paul Matthews Clark (June 18, 1909 -) married Doris Lowery.
- (i) Robert Henry Clark (March 29, 1911 -) April 23, 1967) married Altha Louise Gentry (April 2, 1917 -) on June 5, 1937.
- (j) John Carroll Clark (October 6, 1914 -) married Margaret Nand on April 6, 1939.
- (C) Elizabeth J. Clark (January 15, 1833 - January 17, 1921) who married (1st) Garland Foreman on June 7, 1849 and had four children with him:
- (1) Joseph Foreman (1851 -)
- (2) William P. Foreman (1853 -)
- (3) Caroline Foreman (1855 -)

(4) Uriah Fines Foreman (C1858 -)

Elizabeth J. Clark married (2nd) Jonathan Cooper in 1861 and (3rd) Charles Sexton or Saxon in 1872.²⁶⁶

(D) Rachel Clark (February 14, 1835 - April 28, 1924) who married Samuel A. Holden (November 11, 1829 - December 7, 1899). They had four children:

(1) William Holden (1856 -)

(2) Ossea Holden (1858 -)

(3) George Ann Holden (April 13, 1870 - March 2, 1947) married John D. Peveto in 1888.

(4) Charles Holden (January 15, 1880 - September 16, 1957) married Martha C. _____ (October 11, 1884 - February 9, 1971).

(E) Robert Clark (October 30, 1840 - December 16, 1922) Robert was conscripted by the Confederacy and served with them until he contracted pneumonia and was sent to Atlanta Georgia for treatment. Robert married (1st) Sarah Cooper and (2nd) Ozea Gilleau (September 20, 1847 - June 17, 1927) on August 29, 1861.²⁶⁷ Their children were:

(1) Cloey Belle Clark (September 27, 1869 - 1953) married Alvah Paynes (1869 - April 28, 1934) on January 4, 1892.

(2) William Oliver Clark (April 1, 1871 - October 30, 1941). Oliver did not marry.

(3) Henry D. "Dick" Clark (June 25, 1873 - August 28, 1917), married Lissin _____. They had two children:

(a) Julia Clark (1901 -)

(b) Raymond H. Clark (1907 -)

(4) Burnett Clark (September 12, 1875 - May 16, 1898)

(5) Alice Clark (December 23, 1877 - November 26, 1904)

(6) Campell Clark (March 25, 1880 - June 27, 1913) married Rebecca _____ in 1900. They had three children:

²⁶⁶ Given the date of marriage of Elizabeth Bland Foreman to Johnnie Cooper, it is quite possible that one of their children was Robert Monroe Cooper, (March 2, 1862 - January 18, 1941), buried in the Bland Cemetery but with no notation of parents or spouse.

²⁶⁷ Guri Clark names Sarah "Azra." Previous information cited Sarah as married to Robert Clark in 1861. Dunn p. 30, asserts that Robert and Oliver Clark, sons of William and Caroline Clark, were conscripted into the Confederate Army.

(a) Colson Clark (1901 -)

(b) Edgard Clark (1903 -)

(c) Flora Clark (1909-)

(F) Mary C. Clark ((1848-) married Venley Henderson in 1878. ²⁶⁸

3. Peyton Bland (September 25, 1815 - September 17, 1872) Peyton was born in St. Martins Parish Louisiana and died in Orange County Texas. At age seven, on January 18, 1823, Peyton was indentured to Benjamin Fork at St. Landry Parish in Louisiana, under terms similar to those of his brother John with Asa Foreman. It is probable that he remained in Louisiana until this indenture was finished and about 1834 after his mother and stepfather moved into Jefferson/Orange Texas.²⁶⁹ He served in the Texas Revolution from September-December 1835, serving in David Gardner's Company. One of the highlights of his tour of duty was the so-called "Grass Fight" of November 28, 1835, which was a near miss for Peyton, who sustained bullet holes in his coat. The Grass Fight involved a Republican ambush of a Mexican mule train thought to be laden with vast treasure. It turned out to be saddlebags filled with grass to feed the Mexican horses.²⁷⁰ He served again in March and April 1836. Peyton enlisted in the Coast Guard on July 9, 1862, but served only a short time. He also at a relatively ripe age of 48, served the Confederacy as "Captain Bland," a Company Commander, who, however, lacked a healthy appetite for combat. In a series of exchanges between October 22, 28, 1863, Company Commander Mat Nolan, with whom Bland was supposed to rendezvous, complained to his commander that Bland refused to do so, and "I do not believe his company would be of any service to me." Colonel Buchel, Nolan's commander reported that Bland refused to fight and "went home."²⁷¹ Peyton married Susannah Harmon (November 2, 1822 - August 15, 1892) in Jefferson/Orange County Texas on May 8, 1838. According to Peyton's nephew David Bland, Susan was the daughter

²⁶⁸ Guri Clark took no notice of this last child of Caroline Bland and William Clark.

²⁶⁹ Jody Cooper Slaydon, in an undated history of Peyton Bland, hereafter called Slaydon, indicates that he may have come to Texas as early as 1827, with the John Harmon Family. She cites "Bits of Orange History" taken from the 1890 Southeast Texas Journal and 1896 Weekly Tribune. In another section, Slaydon indicates that he received a Texas Land Grant on May 5, 1838, "as a single man in Texas by 1833." See Derry Dunn, p. 32.

²⁷⁰ Dunn, p. 34. Susan Scheffer of Tomball Texas writes that Peyton tried twice to get a pension for his service in the war, first rejected and then "suspended". His wife succeeded in gaining a widow's pension based on affidavits of those who testified to Peyton's participation. Susan Scheffer to Charles L. Bland, February 12, 2002; Susan also provided excerpts from "The Grass Fight," Texas Scrap Book (undated) P. 92. More substantially she provided objective evidence of the name of "Patin Bland" in an Order Book of Stephen Austin, November 17, 1835. Donaly Brice to Susan Scheffer, November 17, 1993, cover letter to The Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association, Vol. XI, No. 1, July 1907, pp. 45-46. See also discussion by Derry Dunn, p. 33-34.

²⁷¹ Provided by Susan Scheffer, Tomball Texas, "Confederate Veteran Re-Lives Civil War in Memory With Visit to the Old Battle Ground of Sabine Pass," Yellowed Pages, Vol XIX, No. 2, (1989), p. 116, and Las Sabinas, Vol. XI, Book 3, (1985), pp. 43-45.

of John Harmon and Elizabeth Clark. John Harmon was the first man to settle his family in what became Orange County. Children and grandchildren have spook stories to tell about Elizabeth Clark Harmon, "the meanest woman who ever lived," (good news for Hilary Clinton). She was said to ride side saddle from children's home to children's home, get all the kids spanked and then tell them to watch out 'cause granny would get 'em even if they were good.²⁷²

Including, a league of land (4428 acres) for his military service in the Texas revolution and a labor of land (640 acres) that he received for his marriage,²⁷³ by 1838, Peyton was a landholder as substantial as his brother John. Peyton was known as a big man, one witness recalled "he was huge, with pistols on his hips, it scared us kids to death." Peyton was a cattle drover, traveling from Far West Texas to New Orleans, where, according to one source, he could sell cattle to the Confederates for \$22. per head. After the Yankees took New Orleans, Peyton could still sell cattle profitably to the Northern Forces in the Civil War.²⁷⁴ On one drive, Peyton took the stock of a man named Coles. Returning from the drive, he threw a bag of money on Cole's table and exclaimed, "there's more money there than you've ever seen or ever will again." Sure enough, Coles lost all his money. In spite of his huge size, Peyton was susceptible to illness, and caught pneumonia during a cattle drive and died. His children searched for his grave, reportedly on a bluff overlooking the San Bernard River in Wharton County, but never found it. Peyton Bland and Susannah Harmon had a family of thirteen children:²⁷⁵

(A) Sarah Elizabeth Bland (May 1, 1839 - February 18, 1927).²⁷⁶ Sarah Elizabeth and three of her sisters are featured as quintessential Bland women on the cover page. Sarah married Michael Peveto (February 25, 1836 - April 12, 1909) and by him had a family of twelve children:

- (1) Emily Peveto (1856-)
- (2) Ralph Peveto (1857-)
- (3) Robert L. Peveto (December 31, 1859 - February 1, 1923). Robert married Delitha Frederick (1866-1956). Their children included:

²⁷² My Source, when asked to let me identify her in this note screamed "Oh no!!! If I do that Granny Harmon will git me."

²⁷³ Derry Dunn, p. 33.

²⁷⁴ Slaydon, p. 2.

²⁷⁵ Many dates for descendants of Peyton Bland and Susannah Harmon were enhanced by reference to the section on the Bland Cemetery in Las Sabinas XXIII No. 4, (1996). I'm convinced that a lot could be learned by the work of someone more sensitive to local information than I am and would invite anyone willing to take on the project. Of necessity, reliance on cemetery markings sometimes results in complete lists of children, which is why the notation of third generation parents, "Their children included:" followed by sometimes admittedly incomplete lists of fourth generation children.

²⁷⁶ Derry Dunn, p. 31 gives Sarah Elizabeth's dates as 1838-1921.

- (a) Coleman Peveto, (February 16, 1888 -September 16, 1963). Coleman married Mable Clark (March 11, 1891 - May 13, 1973).
- (b) Oliver Peveto (May 15, 1891 - May 18, 1933). Oliver married Nita Bond, (March 13, 1895 - November 17, 1976).
- (c) George W. Peveto (December 17, 1893 - May 19, 1976). George married Maymie Andrews, (January 8, 1896 - November 7, 1952).
- (d) Fred Michael Peveto (August 14, 1898 - 1918).
- (e) Rachel Peveto, (November 3, 1902 - November 11, 1966), who married Oliver C. Clark, (December 22, 1897 - March 25, 1973) about 1924.
- (f) George Peveto (October 30, 1907 - February 13, 1962)
- (g) Robert L. Peveto Jr. (February 2, 1912 - August 20, 1978). Robert married Gladys Humble.
- (4) Julia Ann Peveto (1861-1879)
- (5) Laura Ann Peveto (1863-
- (6) Susanna Peveto (January 15, 1865 - July 22, 1946) Susanna married Harvey Linscomb, (1856-1925) on December 28, 1881. Susanna's great, great granddaughter Gayle Jones describes Susanna as "quick tempered, demanding and exceptionally neat and not a small woman. She also possessed healing talents, using many of the old remedies of kerosene and cobwebs."²⁷⁷
- (7) Rufus Peveto (1866-)
- (8) Altha Ann Peveto (1871-)
- (9) Sarah Elizabeth Peveto (1872-)
- (10) George Peveto (November 17, 1875 - June 9, 1940) married Alvina Frederick (January 5, 1877 - March 2, 1970). Their children included:
 - (a) Annie Laura Peveto (September 8, 1895 - December 19, 1974). Annie married Ruben Andrews (December 22, 1893 - December 20, 1974). It's notable that Annie and Ruben died at almost the same time.

²⁷⁷ B. Gayle Jones to Charles L. Bland, August 21, 1996.

- (b) Helen Lonie Peveto (February 8, 1897 - December 20, 1991). Helen married Albert S. Stanton (April 12, 1894 - January 6, 1967).
 - (c) Bertha Peveto (August 4, 1898 - June 16, 1976). Bertha married Roger Milam Lincecum (a variant of Linscomb), (June 16, 1894 - February 5, 1980).
 - (d) Mitchell Peveto (1900-1963) Mitchell married Idell Peveto (1913-1969).
 - (e) Wylie Peveto (January 7, 1903 - January 29, 1980). Wylie married Edna Maye, (October 15, 1906 - January 14, 1995).
 - (f) Carroll Peveto (January 11, 1905 - June 6, 1966). Carroll married Reta Hebert (March 16, 1910 - October 26, 1991).
- (11) Jonathan Slick Peveto (November 17, 1876 - November 4, 1949). Jonathan married Maggie Wilkerson. Their children included:
- (a) Martha Peveto (September 13, 1898 - August 23, 1904).
 - (b) William Curtis Peveto (September 25, 1901 - August 26 1968).
- (12) Annie Oliver Peveto (1880-1945)²⁷⁸

B. Emily Bland (May 25, 1841 - December 25, 1902) Emily was born and died in Jefferson/Orange County. Emily married Samuel Peveto (1835-1900) and they had a family of sixteen children:

- (1) Victoria Peveto (1857-1892)
- (2) Mary Adelaide Peveto (1859-1882)
- (3) Samuel Houston Peveto (1861-1922)
- (4) John Denna Peveto (1863-1928) John married George Ann Holden. Their children included:
 - (a) Edith Peveto (October 9, 1891 - May 2, 1922) married Grover Linscomb (July 22, 1889 - June 2, 1964).²⁷⁹

²⁷⁸ The Bland Cemetery record at P. 11 shows Hughie Peveto (September 14, 1895 March 3, 1970), a son of Michael Peveto and Sarah E. Bland. This is doubtful, since Sarah E. Bland would have been 55 at the time of Hughie's conception.

²⁷⁹ Bland Cemetery notation for Edith Linscomb states she died May 2, 1902, so the 1922 date is an

- (5) Emily Peveto (1865-1942)
- (6) Nancy Jane Peveto (1866-1949)
- (7) Caroline Elizabeth Peveto (1869-1906) Caroline married Henry Willey.²⁸⁰
- (8) Susanna Clarnuse Peveto (1870-1878)
- (9) Ursan Bussie Peveto (1872-1945)
- (10) Guy Archer Peveto (1874-)
- (11) Flavilla Peveto (1875-1952)
- (12) Clarinda Isadora Peveto (1877-)
- (13) Josephine Peveto (1880-1960) Josephine married (1st) S. Edgar Peet (September 18, 1873 - December 27, 1918). Their children included:²⁸¹
- (a) Stella Mae Peet (September 7, 1901 - February 8, 1973) Stella Married Arthur Smith, (February 27, 1894 - July 17, 1948).
- (b) Vivian Peet (October 16, 1903 - July 26, 1937), who married Henry Dorman.
- Josephine married (2nd) O. R. Osterhout, (May 30, 1868 - April 6, 1952).
- (14) Walter Peveto (1881-)
- (15) Henry Peveto (1883-1956)
- (16) Jessa Peveto (1885-)
- (C) Caroline Bland (August 18, 1843 - June 1, 1900) Caroline was born and died in Jefferson/Orange County. She married Uriah Cooper on January 26, 1860.

hypothesis. Grover Lindscomb was the son of Napoleon Lindscomb and Elizabeth Peveto, who could have been Sarah Elizabeth Peveto (1872-) daughter of Michael Peveto and Sarah Elizabeth Bland, or Carolina Elizabeth Peveto (1869-1948), daughter of Samuel Peveto and Emily Bland.

²⁸⁰ Caroline's date of death is given by Susan Scheffer as 1906, not 1948 as recorded in Las Sabinas. Carrie and Henry are Susan Scheffer's great grandparents. Susan Scheffer to Charles L. Bland, July 5, 2002.

²⁸¹ The Bland cemetery includes a headstone for Virgie Mae Wilson Peet, (November 11, 1910 to June 10, 1978) who married Johnny Floyd Peet, possibly a son of Josephine Peveto and S. Edgar Peet, shown above.

(D) Nancy Jane Bland (May 26, 1845 - August 25, 1933) Nancy was born and died in Jefferson/Orange County Texas. Nancy's great grand daughter Pam Almquist tells me that Nancy Jane was six feet in her stocking feet (seven and a half feet in her boots and ten gallon hat) red haired, and wore a gun on her hip,²⁸² making her a close approximation of her granny Elizabeth Smith. Nancy and two of her sisters are featured as quintessential Bland women on the cover page. Nancy married (1st) James Norwood on August 6, 1866. Their children included:

(1) Uriah "Rye" Norwood (1865-1948). Uriah married Mary Izama Granger (July 1, 1872 - February 2, 1936) and had the following children:

(a) Gus Norwood (July 18, 1889 - September 14, 1966). Gus married Mary Alice Marble (September 12, 1893 - July 18, 1944).

(b) Clarence Norwood (February 20, 1894 - March 15, 1967) who married Thedocia Linscomb (April 8, 1892 - October 21, 1967).

(c) Ivy Norwood (August 19, 1896 - July 23, 1960) who married (1st) Murtie LaFleur (November 5, 1903 - April 18, 1960) and (2nd) J.A. Hock.

(d) Ada Norwood (1898-1987) who married Richard J. Summerlin (December 24, 1894 - September 7, 1971).

(e) Walter Norwood (July 18, 1898 - November 12, 1974), who married Mary Maudene Simmons (April 3, 1903 - March 14, 1965).

(f) Uriah "Buck" Norwood (January 9, 1907 - March 5, 1970), who married Ruby Broussard.

Nancy married (2nd) Colin Peveto (March 12, 1850 - January 9, 1907) on January 6, 1871 in Orange County and they had nine children:

(2) Allie Peveto (December 27, 1872 - October 5, 1938). Allie married Modesti Granger (December 19, 1870 - August 16, 1946). Their children included:

(a) Albert Peveto (April 16, 1889 - November 12, 1934) who married Effie Granger.

(b) Alice Peveto (August 11, 1892 - November 21, 1963). Alice married Walter Bruce Wilkinson (August 20, 1896 - October 9, 1942).

²⁸² E-Mail, Pam Almquist to Charles L. Bland, June 27, 2002.

- (c) Alvin Peveto (September 5, 1894 - October 30, 1973).
- (d) Raymond Peveto (December 1, 1895 - March 10, 1948).
Raymond married Gladys Wallles.
- (e) Burns Peveto (July 15, 1900 - May 31, 1950), who married
Oma McGee, (1906-1977).
- (f) Rufus Lonnie Peveto (June 12, 1908 - February 5, 1953).
Rufus married Vivian Block.
- (g) Caswell Peveto (1874-1879)
- (3) Florentine Peveto (1876-1956) married Denise Granger.
Their children included:
- (a) Winnie Peveto (August 6, 1908 - June 4, 1910).
- (b) Ray Elizabeth Peveto (November 3, 1900 - November 4,
1901).
- (4) Calvin Peveto (1877-1953)
- (5) Otis Pearl "Ode" Peveto (January 4, 1879 - March 21,
1963) Otis married Sadie Chisolm, (January 16, 1886 - June 23,
1943).²⁸³
- (6) Jacob Stafford Peveto (December 4, 1880 - March 21, 1963)
- (7) Cleorie Loumentice "Coco" Peveto (September 16, 1881 -
April 16, 1958) married _____ O'Malley.²⁸⁴
- (8) Cora Elizabeth Peveto (1884-1951)
- (9) Emily Isadora "Dora" Peveto (1886-1981)
- E. Ursan Bland (July 5, 1847 - 1865) was killed in action during
the Civil War.
- F. Jonathan Bland (December 8, 1848 - July 29, 1878) Jonathan
married (1st) Sue Beaks on November 21, 1866 and they had one child:
- (1) Stafford Bland

²⁸³ Otis was the father of Juanita Peveto Turner Alexander, who was one of the founding historians of the Bland family from Orange County. Another correspondent, Eva Jane Peveto Dowdy told me that she descended from Nancy Jane Bland Peveto as well, letter to Charles L. Bland, March 23, 1997.

²⁸⁴ Her Tombstone is inscribed Chlora O'Malley.

Jonathan married (2nd) Texana Alderman. They were parents of three children:

(2) Jonathan Cooper Bland (December 6, 1872-) Jonathan married Hattie Van Housen on November 19, 1896

(3) Samuel Allen Bland (January 18, 1875 - April 16, 1956) married Rosey Lee Pierce in 1897.

(4) Peyton Bland (March 3, 1879 - after 1923) Peyton married (1st) Alice Weaver and (2nd) Ola Cole, about 1923.

(G) Silas Bland (June 1, 1850 - January 24, 1934). Silas was born and died in Jefferson/Orange County Texas. He married Norah Alivida Lindscomb (August 16, 1850 - January 16, 1927) on September 14, 1870. Photographs of Silas Bland and Nora Alivida Lindscomb are displayed on page 127. They had a family of nine children:

(1) Robert Bland (1871-1871)

(2) Richard Silas Bland (February 17, 1873 - June 23, 1950) Richard married Mary Aslea Jedry (September 7, 1873 - April 13, 1963) on December 28, 1892. Their children included:

(a) Carlton Monroe Bland (January 13, 1898 - March 11, 1976), who married Eunice Gertrude Snyder, (August 3, 1904 - October 30, 1977).

(b) Pearce A. Bland (1903-1959). Pearce married Beverly Hurst.

(c) Walter Douglas Bland (May 3, 1908 - July 13, 1979), who married Freda Joyce Byrd, (November 1, 1932 - August 12, 1970).

(3) Edward Bland (September 27, 1875-) Edward married Viola Cochran.

(4) Jo Ida Bland (October 14, 1878 - May 15, 1935) Jo Ida married Lafitte Winfield B. Tarter (1860-1933). Their children included:

(a) Marvin H. "Dutch" Tarter (March 13, 1910 - May 14, 1960). Marvin married Mary _____.

(b) Gladys Tarter (1917-1971) who married Robert Henry Higgs, (November 29, 1911 - November 22, 1966). Henry Higgs?? Or is it 'enry 'iggins?? Before he met Gladys, Henry had a relationship with a poor but lovely lady named Eliza Doolittle.



Silas Bland (1850-1934) and
Nora Alivida Lindscomb (1950-1927)
Courtesy of Alice Bland Napier

(5) Lender Lee Bland (January 6, 1881 - April 2, 1952) Lender Lee married Octavia Alice Peveto (August 3, 1886 - May 21, 1947) on January 31, 1901. A photograph of Lender Lee Bland and Octavia Alice Peveto is displayed below.



Lender Lee Bland (1881-1952) and Octavia Alice Peveto (1886-1947) courtesy of Alice Bland Napier.

The children of Lender Lee Bland and Octavia Peveto were: ²⁸⁵

(a) Leanora Bland (September 29, 1903 - February 17, 1971). Leanora married (1st) A.B. "Jack" Terry (May 17, 1887 - November 8, 1944), On August 20, 1920. After Mr. Terry's death, Leanora married (2nd) Tom Snyder.

(b) Fern Bland (October 19, 1905 - October 1, 1988). Fern married Everette Armstrong Martin (September 24, 1906 - October 24, 1997), on July 29, 1955.

(c) Ruth Bland (August 13, 1907 - October 30, 1959)
Ruth married Seigle Stewart on December 24, 1924.

(d) James Herald Bland (January 18, 1910 - July 18, 1957). James married Bertie Bellard on March 20, 1934.

(e) Thurman Silas Bland (August 5, 1912 - December 31, 1996). Thurman married (1st) Louella Williford on September 12, 1935. They divorced in 1941. Thurman married (2nd) Eleanor Lenora McCarroll Smith.

(f) Benjamin Franklin Bland (July 19, 1915 - August 21, 1996). Benjamin married Merle Mahan (October 5, 1916 - living) on May 31, 1940. I have been lucky to be a friend and admirer of Ben, his wife Merle and their daughter Alice Bland Napier. A photograph of young Benjamin Franklin Bland and his wife Merle Mahan is displayed on page 130. ²⁸⁶

(g) Calvin Wiley Bland (April 20, 1919 - January 10, 1964). Calvin married (1st) Naomi Dickerson on January 20, 1937, but they were subsequently divorced. Calvin married (2nd) Zelma Dowels Morrow (April 1, 1923 - August 25, 1977).

(h) Oliver Keith Bland (January 5, 1922 - March 31, 1999). Oliver married Kathryn Wright (January 23, 1924 - April 22, 2001) on November 8, 1941.

(i) Lender Lee Bland, Jr. (March 8, 1924 - February 9, 1978). Lender Lee, Jr. married Madeline Johanna Adamovich on August 23, 1947. Madeline is still living.

a. Oliver Bland (July 23, 1883 - March 2, 1902)

²⁸⁵ I am grateful to Alice Bland Napier for provision of supplementary information about the children of Lender Lee Bland and Octavia Peveto. Three E-Mails, Alice Napier to Charles Bland, June 29, 2002.

²⁸⁶ Ben and Merle were the parents of Alice Bland Napier, a correspondent who provided additional information about the children of Lender Lee Bland and Octavia Alice Peveto, and more important, has been a good friend since I met her at the 1996 Bland Reunion in Texas. I first met Ben and Merle Mahan Bland at the 1991 Reunion in Seymour Indiana.



Benjamin Franklin Bland (1915-1996) and Merle Mahan
(1916-) courtesy of Alice Bland Napier

(6) Mary Ida or Ada Bland (April 11, 1881 - May 11, 1973) married Arthur Lee Davis (March 12, 1882 - September 20, 1941). Their children included:

(a) Arthur Lee Davis Jr. (1908-1990) who married Rosalie Tortorius.

(b) Kenneth C. Davis (August 14, 1926 - September 24, 1974), who married Wilma Faye Smith.

(7) Sidney Ann Bland (February 3, 1887 - August 31, 1981) married George Shannon (January 4, 1883 - April 8, 1963) on June 19, 1903. Their children were:

(a) Margarite Shannon (December 13, 1907 - August 20, 1993), who married Rauley Banner (March 10, 1905 - October 7, 1993).

(b) Neva Shannon (January 29, 1914 - December 10, 1918).

(c) Ernest Shannon (August 6, 1916 - September 18, 1922)

(8) Vida Bland (February 24, 1894 -) married William Walter Morris on December 20, 1911.

(H) James Bland (January 9, 1852 - June 12, 1894)

(I) Altha Ann Bland (September 20, 1854 - December 14, 1932). Altha was born and died in Orange County Texas. Altha's photograph is displayed on the cover page, which depicts her and three of her sisters as quintessential Bland women. On October 26, 1869, Altha married John Dobbs (December 16, 1844 - February 4, 1881) and they had six children:

(1) Lorena Renee Dobbs (June 1, 1870 - October 25, 1957) Lorena married Joseph Linscomb (August 31, 1863 - March 11, 1943). Their children included:

(a) John Linscomb (April 17, 1887 - December 16, 1964). John married Abby Priscilla Smith.

(b) J. B. Linscomb (August 8, 1889 - November 19, 1949). J.B. married Lucinda Sheppard, (January 15, 1894 - July 3, 1959).

(c) Althea Linscomb (February 13, 1892 - October 1, 1980). Althea married Wiley C. Hare (September 24, 1888 - September 7, 1969).

(d) Andrew J. Linscomb (March 12, 1894 - November 15, 1974).

- (e) Peyton Linscomb, (October 3, 1896 - April 26, 1947). Peyton married (1st) Lula King and (2nd) Fran Perkins.
 - (f) William Bryant Linscomb (August 6, 1897 - April 17, 1963). William married Joanna Simmons.
 - (g) Chlora Odessa Linscomb (May 6, 1901 - January 9, 1979) married Joe Laurance Jr. (March 12, 1894 - September 25, 1977).
 - (h) D.W. "Buddy" Linscomb (1917-1982)
- (2) Susan "Susie" Dobbs (April 7, 1872 - January 16, 1966) who married Edmund Frederick (December 4, 1867 - October 13, 1958) about 1890. Their children included:
- (a) Lonnie Frederick (June 5, 1891 - November 22, 1982), who married (1st) Harvey Wayne Cooper (August 9, 1891 - December 30, 1961) about 1915 and (2nd) A. Willey.
 - (b) Ely Frederick (December 14, 1895 - January 19, 1897).
 - (c) Treason Frederick (July 29, 1900 - May 26, 1906).
 - (d) Otis Frederick, (July 22, 1903 - July 23, 1904).
 - (e) Edmond Harry Frederick (March 17, 1908 - March 24, 1994), who married Lena Peveto.
 - (f) Henry Frederick March 15, 1913 - July 2, 1983 married Labara _____.
- (3) Penelope Dobbs (1874-1969)
- (4) Mary Robert Dobbs (September 19, 1876 - November 5, 1962) married James Robert Peveto (March 29, 1879 - January 29, 1963). They had the following children:
- (a) Abby Peveto (July 17, 1900 - August 14, 1926). Abby married Alec Harden.
 - (b) Stafford Odom Peveto (June 27, 1902 - November 13, 1969). Stafford married Lena Lorene White.
 - (c) Alfred W. Peveto (May 8, 1905 - May 19, 1977)

- (d) James Howard Peveto (March 23, 1908 - December 28, 1993). James married Jean Bishop.
- (e) Seth Morgan Peveto (December 23, 1910 - November 12, 1988). Seth married Mary Lou Simmons.
- (f) Marguerite Lilly Peveto (December 5, 1916 - September 5, 1993) married (1st) Clyde Stanfield and (2nd) Clarence Alabama Henley (November 20, 1917 - September 4, 1983).
- (5) Peyton Dobbs (January 5, 1878 - May 31, 1957). Peyton married Maude Granger about 1900. Among their children were:
- (a) Silas Stafford Dobbs (February 23, 1902 - June 4, 1987).
- (b) Pete Dobbs (May 19, 1919 - May 21, 1987) who married Nellie Snyder, (May 5, 1922 - September 7, 1985).
- (6) Carrie Dobbs (January 3, 1880 - August 11, 1882).
- (J) Peyton Bland (May 19, 1858 - May 24, 1938). Peyton was born and died in Orange County. He married Alice Gibson (1862-1960) on November 25, 1879 at Wallis Texas. Their children were:
- (1) Grover Bland (1886-1928)
- (2) Walter B. Bland (1889-1952)
- (3) Thurman Bland
- (K) Susan Bland (November 6, 1860 - February 20, 1926). Susan's photograph appears on the cover page with three of her sisters who are portrayed as Quintessential Bland women. Susan married Alonzo Wingate Lewis (1857-1910) on February 19, 1880. Their children were:
- (1) Agnes Lewis (1880-1956)
- (2) Pearl Lewis (1882-1959)
- (3) Alsatian "Sadie" Jane Lewis (1885-1960)
- (4) Fluvial Ella Lewis (1886-1948)
- (5) John Griffith Lewis (1889-1952)
- (6) Carl Brocket Lewis (1890-1942)
- (7) Hugh Herbert Lewis (1893-1945)

(8) Warren Bolin Lewis (1895-1941)

(9) Lillie May Lewis (1897-)

(L) Elzy Harmon Bland (May 25, 1863 - June 8, 1938). Elzy was born and died in Orange County Texas. A photograph of Elzy, about age 67, appears below.



Elzy Harmon Bland (1863-1938) about age 67.
Source Unknown

Elzy married Martha Hare Wilkerson (1864-1941) on April 12, 1883. Their children were: ²⁸⁷

- (1) Jessie Bland (August 20, 1885 - June 7, 1958) Bobbie McGuire writes that Jesse had an outstanding record in World War I.
- (2) Frank Bland (November 29, 1886 - May 8, 1888). Poor Frank is said to have choked to death on a Bull Durham Tobacco Pouch Circle.
- (3) Lillie Bland (February 4, 1888 - November 4, 1945). Lillie Bland married Cassie Peveto (August 28, 1888 - September 10, 1941). Their children included:
 - (a) Casey J. Peveto
 - (b) Jessie R. "Jack" Peveto
 - (c) Blanche Peveto
 - (d) Blandene Peveto, (November 28, 1920 - May 25, 1964) who married who married _____ Baker.
- (4) Jasper Monroe Bland (February 21, 1890 - August 15 1951) Jasper married Alta Smith on March 3, 1920. Their children are:
 - (a) Martha Janerle Bland (December 23, 1921 -) married Edgar Turner.
 - (b) Evelyn Joyce Bland (September 28, 1924 -) married Dalton Harvey Raiford (January 25, 1922 -).
 - (c) Polly Vonna Bland (October 29, 1930 -)
 - (d) James Monroe Bland (December 17, 1932 -)
- (5) Fred Nolan Bland (August 28, 1892 - November 25, 1956) Fred married Emma McDonald on April 10, 1918. Their children are:
 - (a) Freddie Beth Bland (March 27, 1930 -) who married Marvin Johnson.

²⁸⁷ Bobbie McGuire and Joann Bland Gabriel to Charles L. Bland, July 8, 2002, states that Maggie Wilkerson was a daughter of Martha Hare and her first husband, Nathan Wilkerson. (June 18, 1882 - February 22, 1950). Maggie married John Peveto.

- (6) Dennis Feral Bland (December 3, 1893 - January 12, 1992) Dennis married Sid Caillavet (October 19, 1892 - April 3, 1984) on January 21, 1917. A photo of Dennis Feral Bland and Sid Caillavet appears below. ²⁸⁸



Dennis Bland Caillavet (1893-1992) and Sid Caillavet (1892-1984)
Courtesy Nina Harden for Las Sabinas XXIII (1996)

²⁸⁸ Nina Harden, "Dennis Bland Caillavet" March 14, 1972, reprinted in Las Sabinas XXIII, (1996) pp. 62-65.

The children of Dennis Bland and Sid Caillavet were:

- a. Martha Marie Caillavet (September 5, 1926 - April 20, 1999).
- b. Sidney John Caillavet Jr. (December 9, 1929 -)
) Sid married Peggy Louise Arnett (June 28, 1932 -) on December 24, 1949.

(7) Henry Thomas Bland (April 18, 1895 - March 28, 1976) married Lillie Agnes Granger (February 4, 1898 - November 29, 1981) on December 31, 1916. Their children are: ²⁸⁹

(a) Henry Thomas Bland Jr. (August 18, 1923 -) who married Imogene Via Sorge (December 15, 1929 -) on September 14, 1947.

(b) Bonnie Jean Bland (September 30, 1927 -) who married Matthew A. Glenn.

(c) Joann Marie Bland (February 17, 1933 -) who married George Henry Gabriel (February 12, 1931 -) on January 9, 1953.

(8) Lettie Bland (January 22, 1898 - February 16, 1975) Lettie married Arthur John Reinhard (February 16, 1893 - October 18, 1975) on February 8, 1924. They had a single child:

(a) Arthur John Reinhard Jr. (December 15, 1924 -) who married Jo Laughlin (October 1931 -)

(9) Edmond Newton Bland (October 13, 1899 - November 15, 1952) Edmond married Syble Johnson. They had no children.

(10) Susie Bland (March 16, 1902 - December 24, 1902).

M. Joshua Bland (January 16, 1867 - October 26, 1947) Known locally as the father of the oil industry, the first oil well in Orange County was brought in on Joshua's land. Joshua was born and died in orange County Texas. He married Ellen Nora Walles (April 7, 1872 - May 4, 1946) at Orange County on September 5, 1888. Their children were:

²⁸⁹ Henry Thomas Bland Jr. and his sister Joann Bland Gabriel, noted below, we co-sponsors of the 12th National Bland Reunion at Orange Texas, in August 1996.

- (1) Elnora Bland (September 1889-) who married Travis Linscomb.
- (2) Granville Shaw Bland (September 21, 1891-March 2, 1957) Granville married Minnie LaFleuron December 16, 1915.
- (3) Wallis Bland (November 3, 1892 - May 1969) Wallis married Georgia Wooley on September 2, 1921. Their children included:
 - (a) James Samuel Bland (March 8, 1926 - August 19, 1930).
 - (b) Wallace Bland (January 7, 1929 - April 3, 1929).
 - (c) Josephine Bland (October 19-1932 - October 20, 1932).
- (4) Fannie Bland (August 30, 1894 - August 23, 1924) Fannie married Carroll William Roebuck on June 5, 1915. Their children included:
 - (a) Anthony Eudora Roebuck (1915-1932)
- (5) Jefferson Davis Bland (February 2, 1896 -December 3, 1963) married Lencie Landrum (February 17, 1897 - June 25, 1984) on March 1, 1916. Their children included:
 - (a) John Franklin Bland (April 3, 1917 - May 14, 1954).
 - (b) Willie Mae Bland (February 8, 1918 - January 28, 1974) who married Oscar Jay Peet (August 17, 1919 - February 19, 1986).
 - (c) Jefferson Davis Bland Jr. (December 17, 1919 - April 22, 1993), who married Mary Ann Ellis.
 - (d) Joshua Perry Bland (August 3, 1932 - February 3, 1945).
- (6) Walter Carl Bland (January 17, 1900 - February 7, 1947) Walter married Mary Maggie Steinecker
- (7) Cora May Bland (December 9, 1901 -) Cora married Loran Henry Carr on March 16, 1922.
- (8) James Tracy Bland (April 24, 1906 - August 5, 1967) married (1st) Marian Carver and (2nd) Ruby Lee Mitchell.

- (9) Charles Culberson Bland (December 22, 1908 - August 5, 1986) Charles married Virginia Sexton on June 24, 1931.

By my count, from the three children of Peyton Bland and Elizabeth Smith came 28 grandchildren and 142 great grandchildren. It should be noted that these great grand children were mostly born about 1850. This concludes discussion of the family of Peyton Bland (1780-1815) and Elizabeth Smith (1794-1856).

ABEL BLAND (C1787-1864): "BY GOD, YOU MEAN THIS AIN'T ARKANSAS?"

Abel is a case of a line that was fully as numerous as the line of Peyton Bland and Elizabeth Smith, above pp. 100-139, but has lacked as many active historians. Abel was born in Randolph County North Carolina. He was the son of William Bland (C1751-1801) and grandson of Moses Bland (C1718-1800) the founder of the Randolph County family who migrated there about 1770 (See Above discussion, P. 19). Those familiar with the story of the sons of William Bland (C1686-1744) will recall that Moses and James Bland (C1707-1774) operated a mining business in Virginia that went bad. Afterward, both migrated to North Carolina, James to New Hanover County, the area that became Duplin County, and Moses to Randolph County, where both founded North Carolina families. Moses' eldest son William Bland (C1751-1801) settled into Randolph County with his father, and married probably, Julia Ward, by whom he had nine children.²⁹⁰ The children of William Bland, between 1800-1820, began an outward migration to the present day Midwest. They are the classic case in which Kentucky was the immediate vortex that in turn swirled them out to Indiana, Kansas, Arkansas and ultimately to Texas. Kentucky was important and one possibility is that this younger generation was drawn to the religious revivals of the early 19th century that we know in history as the Second Great Awakening, of which one of the greatest events was Cane Ridge Kentucky. Abel Bland's older son, Moses (C1772-1850) for example, passed through Kentucky about 1800 and married a cousin Peggy Bland on November 24, 1800.²⁹¹ Abel Bland himself married Ann James (C1793-1859) in Henry County Kentucky on October 27, 1808.²⁹²

Abel then, is of the same generation as Presley, Elisha and Peyton Bland of the Edgefield County family discussed above, pp. 66-139. Abel first appeared as an adult as early as 1810 in Clark County Indiana. In 1811-1812, Abel and his wife Ann engage in land purchases and sales in Clark County.²⁹³ On October 10, 1818, Abel appears as a co-executor for the will of a cousin, William Wilkey.²⁹⁴ The 1820 census for Jackson County, Indiana shows Abel as aged 26-45 (actually 32), with a son, aged 10-16, and two sons under ten. Also in his household

²⁹⁰ Read especially AC 10-1, pp. 16-20.

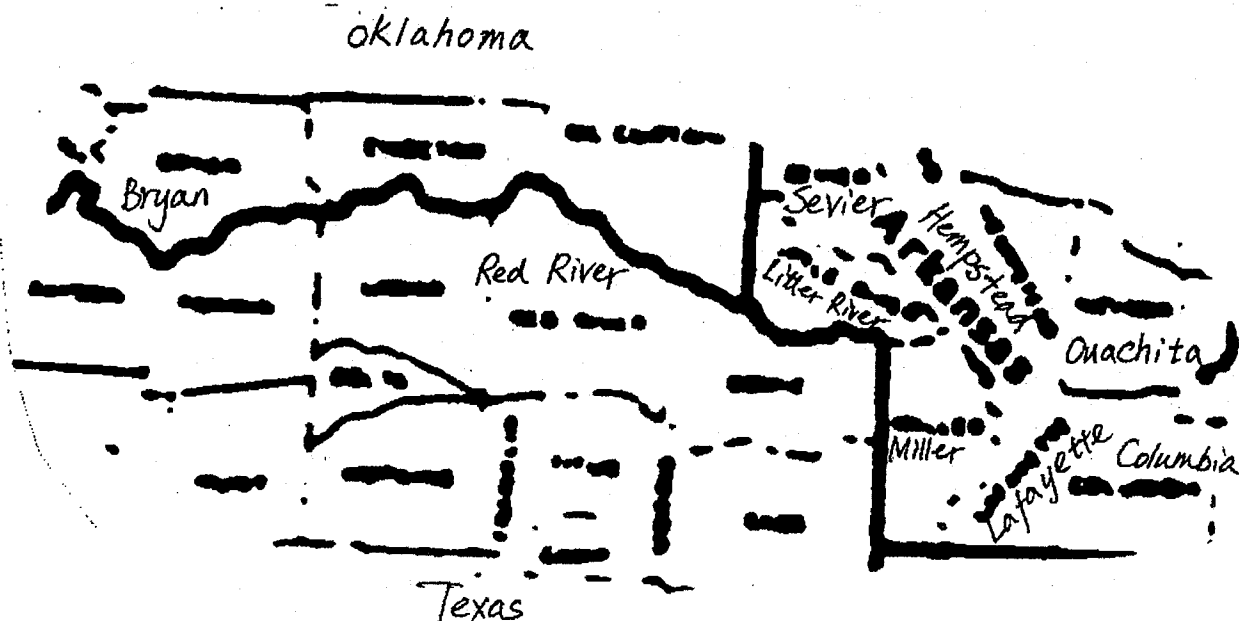
²⁹¹ Peggy Bland was a daughter of Samuel Bland (C1751-1836) of the Nelson County Kentucky Family, himself a son of John Bland (C1725-1795), see VU. Pp. 348, 455-456.

²⁹² Midtby, Copy of Marriage License, permission to marry was granted October 18, 1808.

²⁹³ Midtby, Citing Clark County Indiana Estray Book 1801-1817 and Clark County Indiana Grant #123.

²⁹⁴ Midtby, citing Clark County Indiana Will Book B.

was a female, aged 26- 45, (Ann James, age 27) and three females under age 10. Abel Bland, then, moved from North Carolina early in the nineteenth century, traveled to Kentucky where he married Ann James, lived until the 1820s in southern Indiana. By December 29, 1834, Abel had moved to the area that became Red River County Texas in 1836, just across the border from Arkansas,²⁹⁵ where his family remained until about 1842. During this time, May 18, 1840, Abel and his son James Bland paid a fine of \$100. for killing a horse belonging to Lewis Needham, possibly a cousin. Abel Bland engaged in ten land transactions between 1836-1841.²⁹⁶ By the time of the 1850 census, however, Abel was back in Ouachita County Arkansas. The Census recorded Abel in dwelling 31 next door to his so John Wesley Bland. Legend has it that Abel exclaimed of his surroundings in Texas, "By God, you mean I'm not in Arkansas?"



The Borderland of Red River County Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma
 Drawn by Na Li-Bland

²⁹⁵ Midtby, citing a Deed from republic of Texas to Abel Bland for a League (4428 acres) and a Labor (640 acres) of Land. These amounts may have differed from county to county. In the area that became Jefferson County Texas, John and Peyton Bland received a league and acre of land amounting to totally about 5100 acres. Later, Preston Bland, a son of Abel, collected two tracts of land equaling about 62/200 acres, defined however as a league and a labor. Midtby. "Preston Bland, 15 1-D". Elsewhere, in a group sheep, Midtby notes "File Colonist 1-410, which awards a Head right Certificate to Abel on February 3, 1838, for a labor ad league of land, totaling 4606 acres.

²⁹⁶ These transactions are listed by Midtby, P. 15 1-C

This sounds apocryphal, however, since he engaged in various transactions for the Republic of Texas from 1836-1841.²⁹⁷ One source shows that Bland Creek, a tributary of Bruton Creek in Red River County, was named for Abel Bland.²⁹⁸ Abel acted as power of attorney in Lafayette County Arkansas in 1853. In 1857 he was in Columbia County Arkansas, (formed from Lafayette, Hempstead and Ouachita Counties in 1852) and received land grants of forty acres in Champagnole Arkansas, December 1, 1857 and forty Acres in Washington Arkansas, July 1, 1859.²⁹⁹

Abel was a member of the Methodist Church and a store-keeper. Late in his life on September 23, 1860, Abel married Eliza Ann Glover, (1819-). Abel made his will on January 29, 1863 and it was probated January 17, 1865. Abel's daughter Mary, noted as Mary Bland in Abel's will, is said to have married in 1864. Hence, Abel's probable dates of 1787/1788-1864.

The children of Abel Bland and Ann James included:

1. **Benjamin Bland** (1809/1810-1859), born in Henry County Kentucky,³⁰⁰ Benjamin moved to the area that would become Red River County, Texas September 15, 1835.³⁰¹ He was at Stamps Township, Lafayette County Arkansas about 1842. He must have been absorbed by the 1852 creation of Columbia County for in 1855 and 1856, Benjamin received a series of Land Grants in Columbia County totaling 120 acres.³⁰² Evidence is that Benjamin died in Columbia County. Benjamin was a circuit rider for the ministry. Reportedly, Benjamin was murdered by bushwhackers who took his horse and left his corpse to be discovered by relations. About 1834, Benjamin married a woman whose name is unknown and by her had a son:

(A) **Robert H. Bland** (C1835 -) Robert appears in Benjamin's household in the 1850 Census for Sevier County Arkansas.

On March 6, 1838 in Hubbard, Red River County Texas, Benjamin married (2nd) Martha Reid, (March 15, 1815 - August 6, 1883) who was born in Indiana and died in Hubbard. The children of Benjamin Bland and Martha Reid were:³⁰³

²⁹⁷ As we have seen, Abel gained approximately 4606 acres of land from the Republic of Texas. That must have left Abel to ponder how much land the Republic of Texas would grant to Arkansas residents.

²⁹⁸ Midtby, p. 15 1-B. Also, Bland, in Bell County Texas was named for D.T. Bland, who is said to have settled there by 1840. His name remains a mystery. Bland had a population of 63 in 1926 and had shrunk to 20 by 1949.

²⁹⁹ Land Grants provided by David Bland, Pasadena California, to Charles L. Bland, C June 18, 2002.

³⁰⁰ According to the 1850 Sevier County Arkansas census, Benjamin was born in Indiana. It is possible of course, but there is pretty good evidence that Abel Bland and Ann James were still in Kentucky when Benjamin was born. By 1820, the Jackson County Census recorded Abel Bland in a household that included one male aged 10-16, undoubtedly Benjamin.

³⁰¹ Midtby cites Benjamin Bland File 372 in which Benjamin received a head right certificate in the part of Red River County that became Fannin and then Collin County in 1846.

³⁰² See David Bland, Pasadena California, Op. Cit.

³⁰³ 1850 Census for Sevier County Arkansas, Madison Township, Dwelling 305, Page 208.

(B) John Wesley Bland (1839 - May 15, 1862) born at the Red River in Texas and died in the Civil War. John Wesley enlisted and served with Company A of the 19th Arkansas Regiment from February 25, 1862. Vera Bland reported that John Wesley died of measles and pneumonia and is buried at the Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis Tennessee.³⁰⁴

(C) George James Bland (January 31, 1841 - February 8, 1905) born in Red River County Texas. George married Mary C. Norwood, (October 31, 1851 - June 30, 1916), on November 29, 1871 George died at Jonesboro, Coryell County Texas They had a family of eight children. The first three children were born in Seiver County Arkansas, the final five in Salado, Bell County Texas:³⁰⁵

(1) Sarah Elizabeth Bland (December 5, 1872 - September 1, 1953), Sarah married George Rice Hannon.

(2) Joseph Lorenzo Bland (May 20, 1874 - May 26, 1955), Joseph married Harriet Sophronia Beveridge on February 9, 1908.

(3) Robert Newton Bland (March 10, 1876 - December 4, 1954) married Minnie Owen Bates (January 26, 1883 - October 22, 1969) on December 24, 1902. Robert and Minnie had a family of nine children, all of whom were born in Coryell County Texas:

(a) Clyde Newton Bland (October 9, 1903 - May 26, 1934) Clyde married Madie Ruth Autry on May 29, 1928.

(b) Claude Jefferson Bland (October 14, 1904 -) Claude married Grace Sullivan on June 20, 1941.

(c) Vera Bland (April 24, 1906 -) If this is the Vera Bland I think she is, she was one of the prolific historians of the Bland Family.

(d) Mary Madeline Bland (June 25, 1908 - January 16, 1987). Mary married J.P. McCollum on July 18, 1929.

(e) Garland Owen Bland (January 27, 1910 - October 11, 1981) married Emma Mae Griffie on November 14, 1927.

(f) William Kenneth Bland (July 10, 1912 -) married Mayrene Marr on March 4, 1937.

³⁰⁴ Vera's report is found in Midtby, p. 16-D

³⁰⁵ AC 7-1, pp. 21-22

- (g) Robert Newton Bland Jr. (May 2, 1917 -) married Matilda Sue Coleman on October 12, 1940.
- (h) Laura Bernice Bland (February 28, 1920 -) married J.D. Dansby on September 4, 1938.
- (i) Jack Wallace Bland (February 15, 1921 -) married Josephine Knight on April 10, 1948.
- (4) Ora Mae Bland (June 9, 1878 - June 1, 1954) Ora married Thomas Joel Carroll on November 22, 1903.
- (5) Thomas Claude Bland (March 21, 1880 - April 22, 1967), Thomas married Ollie Lindsey Walker on July 1, 1931.
- (6) Earnest Lee Bland (July 22, 1882 - December 6, 1966), Earnest married Alberta Goff in June 1914.
- (7) Zelma Aletha Bland (November 19, 1884 - January 16, 1968) married Frank Beverly on July 4, 1908.
- (8) Henry Grady Bland (April 6, 1892 - July 16, 1963) never married. Henry served in World War I from May 31, 1918 to December 11, 1919.
- (D) Margaret Bland (January 9, 1843 - January 8, 1928) born in Arkansas. Margaret married George William Kinkard, September 16, 1866.
- (E) Joseph Abel Bland (February 24, 1845 - May 25, 1917), born in Arkansas and married Eugenia Fort, October 15, 1866.
- (F) Mary Jane Bland (March 1847 - December 1, 1939) born in Stamps, Lafayette County Arkansas and died at Bolton Texas. Mary Jane married Peter Farrell Jarnigan (June 9, 1850 - September 1, 1919) about 1870. Peter operated a limestone mill near Salado Texas, and died of consumption from breathing the dust, according to Vera Bland.³⁰⁶ A photograph of Mary Jane Bland and Peter Jarnigan with their family is displayed on page 144. Their children were:
- (1) Mollie Jarnigan (July 23, 1871 - March 20, 1929).
 - (2) Lou Henry Jarnigan, who married Will Proctor.
 - (3) R. Van Jarnigan, who married Hattie Berry.
 - (4) J. Barton Jarnigan, who married Allie Tankersly.
 - (5) Gertrude M. Jarnigan, who married Ed Daughtery.

³⁰⁶ Vera Also says that Peter died at age 42. See Midtby, p. 17B.

(6) Emmitt Jarnigan, who married Myrtle Harris.

(7) Beatrice Jarnigan, who married John Felton.



Mary Jane Bland (1847-1939) and Peter Farrell Jarnigan (1850-1919)
Courtesy of Jane Midtby

(G) Martha Bland (C1849 - before 1860).

(H) Henry Robert Bland (1851-1867).

(I) Lucinda Adeline Bland (1853-1866). Henry Robert Bland and Lucinda Adeline Bland are buried at the Liberty Church Cemetery in Stamps, Lafayette County.

2. Elizabeth Bland, (June 6, 1810 - After 1860) was born in Henry County Kentucky or Clark County Indiana. She died at Hempstead County Arkansas. Elizabeth married Edward Pennington Talkington on September 9, 1830.³⁰⁷

3. Sarah Bland (1812/1813-) born in Indiana. Sarah married (1st) McFarland, about 1832 and (2nd) John Samuel Reid about 1836 in Texas.³⁰⁸ In the 1860 Census for LaGrange, Lafayette County Arkansas, Sarah is shown living with her father Abel Bland and the following children:

(A) Samuel Reid (C1839 -)

(B) Emery (or Emily) Reid (C1843 -).

(C) Harriet Reid (C1845 -)

(D) Benjamin Reid (C1847 -)

(E) Chili Reid (C1850 -)

While the other children were shown as born in Texas, it seems probable that Sarah left Texas for Louisiana by 1850 and then returned to her father in Arkansas.

4. Margaret Bland, (C1815 - before 1870)³⁰⁹ Margaret was born in Jackson County Indiana. She married (1st) James Rowland Brown about 1835. James had moved with his family from Virginia to the Arkansas Territory 1818. The children of Margaret Bland and James Rowland Brown were:³¹⁰

(A) Mary Jane Brown (C1836 -) Born in Sevier County Arkansas.

(B) James H. Brown (C1838 -) born in Sevier County Arkansas.

(C) Sarah Elizabeth Brown (C1840 -) born in Sevier County Arkansas.

³⁰⁷ Linda Snyder, Genforum Posting, September 11, 1998.

³⁰⁸ There is some dispute about whether Sarah was Abel's daughter, but she was noted in Abel's will.

³⁰⁹ Phyllis King to Charles L. Bland, July 10, 2002 states that another researcher claims Margaret died after 1900.

³¹⁰ Ibid. Nancy Ann Brown, daughter of Margaret Bland and James Rowland Brown, and Cornelius Smith are great great great grandparents of Phyllis King. All of the children, according to Phyllis, married and died in Texas, except for (D) Thomas Benjamin Brown, who moved to Oklahoma and is buried there.

(D) Thomas Benjamin Brown (C1842 -) born in Sevier County Arkansas.

(E) David Tollett Brown (C1845 -) born in Sevier County Arkansas.

(F) Nancy Ann Brown (C1847 -) born in Sevier County Arkansas. Nancy married Cornelius Smith (C1861 -).

(G) Martha C. Brown (C1849 -) born in Sevier County Arkansas.

James Rowland Brown died about 1850. Margaret Bland Brown married (2nd) William Wright about 1851.

(H) George Wright (C1852 -) Born in Texas.

(I) Susan E. Wright (C1853 -) born in Texas.

(J) Texana Wright (C1856 -) born in Texas.

(K) I.A. Wright (C1858 -) born in Texas

5. **Preston Bland**, (September 26, 1818 - March 11, 1895),³¹¹ born in Jackson County Indiana. Preston moved to Red River County with his father and was sued in 1840. He served in the Mexican-American war and was rewarded by a bounty grant in Oklahoma. He also received a League and Labor of Land in Red River County. He lived in Columbia County

Preston Bland
(1818-1895)
Courtesy Jane Midtby



³¹¹ Joyce Bradford of Dallas Texas, presents an alternate date for Preston's birth, September 6, 1825. Joyce Bradford to Charles L. Bland August 11, 2001. This date is problematic because a 15 year old boy would not be sued in 1840. Cousin Joyce also lists Preston's wife as Mary Herd rather than Reid, and gives an 1826 birth date rather than 1820.

Arkansas, where he received two land grants totaling 108 acres in 1857.
³¹² Both Jane Midtby and Loetta Conditt write that Preston was a
Methodist Minister. ³¹³ A photo of Preston Bland is displayed on page
146. Preston married (1st) Mary Reid or Reed (November 3, 1820 - March
19, 1853) at Hempstead Arkansas about 1836. Their children were:

(A) Sarah Bland (November 1, 1836-) who married Jim Gurley. She
died in Calero Oklahoma. Joyce Bradford of Dallas Texas lists
children of Sarah Bland and James Gurley as follows:

- (1) Josiah Gurley
- (2) Ann Gurley
- (3) Carolina Gurley
- (4) Mary Gurley

(B) Josiah McGee Bland (January 19, 1842-) Josiah was born in
Jefferson County Arkansas, near Little Rock. Josiah was a Civil
War veteran who became a doctor. He married Nancy A. Glover in
Hempstead County Arkansas on November 8, 1865.

(C) Ann Bland (October 29, 1845-) born in Saline County
Arkansas, married (1st) S. Jones Glover and (2nd) Franklin Gurley.

(D) Frances Bland (C1847-after 1889). Frances married Daniel J.
Grounds about 1869 and they lived in Saratoga Arkansas. They had
the following children:

- (1) Unknown Child
- (2) James T. Grounds
- (3) Mary T. Grounds
- (4) Willie P. Grounds

³¹² David Bland, Pasadena California, Op. Cit.

³¹³ Loetta Conditt to Charles Bland, August 21, 1999.

(E) Caroline Bland (March 8, 1850 - October 8, 1928) who was born in Codd's Parish Louisiana and died in Sulpher, Murray County Oklahoma. She is buried at Durant in Bryan County Oklahoma. Caroline married John Henderson Grounds (March 23, 1850 - April 1, 1926) in Arkansas on August 23, 1868. She is buried at Durant Oklahoma, in Bryan County, at the Highland Cemetery.³¹⁴ A photo of Caroline Bland and John Henderson Grounds as well as a later photo with their children is displayed on page 149. John Henderson Grounds and Caroline Bland had nine children, including the following:³¹⁵

(1) Edward P. Grounds (June 6, 1869 - June 22, 1935). Edward married Neddie Pendleton in Paoli in the Indian territory of Oklahoma on December 5, 1898.

(2) Mary Ann "Pinky" Grounds (May 4, 1873 - September 21, 1944) Mary Ann was born in Arkansas but died in Chula Vista California. She married William Marion Henson (October 11, 1866 - June 21, 1941) on August 6, 1888 at Saratoga, Hempstead County Arkansas. They moved to Waxahatchi in Ellis County Texas about 1897 and about 1900 they moved to Durant, Bryan County Oklahoma. Mary Ann and William Henson had ten children:

(a) Haney Henson (1890-1891)

(b) John Henry "Uncle Henry" Henson (July 15, 1891 -) was born at Garland, Hot Springs County Arkansas and died at Chula Vista California. He served in World War I in France. He married Grace _____.

(c) Harrison Marion "Uncle Spud" Henson (December 24, 1893 - March 26, 1961) Harrison served in World War I in the French theater. He was born at Hot Springs County Arkansas and died in San Diego California. Harrison married Clara Belle Williams.

(d) William Marion "Uncle Mack" Henson (March 7, 1896 - 1933). William was born at Garland, Hot Springs County Arkansas and died in a truck accident.

³¹⁴ Pat Barke to Charles L. Bland, September 2 and September 6, 1999.

³¹⁵ Photo of John Henderson Grounds and Caroline Bland included seven of the nine children. Mary Ann Grounds (1873-1944) who married William Marion Henson, whose son Jim Henson, married Myrtle Johnston. Jim and Myrtle were parents of correspondent Dorothy May Henson Carter Thomas, who died in 1995. Genforum Posting by Linda Snyder, September 11, 1998.



Top: Caroline Bland Grounds (1850-1928)
And John Henderson Grounds (1850-1926)

Lower: L-R Seated: Caroline Bland Grounds and John Henderson Grounds
L-R Standing: John Wesley Grounds, Joseph Grounds, Daniel
Grounds, Edward P. Grounds, Mattie Price Grounds Reynolds, Mary "Pinky"
Grounds, Ophelia Grounds Inmon.
Courtesy Jane Midtby

- (e) Easter Henson (1898 -) Easter was born in Texas. She married Burt Simmons.
- (f) Jesse Henson (1900 -) was born in Waxahatchi in Ellis County Texas. He died young.
- (g) Daniel Henson (C1901 - 1911) Daniel was born in Roberta, Bryan County Oklahoma.
- (h) Edward "Uncle Biggun" Henson (1903 -)³¹⁶
- (i) Jim Henson (February 16, 1905 - May 4, 1929) was born at Aley, Henderson County Texas and died in Los Angeles California. Jim married Myrtle J. Johnston in 1926.³¹⁷
- (j) Mary Caroline Henson (C1907 -) married Carl Palmer.
- (3) Jim Gilbert Grounds (C1874/1877 - 1915) married Della May Tyler on October 29, 1900.
- (4) Joseph P. Grounds (January 1878 -) married Effie _____ in 1898.
- (5) Sarah Grounds (C1879 -) died Young.
- (6) Ophelia Grounds (C1880 - February 17, 1959) Ophelia married John D. Inman. John Inman and a child were killed in a tornado.
- (7) John Wesley Grounds (November 1885 - 1926) John Wesley married Nora Pearl Hollabaugh.
- (8) Martha "Mattie" Grounds (June 11, 1887 - May 2, 1970) Mattie married (1st) Samuel C. Price on July 14, 1905 and (2nd) _____ Reynolds.
- (9) Daniel Grounds (October 1, 1891 - July 13, 1977), Daniel married Lula Clay on April 27, 1913.

³¹⁶ Midtby p. 20G, The compiler, I think Dorothy May Henson Carter Thomas, wrote "he was so good to Jim and I. We wouldn't have known family except for him.

³¹⁷ Jim Henson and Myrtle Johnston were the parents of Dorothy May Henson Carter Thomas, who married Alfred Dale Carter in Las Vegas Nevada on February 1, 1947. They are parents of my correspondent Linda Carter Snyder.

(F) Mary Bland (C1853-). According to Loetta Conditt Mary married _____ Gurley.³¹⁸

Following the death of Mary Reid, Preston Bland married Eliza Grounds on September 4, 1853. Their children were:

(G) James "Jim" Bland (C1855- .

(H) John "Jack" Bland (C1858/1862 -). What follows is somewhat problematical. Loetta Conditt indicated that an unknown brother of Preston and George Washington Bland (1831-1888), had a son named "Jack", but in fact the only "Jack" who presently appears in the Abel Bland line is John "Jack" Bland, the son of Preston. Mrs. Conditt says that Jack had children:

(1) Susie Bland (1890 -) Born in Texas. Susie married _____ Baigley.

(2) Josiah "Joe" Bland (1892-) Born in Texas. A photo of Josiah is displayed below with his wife Verona Walden displayed in the inset. If this is their wedding photo, the date is about 1917.

Josiah Bland (1892 -)
Wife Verona Walden in
Inset.



³¹⁸ Loetta Conditt to Charles L. Bland, August 21, 1999 (marked 1998). Mrs. Conditt indicates that her information was provided by Violet Grounds Thorton, a grand daughter of Caoline Bland Grounds (1850-1928), the fifth child of Preston Bland (1818-1895).

- (3) Alice Bland (1897 -) Born in Texas
- (4) Flossie Bland (1899 -) Born in Texas
- (5) Preston Bland (1904) Born in Arkansas. A Boyhood photo of Preston is displayed below.
- (6)
(7) Mary "Polly" Bland (1906), born in Texas. Polly Bland who married _____ Cravens, was still living in August 1999, in California.

Among these children, Mrs. Conditt listed Preston and Polly as half-siblings. Mrs. Conditt also list a 1910 Census Record (no county indicated, but probably Bryan County Oklahoma) for Andrew Bland, age 48, born in Arkansas, married to Idonia _____ Maynard (1868-) born in Mississippi, with children listed above, suggesting a possible name of John Andrew Bland. ³¹⁹ This construction needs work and some better proof, before ultimate acceptance.

(I) Ellen Bland (C1862-)

(J) Rebecca Bland, (C1866-)

6. John Wesley Bland (1821-) was born in Jackson County Indiana.

³²⁰ John served in the Mexican war and received a bounty grant in Oklahoma. In the interim, he lived in Lafayette County Arkansas, where he received a land grant of forty acres in March 1855. ³²¹ About 1842 John married Sarah _____ (1827-) and had six children:

(A) James Bland (1843-).

(B) Elizabeth Bland (1845-).

(C) John Wesley Bland (1847-died before 1860).

³¹⁹ Loetta Conditt to Charles L. Bland, August 21, 1999. A child named Floyd was listed in the 1910 Census, Born 1896. He is listed as a step son, thus of Ilona and he is listed as Floyd Maynard. This may suggest that Ilona was married first to _____ Maynard,

³²⁰ Per David Bland, South Pasadena California, to Charles L. Bland, July 13, 2002, John listed his birthplace as Kentucky in the 1860 census, but this is unlikely because his family had been in Clark grant/county Indiana since 1810.

³²¹ David Bland, South Pasadena California, Op. Cit

(D) Benjamin Bland (C1849 living in 1885). Benjamin may have been the recipient of a Homestead Act of 1862 land grant in Camden, Ouachita County, Arkansas. ³²²

(E) Francis M. Bland (1853-).

(F) Monroe Bland (1855-).

David Bland of South Pasadena California offers the possibility that Sarah _____, John's first wife died, perhaps after the birth of Monroe Bland, and John remarried, to Saria or Sarah Pipkin (C1829-) on October 18, 1860 in Lafayette County. Sarah was born in Alabama. By his second wife, John W. Bland would have had: ³²³

(G) Martin or Marion A. "Bud" Bland (C1861 -) born in Arkansas.

(H) Tera E. Bland (C1862 -) born in Arkansas.

(I) Charles McKinley Bland (July 7, 1865 - May 29, 1957) born in Hope, Hempstead County Arkansas. In the early 1890s, Charlie left home and ended up in "G" County Oklahoma Territory (renamed Custer County in November 1896), where he worked as a cattle driver and ranch hand. Charles worked for a man named Robert Wilson, who was killed in a gunfight on August 26, 1897. Charles took over part of Wilson's claim. This might have given him the means to marry Emma Bailey (1879-1958) in Custer County on April 27, 1898. A photograph of Charles Bland and Emma Bailey is displayed on page 154. Charles went from farming/ranching to operating a wagon lot (a parking lot for horses) and back to farming at Waldron in Scott County, Arkansas. In the late 1920s, Charlie and Emma moved back to Oklahoma, settling in Indianahoma, in Commanche County, where they lived out their lives. Charlie and Emma had nine children, all were born in Custer County, Oklahoma:

³²² David Bland, South Pasadena California to Charles Bland, June 18, 2002.

³²³ David Bland, South Pasadena California, to Charles L. Bland June 30, 2002 and July 13, 2002. David cites the 1880 Census for Spring Hill in Hempstead County Arkansas and Bobbie Jones McLane, Lafayette County Marriage Records 1828-1907 (1982). The 1880 Census shows that this John was born in Ohio. David also credits his cousin Joe Bland of Indianahoma Oklahoma for information about Charles McKinley Bland and his siblings.



Charles McKinley Bland (1865-1957) and
Emma Bailey (1879-1958)
Courtesy of David Bland

(1) John Francis Bland (1899-1969) John married Cleo Vivian Dixon. He died in Indianahoma, Comanche County, Oklahoma.

(2) Hemp Josiah Bland (1902-1981) Hemp married (1st) to Lucy Ballard (d. August, 1925) and (2nd) to Mildred Marie Holland in April, 1928. Hemp died in Indianahoma, Comanche County, Oklahoma.

(3) Enos Edgar Bland (1903-1987) Enos married Suzy _____. Enos died in Klamath County, Oregon.

(4) Alma Urilda Bland (1905-2001) Alma married (1st) first to Call Johnson and (2nd) to Ben "Coot" Ayers. Alma died in Turlock, Stanislaus County, California.

(5) Virgil Wesley Bland (1907-2001) Virgil married Martha Leitner. He died in Indiahoma, Comanche County, Oklahoma.

(6) Ray Bland (1910-2000) Ray married Esther Vogan. He died in Indiahoma, Comanche County, Oklahoma.

(7) Cyrus Ervill Bland (1912-1999) Cy married (1st) to Bonnie Long and (2nd) to Irene _____. Cy died in Bakersfield, Kern County, California.

(8) Edwin Eugean Bland (1914-1989) Ed married Vida Sexton. He died in Pawnee County, Oklahoma.

(9) Doyle Bland (1916-1939) Doyle died, unmarried, in Indiahoma, Comanche County, Oklahoma.

(J) Aquila "Tuck" Bland ((C1868 -) born in Arkansas.

(K) Tranquilla Bland born in Arkansas.

(L) Augustus "Gus" Bland (C1874) Born in Arkansas.

(M) Tucker "Tuck" Bland ³²⁴

7. James Bland, (1822-1847) was born in Jackson County Indiana. James enrolled on June 15, 1846 with Camp I of the Arkansas Cavalry and his enlistment dates from July 1, 1846. He enrolled with his cousin Moses Bland, a descendant of John Bland (C1725-1795 and Margaret Osborne. He served under command of Captain William K. English, for service in the Mexican War on July 1, 1846. He was killed at Sattillo Mexico, February 6, 1847. He died single and intestate. ³²⁵

8. Mary Bland (C1830-) was born in Arkansas and was unmarried when her father made his will. She married _____ McKown about 1864. ³²⁶

³²⁴ The Information displayed here includes contributions from David Bland, South Pasadena California, Ibid and Eric Francis to Charles Bland, March 16, 2001.

³²⁵ Midtby, Statement of Military Service by State of Arkansas for James Bland.

³²⁶ Midty suggests some caution about Mary who may have been born earlier or may have been born as late as 1836. She was not enumerated with Abel and Ann in the 1850 Census.

9. George Washington Bland (C1831-1888) was born in Arkansas. Earlier dates of 1832/1833 for George must be revised since he received land grants in Ouachita County Arkansas in November 1852 and March 1855 for eighty acres.³²⁷ He married (1st) about 1854, Matilda _____, who died between 1860-1870. George and Matilda had two children:

(A) Martha Bland (C1855-).

(B) Mary Ann Bland (C1857-).

George Washington Bland married (2nd) Martha Serena _____ and had by her:

(C) James T. Bland

(D) Hattie Bland

(E) Martha Bland

(F) Charlie Newton Bland (October 9, 1881 - January 11, 1955). Charlie died in Stephenville Texas and was a Texan all his life. Charlie married Laura Dean Cook (December 18, 1890 - April 17, 1980) on August 19, 1906 on Milam County Texas. Their children were:

(1) Walter Eugene Bland

(2) Hattie Ethel Bland (1907-1907)

(3) J.P. Bland (1910 -)

(4) Charlie Madson Bland (1914-1987)

(5) Burl Odell Bland (1915-)

(6) Dalton Bernell Bland (1918-)

(7) Earnest Everett Bland (1921-1922)

(8) Mary Ruth "Sis" Bland (1922-)

(9) David Holland "Doc" Bland (1923-1987) Doc married Ovie Pauline Stultz on January 12, 1946 in Weatherford, Parker County Texas, and they had four children.³²⁸

³²⁷ David Bland, South Pasadena California, *Op. Cit.*

³²⁸ One of the Children was my correspondent Jeanne Bland, letter, Jeanne Bland Hardison to Charles L. Bland, May 1993.

THE DESCENDANTS OF SIR WILLIAM BLAND

A new line comes our way courtesy of Gordon Yoder of Dallas Texas. Cousin Gordon has traced his line to Sir William Bland (- C1786) of Nottingham Shire England. Sir William evidently was devastated because of his sympathies with the Americans during the time of the Revolution. William's estate was confiscated and he was cast into debtor's prison His wife, whose name is unknown, and son James were sent to the poor house where his wife died. Sir William had a brother who came to Virginia and took up the name Blanding. The story that follows is about James Bland, son of Sir William, his family and descendants.

1. James Bland James (C1777 - November 16, 1833) was apprenticed as a cabinet-maker. He married Mary Murdock, daughter of a prominent Scottish Chemist. Mary was born in Glasgow Scotland and from thence moved to London. Presently, James and Mary with their son Allen, sojourned to North Carolina. During the return journey, James died and was buried at sea. They may have been in New Jersey and New York ³²⁹. James Bland and Mary Murdock had the following children:

(A) Allen Bland who had one child:

(1) William Bland William went to Australia searching for gold.

(B) Rachel Bland

(C) Benjamin Bland (May 7, 1808 - February 28, 1879) emigrated May 21, 1830 from Liverpool England to Hammondton New Jersey. Benjamin moved to Philadelphia where he was found working as a tailor in 1853. In 1864, Benjamin was a postmaster at Hammondton, a post he held until he died. Benjamin married a French woman Ann Jane Mousley Atkinson on January 13, 1828 in England. Benjamin and Ann are buried at the Green Mount Cemetery in Hammondton. Benjamin and Ann had two children:

(1) Mary Bland (November 3, 1828 - November 2, 1902) who married James Robinson on July 3, 1847. Mary was born in England and died at Dallas Texas. Their two children were:

³²⁹ The information provided by Cousin Yoder in "Descendants of Sir William Bland" indicates that James left from both North Carolina and New York. I should note that though Nicholas Carlisle, Collections for a History of the Ancient Family of Bland (London: 1826) gives over pp. 171-187 to Blands from Nottingham Shire, he is silent about this group, but then Carlisle only found a relative few families to write about.

- (a) Benjamin Robinson (1848-1851) Benjamin died from Scarlet Fever.
- (b) Frances Robinson (1850-1851) Frances also died of Scarlet Fever.
- (2) Maria Murdock Bland (January 7, 1831 - April 5, 1886) Maria married George William Quinn in Philadelphia, January 28, 1858.
- (3) James Henry Bradford Bland (December 5, 1832 - November 12, 1911), James was a tailor and watchmaker in Philadelphia. He married Sarah _____. Their children were:
- (a) Clara Maria Bland (November 24, 1854 - December 25, 1914) Clara married (1st) John Harrison and (2nd) Milton Dempsey. Two children with Mr. Harrison died young.
- (b) Fannie Bland married William Delliker.
- (c) Sallie Bland married Reverend Thomas Ogle.
- (d) Harry M. Bland married Margaret McTee.
- (4) Frances Bland (October 28, 1835 - February 17, 1869) Frances married George Green. Frances and George had the following children:
- (a) Mary Green
- (b) John A. Green
- (c) Lindley T. Green
- (d) George Green Jr.
- (5) Samuel Bland (April 29, 1837 - August 12, 1918) Samuel was a watchmaker. He married Margaret Craig Stewart on December 19, 1868. Poor Samuel had the experience of surviving all his children, who were:
- (a) Frances Stewart Bland (December 19, 1869 - August 15, 1871)
- (b) Janette Bland (July 1, 1871 - March 25, 1900)
- (c) Marion Bland (May 3, 1873 - February 10, 1899)

- (6) Ellnora Clements Bland (May 9, 1839 -January 21, 1922) Ellnora was born and lived in Higgenum, and died in Philadelphia. She married Selden Gladwin North on May 9, 1970. Their children were:
- (a) Ralph Willis North (January 15, 1872 - July 16, 1872)
 - (b) Edith Bland North (October 18, 1874 - July 17, 1940)
- (7) Ann Jane Bland (March 20, 1841 -November 20, 1926) was born in Philadelphia and came to Dallas Texas about 1886 and died there. She married (1st) James Ogden Campbell on July 12, 1860 and (2nd) George William Quinn in 1885. Children of Ann and James Campbell were:
- (a) John Benton Campbell (May 30, 1861 -)
 - (b) Herbert Franklin Campbell (February 9, 1866 - May 2, 1932) was born in Philadelphia and died in Dallas Texas. Herbert married Della Lee Ramsey on October 30, 1894.
 - (c) Bertha Bland Campbell ((February 7, 1871 - June 26, 1903) was born in Camden New Jersey but moved to Dallas Texas in July 1896. She married James reeves Stuart in December 1889.
 - (d) Martha "Mattie" Elizabeth Campbell (September 23, 1872 - September 1, 1901) Mattie was born in Camden New Jersey. She married Tom Flournoy on January 14, 1894.
 - (e) Miriam Clements Campbell (March 12, 1875 - March 7, 1955) was born in Camden New Jersey and died in Dallas Texas. Miriam married William Maynard Griffith on December 8, 1908.
 - (f) James O. Campbell (April 17, 1876 - January 31, 1879).
- (8) Benjamin Bland (December 23, 1843 - April 6, 1846)
- (D) Samuel Bland (1811 -) born in New Jersey. He married, name of his wife is unknown. His child was:

- (1) Lavinia Bland (C1844 -) was born in Pennsylvania.
 - (2) William H. Bland (C1847 -) lived in Camden County New Jersey in 1860.
 - (3) Maria Bland (August 13, 1850 - June 17, 1931) Maria married George W. Coles on December 25, 1869.
 - (4) Mary Bland (January 1, 1852 - March 27,). Mary married William A. Morrill. Their child was:
 - (a) Emily Morrill who married _____ Shinn.
- (E) William Bland Fell from a Mast and drowned.
- (F) James Bland (1815 - May 26, 1875) died at Sidney Crewe England. James married (1st) Charlotte _____; (2nd) Elizabeth _____.

I am very happy to have this information about a hitherto unknown line.

Goals for Volume 21 There is never enough time or space for everything one wants to do in a newsletter. These are some objectives for Volume 21 that were noted for this Newsletter but could not be included for lack of Space:

- **Eastern North Carolina Counties** - Beaufort, Bertie, Craven, Edgecombe, Martin and Pitt Counties. (AC 15-17, pp. 88-123 and AC 18, pp. 101-131). There should be further effort to solidify and bring together the loose connections between these counties, especially in their outreach to Dallas County Alabama and Shelby County Tennessee.
- **Monroe County Virginia** - Follow through on the beginnings established in AC 18, pp. 40-45, to develop a coherent line in this family going back to the established Northern Virginia family.
- **Tennessee** Genealogically we know very little about the Bland families in Tennessee.
- **Mecklenburg Virginia** - At the national reunion, I met Fern Bland, who has ably carried on in the footsteps of Marjorie Bland Sayles and has enough detailed information to suggest a rewrite of the line is possible, especially with help from other sources as well.

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