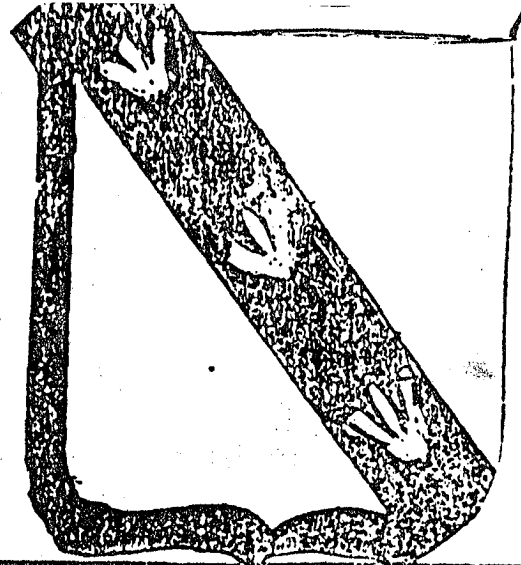


# AMONG COUSINS:

## THE BLAND FAMILY NEWS LETTER



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### EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Dear Cousins,

Welcome to AMONG COUSINS: THE BLAND FAMILY NEWSLETTER. The Goals of the Newsletter were announced in the solicitation for subscriptions sent out earlier in 1982, and are set forth below. I am happy to say that since filling the initial 58 orders for A Vision of Unity: The Bland Family in England and America (1982), I have filled a second order of 27 and now have a third order building, which I hope to fill in February or March 1983. Needless to say, I am satisfied by the interest in my book, especially since orders have been placed by limited advertising and word of mouth.

Reaction to A Vision of Unity has been highly favorable, and I am happy to say that all of the correspondents I've heard from have been willing to share additional information, as well as to point out mistakes when they occurred or to share ideas and theories with me. These, I will endeavor to share with you.

I have been most disturbed at seeing correspondents who uncritically accepted what were stated as hypotheses, particularly in Chapter VI, and have, in some cases, strung out generations in their line accordingly. I was very careful to identify the conclusions reached in Chapter VI as beliefs, not as hard and fast proofs. Hence, the title of my book was A Vision of Unity. Those of you who have read the book and have communicated with me know that I welcome criticism and change, and think that it would be the highest praise of the book, to be subjected to constructive revision as the years pass, even if future research completely demolished my central theory.

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is meant to be a supplement to Charles  
Bland's A Vision of Unity: The Bland Family  
in England and America: 1555-1900 (1982).  
In the introduction to the book, and in  
various parts of the text, I issued the chal-  
lenge to all interested researchers, present  
and future, to make the book a living and  
continuously growing document by subjecting  
it to constant and constructive criticism and  
revision, as well as to share new infor-  
mation and ideas. It is my hope that the  
Newsletter will be a chief means of such up-  
dating and sharing of knowledge.

As Editor, I assume responsibility for  
printing, sale and distribution of the News-  
letter. I will receive and publish all ma-  
terial received, but reserve the right to de-  
cide the time of publication and, of course,  
to comment critically on any issues.

General Comments

Less of Me: A strange beginning for a genealogical newsletter. Those of you who have received copies of A Vision of Unity know that from photographic proofs, the author tended to rotundity. At last I have found a way to take care of that and have acted decisively, about the problem. Since July 19, 1982, I have lost 100 pounds, and have added a fine beard. What, you may say, does this have to do with the Bland Family? I reply, a great deal. First, it gives me a lot more energy, at age 42, to keep up correspondence and turn out the Bland Family Newsletter, while at the same time finishing (now writing) a doctoral dissertation, being a husband, and father of two small children, and working at a full-time job. Second, it may enable me to extend my longevity on this earth as a 16th generation Bland (I believe, heh heh).

Actually, of course, most of the above is a rationalization for me to show off, but I'm proud as a peacock about this (my wife says I'm becoming one) and take an editor's liberty to share it with you.

Keeping in Touch: I enclose, as Attachment 1, an updated list of subscribers to A Vision of Unity and the Newsletter, with some information about their line of descent. One of the less pleasant tasks we face is that we are mortal, and I know that some of the cousins are in their eighties. I hope that it will not be indelicate of me to request that you notify your next of kin to inform me if you become seriously ill or if you die. I make the request because I and others among us sincerely would like to know. I've developed a great deal of affection for many of you, through many warm communications, phone calls and even personal visits, and it would be devastating to me personally to be unaware for long periods of your serious illness or death.

THE BLAND FAMILY HERITAGE BOOK by Beatrice Bayley, Let the Buyer Beware: Although I threw away her first solicitation, cousin Theodore Bland lent me a copy of Bayley's book. I have now another solicitation from Bayley. The first book contains some general information about genealogy but none specific to the Blands. It then lists, by ZIP CODE, 7,053 Bland families living in the United States today. Certainly I can see very little by way of processed genealogical information in the book. It is probable that Ms. Bayley has crafted her announcement to avoid a legally misleading statement about the content of her "book," but I've received letters from a number of correspondents, anxious that A Vision of Unity not turn out to be another Bayley Book, e.g., "I do hope it gives some specific history that we can use, not general information such as the book published by Beatrice Bayley - it was no bargain." Those of you who have received Bayley's solicitations should also note that I've spoken to people by other names, who have received solicitations for books about their family, by Bayley. As I said, let the buyer beware. (See Addendum, page 16)

Second Printing of A Vision of Unity: The second printing of A Vision of Unity was distributed to subscribers the last week in October, delayed somewhat by labor problems at the bindery. The second printing is the copy that went to the Library of Congress (who copyrights the document), The Virginia State Library, the Church of Latter Day Saints Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, the Library of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, D.C., (Jessamine Bland James of Tucson, Arizona graciously made a gift of the book to the NSDAR) and the Stateboro Georgia Regional Library.

The second printing differs slightly from the first. Chapter 12 of the first issue, an extended discussion about the family of Berry Elsey Bland and Martha Greene Bland (my great grandparents), was truncated to 2 or 3 pages and integrated in Chapter 11.

Next Scheduled Printing of A Vision of Unity: Presently, I have about ten unfilled orders for A Vision of Unity, and estimate that it will be about February 1983 before I will be able to have more copies produced. I should clarify, once again, that because of the high cost involved in printing the book, I do not keep an inventory but rather fill orders on demand. Orders received are kept until a number has accumulated, sufficient to make printing economically feasible (at present, that is 25-30 copies). If you plan to order another copy, or know someone who would like a copy, please send a check or notify me of your firm intent to order, so that I may know as soon as possible when to go to press. Hardcover \$64.95, Softcover \$54.95.

Advertising and Book Reviews: I have not yet been fully capable of tapping the resources for dissemination of information through libraries, book reviews and advertising in genealogical journals. Any advice you could provide would be appreciated. In particular, I would appreciate xeroxed pages that show advertising policies and rates, and book review policies for periodicals you think may be helpful in getting out the word about A Vision of Unity.

Travel to England: Anyone planning a trip to England, and disposed to do a little genealogical legwork, should let me know.

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The James River Bland Family  
(Relating to A Vision of Unity, Chapters 4-5)

I have not had much communication with descendants of the James River Bland family. I did originally hear from Mr. Robert Wilkinson of Gross Ilse, Michigan who is a James River Descendant, but he didn't buy a copy of the book. Mr. Wilkinson descends through Anna Bland and Robert Munford (see Chapter V, pp. 148-150). Anna was the somewhat ill fated daughter of Richard Bland and Elizabeth Randolph.

The one James River Bland descendant we have as a subscriber is (Mrs) Elizabeth Scales DeShazo, of Martinsville, Virginia who has sketched her line of descent from Richard Bland (VU pp. 151-165) who indicates "there are only seven of the living Scales line and 13 grandchildren who descend from the Blands." Mrs. DeShazo promises to provide her specific lines of descent and I will include them in the next issue.

My good friend William Graham Bland last June sent me two pages from Valentine Huntley's Peninsula Pilgrimage (1941), which included a picture and write up of the Bland-Wetherburne House, located on the Duke of Gloucester Street in Williamsburg, Virginia. According to information provided, this was the home lived in, perhaps in a more rudimentary original form, by Richard Bland Senior (Fifth generation, 1665-1720) and his wife Elizabeth Randolph, until about 1716. At the time of Huntley's book, the house was operated as "Richard Bland's Tavern. A picture of the house is included as Attachment 2.

Mary Bland Portrait: I received from the Henry F. Winterthur Museum in Delaware, a greatly enhanced portrait of Mary Bland (1704-1764), (VU pp. 145-146) daughter of Richard Bland (1665-1720), who married Henry Lee and became the grandmother of General Robert E. Lee. The photo is included as Attachment 3.

The Duplin County, North Carolina Bland Family  
(Relating to A Vision of Unity, Chapter 8)

The Sons of William Bland, C1726-1775, Tenth Generation, pp. 282-342: Several correspondents have called to my attention an error in the construction of table XVII, page 282B, which omits mention of a minor son named Joseph Bland. In reviewing my records, I find that I relied on secondary sources for this information. The "True Copy" of the Will of William Bland probated July, 1775, omitted Joseph; however, I also had access to Milton Wilson's The Bland Family of New Hanover and Duplin County, North Carolina which paraphrased William's will and did include Joseph. Let us, then, welcome Joseph Bland into our midst. A great deal is not known of Joseph but what is may give some clues to the unity of this family as some of its members about 1820 began to branch out to Kentucky and Indiana. Let us list, then, the sons of William Bland (Tenth Generation), who died in 1775 in Duplin County, North Carolina:

- (10) William Bland (C.1726-1775, VU, pp. 282-284)
- (11) William Bland (C1748-1816, VU, pp. 293-320)
- (11) James Bland (C1749/1754-??, discussed in VU, 321-323)
- (11) Thomas Bland (?)
- (11) Charles Bland (married Rachel Alderman)
- (11) John Bland (C1760-1827, VU, pp. 284-293)
- (11) Joseph Bland (?)

Immediately, the plot thickens. Courtesy of Cousin Al Hunter and Castelloe Bland Denton, I have a series of eight vouchers enabling payment to Joseph Bland, (vouchers #932, September 30, 1783 and #5108, November 1, 1783); John Bland (vouchers #347, November 15, 1781 and #422, May 1780); and James Bland (vouchers #304 and 407, December 1781 and voucher #1691, March 16, 1782 and #1911, March 16, 1782). All these vouchers were for service in the Wilmington District of North Carolina. From what is known of the Bland family in this area, one concludes that these individuals were brothers, and sons of William Bland (tenth generation). Further, it is known that William Bland (C1748-1816) entered military service, during the revolution because Cousin William Graham Bland entered the DAR and SAR on the strength of William's service. Thus, at least four of the six brothers did service in the revolution.

John Bland, C1760-1787, Eleventh Generation, (VU, pp. 284-293): Cousin Alice Phillips Garrison of Sanford, North Carolina favored me with two photographs: her great grandfather Thomas Montreville Bland (VU, p. 291), and Thomas Montreville's wife, Antoinette Sophia Poe, surrounded by her children. Unfortunately, the photo of Thomas Montreville is too small for meaningful use. Hopefully, I will be able to crop and enlarge it so that Thomas' features

become clearer. The photo of Thomas' wife and children, however, is quite handsome and meaningful and I am happy to include it as Attachment 4.

William Bland, C1748-1816, Eleventh Generation, (VU, pp. 293-320): Cousin William Graham Bland of Jacksonville, Florida wrote me that on May 8, 1982, he participated in a big "to-do" as a member of the Kirby-Smith Honor Guard which presented the colors of the confederacy at the Sons of the Confederacy (SCV) 13th Annual Confederate Ball. Graham carried the North Carolina Flag which was presented in order of states seceded, South Carolina being first in line, etc. Graham is inspector and a member of the executive committee for the SCV. Graham entered the SCV not on the record of a Bland, but of Sgt. Calvin Tucker, Duplin County, North Carolina, his mother's maternal grandfather, who died in action during the Civil War.

On April 6, 1982, Graham forwarded to me some research he did at the Orlando, Florida public library, concerning David Bland, son of Amariah Bland and Mary Page (VU, pp. 311 ff), and John James Bland, possibly another son of Amariah and Mary. Graham's research is presented as Attachment 5.

Graham also sent to me a more comprehensive list of Civil War Veterans from North Carolina named Bland. It is included as Attachment 6.

James Bland, C1749/1754 - ?, Eleventh Generation, (VU, pp. 320-342): The extended family of James Bland, probably the second eldest of the sons of William Bland (C1726-1775) is hypothetical (VU, pp. 320-323). For narrative continuity, however, I assumed that James had at least four sons, Jacob (C1779-1839), Francis, William (C1787- ) and Thomas. Possibly there were others as there was a settlement of these Blands in Chatham County, North Carolina, some of whom moved to Greene County Indiana in the 1820's. It is more certain that Jacob, William, Thomas and Francis were brothers than that they were sons of James Bland, thus if you discount my typology that they were twelfth generation, consider the brothers first generation.

Very little is known of Thomas Bland. Jacob Bland's family line has been well-documented by cousin Al Hunter (VU, pp. 324-332). I have come across one new piece of information about Francis Bland. Using a history of Greene County, Indiana, I assumed VU, p. 333) that Francis married his wife Elizabeth Langley in Kentucky. Apparently, that is incorrect. Cousin Donna Crowe favored me with a list of marriages in Orange County, Indiana (see map, p. 342A. Orange County is Southeast of Greene County and West of Jefferson County) in which it is indicated that Francis Bland married Elizabeth Lane on January 7, 1819, (see p. 7).

About the most significant new knowledge has been made available by a newly found cousin, Leota Bland Swain Ruder of Concordia, Kansas, who has provided dramatic information about James O. D. Bland (VU, pp. 341-342) and in the process has linked him to William Bland and Elizabeth McBain (VU, pp. 335-336), and also has ascertained that William and Elizabeth were the parents of William Bland who married Catherine Brock (VU, pp. 336-338). Also, it appears that William and Elizabeth may have been parents to Joseph and Jacob Bland (VU, p. 340) and Enoch Bland, as well as five daughters. Mrs. Ruder has been in contact with Cousin Bertha Dunn and two newly found cousins, Lenore Bland Brown and her daughter Linda Allie of Fort Worth, Texas, all of whom are interested in this line and have sent their findings to me. I submit the following.

Previous information about William Bland and Elizabeth McBain (VU, pp. 335-336) is unchanged. It is said that William got the itch for a younger woman and moved out on Elizabeth who took up with her son, James O. D. Bland and went with him to Kansas in 1873. Whatever happened to William and his newfound friend remains a mystery. Elizabeth was buried at Mayview or Maryview Cemetery, North of Beloit in Mitchell County, Kansas.

William and Elizabeth possibly had five daughters, one born 1815-1820; two born 1820-1825 and two born 1830-1835. Interspersed among these daughters were five sons, the first of whom is Jacob, born in 1816. Revised information sent to me by Bertha Dunn shows Jacob as a son of William and Elizabeth, but does not show his wife and children. Had cousin Bertha opened up her shoe-button eyes (a favorite expression of my daughter's) she would have seen that this family was detailed (VU, pp. 340-341).

Cousin Bertha also provided information about Joseph Bland, second son of William and Elizabeth Bland, who was born in 1819 in Indiana and died during the Civil War. This family also was noted (VU, p. 340), but Bertha has provided some additional significant details. Joseph married Sarah A. Milam (C1823/1825-1899) on December 12, 1839. The list of children born to Joseph Bland and Sarah Milam agrees with information noted in (VU, p. 340), but Cousin Bertha has added some details that should be of interest: their son Francis died during the Civil War; Son James Thomas Bland (December 20, 1844 to September 27, 1918), married Roxie Ackley (1849-1903) on April 10, 1869 and had children, William, Jesse and Annie. There is some confusion about where this family lived and died, for I show that they

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were in Clay County, Kansas in 1880, while Mrs. Dunn shows them married in Wayne County, Iowa and dying in the same place. William T. Bland was born in 1848 and died March 30, 1924 in Beloit, Kansas. His wife Amelia was born in Iowa in 1854. I showed William and Amelia with two children by 1880, Otto and Orin. Mrs. Dunn shows three more children born after 1880, Ida Bland (1881- ) who married one Novis: C. J. Bland, (1883- ) and Frank R. Bland (1887-1923) who died unmarried (Haw!) Finally, Cousin Bertha shows that Joseph and Sarah's daughter, Elizabeth J. Bland married J. A. Reynolds in Wayne County, Iowa October 30, 1873.

The family of William Bland and Elizabeth McBain's third son William, who married Catherine Brock, has already been fully detailed, (VU, pp. 336-338), but needs the following corrections: their second daughter (VU, p. 337) was not named Mary but Martha Elizabeth, and Martha married David Rolf in Wayne County, Iowa, December 14, 1865. (VU, p. 338) shows that Viola Ray Keller married Melvin Dunn, which is plain wrong. Viola Ray Keller, daughter of Lillie Bland and Alfred Keller, married Charley Kovar. They are the parents of Bertha Kovar, who married Melvin Dunn. That was some goof, and I hope this sets the record straight. It also appears from Cousin Bertha's notes, that William Bland, before he married Catherine Brock, married Jane Buckner in Greene County, Indiana on August 5, 1839 and by her had a daughter, born in 1840. Nothing more is indicated about this marriage.

Information about James O. D. Bland comes primarily from cousin Leota Ruder, who has furnished a very factual account of James O. D.'s life through several documents to whom the reader is directed, because they speak more eloquently than I could write:

- Attachment 7 - Leota Ruder to Charles Bland November 5, 1982.
- Attachment 8 - Certificate of Enlistment for James O. D. Bland #62662, October 1, 1907.
- Attachment 9 - Obituary of James O. D. Bland, The Concordia Kansan, September 10, 1908.
- Attachment 10 - Obituaries of Mrs. James O. D. Bland (Mary Gentry), and their sons Daniel Ervin Bland and John Huse Bland.
- Attachment 11 - Photos of James Otis Daniel Bland and his wife, Mary Gentry.
- Attachment 12 - Photos of Daniel Ervin Bland and wife and John H. Bland.  
Sons of James O. D. Bland and Mary Gentry.

James Otis Daniel Bland was born April 7, 1824 in Greene County, Indiana and died at Cloud County, Kansas, Concordia Township, on September 2, 1908. He married twice, first to Sarah Elrod on September 4, 1845 and by her had six children. They were: John Bland who was born in 1847. He enlisted in the 59th Indiana and died of a fever at Newborne, North Carolina in 1864. Martha J. Bland, born in 1850, buried at Jewel County, Kansas; William F. Bland, born in 1852; Susan Catherine Bland, born in 1854, buried in Oklahoma. She married one Dolan; Margaret E. Bland, born in 1857 and buried at Concordia, Kansas and Alma Bland, born 1859. James' wife Sarah died September 1, 1859, possibly during or as a result of Alma's birth. Secondly, James O. D. married Mary Gentry, who was born in North Carolina May 9, 1839. Nothing in information provided by Mrs. Ruder supplies the date of Mary's death, although she survived her husband. James O. D. and Mary had a family of ten children, including: Sarah Ann Bland, born October 20, 1862 at Worthington, Greene County, Indiana and died in 1930 at Concordia, Kansas. She married first to George Biggs and second to Jeff Eakins; Daniel Ervin Bland, born May 9, 1866, at Worthington, and died at Concordia, Kansas, November 20, 1949. He married Flora Irene Heaton (August 3, 1862 to April 23, 1936) at Concordia, Kansas on March 12, 1980. One child, Otis Daniel Bland (February 18, 1891-1955) who married Pearl Edith Lynne (1889-1976), parents of Leota Bland, among five children. The third child, John Huse Bland, was born at Worthington, May 8, 1868 and died July 28, 1956 at Concordia, Kansas. John married Lenore Shaw (1877-1963) on May 10, 1894, and had by her: James Raymond Bland, born December 29, 1896; Millard Thomas Bland, born May 12, 1899; and John Herbert Bland, born March 28, 1903. John Herbert married Daisy Vada Smith on August 12, 1924 at Concordia, Kansas. They were the parents of Lenore Eva Bland, mentioned above and born July 16, 1928. Lenore married Earl Davis Brown and by him, had three daughters, including Linda Elizabeth Brown (16th generation), who married Richard Jerome Allie on April 6, 1974.

The fourth child of James O. D. Bland and Mary Gentry was Mary Cordelia Bland, who was born in Greene County, Indiana on April 1, 1872 and married one Wiley. The fifth child, Edward S. Bland, was born in Kansas in 1880. Malcolm O. Bland was born July 2, 1882 in Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas and married Edith J. Ranney. Malcolm died in May 1967. Several children, about whom there is no information, include Viola, Martin, Spencer and Lucinda.

Another possible son of William Bland and Elizabeth McBain is Enoch Bland for whom Cousin Bertha Dunn lists only census information. In 1850, Enoch was enumerated with his parents in Greene County, Indiana and was listed at age 17. He appeared again in the 1880 census for Lulu, Mitchell County, Kansas, aged 47, living with a wife, M. E. aged 39, and the following children: W.E. Bland, born in 1858; J.S. Bland, born 1860; J.N.S. Bland, born 1861; J.S. Bland, born 1867; L.W. Bland, born 1869 and Julius Bland, born 1874. All of the above were males, except L.W. Bland. The spacing of birthdates, especially the gap between 1861 and 1867, suggests Enoch Bland served in the military during the Civil War. Next door to Enoch in 1880 was living his son, H. Bland, born in 1856 in Indiana, who was married to E.I., age 19. They had one son. R.O. Bland, born in 1879.

Allie for sharing their research. I should note that those who are sensitive to the particular names and places of the Kansas family, may benefit from the 1880 and 1900 census for Kansas, which may be obtained through the Church of Latter Day Saints. I would be glad to share information from these census returns, upon request.

Odds and Ends: Cousin Al Hunter, ever the diligent researcher, sent me the following extracts from Uncle Jack Baber's Early History of Greene County, Indiana, (Worthington 1875):

Page 9: In 1824, William and Thomas Bland were part of a group of five men who took to Bloomington for safe keeping, two men indicted for the first murders in Greene County.

Page 36: Wick Bland, from Greene County, served in the Mexican War and was wounded in battle

Page 39,40: Has to do with Hiram Bland (VU, pp. 451-455).

Page 41: Is a write up about T.A. Bland of Greene County, who was born in 1828/1829, became self-educated after a byohood as a farmer, and founded The Indiana Farmer, "the most popular journal in the west that is devoted to agriculture." He married Cora and later moved to New York.

Page 43: Wyatt Miller and Mary "Molly" Bland had one of the first marriages in Beech Creek Township, (VU, p. 326).

Page 44: "Kissie" Bland, Susanna and Cynthia Hunter and others attended the first school in Highland. The second school was attended by Simon, Mournin, and Kissie Bland, Hunter's girls (Al Hunter's great-great aunts) and others.

Page 45,47: Aaron Bland and Lavina Hunter were among the first to be married in Highland Township. Aaron Bland was among the first school pupils to attend Highland school.

Cousin Richard Smith of DeKalb, Illinois has applied a different perspective to the family of William Bland (C1726-1775), setting aside some previous assumptions he has followed about the origins of Thomas Morton Bland (VU, pp. 473-477). After reading the will of William Bland on page 283, Mr. Smith suggests for argument's sake, that William may have had two families, an unknown first wife who was the mother of elder sons William, James and daughter Mary, and a second wife, Rachel, who was the mother of younger children, Thomas, Charles and John (and we should perhaps add, Joseph). When William died in 1775, he left everything in his estate to William, his eldest son. Perhaps then, Rachel, William's ostensible step-mother, left North Carolina with Thomas, Charles and John, went back to Virginia to live on the 300 acres at Powell's Creek, Virginia. Later, about 1781-1782, this family would have migrated to Kentucky with John Bland (C1725-1795), Margaret Osborne and their family. In a parallel move, James Bland, (C1749/1754-?) may have moved to Kentucky and be the same James Bland who was over 45 in Livingston County in 1810 and the only man by the name. In 1810, Smith notes, there were in Nelson County, Kentucky, Charles, John and Thomas Bland, all aged 26-45, meaning these men could have been born between 1765 and 1775, when William Bland died.

Though it is far from proven, I more easily subscribe to Mr. Smith's suggestion about James Bland moving to Livingston County, Kentucky before 1810, than to his other theory, which if fraught with error. First, there is the matter of my omission of Joseph Bland from the will, which would leave him unaccounted for. Second, there is no information that William Bland had a living wife named Rachel in his will of 1775. Third, the Rachel who was in Washington County, Kentucky, had at least three daughters, Rachel, Prudence and Susannah, who were minors but of marriageable age in the 1780's (VU, p. 465), yet none of these is mentioned in William's will. Fourth, the 300 acres at Powell's Creek in Virginia was willed to William Bland, not to James Bland. This leaves the double assumption that William gave the land to an assumed step-mother, Rachel. Fifth, Castello Bland Denton has supplied fairly strong evidence that John Bland (one of the younger sons of William Bland), served in the Wilmington District of North Carolina during the Revolution, and later moved to Chatham County. Although none of these arguments are sacrosanct, I feel it is rough sledding to overcome them all.

While we are on the subject of the Washington County, Kentucky Bland family, I have some suggestions of my own. One of the apparent brothers, and son of Rachel Bland, was John Bland, who married Mary Roley on January 13, 1800. This marriage occurred in Washington County, (VU, p. 467), but available information is silent about where John and Mary were born. One possible clue would be to note (VU, p. 357) Osborne and Meredith Bland, born 1812 and 1813 respectively, identified John and Mary Bland from North Carolina as their parents. Osborne and Meredith were living in Bigger Township, Jennings County, Indiana in 1850, alongside a family of Blands who probably descended from Moses Bland (1718-1799, Ninth Generation). This to me would indicate that Rachel Bland and her family could have been somehow connected to the lines of Blands in Randolph County, North Carolina (VU, pp. 342-363). If so, in addition the name Osborne would seem to link these two brothers to the family of Bland's discussed in Chapter X (VU, pp. 432-455). Such a linkage, if it could be documented, would constitute a substantial strengthening of our Vision of Unity.

Another possibility, though less likely as I see it, has to do with the family of Blands from Mecklenburg County, Virginia, discussed in Appendix I. As this family progressed, it began with Samuel Bland and Martha Merritt, who had children, Thomas, Samuel and Merritt. Son Merritt Bland died in 1773, leaving a wife Sarah and children, Samuel, John, Martha and Elizabeth. The only child of whom anything is known is Samuel, who was born sometime before 1752 and died in 1820, who married Elizabeth Williamson, on June 12, 1781. Among their children was a son John, who died December 31, 1813. It is possible, though less likely that this younger John is the self-same person who married Mary Roley in 1800 and had Osborne and Meredith (Merritt) in 1812 and 1813. I have serious doubts about this, however, because the son John in question had an older brother Williamson, born in 1782, meaning John was born no earlier than 1783, which would make him a bare 17, before which age he had travelled to North Carolina and Kentucky, when he was married in 1800.

These speculations raise the obvious problem that we know very little about the family's movements from North Carolina to Kentucky to Indiana, and each state needs its own historian (my branch came from South Carolina, which is the state I have staked out for myself). I have repeatedly noted that there is a need for someone with the will, resources and inclination to complete intensive and careful studies of all the extant records in these states, monumental as the task may be. Who will volunteer?

The Randolph County, North Carolina Family  
(Relating to A Vision of Unity, Chapter 8) ...

The Will of Moses Bland, C1718-1799, Ninth Generation: On VU, p. 344, in summarizing the will of Moses Bland, I indicated he had six daughters including Sally, Fanny, Winny, Caty, Peggy and Mary. Cousin Robert Wheeler of Lebanon, Oregon sent me a copy of Moses' will indicating that the sixth daughter mentioned was Nancy, not Mary (the will is included as Attachment 13). Cousin Robert chided me to note the constructions of M elsewhere in the will (a good point) and to decide whether the name was Mary or Nancy. Also, Robert argued, why would Moses have called the noter girls by nick-names, and suddenly called the last one by her formal name? (Why did he call the last girl Nancy?) Cousin Robert indicates that he has been in touch with descendants of the Lawrence Family who were neighbors of Moses Bland. They agree that the name should be Nancy, and indicate that daughter Caty married William Lawrence, son of John Lawrence and Anne Needham Lawrence, and moved to Clark County, Indiana, and whose children lived in Clark, Jackson and Jennings County, Indiana.

Subsequently, Mr. Wheeler wrote to me with evidence that I was wrong concerning the birthplace of Moses Bland (1819-1895, see VU, p. 360B and 361-365). "Oregon Donation Land Claims, Volume 1, page 80, #1961, Bland, Moses, Linn County Oregon, Born 1815/1817 Jackson County Indiana, arr. Oregon 25 August 1851; settled claim 30 October 1851; married Martha, 15 March 1837, Bartholomew County Indiana." So it appears clear that this Moses originated in Indiana rather than Pennsylvania, which makes him easy to integrate into the descendants from North Carolina. In the same letter, Cousin Robert told me that Peggy, one of the daughters mentioned in Moses' will of 1799, married William Needham on October 25, 1786. This could very well explain the close relations between the Moses Bland family and the Needhams as exemplified by many land transactions and intermarriages noted in this section.

All of these notes make valuable additions of knowledge, for which subscribers are surely grateful to Cousin Robert Wheeler.

The Blands of Orange and Jennings County, Indiana: Between them, Cousins Donna Crowe of Muncie Indiana and Jane Cole Mitby of Denver, Colorado, have supplied some useful marriage information about the Blands in Jennings and Orange County, Indiana.

From Cousin Donna Crowe (Source, Arthur Dillard Orange County Heritage (1971), pp. 213-215):

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Francis Bland and Elizabeth Lane  | Married:<br>January 7, 1819 (VU, p. 333) |
| Mary Bland and Samuel Daughtery   | November 5, 1819                         |
| Henry Bland and Keziah Tomlinson  | December 23, 1819                        |
| Isabell Bland and Felix Armstrong | March 29, 1820                           |
| Fanny Bland and Henry Leatherman  | March 29, 1820                           |
| Rachel Bland and Elisha Baldwin   | March 13, 1821                           |

From Cousin Jane Mitby (Source, Jennings County, Indiana Courthouse, Book I, 1829 and Book I, 1830-1855):

|                                  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Jane Bland to John Spaulding     | December 31, 1829               |
| Moses Bland to Sarah Whitaker    | October 14, 1830                |
| William Bland to Polly Pennock   | April 9, 1831 (VU, pp. 349-350) |
| Abraham Bland to Maria Bland     | May 21, 1831                    |
| Elizabeth Bland to John P. Curry | November 6, 1831                |
| *Ruth Bland to George Waggoner   | December 26, 1833               |

|  |                    |              |
|--|--------------------|--------------|
| *Ruth Bland to William Waggoner          | April 15, 1834     |              |
| *Osborne Bland to Mary Ann Clarkson      | February 1836      | (VU, p. 357) |
| Noah Bland to Susannah Hand              | September 15, 1837 |              |
| Rhuby Bland to Nicholas McCafty Waggoner | January 1839       |              |
| Uriah Bland to Sarah Ann Holton          | August 30, 1846    |              |
| *Francis A. Bland to Frances Hall        | April 7, 1847      |              |
| *James C. Bland to Sarah Burge           | March 29, 1855     |              |

\* Married by the Rev. Thomas Bland, (VU, p. 355)

Cousin Jane Cole Mitby has provided a family portrait of Nancy Elizabeth Bland (1843-1907) who married Leonard Cole (VU, p. 358). The photo is included as Attachment 14. Thanks to Cousin Jane.

The Diary of Jacob Andrew Bland (1829-1903): Cousin Eleanor Hayes Smith has provided excerpts from an extensive diary of her ancestral grandfather, Jacob Andrew Bland, from September 30, 1860 to October 23, 1863, which details his move with his family from Ashland, Indiana to Chariton, Iowa. The diary is but one extract of diaries that Jacob kept throughout his life. Mrs Smith has or knows of as many as 20 such diaries. The September-October 1863 diary is included as Attachment 15. For Jacob Andrew Bland, see VU, p. 366. It should be noted that although this Bland family is not now connected to one of the mainstream families, the fact of the Westward migration from Indiana to Iowa suggests the plausibility of such a connection.

The Kentucky Blands  
(Relating to A Vision of Unity, Chapters 9-10)

Who was the Father of John Bland (1725-1795)?: I don't know! I have my hunches but don't know for sure. That has to be said right off the bat, because I'm sure cousin Marian Daniels' blood raced when she saw this heading. Those of you who are interested in this answer already know that Marian and I are at a standoff (VU, pp. 420-425). Nothing has been added except the extrapolations already made (see page 6) about the Washington County Blands (VU, pp. 463-477) which would indicate that John Bland probably did not go to Nelson County, Kentucky with only his family. Probably there were several family groups in tow. One possibility is that Rachel Bland of Washington County was a widow of a yet unknown brother or the relative of John Bland. Discovery of such facts will probably rest with future research in Virginia or North Carolina, rather than Kentucky, because it is clear that Rachel Bland's family was developed prior to the move to Kentucky. Further information about this would be appreciated.

On the Family of Osborne Bland and Patsy Donahoo: I have received from cousin Virginia Bland Cowden the following information:

A. Citing Greene County, Indiana records, Box 45, Virginia notes that Osborne Jr. died February 7, 1849, so his dates should be changed to C1774-1849. Apparently my remarks about Osborne's final days (VU, pp. 442-443) were not always received with good humor. Readers must remember that in sifting through all these lines, dates, marriages, births and deaths, I occasionally had to laugh to keep from crying. I thought my treatment of Osborne Jr. was mild compared to that of his son Hiram, or of my ancestral uncle Presley Bland (VU, pp. 501-503).

B. Osborne Jr.'s son William Bland resided alternately in Greene County and Shelby County Illinois. Two of William's sons, Austin and Moses, are buried at the William Price Cemetery in Shelby County. (VU, pp. 444-445).

C. Virginia believes that the Jessie Bland buried at the William Price Cemetery, date of death November 28, 1881 is the son of Osborne Jr. His dates then are C1812-1881 (VU, p. 447).

D. Virginia wants to clarify that Lydia Shaver (not her maiden name) who married Osborne Jr.'s son James, was not a sister of Cynthia Bunch, who married James' brother Warren. Lydia was not listed on the probated estate of Cynthia Bunch's father (VU, p. 448).

E. Sarah Bland, daughter of Osborne's son James, was divorced from Abraham Bingham, whom she married on May 5, 1879. Bingham remarried to the daughter of Nelson Anderson, whom Sarah married on January 3, 1890 (VU, p. 449).

F. Virginia corrects me regarding Allen Bland's date of death. He died January 6, 1934. My assumption that he and his brother Roland died at the same time and place is in error (VU, p. 449).

G. Researchers interested in Lucinda Bland Shaver's line may be interested to know that Virginia finds her children marrying, etc., in Greene County as late as 1880 (VU, 450-451).

H. Virginia indicates she has fair evidence for two additional children of Osborne Bland, Jr. and Patsy Donahoo. According to Greene County Records, Polly Todd sued William Todd for divorce on April 5, 1846. Hiram, Osborne and Warren Bland were witnesses.

Osborne Bland married William Todd on July 25, 1837 and in 1840 they lived next door to



Livingston, who was a witness at her divorce trial.

Thus it appears fairly certain that Polly was Osborne's daughter. That leads to the surmise, as yet unproven, that Margaret Bland, who married Thomas Todd October 24, 1833, was also Osborne's daughter.

Daniel Bland's son John H. Bland: Cousin Marshall Van Meter of Tullahoma, Tennessee informs me that during a research trip to Elizabethtown in Hardin County, Kentucky, he came across a deed which read in part "from Daniel Bland and his wife Elizabeth, to their son John H. Bland." Marshall had a solid line back to John H. Bland, whose parents he assumed were Daniel and Elizabeth. This entry confirmed it (VU, p. 459).

James Bland of Warren County, Kentucky: Soon after the first edition of the book was published, I received an order from Cousin Anne Hall of Roswell, New Mexico, who descends from James Bland (1793-1849) and his wife Mary Wyatt whom he married October 22, 1818, courtesy of Cousin Anne (VU, pp. 462-463).

James Bland died in Clay County, Missouri on June 6, 1849. Cousin Anne identifies his children as follows:

1. William Wyatt Bland, born Nelson County, Kentucky August 10, 1819 and died December 14, 1895. He married Annie Elizabeth Payne on February 23, 1854. William Wyatt Bland is Anne Hall's great grandfather. He lived his married life in Clinton County, Missouri.
2. Serena Anne Bland was born February 23, 1821 and died August 8, 1835.
3. Perry T. Bland was born May 24, 1823, date of death unknown. He married a Mrs. Lacey Wortlaw somewhere in Texas.
4. Lewis L. Bland was born March 8, 1827, date of death unknown.
5. Emily Jane Bland was born March 11, 1828 and died September 10, 1909. She married (1) William Adams and (2) T.C. Gordon.
6. Hedgeman Addison Bland (called "Hodge" by me, incorrectly), was born October 10, 1829 and died February 7, 1897. He married Mary Rucker in Paris, Lamar County, Texas.
7. John Samuel Bland was born March 19, 1832 and died March 6, 1891. He married Catherine McMillen Armstrong in Lamar County, Texas.
8. Rebecca Lou Bland was born April 24, 1834 and died April 2, 1872. She married W.F. Gordon.
9. Emmaline Bland was born August 10, 1837 and died in 1858. She married Abraham S. Fry. Their daughter, Cora Fry, married her first cousin James Bland, son of William Wyatt Bland.
10. C.D. Bland, born January 1, 1841 and died January 1, 1842.
11. James M. Bland was born September 6, 1843 and died May 11, 1865. He married Julia Sandusky.
12. A presumed infant, Margaret Bland was in the family records in possession of Cousin Anne. We are grateful to her for sharing this family information. Any information about the parents of James Bland (1793-1849) would be appreciated. Mrs. Hall believes, but has not proven, that James is a grandson of John Bland (C1725-1795) and Margaret Osborne, through their son Samuel. This would link James to the family discussed in VU, pp. 455-457.

The Family of Reuben Bland of Pulaski County, Kentucky: A few details have been discovered about this basically unconnected family, for which information was provided by Cousin Pansy Willburn of Modesto, California. This family is discussed in Vision of Unity, pp. 479-483.

Reuben Bland was the bondsman to his daughter Nancy's marriage in 1841 (VU, p. 479). Reuben, who is the founder of the line, has been traced back to Wayne County, Kentucky where he was found by Mrs. Willburn to have served in the 90th Regiment, Kentucky Militia, Captain Shrewsbury's Company, during the War of 1812.

Maternal Lines of Descent through John Bland (C1725-1795) and Margaret Osborne: I have received from Cousins Marian Daniels and Wilda Page, extensive lines of descent from Mary Bland Randolph and Prudence Bland Smith, daughters of John Bland and Margaret Osborne. I regret to say that the abundance of information available for this particular issue forces me to postpone publication of these two notable and well-researched lines. My apologies to Marian Daniels and Wilda Page, who have been very generous and helpful to me in this undertaking.

The Loudon County, Virginia and  
Edgefield County, South Carolina Blands  
(A Vision of Unity, Chapter XI)

Who was Robert Bland of Loudon County, Virginia who died in 1760?: I remain troubled by this (VU, pp. 484-493). It is certain beyond chance that Robert Bland (1733-1787) who married Anne and migrated to Edgefield County, South Carolina in the early 1780s was the son of a man named Robert Bland, who was intimately connected with the Stafford-Prince William County Family. I spent about ten pages arguing the case that the elder Robert was the son of James Bland (C1655-1708). In other words, I argued away, at least to my transient satisfaction the declaration by David Bland, a great grandson of the elder James, that James' youngest son Robert "died without issue" (VU, p. 485). To say that I am troubled by my own argument, like MacBeth and his spot, is an understatement. I would, of course, like to know the truth. Old David Bland peers over one shoulder while Cousin "arian Daniels in San Benito, Texas pats her foot, grinning, saying "I told you so." We know for sure that Robert Bland, who died in Loudon County in 1760, was closely connected to the Bland's of Stafford County, more specifically through the same associates as those of William Bland (C1686-1744). What if, just to make a point, Robert were one of the older sons of William, through William's first marriage? What if, also, John Bland of Nelson County, Kentucky were one of the younger sons of William, as at least one strong piece of evidence seems to indicate (VU, p. 422, note 1)? Then, you see, James' sons John and Robert would fade to peripheral importance and the autonomous chapters 10 and 11 of Vision of Unity would be swallowed into what is now Chapter 8, making it, as it is already, a book unto itself. William would be the single most important progenitor of the Bland line. What if? Well, the hell with it. What if cats molted? Marian Daniels can't prove her point. Nor can I.

The Family of Payton Bland: I am happy to say that we have hit the jackpot in opening up information to share among the cousins, on the family of Payton Bland, fifth son of Robert Bland (1733-1787) and his wife Anne, (see table XXVII, pp. 494B VU). At the time A Vision of Unity was completed, there was nothing on Payton. No more. Cousin Juanita Alexander of Orange, Texas as well as Eva Dowdy, Pleasanton, Texas, Mrs. Lawrence Decuir and Hally-Maud Hammond, Beaumont, Texas, David C. Bland, Houston, Texas, and Mr. Charles C. Bland of St. Louis, Missouri, originally from Orange, Texas, now provides a fairly complete and well-documented line on Payton (who wrote his name Peyton).

As noted in A Vision of Unity, Peyton (hereafter we follow the spelling preferred by Peyton himself) was born at Edgefield County January 1, 1780. Peyton died in March or April of 1815, shortly after returning to his then home in St. Martinsville, Vermillion Parish, Louisiana, from service in the War of 1812. Peyton had served only a brief time, joining Baker's 15th Regiment of the Louisiana Militia on January 3, 1815, and serving with Captain Shadrach Porters Infantry until he was discharged on March 13, 1815. Peyton had married Elizabeth Smith of Dolentown County, South Carolina about 1809-1810, and they were part of a party of migrants to St. Martinsville, Louisiana. Following Peyton's death in March-April 1815 Elizabeth Smith Bland married one Robert Johnson on January 8, 1817. It is striking, though not conclusive, that Peyton's father Robert had consummated an indenture with a Robert Johnson in Loudon County, Virginia on August 11, 1775 (VU, p. 490).

At any rate Peyton, like his older brother Wormeley, led a short life. He was married to Elizabeth Smith for only five or six years, during which time there were three children who, in the construction of Chapter XI of A Vision of Unity would be Eleventh Generation. They were John, Caroline and Peyton.

John Bland was born June 3, 1811 at St. Martinsville, Louisiana and died November 2, 1886 at Orange, Texas. In 1823, at age 12, he was indentured to a plantation owner, Asa Foreman, the terms binding John to Foreman until age 21, at which time he was to get from his master a horse, saddle, bridle and \$20 cash. During the indenture, Foreman was obliged to provide total care for John and to educate him in reading, writing and math up to "the third rule." John evidently did not serve the full indenture, for on February 1, 1831 he married Asa Foreman's daughter, Mary (born March 9, 1816 and died January 13, 1904).

1. My assumption that Peyton was still living in South Carolina in 1840, obviously is in error (VU, p. 501).
2. Peyton was listed in the Edgefield County, South Carolina census in 1810 with a wife and two small children. Perhaps they died before the move to Louisiana.

An old, typed biographical sheet provided by Cousin Juanita Alexander, indicates that about 1834, John and Mary left Louisiana, about 1836, and moved to Orange County, Texas, where he became a farmer and stockman and prospered at his work. John never owned any slaves but frequently hired them from neighbors. In the war for Texas' independence, John served what was apparently non-military duty, at the Sabine River and was part of the party that crossed Santa Anna into Louisiana. Later, he served in the military forces of the war and when it was over, returned to his farming. He dabbled moderately in the pleasures of life, enjoying liquor gambling and the horses, all in moderation. He also actively served Orange County as a commissioner for many years.

John Bland and Mary Foreman had a family of nine children (Twelfth Generation) as follows:

1. Joseph Bland, born June 8, 1832 in St. Martinsville, Louisiana, died November 8, 1915 in Orange County, Texas. He married two women, (1) Martha Thomas by whom he had four children (Thirteenth Generation), Henry W.; Jefferson Davis; Clara and Flavia. Following Martha's death Joseph remarried to Abbie Holden Parish, by whom he had four more children: Lonie; Maggie; Joseph and George W. Joseph married a third time, to Mel Stakes on October 8, 1885, but there were no children by this marriage.

2. Oliver Bland, born at St. Martinsville, Louisiana on September 9, 1834 and died June 2 1909 in Orange County, Texas. Oliver married Elizabeth McDonald (1849-1902) on July 11, 1871 (at age 38! There is no record of an earlier marriage). Oliver and Elizabeth had five children, John Horace, William Walton, Mary Allenah, Elizabeth J. and Maud E. Bland.

3. Malone (or Malona or Melanie), born in Orange County, Texas September 6, 1837 and died February 14, 1907. She married William Fleming.

4. Peyton Bland, born July 22, 1839 and died the same day.

5. Mary Bland, born in Orange County, Texas September 25, 1840 and died October 15, 1919. Mary married George A. Foreman on November 16, 1865 and they had a family of six children: John T.; Buelah; Joseph; David C.; George A., Jr.; and Sarah E.

6. David Bland, born January 27, 1843 in Orange County, Texas, and died November 25, 1927 David married Martha Allen on November 17, 1869 and by her, had a family of seven children: Mary Minerva (1870-1946); John Calhoun (1872-1947); Fannie Louraine (1874-1898); Allie (1875-1964); David (1876-1888); Thurston (1878-1905); Martha (1882-1965). *Thurston born 1941*

7. John C. Bland, born December 16, 1843 or 1848 in Orange County, Texas and died October 5, 1895. John married Martha Jane Johnson (1856-1935) on March 22, 1875 and by her had a family of seven children including: Richard Henry (1876-1901); Percy Lafayette (1878-1921); Ada Jane (1881-1953); Mary Melissa (1883-1956); David Clarence (1886-1951); Lonie Florence (1888-1957); Fara Elizabeth (1892- ).

8. Elizabeth Bland, born November 7, 1852 in Orange County, Texas and died February 2, 1918. Elizabeth married Jack Turner and had by him, two children, Edith (1877-1968) and Arthur (1879- ).

9. Lafayette Bland, born February 13, 1855, died March 4, 1861.

The second child of Peyton Bland and Elizabeth Smith was Caroline Bland, who was born September 7, 1813 and died June 2, 1888 in Orange County, Texas. Caroline married William Clark at St. Martinsville, Louisiana about 1830 and by him had a family of six children. About 1836, it appears that William and Caroline moved to Orange County, Texas. Their children were (1) Altiann (1831-1917) who married W. W. Wadsworth in 1847 and Solomon Gehee in 1857; (2) Oliver, (1832-1901) who survived a ferocious battle with a "Mexican Lion," as a younger man. He married Jane McLain in 1869; (3) Elizabeth (1833-1921), who married Garland Foreman in 1849 Jonathan Cooper in 1861 and Charles Sexton in 1872; (4) Rachel (1835-1924) who married Samuel Holden; (5) Robert (1841-1932), who married Sarah Cooper in 1861; and (6) Mary C. (1848- ) who married Venley Henderson in 1878.

The third child of Peyton Bland and Elizabeth Smith was Peyton Bland, who was born September 25, 1815 and died September 17, 1872 or 1873. He was born at St. Martinsville, and as a child of eight was indentured to one Benjamin Fork under terms similar to those of his brother John. Probably he remained in Louisiana until the indenture was completed (when he was 21 or in 1836) and then moved with his mother and step-father to Orange County, Texas. He married Susannah Harmon (November 2, 1822 - August 15, 1892) in Orange County, Texas on May 8, 1838.

As an adult, Peyton was a cowboy, a huge colorful man. One of his great-grandsons once met an old timer who remembered Peyton coming to his father's house for supper and some business. As the old timer recalled, Peyton filled up the door, "he was huge, with pistols on his hips, it scared us kids to death."

Frequently, Peyton would gather up his neighbor's cattle and take them to market. On one such cattle drive, he took the stock of one Coles. When Peyton returned, he took Coles' money, dropping a bag of gold coins on the table and exclaiming, "there's more money there than you've ever seen before or ever will again." Coles divvied the money with his wife, and later took his share of the money out with a slave, and buried it in a crock, telling the slave to drive and not look back. The slave may have been variously faithful, for that night Coles and his wife saw through their window, two or three men on horseback. Coles dismissed them as hunters but later, when he went to look for his money, the crock was there but the money was gone.

During their marriage, Peyton Bland and Susannah Harmon had a family of thirteen children, all born in Orange County, Texas, including:

1. Sarah Elizabeth Bland, born May 1, 1839 and died January 27, 1921. Sarah married Michael Peveto (1836-1909) in Orange County and by him had a family of twelve children including Emily (1856- ); Ralph (1857- ); Robert (1860-1923); Julia Ann, (1861-1879); Laura Ann (1863- ); Susanna (1865-1946); Rufus (1866- ); Altha Ann (1871- ); Sarah Elizabeth (1872- ); George (1874-1940); Jonathan Slick (1876-1949); Annie Oliver (1880-1945).

2. Emily Bland, born May 25, 1841 and died December 25, 1902. Emily married Samuel Peveto (1835-1900) in Orange County, Texas where both are buried. In their marriage, Emily and Samuel had a family of sixteen children, including: Victoria (1857-1892); Mary Adelaide (1859-1882); Samuel Houston (1861-1922); John Denna (1863-1928); Emily (1865-1942); Nancy Jane (1866-1949); Caroline Elizabeth (1869-1906); Susannah Claranuse (1870-1878); Ursan Bussie (1872-1945); Guy Archer (1874- ); Flavilla (1875-1952); Clarinda Issadora (1877- ); Josephine (1879-1960); Walter (1881- ); Henry (1883-1956); Jessa (1885- ).

3. Caroline Bland, born August 18, 1843 and whose date of death is uncertain, married Uriah Cooper on January 26, 1860. The names and dates of any children are not available.

4. Nancy Jane Bland, born May 26, 1845 and died August 25, 1933. Nancy married James Norwood on August 6, 1866 but there is no record of children by this marriage. Nancy Jane Bland Norwood married Colan Peveto on January 6, 1871 at Orange County and by this marriage there were nine children: Alfred or Allie (1872-1938); Caswell (1874-1879); Florentine (Flurry) (1876-1956); Calvin (1877-1953); Otis Pearl (Ode) (1879-1963). Otis is the father of Juanita Peveto Turner Alexander, who was the chief correspondent in providing information about this line; Cleorie Loumentice (Coco), (1881-1958); Jacob Stafford (1883-1909); Cora Elizabeth (1884-1951) and Emily Isadora (Dora) (1886-1981).

5. Ursan Bland, born July 5, 1847 was killed in action during the Civil War in 1865.

6. Jonathan Bland, born December 8, 1848 and died July 29, 1878. Jonathan married Sue Beaks at an unknown date and by her had one child, Stafford, of whom nothing is known. Second on November 15, 1866 Jonathan married Texana Alderman and by her had the following children: Jonathan Cooper (1872- ); Samuel Allen (1875-1956) and Peyton (1879-after 1923).

7. Silas Bland, born June 1, 1850, died January 24, 1934. He married Nora Awilda Bossier or Linscomb (1850-1927) on September 15, 1870 and they had a family of nine children, including Robert (1871-1871); Richard (1873- ); Edward (1875- ); Jo Ida (1878-1935); Lender Lee (1881-1952); Oliver (1883-1902); Mary Ida (1885- ); Sidney Ann (1887- ); Vida (1948- )

8. James Bland, born January 9, 1852. Nothing more is known of James.

9. Altha Ann Bland, born September 20, 1854, died December 14, 1932. Altha married John Dobbs (1844-1881) and had a family of five children, including: Lorraine (1870-1957); Susan (1872- ); Penelope (1874-1969); Mary Robert (1876-1962); and Peyton (1878-1957).

10. Peyton Bland, born May 19, 1858, died May 24, 1938. Peyton married Alice Gibson (1862-1960) on November 25, 1879 at Wallis, Texas. Their children were Grover (1886-1928); Walter B. (1889-1952); and Thurman (dates uncertain).

11. Susan Bland, was born November 26, 1860 and died February 20, 1925. Susan married Alonzo Wingate Lewis (1857-1910) on February 19, 1880. Their children were: Agnes (1880-1956); Pearl (1882-1959); Alzadia Jane (Sadie) (1885-1960); Flavia Ella (1886-1948); John Griffith (1889-1952); Carl Brockett (1890-1942); Hugh Hebert (1893-1945); Warren Bolin (1895-1941); and Lillie May (1897- ).

12. Elzy Harmon Bland, born May 25, 1863, died February 8, 1938. Elzy married Martha Hare Wilkerson (1865-1941) on April 12, 1883. Their children were: Maggie Wilkerson (1882-1950); Jessie (1885-1958); Frank (1886-1888); Lillie (1888-1945); Jasper Monroe (1890-1951); Fred Nolan (1872-1956); Denis Feral (1893- ); Henry Thomas 1895- ); Lettie (1898- ); Edmond Newton (1899-1952); Susie (1902-1902).

13. Joshua Bland, born January 16, 1867, died October 26, 1947. He married Ellen Nora Wallis at Orange County, Texas on September 5, 1888. Their children were: Elnora (1889- ); Granville Shaw (1891-1957); Wallis (1892-1969); Fannie (1894-1924); Jefferson Davis (1896-1963); Walter Carl (1900-1947); Cora May (1901- ); James Tracy (1906- ); and Charles Culberson (1908- ).

Mrs. Alexander writes that there are few families in Orange County today who are not in some way related to this magnificent branch. When one realizes that from the three children of Peyton Bland and Elizabeth Smith there are 28 grandchildren and 122 known great-grandchildren of whom 101 married, Mrs. Alexander's observation becomes an understatement. Most of these great-grandchildren are the parents and grandparents of living Blands today.

On July 9, 1862, Peyton, then aged 47, enlisted in the Orange County Coast Guard of the Texas State militia, but he served only a short time. In spite of his great stature, Peyton was prone to illness, especially outdoors on the cattle trail, where he slept on the ground in all kinds of weather. He died of pneumonia in 1872 or 1873 while on such a cattle drive. His children, Altha and Silas, rode to the reported area of his death, but could not find him or his grave.

Four daughters of Peyton Bland (1815-1872) and Susannah Harmon (1822-1892) are shown in the photo which is Attachment 16.

Many thanks to Mrs. Alexander and all the Blands and their relations in Orange County, Texas for their wonderful addition to the Bland Family's history.

Documents used in compiling this section:

- (1) Juanita Alexander, "The Beginning of the Bland Family in Texas" (undated).
- (2) Marriage certificate of Elizabeth Smith Bland and Robert Johnson.
- (3) Baptism certificate of John Bland.
- (4) Indenture, John Bland with Asa Foreman.
- (5) Baptism certificate for Caroline Bland.
- (6) Baptism certificate for Peyton Bland.
- (7) Indenture, Benjamin Fork and Peyton Bland.
- (8) Family Group sheets supplied by Juanita Alexander.

The Family of Talton Bland: Credit for introducing this new family line to our store of information is due to Cousin Terese Bland Bueker of Woodland, Texas. According to Cousin Terese, Talton Bland (obviously a family name like Presley, Wormeley, Peyton, etc.) was born in Edgefield County, South Carolina c1795-1800 and died in Chattahoochie, Georgia after August 15, 1870 and before the 1880 census. He was listed as age 55 in the 1850 census and 60 and 70 in the 1860 and 1870 censuses respectively. His parentage is currently unknown, but his place of birth makes it very likely that he in some way descends from Robert Bland (1733-1787) through one of his older sons (not Peyton and James). Obvious bets would be Presley (making Talton a full brother of Avory Bland, and a son by Presley's first wife), Wormeley or Elisha, Robert's son, who was born in 1775, but of whom we now know next to nothing.<sup>1</sup>

Cousin Terese has provided forward information about Talton that focuses chiefly upon her specific line, but still says a great deal. Talton married Mary Carter January 23, 1823, but it appears Mary was his second wife, for by 1823 Talton already had a son Calvin, born April 7, 1820. Calvin died March 6, 1891. Calvin married Lucinda Morgan on October 3, 1845 at Muscogee Georgia, and by her had a family of four children including: Analiza Bland (1847-1930) who married John Tinsley on November 29, 1866 at Chattahoochie, Georgia but later moved with him to St. Augustine, Texas; Harriet Frances Bland (1849-1910), who married Thomas Wesley Moore Baggett on January 7, 1869 at Chattahoochie. This couple, too, moved to St. Augustine; Francis W. Bland (1853-1910) who married Mary Ophelia Lane at Chattahoochie, Georgia, and apparently stayed there; and finally, William Wesley Bland (1855-1923) who married Matilda Louise McClung on August 26, 1875 and moved to Marshall, Texas. William Wesley Bland in turn had a child John Lafayette Bland (1878-1915) who was married to Minnie Theola Head (1884-1966) at Marshall, Texas on March 19, 1902. Among four children, John Lafayette Bland and Minnie Head had a son, Nelson Lee Bland (1914- ) who married Clareed Lewis Cohn on February 29, 1940. This couple had three children, among whom is Cousin Terese Bueker, who was born in 1948 and married Robert Arthur Bueker on January 24, 1970.

1. Cousin Norah Elder of Tampa Florida, indicates that she descends from the Edgefield County Family, through Elisha, but she has not yet sent me her family group information.

## DISCONNECTED CONNECTIONS

Homeless Blands we would like to bring into the Fold

The Family of Osborne Bland: Cousin Wilda Page has provided (based on information sent her by John E. Bland, 3920 Fleetwood, Amarillo, Texas 79109, with whom I have not yet corresponded) a family descending from Osborne Bland (C1771-1815), which is intriguing and which I wish to share with you:

Although Mrs. Page's information is not clear about sources, the earliest known in the line was Osborne Bland (C1771-1815) who married Jane Cox, and had four children, including a son Osborne Jr. who married Mary Kensett and had eleven sons. One of these sons was Hiram Dow Bland (1811-1890), who, when a boy, left home (this family was from Kentucky, though from Mrs. Page's information it is not clear which county) with a brother Jesse and a friend, following a river route to the place along the Arkansas River where Little Rock now stands. Hiram Bland became a ferry operator across the Arkansas River, while his brother Jesse became a minister and moved to Saline County, Arkansas where he married and helped organize the first Baptist church in Saline County, which later became the Spring Creek or Kentucky Baptist Church. Jesse Bland was its first minister.

Hiram Dow Bland married Obedia Brazil of Centon (where is this?) in 1829 and in 1832 moved to what is now Dallam (?) County, Texas. Hiram Bland and his wife had four sons and four daughters, the youngest of which was John Davidson Bland (January 13, 1849 to July 2, 1904). John Davidson married twice, first on June 1, 1870 to Mattie Orr, (February 10, 1845 to July 2, 1875), they had one child, Mary Isabelle Bland, who lived to be almost 100. Secondly, John Davidson Bland married on August 17, 1879, Louise Jane Payne (1857-1924) and they had eleven children, including John Edward Bland (1886-1938) who was the father of Mrs. Page's correspondent, John Edward Bland, Jr.

This information intrigues me on several counts. First, Mr. Bland comments "my great, great grandfather was kept by the indians until he was 12 and was identified by a scar." According to Mr. Bland, this was Osborne Jr., mentioned above. Just so confusion is avoided, let us note that this cannot be the Osborne Bland C1774-1849, (VU, pp. 441-443), and that it was not Osborne Jr. but Jesse, his brother, who was captured at Kinchloe Station, according to legend. Still, there is some fire here. Since the Kinchloe massacre occurred in 1782 (VU, p. 434ff), at which time Jesse was about 4, it may be that Mr. Bland's ancestral grandfather was not Osborne Jr. (1774-1849) but Jesse, Osborne Jr.'s brother (VU, pp. 440-441). It would have made perfect sense for Jesse then to have named a son Osborne. There is then some possibility that this family would link up to that outlined by Cousin Berniece Mumford (VU, pp. 350-352), and that this information links into traces provided in the letter to me by Cousin Charles Bolton of Corpus Christi, Texas which is included as Attachment 17. There may be some connection between this group and the Jennings Co. Indiana brothers Osborne and Meredith (VU, pp. 357-359). Finally, I have some presently unfounded suspicion that this line going back to Osborne (C1771-1815) may have been part of the Edgefield County, South Carolina family. (VU, Ch. 11). Obviously, this is an issue that merits further inquiry. I hope to have made more direct contact with Mr. John Edward Bland by the time of the next Newsletter and, hopefully, to be able to provide more specific information. Thanks are due to Cousin Wilda Page, who brought this information to our notice.

The Blands of King and Queen County, Virginia (VU, pp. 392-396): A DAR Lineage sheet for Christine Dutton Harper has reached me from, I confess, I know not who. The application, dated December 1969, traces her ancestry to revolutionary Thomas Bland, whom she shows dying at Drysdale Parish, King and Queen County, Virginia, June 6, 1807. The reader of Vision of Unity will recall that I linked Thomas, whom I thought was born before 1751 (Mrs. Harper estimates his birthdate at 1725), as one of four brothers including James, Richard, John and Thomas, who were sons of a William Bland. The eldest of these sons would have been born no later than 1746, so William had to be born about 1725 or before. That, and some superficial evidence that some of these sons had land transactions with the Stafford-Prince William County group, suggested the possibility of a link, and the possibility that the elder William might have been a younger son of William Bland (C1686-1744), by his second wife Catherine Key. Thomas, the revolutionary had, according to Mrs. Harper, a son John and daughters Sarah, Elizabeth, and Ann (compare to my information, VU p. 395, Par. 2). Mrs. Harper indicates that daughter Sarah married one Didlake, while Elizabeth married twice to George Bowden and Roger Palmer. Mrs. Harper's ancestor, Ann Bland (C1770-1825) married Henry Van Buren Chapman (1767-1840) of Gloucester County, Virginia. Their child Frances Chapman married Dorenzo Dow Dutton, and they had a child Abner Francis Dutton (1837-1922) who married Elizabeth Lewis Callis (1841-1912) on November 25, 1869. Their child, Frank Bland Dutton, (1881-1964) was the father of Mrs. Christine Dutton Harper.

The Blands of Pitt County, North Carolina: Blands who are interested in this line (which is potentially very significant for the Stafford County, Virginia group) would profit by ordering from the Church of Latter Day Saints, Catherine Cox Gottschalk The Bland Family of Pitt County, North Carolina (1940), a brief paper that sketches with documentary evidence, the development of a family in Pitt County, north of Dobbs and Craven, also Duplin-New Hanover, (see maps, VU, p. 276A-B) and also adjacent to Martin County, discussed below. I do not have a copy of David Corbett's book, but Gottschalk produces one document to show that a George Bland was in Pitt County by 1758, and by extrapolation of other events, she pinpoints his approximate age as (C1737-1797). George, by 1775, had a family composed of himself and a wife, one older male, two small sons and three daughters. Gottschalk thinks it probable that the sons were born before 1769. The sons, she believes, were John and Theophilus. I have only a partial copy of Gottschalk's paper, that made available to me by Cousin Doris E. Bland of Fairfield, Illinois, but a fair amount of information about John and Theophilus is available from what I do have. I had one correspondent from this family, Donald Gurley from Walnut Creek, California who claimed descent from the original George of Pitt County as follows: George, according to Mr. Gurley, was married to a woman named Prudence. Their son John married twice, secondly to a woman named Sarah. John and Sarah had a son Barnes Bland (C1805-1887) who married Rhoda (1802- ), whose sons Christopher Columbus Bland and John Joseph Bland, were Civil War Vets (see Attachment 6). Barnes and Rhoda also had a daughter Susan Anna Bland who married Civil War Vet Benjamin Smith and was Mr. Gurley's maternal great grandmother. Mr. Gurley would be interested in more information about this family. Obviously, in turn, I would hope Mr. Gurley would share with us any new information and join this society of cousins.

Cousin Al Hunter forwarded to me some land transaction records in Martin County, just north of Pitt County (VU, pp. 276A-B) which may be of some help in unraveling this family's structure:

Source: Secretary of State, Land Entries, Martin County, North Carolina 1778-1796,  
Call No. SS955.

- #141 200 acres to John Bland, October 1, 1778.
- #178 100 acres to Thomas Bland (possibly senior), December 9, 1778.
- #362 150 acres to John Bland, March 3, 1780.

The Mecklenburg County, Virginia/Wilson County, Tennessee Blands: I am pleased to welcome to the fold three new cousins, Kathy Bland of Rosenberg, Texas, Doris Ellen Bland of Fairfield, Illinois and Gail Bland Riker of Winslow, Arizona. Gail and Kathy certainly descend from the Mecklenburg, Virginia family (VU, appendix I, pp. 586-590), and so join their cousin Marjorie Bland Sayles, upon whose information this section was based. Both Gail and Kathy also are young, in their thirties, and so have a long potential for future research. I am not so certain about the concreteness of linkage for Cousin Doris, and so should begin this essay with her information:

Cousin Doris has traced her lineage back to George Bland, who was born about 1795 and died May 28, 1868 in Wayne County, Illinois. On February 12, 1822 George married Margaret Ramsey in Hopkins County, Kentucky. Margaret was born February 11, 1801 and died April 8, 1866. According to an obituary of Margaret Ramsey Bland, she and George moved to the Tennessee Purchase in 1826 and lived there for four years, before moving to Wayne County, Illinois. (Obituary in the Wayne County Press for 1887). One of their children was James Nathaniel Bland, born at Obion County, Tennessee on January 14, 1828, who died at Wayne County, Illinois February 9, 1915. James Nathaniel married Nancy Malinda Shaw at Wayne County, Illinois on August 3, 1848. Nancy Malinda Shaw Bland was born in Wilson County, Tennessee April 9, 1839 and died March 12, 1900. Their first child was George Bland, born at Wayne County, Illinois June 3, 1849, who died there July 11, 1925. George married America Poe (April 2, 1853 to February 26, 1890) on February 11, 1870. From this marriage was born Elmer Bland (1886-1972), who married Gladys Caroline Sutton (1898-1980) on September 23, 1922 at Peoria, Illinois and had by her Elmer Francis Bland (1924- ), father of cousin Doris Ellen Bland. ?

Photographs of James Nathaniel Bland and Nancy Malinda Shaw, as well as George Bland and America Poe are included as Attachment 18. What intrigues me about this family is the inter-section at Wilson County, Tennessee with George and Margaret Ramsey Bland's migration to the Tennessee territory in 1826-1830, which is the same pattern of movement followed by the Mecklenburg County, Virginia family. This family was detailed in VU, pp. 586-590, based upon information provided by Cousin Marjorie Sayles. Information provided by Cousin Gail Bland Riker does not add to the basic family structure of the 18th century Mecklenburg County, Virginia family, but does underpin it with extensive documentary evidence.

The common point of departure for all those who claim descent through this line is Williamson Bland and his wife Dorcas Williams who moved to Wilson County, Tennessee in 1829. Cousin Gail claims descent from John Williamson Petross Bland (1817-1903), while Kathy, who has not done genealogical research in the same depth as Gail, claims descent from Francis Marion Marcus de Lafayette Bland, called "Fayte" for those too faint of heart to attempt his whole name in one sitting. From Gail Bland Riker:

John Williamson Petross Bland and his wife Malinda Jane Porterfield, eight children:

1. Mary Ann Elizabeth Bland, (1845- ) who married Edward Jennings at Larue, Benton County, Arkansas.
2. James Bland, born 1847/1848, married Tennessee Ryan.
3. Samuel Merritt Bland, born June 17, 1849 and died April 28, 1911. Samuel married Amanda Catherine Tucker on October 22, 1871.
4. Sarah Parilee Bland, born October 10, 1853, married twice, to Marion Carter and second to John David Garner.
5. William Richard Lafayette Bland, was born April 5, 1855 and died April 4, 1922 at Larue, Benton County, Arkansas. He never married.
6. George Clark Bland, discussed below.
7. Susan Elizabeth Bland was born in 1860 in Benton County, Arkansas. She married James Reynolds.
8. Jim Newton Bland was born October 10, 1865 and died November 14, 1867.

George Clark Bland, number six above, was born February 14, 1858 and died March 4, 1938. He was born, lived and died in Larue, Benton County, Arkansas. He married Catherine Blackburn, (1865-1948) at Spring Valley, Washington County, Arkansas on October 9, 1882. They had a family of thirteen children including: Petross Bland (1883-1894); Ursula May Bland (1885-1938); Ethel Bland (1886-1961); Kathy Lee Bland (1888-1967); Marvin Bland (1891-1894); Lloyd Claude Bland (1893-1975); Lester W. Lafayette Bland (1895-1966); Young Jack Bland (1895-1976) who married Miliscent White on June 9, 1923. Young Jack moved to San Bernardino, California where was born Robert Douglas Bland, in 1924, who was the father of Gail Patricia Bland, born in 1948, who married David Franklin Riker in 1966. The remaining children of George Clark Bland and Catherine Blackburn were, an infant girl who died at childbirth in 1897; William Everett Bland (1901- ); Mildred Bland (1904- ); Dottie Bland (1906- ) and Ralph Bland (1908- a group photo of four sons of George Clark Bland and Catherine Blackburn is included as Attachment 19.

Kathy Bland has thus far sketched only a cursory view of her descent from "Fayte" Bland, including his son Joe Harvey Bland, who was Kathy's grandfather, and Cleo Bland, her father.

The growth of information about this particular line is gratifying, and hopefully it will be possible to locate them within one of the two central families.

Parting Shots: Cousin Marian Daniels informs me that she covets a family crest. Kneel, maid Marian, and receive your crest. It will be a large crest, banded by rabbits feet and four leaf clovers, to give you luck (you need it) in proving that John Bland (1725-1795) was the son of William Bland (1686-1744). Sitting atop the crest is an axe, which you may take out in your back yard and use to chop the feet off those Texas jackrabbits, as your old rabbit's feet wear out from heavy use.

#### Addendum: The Bland Family Heritage Book

Just before going to press, I received a copy of the letter attached as attachment 20, from Beatrice Bayley and as further warning to would be buyers, include it in the newsletter. The letter is misleading inasmuch as it may cause subscribers to think that the book for their family contains pictures of relatives, old letters with signatures, newspaper clippings, photos of homes, awards and diplomas. I have in my possession a copy of the Bland Family Heritage Book. It contains some rudimentary how-to genealogical information, competently available from other sources much less expensively. It contains a list of some 7,000 Bland families, listed by Zip Code, in the United States. These have absolutely no genealogical value. It contains also some blank pages, used as filler or helpfully provided for the industrious new researcher to make notes.

My sincere advice: Save your money. Don't buy it.

I would like to hear from anyone who has bought the book, and whether the book ~~XXXXXX~~ delivered the goods it promised, or what the buyer expected from the advertisement. Also, any copy of the advertisement would be appreciated.

This is a request for information from any of the cousins who are attorney's.





Attachment 21. Names and Addresses of Subscribers continued

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A Vision of Unity was ordered by the following organizations and libraries:

The Bland Family Reunion, P.O. Box 276, Mebane North Carolina 27302.

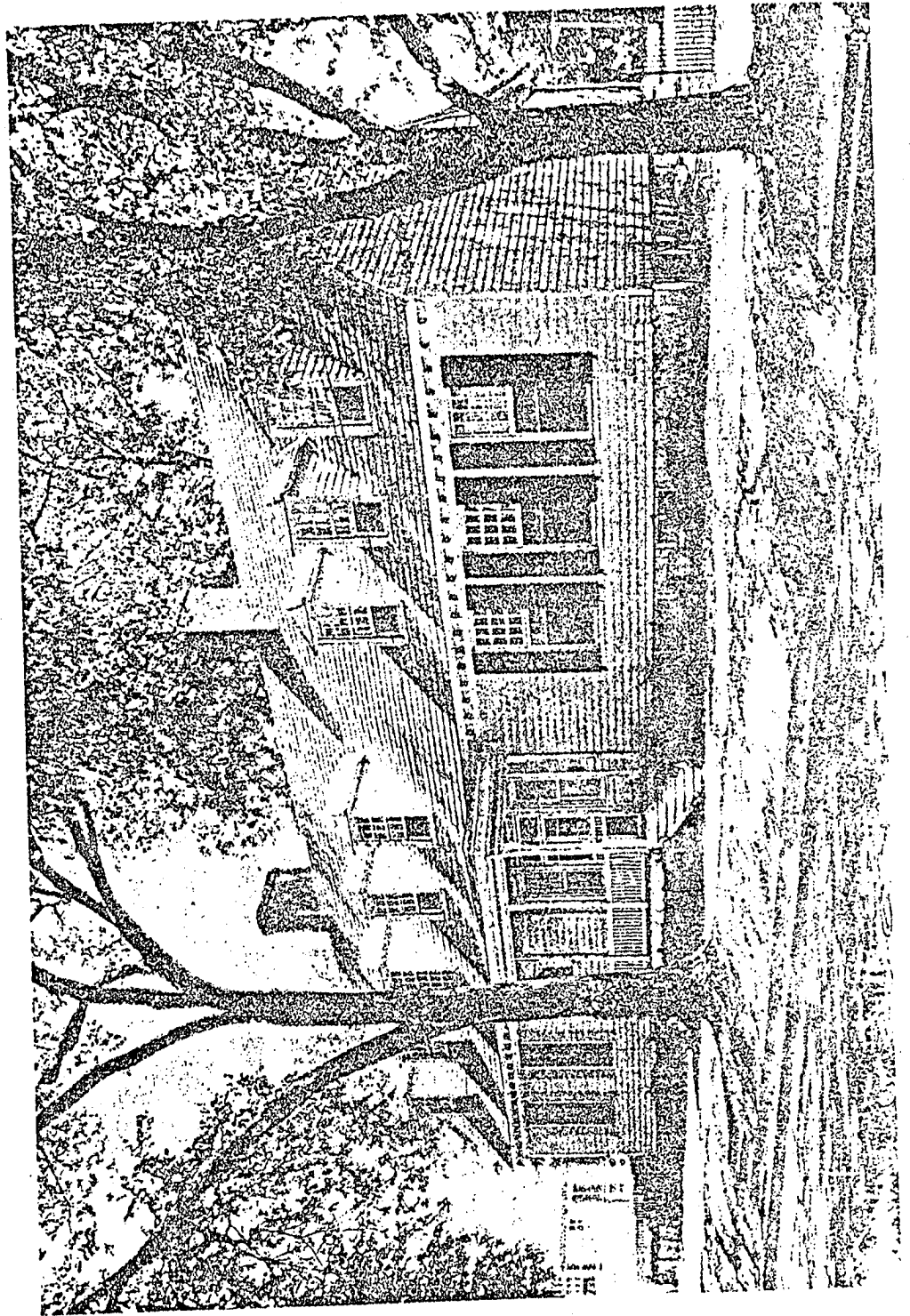
The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, a gift  
from Jessamine Bland James of Tucson Arizona. 1776 D St. Washington D.C. 20006.

The Virginia State Library, Richmond Virginia, 23219.

The Church of Latter Day Saints Genealogical Library  
50 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City Utah, 84150

The Statesboro Regional Library, Statesboro Georgia, 30458

The United States Library of Congress, Washington D.C. 20559.





Family of Thomas Montreville Bland  
(Vision of Unity, pp 291-292)

LR: Clyde Bland; William Bland; "Grandmother Poe", mother in law, of Thomas Montreville Bland; Auburn Bland (Boy standing); Stella Bland (small child between granny Poe and); Antoinette Sophia Poe (Mrs. Thomas Montreville Bland); Mary Bland (small child on Sophia Poe Bland's knee); and Naomi "Omie" Bland (standing behind Mrs. Poe);

Courtesy

Alice Phillips Garrison

Jacksonville, Fla., April 6, 1982

Memorandum for whom it may concern:

While conducting genealogical research in the Orlando Public Library, Orlando, Fla., last Saturday, April 3, I noted the following in NORTH CAROLINA TROOPS, 1861-1865, Vol. VIII, Infantry, compiled by Weymouth T. Jordan, Jr.:

Company "E", 30th Regiment, North Carolina Troops: This company, known as the "Duplin Turpentine Boys," was raised in Duplin County and enlisted at Teachey on August 28, 1861. It was then assigned to the 30th Regiment, North Carolina Troops and designated Company "E".

The following are listed as members of Company "E", 30th Regiment, North Carolina Troops:

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BLAND, DAVID.- Resided in Duplin County where he enlisted at age 21, August 28, 1861. Hospitalized at Wilmington on an unspecified date with typhoid fever. Died at Wilmington on March 9, 1862, and was "carried home by his father."

BLAND, JOHN J.- Resided in Duplin County where he enlisted at age 24, August 28, 1861. Present or accounted for until wounded and captured at Malvern Hill, Va., July 1, 1862. Exchanged at Aiken's Landing, James River, Va., August 5, 1862. Returned to Duty in January-April, 1863. Present or accounted for until wounded in the arm at or near Charles Town, W. Va., August 21, 1864. No further record.

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BRADSHAW, JAMES B.- Resided in Duplin County and enlisted in Duplin or New Hanover County at age 18, October 8, 1861. Present or accounted for until wounded in the right leg at or near Bristoe Station, Va., on or about October 14, 1863. Present or accounted for until captured at Fisher's Hill, Va., September 22, 1864. Confined at Point Lookout, Md., October 3, 1864. Paroled at Point Lookout on or about March 17, 1865, and transferred to Boulware's Wharf, James River, Va., where he was received on March 19, 1865, for discharge.

  
W. Graham Bland

Jacksonville, Florida, April 6, 1982

Memorandum for whom it may concern:

With respect to the attached memorandum outlining the Confederate Army service records of three members of Company E, 30th Infantry Regiment, N. C. Troops, I must admit that it never occurred to me that David Bland,<sup>1</sup> son of Amariah and Mary Page Bland, and the first person to be buried in the Bland family graveyard, later to be known as the Rose Hill Cemetery at Rose Hill, Duplin County, N. C., served in the War Between the States and that he died of typhoid fever while in the Confederate States Army. I do not recall that any members of the family called to my attention that David Bland may have died while serving in the War Between the States. I am particularly touched by the quotation in the record: "and was carried home by his father." ~~\*/~~ The Wilmington and Weldon Railroad was in operation between Wilmington and Weldon, N. C., during the War but the nearest railroad station to the home of Amariah Bland at that time was probably Teachey or Magnolia. While the military record indicates that David Bland died of typhoid fever on March 9, 1862, the family Bible record as well as David's tombstone state he died on March 8, 1862. I am pretty sure this is my great-uncle David Bland. He must have been proud to be one of the "Duplin Turpentine Boys."

And, indeed, ~~\*/~~ John J. Bland may be the JOHN JAMES BLAND,<sup>2</sup> also son of Amariah and Mary Page Bland, born May 19, 1834. However, he would have been older than 24 years of age at the time of his enlistment. My family record indicates he married February 26, 1863, Mary C. Johnson and died in 1864. In his letter of November 18, 1981, Stephen McLeod writes: "In my possession is the Johnson family Bible, with a very good record of the family. John James Bland died July 12, 1864, with no issue. Mary Johnson was the daughter of Allen Taylor Johnson and Jemima Bland (daughter of Daniel). She was a 2nd cousin of John James Bland. She was later married to Mr. John E. Powell and had 3 children." Steve points out that Mary's full name was Mary Catherine Johnson.

<sup>1</sup> David Bland born February 22, 1840. ~~\*/~~ <sup>#</sup>) See page 2 for notes.

<sup>2</sup> John James Bland born May 19, 1834. ~~\*/~~ <sup>#</sup>) Not buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

I am including the service record of JAMES B. BRADSHAW, one of the "Duplin Turpentine Boys" because he, too, is buried in the Rose Hill cemetery. Mr. Bradshaw purchased the Amariah Bland house and the surrounding 69 acres of land from Benjamin Franklin Bland and his wife Ada Cook Bland January 3, 1889.



W. Graham Bland

# I mention the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad which was in operation to and from Wilmington in 1862 merely to indicate that Amariah Bland took the train to Wilmington when he went for his son.

\* The more I think about "John J. Bland," the more I feel that he may not have been Amariah's son "John James Bland." What I am trying to say is I am not as convinced as I am concerning David Bland.

NORTH CAROLINA TROOPS 1861-1865. A ROSTER COMPILED BY LOUIS H. MANARIN  
VOL. II, CAVALRY - State Department of Archives, Raleigh, N.C.

Company "A", 41st Regiment, North Carolina Troops  
(3rd Regiment, North Carolina Cavalry)

BLAND, DANIEL P., Private

Enlisted in New Hanover County December 16, 1862 for the war. Present or accounted for through October 1864.

BLAND, ENOCH, Private

Enlisted in New Hanover County at age 47, October 19, 1861 for twelve months service. Discharged June 4, 1862 by reason of Conscript Act.

BLAND, GEORGE, Private

Enlisted in New Hanover County May 1, 1862 for the war. Present or accounted for through October 1864.

BLAND, H. A., Private

Transferred from Captain William C. Howard's Cavalry Company N.C. Local Defense Troops May 10, 1862. Present or accounted for through October 1864.

BLAND, I. T., Private

Enlisted in New Hanover County November 9, 1861 for twelve months service. Present or accounted for until "discharged and final statements given May 26, 1862."

BLAND, JOHN THOMAS, Private

Enlisted in New Hanover County at age 18, October 19, 1861 for twelve months service. Present or accounted for through October 1864.

Company "E", 63rd Regiment, North Carolina Troops (5th Regiment,  
North Carolina Cavalry)

BLAND, HENRY A., Private

Born in Chatham County where he resided as a carpenter and enlisted at age 28, July 8, 1862 for the war. Present or accounted for until transferred to Company I, 18th Regiment N.C. Troops (8th Regiment N.C. Volunteers) September 19, 1864.

Company "D", 63rd Regiment, North Carolina Troops (5th Regiment,  
North Carolina Cavalry)

BLAND, WILLIAM, Private

Detailed to purchase horse when war ended.

Co. "E", McRae's Battalion, North Carolina Cavalry

BLAND, J., Private

Enlisted in Burke County September 26, 1863 for the war. Reported as present on muster roll dated December 5, 1863.



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VOL. I, ARTILLERY, State Department of Archives & History, Raleigh, N.C.  
1966

Company "B", 1st Battalion, North Carolina Heavy Artillery.

BLAND, JAMES F., Private  
Resided in New Hanover County where he  
enlisted at age 27, April 26, 1862 for the war.  
Discharged October 22, 1862 by reason of dis-  
ability.

BLAND, MILTON, Private  
Resided in New Hanover County where he  
enlisted at age 36, November 19, 1862 for the  
war. Present or accounted for through August  
1864.

BLAND, WILLIAM, Private  
Resided in New Hanover County where he en-  
listed at age 25, March 5, 1862 for the war.  
Present or accounted for through August 1864.

Second Company "I", 10th Regiment, North Carolina State Troops  
(1st Regiment, N. C. Artillery)

BLAND, ABRAM F., Private  
Enlisted in New Hanover County December 19,  
1863 for the war. Present or accounted for  
through October 1864. Paroled at Greensboro  
May 1, 1865.

BLAND, S. J., Private  
Enlisted in New Hanover County March 4,  
1864 for the war. Present or accounted for  
through October 1864.

Company "K", 36th Regiment, North Carolina Troops (2nd Regiment, N.C. Artillery)

BLAND, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, Private  
Born in Pitt County and enlisted in Brunswick  
County at age 19, July 15, 1864 for the war.  
Wounded at Fort Fisher January 13, 1865 and  
captured at Smithville January 18, 1865. Con-  
fined at Point Lookout, Md., until released after  
taking Oath of Allegiance June 3, 1865.

Second Company "H", 40th Regiment, North Carolina Troops (3rd Regiment,  
North Carolina Artillery)

BLAND, ISAAC T., Private  
Enlisted in Wake County March 21, 1864 for  
the war. Present or accounted for through  
December 1864.

First Company "H", 40th Regiment, North Carolina Troops (3rd Regiment, N. C.  
Artillery)

BLAND, JOHN A., Private  
Born in Craven County where he resided as a  
farmer and enlisted at age 40, January 20, 1862  
for the war. Died at New Bern February 1-20,  
1862 of disease.

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Compiled by Weymouth T. Jordan, Jr.

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Nov. 5, 1982

Charles L. Bland  
154 Delamere Road  
Williamsville N. Y. 19221

Dear Charles:

Thanks for writing. Sorry I was unable to answer immediately. Enclosing copies of history grt grandfather James Otis Daniel Bland left (which I have the orginial).

James O. D. Bland his wife Mary Gentry Bland, his mother Elizabeth J. Bland, Mary's mother Polly Gentry and eight children came by train as far as Junction City Ks., They were met by "Lige" Terrill with three wagons to bring them to their homestead that James had brought on his first trip.

They arrived on the 18th of Sept. 1873. They planted fruit trees, (100) but that was the year of the grasshoppers so they were killed out, but the next 7 years they had bumper crops. The land was good and rich and flat a slight slope to Wolf Creek on the southern edge of the quarter.

James being a leader of the community and knowing the need of education for his children advised the neighbors to send their children to a dugout on the creek that had been cleaned up with window at the front and tree stumps for seats and that his daughter Catherine would teach them to read and write she was schooled in Indian Na. When it was too cold of weather they could not attend.

Great grandpa James was a speaker and a political figure. He supported the building of the First Presbytertain Church and much to his credit in the erection of a county court house and all the projects a new city needs. This city was just two years old when they arrived and a beautiful city it is today on the banks of the Republican River pop 8000

James also had hunting dogs for sport and also food for a big family, Grandpa D. E. told me that his voice would carry for miles when he was hunting on Wolf Creek..

Our father Otis D Bland left his estates for his children startin one mile from where his grand father James homestead, as there are two Bland's in my family the name will go on here, however a sister and I are the only ones living here now, a sister in Denver Colo. and a brother and nephews in Colo.

I married a man who lived across the road from the homestead where James and Mary lived and had been in the part of their house where they had lived. Now the house is torn down and a well and two evergreen trees remain. It gives me pleasure to show the nephews and interested persons the place where they lived and I am writing a thesis on the family and how they married their neighbor girls or boys etc. as I know most of the ancestors of the marriages..

There is so much history it would take me days to write.

I retired four years ago from being a public servant for this city for 20 years so I am trying to do my Roots.. It is interesting.

Must close.

Enclosing a check for the cloth bound book -hope I can connect with it, and the News letters.. Book Vision of Unity. About March 1st 1983.

So glad cousins are interested..

Good luck and God bless.

Sincerely,

Leota Bland Ruder  
424 West 6th  
CONCORDIA, KANSAS

66901

## *Certificate of Records*

*Our Hall witnesses its many valor.*



*Dequethed to every American  
is a priceless legacy.*

*Preserved to us by the valor  
of the Boys in Blue.*

:- THIS CERTIFIES that JAMES O. D. BLAND :-

Enlisted from Green County, Indiana, to serve six months, and was mustered into the United States service at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 28th day of July, 1863, as a Corporal of Captain Spencer L. Bryan's COMPANY "A", 115TH REGIMENT INDIANA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, Colonel John R. Mehan commanding.

This regiment was organized at Indianapolis, in response to a requisition from the President on the Governor of the State, for a number of regiments for six months' service, and a call was issued for a regiment from each Congressional District. The 115th was mustered into service at Indianapolis, with John R. Mahan as Colonel, and was there drilled and disciplined. September 16, 1863, it moved for Nicholasville, Ky., where it joined the command of Gen. O. B. Wilcox, and on the 24th it started with its brigade for Cumberland Gap, arriving there October 3, then moved on the 6th to Morristown, Tenn. On the 10th it arrived at Blue Springs, Tenn., where it engaged the enemy, driving him from his position on a commanding hill, and pursued them for 15 miles. It then moved to Greenville, remaining there until November 6, then marched to Bull's Gap, and was employed for some time in fortifying the mountain passes. While here the men suffered severely from exposure to the cold, want of proper food and clothing, subsisting on quarter rations, without coffee or sugar, and frequently living on parched corn. From Bull's Gap it marched to Clinch river, reaching Sycamore about the middle of December, thence marched to Walker's Ford. During the winter it was kept on duty in the mountains of East Tenn., marching, almost shoeless, over rough roads, and enduring many hardships, which resulted in much sickness and many deaths. February 10, 1864, it returned to Indianapolis, where it was discharged on the 25th of that month.

The said James O. D. Bland was sick in hospital at Knoxville, Tenn., for three months, rejoining his regiment at Indianapolis for muster out.

He received an HONORABLE DISCHARGE at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 25th day of February, 1864, by reason of expiration of term of service.

He re-enlisted at Terre Haute, Ind., March 16, 1865, to serve one year or during the war, and was mustered into the U. S. service as a Private of Captain William G. Beels' COMPANY "C", 156TH REGIMENT INDIANA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, Lieut-Colonel Charles M. Smith commanding.

The battalion of the 156th Regiment was composed of five companies, which were recruited in the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Congressional Districts. It was organized at Indianapolis, on the 12th of April, 1865, with the following officers:

The said James O. D. Bland was constantly with his respective commands, except while in hospital, and rendered faithful and meritorious service to his Country.

He received a final HONORABLE DISCHARGE at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 7th day of August, 1865, by reason of close of the war.

He is a son of William and Elizabeth (McBain) Bland, and was born in Green County, Ind., April 7, 1824. He was united in marriage to Sarah Ann Elrod, in Green County, Ind., September 4, 1845, from which union were born six children, one of whom is living, viz., Catharine. His son, John Bland, served in the Civil War, enlisting at the age of 17 years, in November, 1864, in the 59th Indiana, at Terre Haute, and

died of fever at Newberne, N. C., on his way to join Gen. Sherman on his march through Georgia.

His wife died September 1, 1859.

His second marriage was to Mary Gentry, in Green County, Ind., April 5, 1860, from which union were born ten children, five of whom are living, viz., Sarah Ann, Daniel E., John H., Cordelia and Malcolm O.

He is a member of W. T. Sherman Post, No. 113, Department of Kansas, Grand Army of the Republic.

He held public office as Township Assessor and Township Trustee in Green County, Ind.; Township Trustee and Township Treasurer in Cloud County, Kan. and member of School Board for 14 years. He represented Cloud County, in Kansas State Legislature in 1889.

His wife is an honored member of W. T. Sherman Corps, No. 74, W. R. C.

His brother, Joseph, and his son, served in the 23rd Iowa, and were killed in battle at Big Black River, Miss. His brother, William, served in the Mexican War and was wounded, also served in the 23rd Iowa, in the Civil War, and his brother, Enoch, served in Company A, 115th Indiana, in Civil War.

His wife's brothers, Michael and Edward Gentry, served in the Civil War and both died in the service. Her grandfather, Bartholomew Hodges, served in the War of 1812.

These facts are thus recorded and preserved for the benefit of all those who may be interested.

*Original copy in possession of the  
great grand daughter of the Bland's.*

*Leata Bland Swain Ryder  
Concordia Mo.*

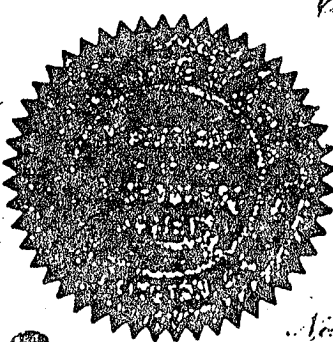
*Computed from Official and Authentic Sources by the  
Soldiers and Sailors  
Historical and Benevolent Society.*

*In testimony whereof, I hereunto set  
my hand and cause to be affixed the  
seal of the Society*

*Done at Washington, D. C. this 1st day  
of October, A. D. 1907.*

*W. Wallingford  
President*

No. 62062.



Attachment 9

Honorable James Otis Daniel Bland, who died in this city on Wednesday Sept. 2nd 1908 was born in Greene county Indiana April 24, 1824. He was the son of William and Elizabeth (McBain) Bland. He was married in the same county in which he was born to Sarah Ann Elrod Sept. 4, 1845. Six children were born of this union only one of whom is now living--Mrs Catherine Dolan of Oklahoma. His son John (oldest) enlisted at the age of 17 in the 59th Indiana and died of fever at Newborne N. C. while on way to join Sherman's army on its march through Ga.

Mr Bland enlisted for the 6 months service first on July 28, 1863 in Co. A. 115th Regt. Indiana Volunteer infantry. He saw some hard service in Kentucky and Tennessee living much of the time on parched corn alone. At the expiration of the time for which he enlisted he again enlisted in the 156th Indiana Volunteer Infantry March 16, 1865 serving to the end of the war.

His first wife died Sept. 1, 1859 and he married again on April 5th 1860 to Mary Gentry to which union were born 10 children, five of whom with the widow are left to mourn his death. The children are Sarah Eakins, Concordia, Daniel E. Miltonvale, Ks., John H. Jewel City, Ks., Mrs Cordelia Wiley, Concordia and Malcom O. of Wray Colorado.

Mr Bland was a member of the W T Sherman Post, Grand Army of the Republic under whose direction the funeral was held. He came to Kansas and settled in Buffalo Township in this county in 1873. He held all the various offices in the township and was a Representative from Cloud in the Legislature of 1889. It was the pleasure of the editor of the Kansan to have been a colleague with Mr. Bland in the same Legislative session and we are in position to give our personal testimony to his high character as a man.

He has lived to a ripe old age and dies respected by all who knew him, surrounded by a devoted wife and loving children who also enjoy the highest esteem of all who know them. Who is there to say that this is not the ending of a perfect life--enjoying to the end close the things that honorable men strive for, a good name and the esteem of all man kind with whom he came in contact. Such was the life of our friend who has passed away and whose earthy remains were laid away beneath the sod of the land for which he offered his life, by his affectionate comrades who made the same sacrifice for their country.

This was copied from microfilm in the Frank Carlson Library at Concordia Kansas on February 9th 1981 by Leota Bland Swaim Ruder a great granddaughter of above J. O. D. Bland and granddaughter of Daniel Ervin Bland and daughter of Otis Daniel Bland.

*Leota Ruder*  
*424 W 6*  
*Concordia Ks*  
*66901*



*Martin*



TOPEKA, KANS.

James O. D. Bland  
my Great Grandparents  
Lecta Bland  
Ryder



Mary (Gentry) Bland



T. H. Geiger,

CONCORDIA, KANSAS



John H. Bland

Son of James O. D. Bland

Son of James O. D. Bland  
and wife Mary Gentry.  
Daniel Erwin Bland +  
Flora Irene Heaton Bland  
parents of Otis Daniel Bland  
my father (only child of  
abbe.)  
Lesta Bland Ruder



Daniel Erwin Bland  
Hutchings

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In the name of God amen. I Master Richard of Randolph County and State of North Carolina being Very Sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and sound Memory, and feeling the nearness of my death: and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die. Do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is to say. I recommend my soul first of all I give and Recommend my soul unto Heavenly God and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial and as touching such worldly Estate wh. are with it I have pleased God to bless me with in this life I do give devise and Bequeath of the same in the following Manner to wit. First I do give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane Richard. Who is now appointed executrix and Ordain the sole Executrix of this my Last Will & Testament, all and every part of my Movable Estate. With one hundred acres of land including the plantation wh. above I now live during her natural life -

Secondly I do give after the death of my wife Jane Richard all and every part of my Movable Estate to my five Daughters. Julley, Fanny, Mary, Ruby Cathy and Mary to be Equally Divided. (Third) I do give and bequeath to my Son William Richard one hundred acres of land adjoining the land wh. he now lives on to him and his heirs forever. (Fourth) I do give my son Benjamin Richard two hundred acres of land adjoining his land that he now lives on and also I do give and bequeath to my son Benjamin the one hundred acres of land wh. are I now live after the death of my wife Jane Richard to his heirs forever. and I do hereby settled by Deed and Deed and Deed and every other Act and Will. Testaments or Executions whatsoever but do will and bequeath. Testifying and Testifying that to be my last Will & Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this tenth day of December. one thousand seven hundred thirty nine

Signed Sealed & published in the presence of { Signed Master Richard

in  
John Smith  
Minister  
Thomas Richard

Mary Town 1800  
The above will was proved in Court by John Smith and Richard to be the said  
Copy Test - Mary Town

Mary Town 1800.  
William Smith returned the Inventory of the Estate of Deceased Phillips. Two hundred acres of land 1 bearing crops 1 for 1 quarter part of land 1 black 1 ground stone 1 journal 2 Dollars in hand. Signed William Smith

Copy Test - Mary Town

Copy Test

*My Grandmother*  
Mrs. J. O. D. Bland Dead.

The sad news telling of the death of Mrs. J. O. D. Bland, reached this city last Thursday. Her death occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Wiley at Homestead, Okla., where she had been staying since last fall.

Mrs. Bland, whose name was Mary Gentry, was born in North Carolina, on May 9, 1839. She was married to Mr. Bland, April 5, 1867, and to them ten children were born. Mr and Mrs. Bland came to Cloud county in 1873 and this county was ever afterward their home. They were among the early settlers, helped to make this country what it is today and through it all they had the esteem and admiration of all their acquaintances.

Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bland, only five are living and they are: Mrs. Sarah Eekins, Concordia; John H. Bland, Concordia; Mrs. C. E. Wiley, Homestead, Okla., and Daniel E. Bland, Miltonvale, and Malcolm O. Bland, Wray Colo.

The body was brought back to this city for burial and the funeral was held Saturday from the residence of John Bland on East Ninth street. — Concordia Press.

*James O. D. Bland  
passed away Sept 2  
1908*

*my grandfather*  
**D. E. Bland Dies;  
Pioneer Farmer**

Daniel Ervin Bland died early Sunday morning at his home six miles west of Concordia, following an illness of two months. He was 83 years old.

Mr. Bland was born on May 9, 1836, in Worthington, Indiana. He came to Kansas with his parents, James O. D. Bland and Mary Gentry Bland, in 1873. In 1894 he homesteaded in Oklahoma, and returned to live in Miltonvale in 1901. In 1929 he moved to the home west of Concordia, where he lived until the time of his death. Mrs. Bland preceded him in death in 1936.

He is survived by one son, Otis D. Bland, of Concordia; two brothers, John H. Bland, of Concordia, and Malcolm Bland of Englewood, Colorado; a sister, Mrs. Cordelia Wiley of Fairview, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, Mrs. Leota Swain of Aurora, Rex Bland of Concordia, Keith Bland of Englewood, Colorado, Mrs. Dorothy Bromstrup of Cleveland, Ohio, and Miss Juanita Bland of Concordia; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at two o'clock at the Evangelical United Brethren church with the Rev. Smith in charge. Burial will be in Fairview cemetery west of Concordia.

Body of Daniel E. Bland will be at the Chaput funeral home until Tuesday noon and respect calls may be made there.

**John Bland, 88,  
Was Pioneer Here**

John Bland, 88, resident in Cloud county almost all his life, died Friday afternoon at St. Joseph's hospital. Mr. Bland was one of the few remaining pioneers of the county, coming here with his parents when he was five years old. Mr. Bland was born May 8, 1868 in Worthington, Ind., the son of James and Mary Bland and came to Concordia with his parents in 1873.

He was married in Concordia on May 10, 1894 to Miss Lenore Shaw and they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1954. Mr. Bland was a retired organ maker and piano tuner. He was a member of the Methodist church.

Survivors are his wife; three sons: Raymond of Columbia, S. C.; Millard of Wichita; and Herbert of Paris, Tex.; a brother, Malcolm, of Denver, Colo.; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the Smith Funeral home with Rev. Ross Thornton officiating. Interment will be in Pleasant Hill cemetery.

The body of John Bland will lie in state at the Smith funeral home.

*By Leota Bland Swain  
Ruler.*

Attachment 10

Attachment 14

Family of Leonard Cole  
Nancy Bland (Vision  
Unity pp 357-359),  
daughter of Meredith  
and Priscilla Burge.

standing LR: Blandche  
Elizabeth Cole; Meredith  
Ham Cole; Medora Josephine  
Cole; and Benjamin W. Cole;  
sitting LR: Harry DeWitt Cole;  
daughter of Jane Cole Mitby);  
Leonard Wallace Cole; Nancy  
Elizabeth Bland Cole; and  
Leonard Cole (1843-1907), married  
to was made at LeSeur,  
Minnesota, about 1888.

Courtesy

Jane Cole Mitby



## J. A. BLAND'S DIARY FOR 1863

Comenced September the 30th 63 Wensday Sept. 30 left Ashland for Iowa Staid all night Newcastle at Jacob Elliott's.

October 1 rained all day Staid at A.L.T.G. Millers fixed wagon better

Oct. 2 Left Newcastle, Eat Dinner three Miles west of Cadis. Staid all Night at Pendleton on west banks of fallcrick. river

Sat. 3 Eat Dinner on banks of white river Noblesville. camped near Eagletown. very Dark and Stormy. Liz lost her Basket.

Sun. 4 Eat Dinner West of Lebnon Cold we built a fire and greased the wagon. Camped in woods four teames camped with us maid big logheap.

Mon 5 Eat Dinner West of Crawfordsville Camped eleven miles west of Crawfordsville.

Tues. 6 Eat Dinner west of Savage corner had an awful time travling through the Woods Seen the Devils half acre got to Evers Alcy was away from home making Molasses.

Wen. 7 Staid at Evers dainey helped geather corn killed two Squirls bought one bushel peaches \$2.00.

Thu. 8 Left Evers Eat dinner on the hill west of Coal creek broke Slider crossing canal bridge feried the river see mules jump over board got slider fixed and shoe set in Peryville camped west Peryville four miles.

Fri. 9 Eat Dinner at Danvill down on vermilion puting a bridge across the river mailed a letter camped west of Catland.

Sat. 10 Eat Dinner west of Sidney camped west of Arbumer hard time to get feed and water.

Sun. 11 Eat Dinner west of Midletown camped just east of Mount pleasant.

Mon. 12 comenced raining in the night Mired Coly down had to get a man to pull her out rained all day Eat dinner in timber East of Leroy put up at tavern in Leroy travled onley ten miles.

Tus. 13 Eat dinner east of Bllomington four miles camped four miles west of Blåomington damp day.

Wen 14 nothing transpired worth note except we bought fresh fish camped twelve miles East of Peora in the prarie.

Thu. 15 Eat dinner one Mile west of Peora bought more fish at the river was going to knock a man down with whip for holding the horses camped eight miles west of Peora.

Fri 16 Eat dinner one mile east of Farmington had a big quarl with a man this morning about giving the road Camped twelve miles west of Farmington.

- Sat. 17 comenced raining about ten o'clock Eat dinner in grove the rain just pored Camped four miles west of greenbush could not get any hay went in corne field and cut up foder awful windy.
- Sun 18 Still blowin like Samhill had to go in house to get breakfast Shot a prarie Chicken and could not find it eat dinner eighteen miles east of Burlington in big prarie camped nine miles South East of Burlington in Woods lot of men passed drunk Stoped and had some big talk we had gon to bed.
- Mon. 19 Crossed the river at eleven o'clock eat dinner on top of hill west of Burlington Staid all night at Middletown at Bells looks like rain.
- Tus. 20 Cold and windy met Freeman Labertew and family five miles west of Midletown bound for Indiana. eat dinner west of Londen camped one mile east of Skunk river had hard time to get feed.
- Wen. 21 Still cold and windy Eat dinner one mile east of farefield. Camped ten East of Agency three wagons camped with us bound for freemount County their names was Baker's and Garver's.
- Thu. 22 Eat dinner three miles east of Otumwa very Cold maid big fire maid tea had good time.
- Thu. 22 camped seven miles of Otumwa maid a big logheap killed six chickens and had a good time in jeneral.
- Fri. 23 eat dinner four miles west of edyville camped on cedar had to go a mile to get feed lots of teams camped on cedar that night.
- Sat. 24 Eat dinner at Legrange got to Chariton at sundown went out to Mrs. Noris's.

ANSW  
7-18-82

5601 Tanglewood  
Corpus Christi, TX 78412

April 30, 1982

Dear Charles,

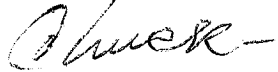
I have gone through your book. I did not find much on my Moses Bland. I do believe that the Moses you refer to as the Mumford line, pg. 350, is the more likely of the two. I am descended from Nancy Bland b. ca 1820 Ark (1850 & 1860 Saline Co., Ark) m. 1837 to Andrew Jackson Brazil b. ca 1817 Ala. I wonder if it is possible that this Moses was not related to Jesse b. ca 1770-80. They are both in the same Twp. in 1830 Pulaski Co. Ark census and also in 1840 census Saline Co.

In deed book "B", pg. 350, Moses Bland Sr. and Nancy, his wife sold 80 acres to Moses Bland Jr.; according to my figuring on the Saline Co. map I have, this was on the Saline, Pulaski Co. line. There is nothing in probate for Saline Co. on Moses Bland, so I presume he died in Pulaski Co.

In Goodspeeds History of Central Ark., pg. 285, it reads: (Saline Co.) "J. N. McCallister of Union Twp. b. 31 Mar 1851. He was son of Andrew and Mary Bland McCallister, came from S. Car. to Ark in 1826 and settled in Saline Co.....on July 13/18 1837, he was married to the dau. of Moses and Vancy McKee Bland..... Is it possible that Moses came by way of Alabama as several of the Brazils did?"

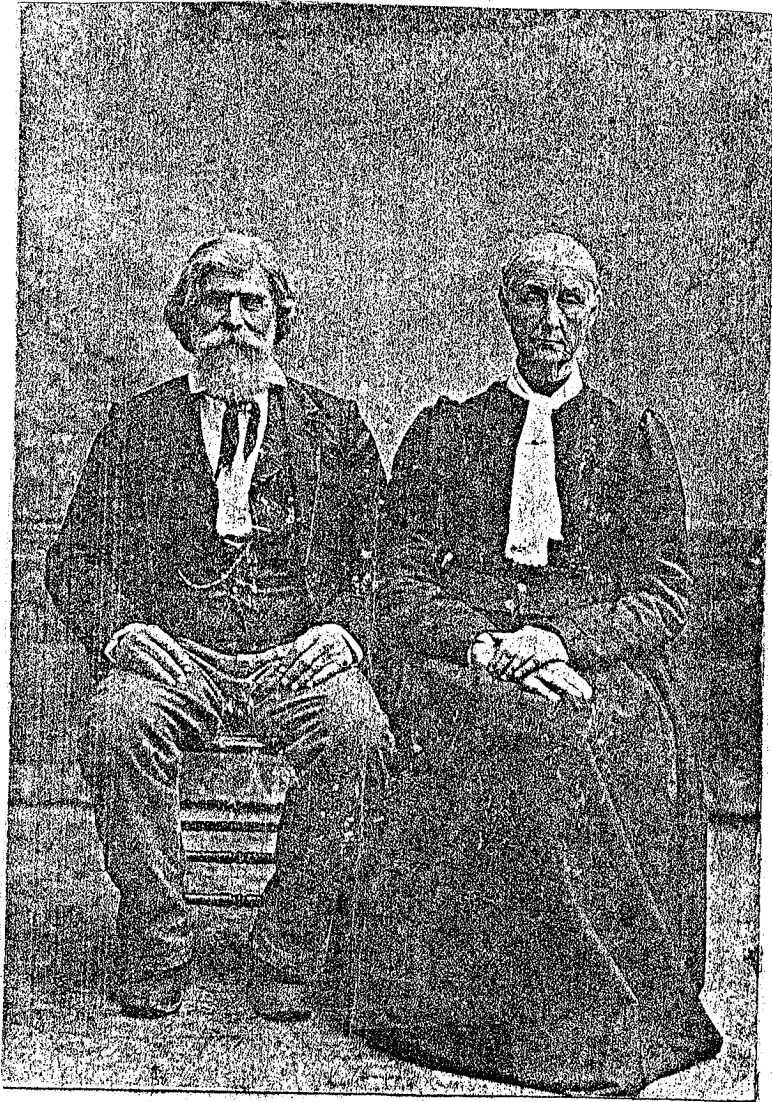
I wrote to Gladys Bland Foster in Little Rock last year. I was informed by her sister, to whom the letter had been passed on to, that she had died and her husband was living in Lubbock, TX. I wrote to him inquiring of his late wife's data on Bland surname. He never answered letter so I called him on the phone last winter and he said he would make copies of what she had and send to me, but still have not heard from him. I would like to correspond with Berniece Mumford; could you give me an address?

Sincerely,



Charles Bolton

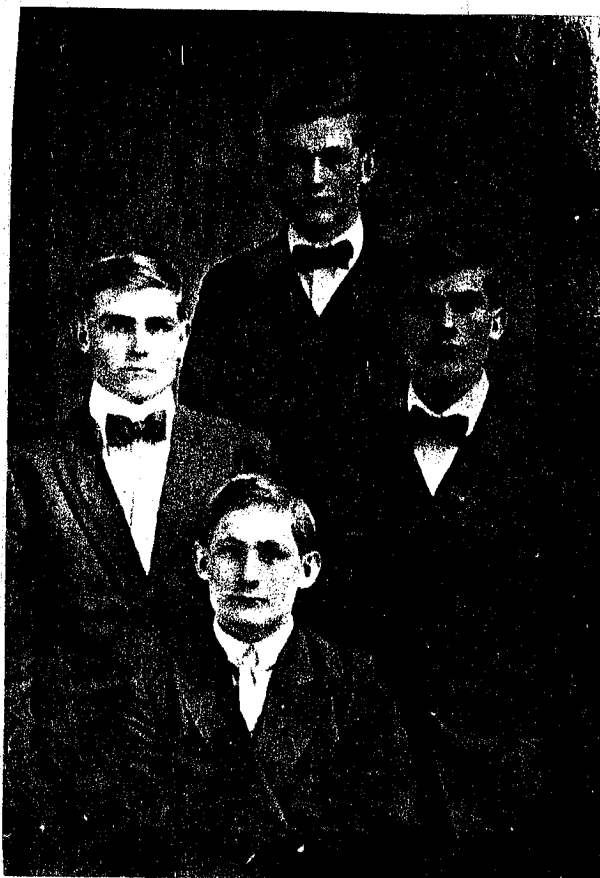
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Left: James Nathaniel Bland (1828-1915) and Nancy Malinda Shaw (1829-1900).

Right: George Bland (1849-1925) and America Poe (1853-1890).

Courtesy Doris Ellen Bland



Sons of George Clark Bland (1858-1938) and  
Catherine Blackburne (1865-1948)

Standing: (Left) Lloyd Claude Bland (1893-1975)  
(Center) Young Jack Bland (1895-1976)  
(Right) Lester W. Lafayette Bland ((1895-1966)  
Sitting: William Everett Bland (1901- )

Photo made about 1916

Courtesy Calipe Bland Riker



Dear Friend,

I would like to explain a little about myself and my heritage work, and to answer a few questions in advance.

I taught grammar school for thirty years and was a remedial education teacher for ten years. My husband, John, and I live on a small farm which he manages. Although I am retired, I am active as a special education consultant and I do family heritage research. My own family names of Bayley, and Riker are English and Dutch respectively. My grandchildren's heritage now represents Italian, Polish, Austrian, Scottish, Jewish and French. It has been interesting to trace the family name and history to Scotland, London, Warsaw, Vienna, and Florence. The heritage that I received from my forebearers I am giving to my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

To keep from losing our family identity, I have recorded in my own Family Heritage Book pictures of relatives, old letters with signatures, newspaper clippings, photos of homes, awards, and diplomas. As a senior member of my family, I have found it tremendously important to record my personal family knowledge and to complete a family tree of births, deaths and marriages from great grandparents to great grandchildren for my personal family names.

I hope that other people will capture this knowledge now, for their own family before it's lost.

Here are a few questions that people usually ask, and if I can answer them ahead of time, then perhaps I can save some time and telephone calls.

How did I get your family name? ... My prime source of family names and their uniqueness is utility registration, telephone listings, and other reputable sources.

What happens if you are not happy with the information I have collected? ... I personally guarantee your satisfaction or I will return your money in full if you return the book within 10 days.

What does it cost for a copy of the Family Heritage Book? ... If you order a copy of the book before the closing date, the cost is \$19.85.

What does it cost to be listed in the Family Heritage Book? ... It does not cost you anything to be listed. You have been included in the book already. *By ZIP CODE, Jr*

Sincerely,  
*Beatrice Bayley*  
Beatrice Bayley

BB/jf

*You DON'T SEE THIS C.C.P.*

*You SEE THIS No MORE C.C.P.*

*the book name is \$26.00*